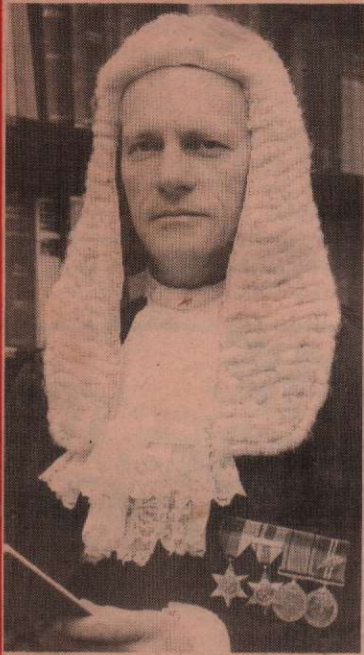


# Socialist Worker

PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS



Rawlinson: Arms for Chile

## Sir Peter Law and Order joins Barbarism (Chile) Ltd

SIR Peter Rawlinson supports law and order. Until the Tories were thrown out earlier this year, he was Attorney General, the man in charge of law and order throughout the land.

As Attorney General, Sir Peter ordered the prosecution of the 24 pickets in Shrewsbury. Thanks to him, six pickets are in prison.

He prosecuted the Belfast Ten at Winchester last year—for which, on top of his Ministerial salary, he received the highest barrister's fees ever paid to a public prosecutor.

Throughout the trial, Sir Peter bawled abuse of 'those who use violence against the law'. 'The law' he said, 'takes the gravest view of those who use violence for political ends.'

Now, out of office, Sir Peter has slid quietly on to the board of Anthony Gibbs Ltd, a London merchant bank.

### Links

Anthony Gibbs' most profitable business is done for the government of Chile. No other British bank, almost no other British firm, is more closely connected to Chile.

The bank's chairman is Lord Aldenham, who is chairman of the Anglo-Chilean Society—a gang of British businessmen who make money out of Chile and whose office is in the Chilean embassy.

The bank's closest links are with the Chilean Navy. It has financed most British-Chilean naval deals, including the refits of two destroyers, the building of two Leander class frigates and of two Oberon class submarines.

The military coup against the elected government of Chile last September was pioneered by naval officers.

The truth is that Sir Peter  
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# Strike a blow for the nurses

JUST what the country needs, a new hospital. It cost £4 million to build and overlooks Lords cricket ground in the exclusive St Johns Wood area of London.

There's just one snag. It'll cost you £50 a day, excluding fees for treatment. For that you get a private room, bathroom, fridge, colour TV and food from an 'international a la carte menu.'

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The Wellington Hospital is an 'investment' by the British and Commonwealth Shipping Group, whose Chairman is Sir Nicholas Cayzer, president of the UK-South Africa Trade Association. It opens at the end of the month.

### Palaces

Meanwhile for the rest of us, who don't have £50 a day, the National Health Service hospitals are falling apart. Vital resources for equipment, linen, nurses' pay are drained away into private wards and palaces for the rich like the Wellington.

The nurses in these hospitals are up in arms. They are marching and demonstrating all over the country. They are demanding higher pay, shorter hours and an end to private employment agencies and private medicine. In thousands, they are deserting their 'professional organisations' and joining trade unions.

That's where you come in. Everyone sympathises with the nurses, but sympathy doesn't pay their wages.

In 1962 Ford workers in Dagenham, workers at CAV in West London and others struck for half a day in support of nurses' pay demands. That kind of medicine works wonders on men like Cayzer and their friends in the government.



The new Wellington Hospital—a la carte menus for private patients while Health Service hospitals scrimp and save. TOP: Nurses demonstrating in London last week.

If you want nurses to be better paid, if you want to stop the amputation of the Health Service, then you must do something about it.

RAISE the issue in your trade union branch, shop stewards committee, trades council. ORGANISE delegations from all these bodies to the hospitals and to the nurses' trade unions. PROPOSE joint demonstrations, joint lobbies, above all joint action to force the nurses' claim down the throats of the authorities.

USE the only power we have—the power of the organised working-class movement to rescue the nurses and the hospitals from millionaires and 'sympathetic' Labour ministers.



PICTURES: Chris Davies (Report)

## Rank and File call

ROGER COX, secretary of the National Rank and File Conference Organising Committee, said on Tuesday: 'No-one needs to argue that the nurses have a case. Even the millionaire press doesn't dare attack them. Their scandalous pay and conditions are an affront to all trade unionists—who are their patients and who pay for the National Health Service.'

'We applaud the nurses for their solidarity and for rejecting more and more the patronage of bodies such as the Royal College of Nursing and for joining unions like COHSE and NUPE.'

'We urge the nurses to appeal to the strong sections of the trade union movement by leafletting factories, docks and mines in their uniforms and asking for practical support from

their fellow trade unionists. We urge all convenors, shop stewards committees and bodies delegated to the Rank and File Conference to give their support.'

'Strikes in support of the nurses by sections of the working class will do more for them and all the many other low-paid workers than any number of appeals to sentimentality.'

The Rank and File Organising Committee is meeting rank and file nurses this Sunday in Birmingham to plan what else can be done. The Hospital Worker rank and file paper is spreading the message with meetings and leaflets. A special issue of the paper is to be produced. Copies (5p plus 3p postage) from Hospital Worker, 8 Beverstone Road, London SW2.

















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RACEHORSE: £100 a week

## at a bargain?

government does not intend to relax its... after Phase Three and the Pay Board are... has been made clear by Employment...ael Foot. At a meeting with officials of the...lic Services Association last week, he again...ve any special case treatment to the CPSA's...he Post Office, who have been demanding...ment with civil servant members of the union...ent even further. He laid it on the line that...ay Board and Phase Three had been scrapped...e no change in the government's attitude...again the reality behind the rhetoric of the...

## THE PRICE OF THREE FINGERS

STEPHEN SMOLINSKI has seven fingers. The other three were amputated by a guillotine in a Swindon printing works.

The works belongs to Thorn Electrical Rentals, who own Radio Rentals and a few other concerns, and hold an award from the Distributive Industry Training Board for their training programme.

Stephen, who is 16, is a trainee. The machine that took away his fingers had several faults. For one thing, the guard that is supposed to keep the operator's hands away from the blade only extended seven inches. The standards of the Factory Inspectorate and the British Federation of Master Printers demand that such guards extend 20 inches.

It has another fault that no one told Stephen about. Because one or two things are wrong with it, a few adjustments have been made. So the brake which holds the blade in the 'up' position after it has completed a stroke is off. And the blade tends to slice down again once or twice before it comes to rest.

### Fenced

If you did not know about that, you could reach under the blade to retrieve some work, and the blade could come down on your hands when you were not expecting it. That is what happened to Stephen.

Thorn pleaded guilty to two charges of occupying a factory where machinery was not securely fenced and one charge of occupying a factory where a young person worked at a machine of such dangerous character that a young person ought not to work at it.

Their solicitor said: 'This is one of those unfortunate accidents which happen.' They had happened in the past, he said, and they would happen in the future. 'No controls will stop them,' he said. 'Everybody is fallible.'

Swindon magistrates fined Thorn a total of £175.



## THE PAY OF POWER

HERE is Sir Jules Thorn, chairman of Thorn Electrical Industries, which owns Thorn Television Rentals.

Just under 33 million shares in Thorn Electrical qualified last year for payment of a dividend. Sir Jules and his family own seven million of them.

Shareholders in Thorn last year received £7.8 million of the £28 million profits notched up by the company. Sir Jules Thorn paid himself, after tax, more than a million pounds in dividends.

Picture Chris Davies (Report)



ROSIE BATEMAN: off with the agency nurses...

## Nurses: We're a bit fed up - TO PUT IT MILDLY

LAST Friday, a sunny afternoon in Balham, South London, it was business as usual at St James Hospital Casualty department. Which meant crowds, queues, ambulances, a small boy with a large bandage on his nose, a building worker with his arm in a sling, a baby crying and notices on reception apologising for ambulance service delays due to 'lack of staff'.

Rosie Bateman is a Sister in that Casualty department. She was finishing work that night at 9pm. She would start the following morning at 7am.

Her monthly pay, without overtime and before tax, is £89.

She'll be doing more overtime in future, for which she'll get the standard hourly rate. But this is a victory for the nurses at St James.

'We got rather fed up', she explained. 'Agency nurses work the same hours that we do, and get double our pay. Six weeks ago we circulated a petition about it, and three quarters of the nurses signed.'

'The management were entirely sympathetic. They agreed to take agency nurses off day-work except in the intensive care unit and to review the situation on a weekly basis.'

### Farcical

Agency nursing is the National Health Service equivalent to the Lump on building sites—and can have equally disastrous results. Since the government won't pay decent wages the nurses can't be found. So the hospitals hire freelance nurses from the agencies which have sprung up to 'meet the demand'. What makes it farcical is that many of the agency nurses are NHS nurses—on their day off.

Rosie explained: 'You can't save for holidays, you can't save for anything on the money we get. The agency nurses fill the gap. They leap official pay rates.'

Rosie has spent three years as a State Registered Nurse, two years as an orthopaedic nurse and is now in her second year as a Sister. By the time she gets to

her fifth year she can look forward to an extra £10 a month...

Pam Denard is a SRN in North London:

'Our 55 per cent claim started in 1971 when a 25 per cent claim was discussed. By 1972 the staff negotiators accepted eight and a half per cent with further negotiations later that year. Then came the pay freeze.'

'By 1973 the claim was up to 40 per cent to keep up with the cost of living. The following year, for the same reasons it was up to 55 per cent. Then in April we settled for seven per cent under Phase Three.'

### Rotten

'You must remember that we were one of the groups Heath couldn't "break faith with" to pay the miners their due! The award last week of £18 million may sound a lot—but divided up it comes to about £2 to £4 a week before tax.'

'And it doesn't affect the bulk of the nursing staff in the NHS, student nurses, at all.'

Pam explained the acceptance of the rotten deals by the negotiators. 'The council is composed of professional organisations like the Royal College of Nurses, who are in a majority, and trade unions.'

'The RCN is so pre-occupied with professional "dignity" and the "Florence Nightingale" image of the nurse that better pay becomes of minor importance.'

So the nurses have started fighting back, canteen boycotts, the protests at St James, strike threats in Liverpool—and in Yorkshire they staged a one hour strike at Storthes Hall Hospital.

At Guys nurses are moving into action against the scandal of private wards where the facilities of the Health Service are drained into fee-paying patients. 'A private patient at Moorfields Eye Hospital paid £400 for an operation. The waiting list then—four years ago—was four months. He was an area sales manager, driving was part of his job, and if he couldn't see he couldn't drive. Where would a lorry driver find that sort of money?'

## Bloody Harlan—Part II

'WOMEN and children have been thrown into jail, the coal companies are employing "gun thugs" to protect potential strikebreakers and sporadic ugly beatings have taken place.'

A report from a newspaper of the last century? Not at all. It is from a story by Simon Winchester in The Guardian of 9 May 1974 about a strike, now in its tenth month, in Harlan county, Kentucky, USA.

The miners are on strike for the right to be represented by a genuine union, the United Mineworkers of America. The bosses are using the law, the local judge who, Winchester reports: 'Just happens to be a coal operator himself,' the official armed police, the private armed company police—'company goons' to the miners—the local press and whatever else they can use in an all-out effort to smash the UMWA. All pickets are photographed 'to make absolutely sure they will never again get employment in Harlan county.'

It is the second time that the Kentucky miners have had to fight this fight. In the 1930s there was a violent and heroic struggle for union recognition. The shootings and beatings by police and company

goons at that time made the name 'Bloody Harlan' famous in the labour movement. But the union won. The coal bosses were tamed.

Then, in the 1950s and 1960s, a corrupt right-wing leadership paralysed the UMWA. This leadership's alliance with coal bosses and gangsters so disgusted members that many of the Kentucky coal owners were able to destroy real unionisation and introduce a company union, the Southern Labour Union.

The result was pay at around 10 dollars a shift (the union rate is 50 dollars) and, as The Guardian reports, 'safety was appalling, protection almost totally non-existent.'

Then came the victory of a not very radical but fairly honest reform movement in the UMWA, following the conviction of right-wing union president Boyle for the murder of his leading opponent Jablonski. The new leadership is backing the strike and paying out 15,000 dollars a week in strike pay.

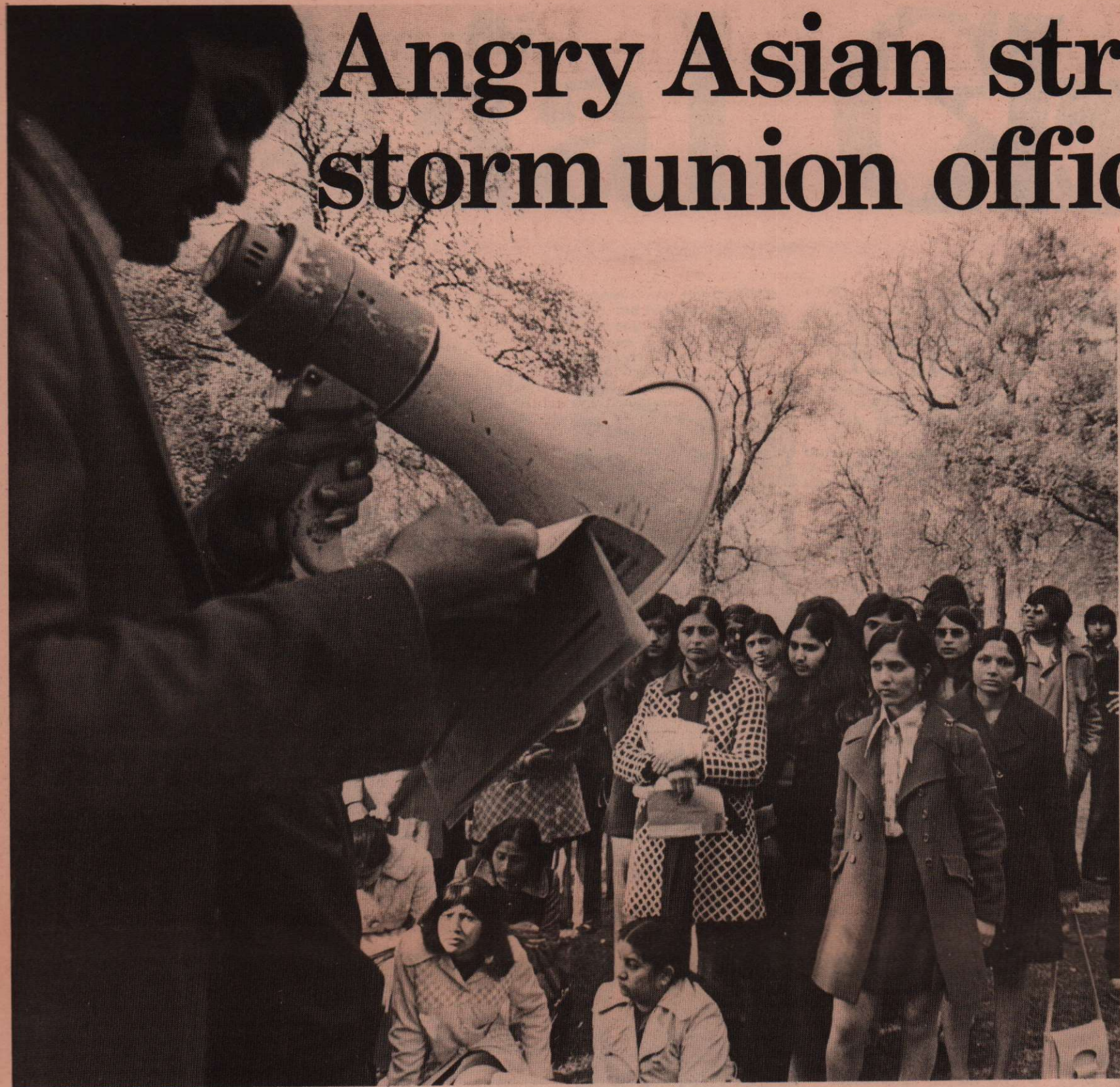
The strike soon goes into its eleventh month. Remember Harlan the next time you read about 'overpowerful unions'.

## IF YOU WANT A HUBBY BE A NURSE, SAYS ENOCH

By LESLIE TOULSON  
MARRIAGE makes up for money when it comes to being a nurse, says Enoch Powell.  
According to the Tory rebel money has a head start in the marriage stakes, and they should offset that against their pay.  
Mr Powell, a former Health Minister, says in the nurses' newspaper SNAP that there can be no comparison with better marriage prospects than nursing. There can be no comparison, says Mr Powell, 'between being stuck as a secretary in a solicitors' office, and working with young doctors.'  
'Teaching hospitals could probably recruit nurses for board and lodging alone, he says. The pay lost would still be a "sound investment" in future prospects.'  
And there are 310,000 young benefits in heaven.

A story in The Sun last month. According to Powell, marriage makes up for money for nurses.

# Angry Asian strikers storm union offices



EIGHT hundred Asian men and women strikers at Imperial Typewriters marched on their union's district offices on Monday and demanded the strike be made official after district union secretary George Bromley, JP, condemned the strike and refused to call a branch meeting until the situation was 'cooler'.

The strike committee called a branch meeting themselves last Friday to discuss their grievances. But Bromley and Reg Weaver, the works convenor, refused to attend.

The meeting of well over 200 passed a resolution demanding the democratic election of shop stewards, official recognition of the strike by the Transport Workers' Union and negotiation by the officials of increased bonus payments.

They also demanded equality of opportunity, full Phase Three allowances of half the male-female differential and no victimisation.

The meeting also stated that if Weaver and Bromley failed to carry out the policy a new branch committee would be elected at the next meeting.

The management have refused to negotiate while the strike is unofficial and are relying on demoralisation and the threat of sackings to break the strike.

So far 600, mainly white, workers are still working.

This has given the union and the press the chance to play on disunity. Blatantly biased reports in the local Leicester Mercury have released a flood of racist letters to the paper.

TGWU members should raise the question of Imperials in their branches and put pressure on the union to make the strike official and demand an inquiry into the running of branch 5/221.

The strike committee has called a march and demonstration of support on Sunday, assembling 2pm on Spinney Hill Park.

Messages of support and donations to: M Cauhan, 42 Hunter Street, Leicester.

A member of the strike committee reads out the report in last week's Socialist Worker of the strike.

## How 'backward' workers fought back

by Gerry Byrne and Pat Kirkham

### PICTURES:

John Sturrock  
(Report)

ASIAN women workers came out on strike at Imperial Typewriters on May Day. Over 30 women and a man struck over a bonus dispute.

Soon they had the support of more than half the 1600 workforce, of which 1100 are Asians and West Indians.

Nearly all the 400 women are

out. They went on the picket line, some offering bracelets to the Asian men who were scabbing, scoffing at them for playing women's traditional role of the obedient worker.

And this from women who live in a community with very traditional customs. One man said he didn't know what would happen if some of the older men saw such 'goings on'.

Once the workers were out, all sorts of grievances emerged.

On average the women earn £18, compared with the men's £25. Some earn only £14 to £16, and can take home as little as £12. One told us: 'If you take off £6 a week for someone to watch my baby, it doesn't leave much.'

The women also get pushed around, usually by foremen, because

of the colour of their skin.

'When we go to the toilet they time us and ask us why we're going. When we chat to a friend they tell us to shut up and get back to the machines,' said one woman.

The women, who don't speak English very well, get picked on and sometimes end up crying. A young girl said that not long after she started with the firm, she was told: 'Go back where you belong.'

Life inside Imperial Typewriters is miserable. There are not tea breaks. Bonus agreements can bring up the women's wages. But the women in Department 61 said that when they reached their set target of 168 machines, the foreman told them they had to make 200.

'They suddenly insist on extra machines and don't pay us,' the

women said.

Despite being members of the Transport and General Workers' Union they get little help from the number 5/221 branch in Leicester. It doesn't want to know about Asian workers—never mind women workers.

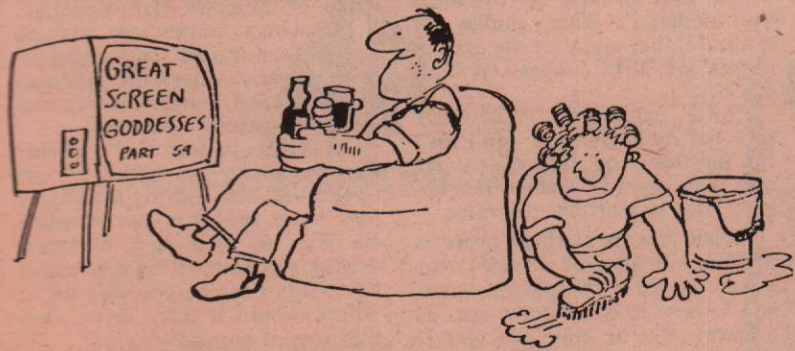
As one striker said: 'The union? I just moved here from GEC Coventry and there your steward let you know what was going on.'

A few white women are stewards. But not Asian women. In any case, they all get a rough deal.

Women, like men, recently got the Phase Three offer of £2.25. But the union didn't press for the maximum permissible step towards equal pay. This would have meant another £4 in the pay packet.

It's good to see women on the picket line and attending strike meetings in large numbers. Full credit to the strike committee for seeing the need to organise child-minding.

## WOMENS VOICE



### LATEST ISSUE NOW OUT

Articles include 'What's wrong with OUR children?' on schools/'Our bodies, their laws' on abortion/'Black devil, white god' on being a woman and black/and on the struggles against landlords and in industry

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The long arm of the law, forever lurking in the background







## INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST NEWS

## WHAT'S ON

# OPEN UP THE ARGUMENT...

THE National Committee of the International Socialists, which met last Saturday and Sunday, has issued the following statement:

### National Committee statement

emerged in the past two months and the National Committee recognises that the way in which these differences have been presented to the membership was inadequate and thereby opened up the danger of a factional struggle within IS.

The National Committee has resolved that a pre-conference discussion must now be opened out, in the course of which these differences can be clarified in a calm and comradesly

way, leading to decisions at Annual Conference. However we are convinced that these differences arise from different assessments of the situation and are containable within the IS tradition.

The political situation in Britain has opened up tremendous possibilities for the growth of our influence and membership, and the National Committee is determined that the necessary political debate takes place in such a way that these opportunities are fully seized.

The National Committee expressed confidence in the political record and achievements of the executive committee but censured its deficiencies, particularly in regard to the way in which relations with the membership have been handled. Accordingly, and taking into account that five vacancies existed due to resignations, the National Committee decided that a re-election of the Executive Committee was required.

The new Executive Committee is: John Charlton; Tony Cliff; Paul Foot, editor of *Socialist Worker*; Duncan Hallas; Chris Harman, editor of *IS Journal*; Nigel Harris; Steve Jefferys, industrial organiser; Jim Nichol, national treasurer; Dave Peers, national secretary; Ross Pritchard.

### STRUCTURE

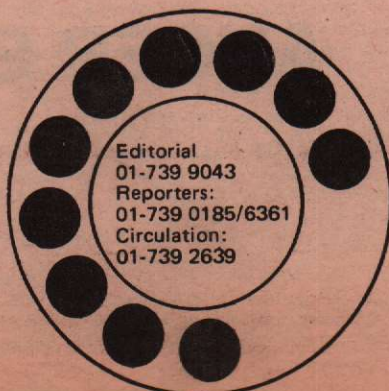
The National Committee considers that the changes made will facilitate a responsible and open pre-conference discussion which should have a positive outcome at the Annual Conference in September. This can only be achieved if this discussion is seen as part of our overall responsibility to carry forward the struggle for socialism in the present favourable circumstances.

After a long discussion about organisation, the committee set up an organisation commission. Its object will be to examine all aspects of organisation structure and performance in IS, and to produce an interim report and recommendations to the July National Committee. The crucial task of the Commission will be to promote the building of a worker-leadership in IS.

The Commission will consist of the national secretary, industrial organiser, one other member of the Executive Committee, five worker members of the National Committee and representatives from most of the districts and all the trade union fractions.

The Commission will be convening a meeting at the earliest possible opportunity, and districts and branches are asked to discuss organisation problems and the building of a worker-leadership so that they can contribute to the discussion.

*MICK NAPIER has been appointed Glasgow organiser of IS, and Steve Jefferys, former Glasgow organiser, will be moving to the Industrial Department.*



ENTRIES for this column must be posted to reach *Socialist Worker* by Monday morning—and remember the 'first class' post takes two days as often as one. Due to pressure of work we cannot take What's On entries over the phone. Entries here are free for IS branches and other IS organisations.

IS HISTORY GROUP Day School in Coventry: Saturday 18 May, 11.30am-5.30pm, Rootes Hall, Warwick University, Coventry; Sessions on the work of the IS History Group, contributions to *Socialist Worker*, education courses in IS branches. IS members only—members interested in working on the history of women and the women's movement should make particular effort to come. All intending to attend, please contact Alistair Hatchett, Coventry (Phone Coventry 76458).

WARLEY IS Spring Party: CAST Theatre Group present *Come in Hilda Muggins*, plus a rock band, Le'argo, disco and bar extension. Friday 24 May, 8pm-midnight. The Bear Hotel, Bearwood Road, Bearwood. Tickets 50p in advance (60p on door). Inquiries: phone 021-426 1350. Proceeds to Birmingham IS Centre and Fighting Fund.

HIGH WYCOMBE IS public meeting: Why Labour cannot bring socialism. Speaker: Paul Foot. Thursday 16 May, 8.15pm, Saracen's Head, Green Street, High Wycombe. All welcome.

WIGAN DISTRICT IS public meeting: Socialist Worker and the struggle for socialism. Speakers: John Llywarch and Margaret Renn. Thursday 23 May, 8pm, The Market Hotel, Wigan. All welcome. Admission 10p.

IS Training Committee, Specialist Groups: A meeting of scientists in IS will be held in the near future to map out a programme of work. Interested comrades please write to Training Committee, 22 Weetwood Court, Leeds 16.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE IS public meeting: Labour Government—Socialism or social contract? Speaker: Paul Foot (Socialist Worker). Friday 24 May, 12.45pm, Civil Eng. 201, Exhibition Rd, London SW7.

TEESSIDE DISTRICT IS RALLY The Politics of Corruption. Speaker: Paul Foot. Labour and the trade unions. Speaker: Mike Atkinson (NUPE Chairman, Darlington District Hospital Shop Stewards Committee). Thursday 30 May, 7.30pm, AUEW Hall, Borough Road, Middlesbrough.

N LONDON DISTRICT IS SCHOOL Black workers and the struggle for socialism. Saturday 18 May, Trades Hall, Bruce Grove, N17. 2.30pm, Film 3.30pm: Introduction—racism and imperialism. 4.30pm: Discussion groups on black workers, the unions and industry; racism and how to fight it; the West Indies, who owns it, and its future. 5.30pm: report back and summary. All black members and contacts urged to attend.

N LONDON IS SOCIAL: in aid of Brockwell Park 3 and Socialist Worker Fighting Fund. Saturday 18 May, 7.30pm-midnight, Trades Hall, Bruce Grove, N17. Disco and bar. Admission 40p.

N E MANCHESTER IS public meeting: Labour Party: Socialism or Social Contract? Speakers: Gerry Walsh (AUEW), Kath Broadbent (former Labour councillor) Wednesday 22 May, 8pm, The Drovers Inn, Ashton Old Road/Bartlett Street.

## How to fight the Asbestos murderers

by Mick Napier

A HUNDRED and twenty people attended last Tuesday's Glasgow IS meeting at the AUEW Halls to hear Pat Kinnersley and John Todd speak on *The Fight for Safety at Work*. Pat is the author of the book *The Hazards of Work* and John Todd is on the committee of the Glasgow ladders branch of the Transport Union. The intention of the meeting was to push the labour movement in the area to fight seriously on the issue of job safety.

Pat Kinnersley gave example after example of the unwillingness of employers to spend even small sums to prevent serious injury and death to the men who work for them. Where there are no laws the employers give the workers as much as they will take. Where there are laws they break them with impunity.

Workers suffer injury, or are poisoned, in a very short time. There is no time to wait for factory inspectors or full-time officials to visit a hazardous building site, or test a new material. The only guarantee of life and limb and health, he stressed, was shop-floor organisation.

John Todd and Arthur Rhodie spoke—without a trace of sentimentality—of their own incurable disease, asbestosis, the widows they know and the men they knew who died.

When John Todd raised the issue of safety on a site he was suddenly

NORWICH IS Public Meeting: Building the socialist alternative. Speakers: Steve Cherry (ASTMS), Ian Gibson (ASTMS NEC), Derek Calvet (ETU). Thursday 23 May, 8pm, Norwich Central Library. All welcome.

TWICKENHAM IS open meeting: Chile. Speaker: Ian Birchall. Thursday 23 May, 8.45pm. The Red Lion, Heath Road, Twickenham.

WIGAN AND EAST LANCS IS districts joint aggregate. Discussion on Socialist Worker. Speakers: John Deason and Ken Appleby. Monday 20 May, 8pm, Waterloo Hotel, Frigate, Preston. Branches to attend: Burnley, Accrington, Blackburn, Preston, Wigan, Earlestown and Leigh.

EAST LANCS DISTRICT IS public meetings: Why Labour won't fight. Speaker: John Deason. Wednesday 22 May, 8pm, Blockade Hotel, King Street, Accrington, and Thursday 23 May, 8pm, Grapes Hotel, Northgate, Blackburn.

HIGH PEAK IS public meeting: What's gone wrong in Russia? Sunday 19 May, 8pm, Grove Hotel, Spring Gardens, Buxton.

EXETER IS: Staverton Bridge and Friends with Songs of the People. Wednesday 22 May, 8pm, Ship Inn, Fore Street, Heavitree, Exeter. Admission 30p.

IS Training and Publications Committee: Meeting for IS members interested in political economy in Leeds, 22-23 June. Aims: to discuss current economic perspectives and to set up working economics group to service IS. Details from Jim Kincaid, 11 Moseley Wood View, Leeds 16.

Yorkshire Regional IS Schools: Society as a battleground. Sessions on the Ruling Class and their allies, trends in the Labour Movement. Speaker: Nigel Harris. Saturday 18 May, 2.30-5.30pm, Students Union, and Sunday 19 May, 2-5pm, New Trades Club, Saville Mount, Chapeltown Road, Leeds 6.

IS ETU Fraction: Sunday 19 May, 11am. IS Books Birmingham, by Digbeth Civic Hall. Details from Ind Dept. 01-739 6273.

IS AUEW Fraction: Saturday 1 June, 11.30am. Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. Details, agenda etc from Ind Dept. 01-739 6273.

IS TASS Fraction: Weekend School. 1-2 June. Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. Starts 11.30am. Afternoon includes joint session with engineers. Details from Ind Dept. 01-739 6273.

IS Automotive fraction executive: Saturday 18 May, 2pm, IS Books Birmingham, by Digbeth Civic Hall. Details from Ind Dept. 01-730 6273.

LUTTE OUVRIERE fete: Festival for revolutionaries near Paris. Stalls, music, theatre, film, etc, in revolutionary socialist setting. Saturday-Monday 1-3 June. Discounts for IS members and Socialist Worker readers. Write now for details to Box F, IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

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LEEDS DISTRICT IS public meeting: Lenin. Speaker: Tony Cliff, Wednesday 22 May 8pm, Guildford Hotel, Headrow.

WEST LONDON International Socialists Disco: Saturday 25 May, 8pm, Kings Head, Fulham Broadway (next to tube). Admission 40p.

FOR THE ADDRESS OF YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS, WRITE TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARY, 8 COTTONS GARDENS, LONDON E2 8DN.





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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

FOUR benevolent and charitable friends of the wealthy Lord Goodman paid over £65,000 to the Industrial Relations Court last week. Their action confirmed the beliefs of many socialists that money is no object to the managing directors and boardrooms when it comes to bailing themselves out.

If the truth be known there was probably a long queue of industrialists at the cashier's office. The amazing speed with which the money was found was also interesting.

Socialist Worker doesn't need bailing out but it does need your financial help urgently. We don't have the sort of friends who can give £65,000 but there are thousands of socialists and trade unionists who can help with the odd £1 and they all add up.

This week's donations of £243.22 takes the Fighting Fund total so far this month to £632. There is a long way to go. Don't wait till the last day of the month to send your donation—put it in the post today.

Among contributions received were Ford Leamington workers £5, Colindale IS branch £55, London printworkers £14, Birmingham City IS branch £10, C A Parsons workers £8.40, readers on East Moor estate, Wakefield £1.50, Portsmouth IS branch £14.45, Welby readers £12, Woolwich IS branch £12.

Please send all donations to Jim Nichol, National Treasurer, International Socialists, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

## TROOPS OUT!

AS THE movement grows to get the British Army of occupation out of Ireland, the Labour government is stooping into the gutter to whip up hatred for the IRA.

In a speech in the House of Commons on Monday, Harold Wilson 'revealed' alleged plans for an IRA 'scorched earth' policy in Belfast.

Documents picked up by the army, said Wilson, showed clearly that the IRA were about to embark on 'ruthless and indiscriminate violence to foment inter-sectarian

Wilson concocts IRA 'scorched earth' plan as movement grows

hatred and chaos'. The plan was to 'take hold' of two key areas in Belfast, and, if driven out, to burn everything in their wake, he said.

Every national newspaper seized on Wilson's unprecedented statement and uncritically trumpeted it in headlines. The Daily Mail—arch-enemy of the Labour Party—announced: 'The Prime Minister has

our full support'. The story was a tissue of lies from start to finish.

Only a fraction of the 'documents' about the alleged plan were published. So the 'incriminating' pieces in it could be stitched together into a fictitious whole.

Even the published documents stated clearly that the madcap 'plan' was only proposed as a last-ditch effort in the

proposed as a last-ditch effort in the event of an 'armed offensive against the Catholic people'.

The Provisional IRA know perfectly well that a guerrilla army commits suicide if it voluntarily engages in open warfare against a numerically much stronger army.

But the transparent absurdity of the plan did not deter Wilson from trumpeting it in the House of Commons. To his aid came the Northern Ireland Chief Executive, Orangeman Brian Faulkner, who spoke by coincidence in Sheffield the same evening.

Faulkner, whose Orange supporters have at regular intervals for 300 years unleashed killing and burning on Catholics in Belfast, said that the IRA planned 'to kill and burn Catholics in Ireland'.

### HYPOCRISY

Faulkner, whose entire political upbringing trained him to twist the law in order to hound, bully and discriminate against Catholics in the North of Ireland, said that 'the real victims' of the IRA were 'the law-abiding Catholic community'.

This disgusting hypocrisy was fully reported in the press and television and welcomed without criticism by Wilson, Merlyn Rees and other Labour hacks in the House of Commons.

The reason is simple. The movement in Britain for the return of all British troops from Ireland is growing fast. Last Saturday, 600 people attended a 'Troops Out!' conference in London. Of the 170 delegates, 14 were from trades councils, 29 from trade union branches and 47 from student unions.

The conference learnt that repression was increasing in Northern Ireland. The Labour government has interned 190 people since the beginning of March—bringing the total interned to 690.

Mike Cooley, a former president of the draughtsmen's union (TASS), called on trade unionists in Britain to respond to the situation in Northern Ireland and to call for the recall of all British troops.

All over Britain, even in parliament and among rank and file soldiers in the army, the futility and the brutality of the army's presence in Ireland is being recognised.

International Socialists branches are encouraged to hold 'Troops Out' meetings in all areas. The International Sub-Committee of IS should be contacted for speakers' lists.

### STEWARDS VOTE TO SPREAD STRIKE

GLASGOW:—40 electricians from Crown House Engineers Sites throughout the West of Scotland picketed their employers' office this week. At a meeting held outside the office on Tuesday the stewards, from various sites, pledged support for a fight to win £1 an hour with no strings.

The stewards all agreed on the importance of spreading the strike and decided to picket all Crown House jobs in the area.



AT LEAST 10,000 arrests so far. The opposition parties claim 20,000. The union cannot comment. All its leaders are in jail.

That is the record of Mrs Indhira Gandhi's 'democratic' government of India in its all-out bid to smash the national railway strike. The army has moved in to smash picket lines at all major junctions. The railway minister is threatening to sack every last striker. But the workers are fighting on.

Our picture above shows railwaymen at a protest meeting outside the Indian Railways headquarters in New Delhi being addressed by an Opposition party leader. On the left is George Fernandes, president of the Railwayman's Union, who has been in prison since the beginning of the strike. Indian trade unionists call for messages of support for the union and protest against the government's goon tactics from British trade union bodies. Send to: Minister of Railways, Government of India, Raj Bhavan, New Delhi.



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## Sir Peter Law and Order

From front page

Rawlinson's denunciations of 'violence for political ends' are strictly for the court-room. He supports violence for political ends as long as that violence fills his pockets.

How can we stop these law-abiding gentlemen from subsidising and profiting from the Chilean dictatorship?

We can't leave it to the Labour government. Already Roy Mason and James Callaghan have promised the junta that they can have their frigates, their destroyers and their submarines.

Last week, the executive of the engineering union showed the way to do it. Following the decision of engineers at Rolls-Royce East Kilbride, near Glasgow, to refuse to work on engines for fighter

planes for Chile, the executive instructed all its members to stop work on Chilean arms contracts.

At once workers responded to the call. On Monday, at Yarrow's shipyard, at Scotstoun on the Clyde, engineers walked off their jobs on the Chilean frigates. The next day, the instruction was passed on to engineers at Scott Lithgows yard, Port Glasgow, where the Oberon submarines are fitted out.

At once the smiles on the faces of Sir Peter Rawlinson and Lord Aldenham were wiped away.

The workers at Rolls-Royce and Yarrow's have paved the road to ruin for the Chile junta. They must be supported by unions and workers involved in Chile contracts all over the country.