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Thousands answer Healey: WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!



One of the unemployed marchers for the Right to Work hands leaflets to workers outside River Don steelworks, Sheffield.

Right to Work march stops a factory

by JENNY JACKSON

THE March for the Right to Work became a picket on Tuesday and stopped a factory.

At Rugeley in Staffordshire the marchers learnt that 50 technicians were on strike at Color-trend, a film processing plant.

The marchers went to the picket line at 7am. Three lonely pickets were astonished as 80 orange-jacketed marchers joined them—and spread out across the factory gates.

The manager arrived in a red Jaguar, took one look and hurtled away again.

Management had refused to accept the transfer of six workers into the technicians union (ASTMS) from the Transport Workers' Union.

Angry

Both unions and the government's conciliation service had recommended the transfer. So two weeks ago the ASTMS members came out on strike. But TGWU members broke the picket line every day and the outlook for the strike was bleak.

But as the other workers arrived on Tuesday and tried to break through the picket line, angry arguments broke out.

The TGWU members quickly found out that they hadn't been told the truth about the strike. Within an hour, 150 of them joined the picket, shouting abuse as their stewards scuttled through to work.

Talks

An enormous crowd of policemen, with dogs and horses, waited down the hill in readiness.

Suddenly things started happening. Suddenly, ASTMS official Roy Lear appeared. Suddenly the management was agreeing to talks which they'd refused for eight months!

Roy Lear offered to hold further talks the following Thursday. The pickets replied by voting un-

animously to stay out on strike.

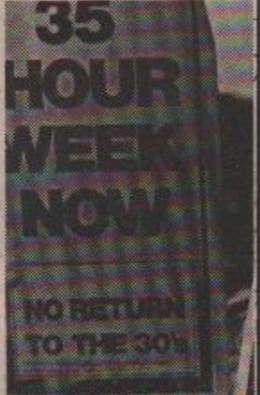
Lear scuttled back—and the talks were brought forward to the following day. The pickets voted to stay out until the bosses backed down.

Jill Gilbert, an ASTMS picket, said: 'I've never been so happy in my life.

'It's really fantastic. We've got more from these marchers in two hours than we got in two weeks by ourselves'.

Later in the afternoon, the TGWU women decided to hold a meeting on Wednesday morning to elect new stewards. 'We've had enough of this lot', they said.

The workers also voted to thank the Right to Work Campaign for 'opening our eyes', and to send a busload to the rally next Saturday to meet the marchers in the Albert Hall.



GREET THE MARCHERS WHEN THEY REACH LONDON

Saturday 20 March
11am, Shepherd's Bush Green, West London
1.30pm, Albert Hall, South Kensington.



Some of the 8000 who marched in Dundee to protest at cuts in schools, hospitals, social services to pensioners and handicapped

WHEN Chancellor Healey announced his latest cuts in social services, he said it was 'a great week for the labour movement'.

Now the labour movement has started giving its answer.

□ In Dundee, last Friday, 30,000 workers staged a one-day strike against cuts which will hit at old people, the handicapped and young children and wipe out hundreds of jobs (Report, page 2).

□ In Liverpool, 300 busmen have gone on strike against bus route cuts which will make it even more difficult for working people to travel in the city. (Report, page 19).

□ Throughout the East of England, railwaymen have staged strikes against cuts in train services which will hit at shift workers and wipe out railwaymen's jobs. (Report p 19 and p20)

□ In Glasgow, busmen and teachers went on strike to picket the Strathclyde Regional Council in protest against cuts which will devastate the already crumbling social services in the city. (Report page 2).

MPs have been prattling about the cuts this week. Most have been saying what a great thing it is for the country to take another kick at the old, the sick, the crippled, the schoolchildren.

A few have been torturing their consciences over whether to vote for the cuts or to abstain, letting them through anyway.

Those workers who really want to resist attacks on social services and jobs will be directing their attentions elsewhere—following the examples set by workers in Dundee, Glasgow, Liverpool and Leeds.

Glasgow: 1,000 pickets jeer council

by Jack Morris
STRIKING bus workers, teachers and local government workers joined in a thousand-strong picket of Glasgow City Chambers last Wednesday, chanting 'Fight the cuts'.

Members of the Strathclyde Regional Council had to be escorted by police past the jeering and booing pickets.

These councillors are out to take £17 million pounds off the education budget. This means an end to free school milk, a rise in the price of school meals, an end to teachers' travelling expenses.

It means a million pounds off the budget for school books, tapes, slides and stationery, no more grants for school trips, and the sacking of cleaners and caretakers at schools.

It means 'natural wastage' of school lab technicians and office staff, and the sacking of the entire 41-strong staff of Glasgow's Educational Television Service.

That isn't all. These creatures are even proposing to shut public lavatories at weekends. Perhaps it's that Strathclyde councillors are so pious they don't urinate on Sundays and Saturdays.

Shut

The Labour-controlled council intends to complete only 24 of 90 proposed nurseries, though not even one of the 24 completed nurseries will ever be opened.

If they are it will be for a half-hour ceremony and then shut up shop again—as they did to Cumbernauld Further Education College.

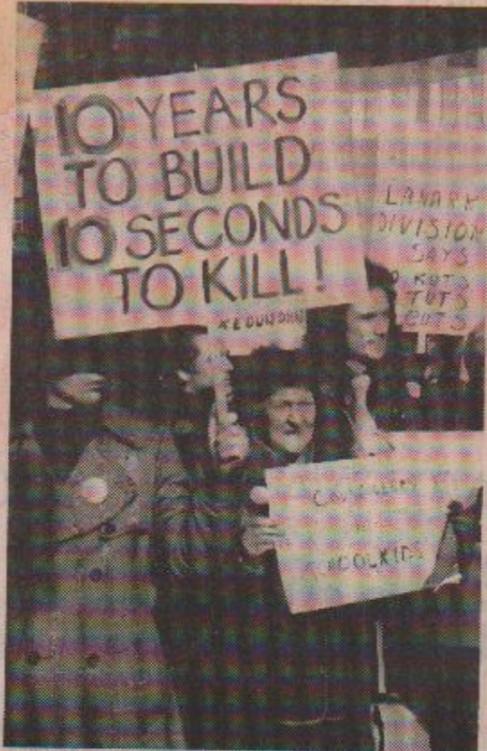
Bridgeton bus garage too is to go. 51 buses will be put off the road and 250 jobs will get the axe.

Which is why the 90 bus workers from Bridgeton came and supported the picket called by Educational TV workers.

The picket was also supported by teachers from Barlanark School, who struck for the day. Last Wednesday's colourful and vociferous lobby was the result of excellent work by the Glasgow Teachers' 'Stop the Cuts Committee', whose first meeting was attended by 90 teachers representing 37 schools.

The teachers have agreed not to cover for absences, or vacancies caused by natural wastage, and to fight for smaller classes.

Glasgow Trades Council has called a march and rally against the cuts for Saturday 13 March.



A picket in Glasgow protesting at the cutting of the educational television service.



Some of the 8000 who marched in Dundee last Friday.



Marchers gather from three sides for the mass meeting in Dundee's city square.

'OUR WHOLE FACTORY IS STOPPED'

JOHN HENDERSON, convenor of Bonar Long, summed up the mood of the massive demonstration: 'There are 300 workers from our factory here today. The whole factory has stopped.'

'We are demanding an end to the cuts. And if there isn't an end there will be trouble. If we don't get the results from today's demonstration then the whole of Dundee is going to have to take industrial action.'

The struggle against the cuts is part of

the struggle for the right to work. Hundreds upon hundreds more in Dundee, the poorest region in Britain, could be put on the dole because of them.

It seems the employers are intent on flinging workers on the scrapheap at Bonar Long's too. They threatened redundancies there this week.

But the men at once banned overtime. Members of the Dundee Right to Work Committee are to speak to a meeting of the stewards at Bonar Long. The invitation was made before the threat of redundancies was unveiled.

30,000 strike to demand Stop the cuts!

EIGHT THOUSAND workers marched and demonstrated against the cuts last Friday in the biggest demonstration Dundee has seen for years.

The cuts designed by Labour Chancellor Denis Healey and Partners, applied by the Tory-controlled Tayside Regional Council, would 'Make Dundee a social wasteland', to use the words of Johnnie Miller, secretary of the Dundee Right to Work Campaign.

Not one national newspaper mentioned that last Friday more than 30,000 workers went on strike against the cuts.

Eight thousand rallied in three separate places to march to the city centre, with delegations from every major factory in the city, including National Cash Register.

by ALAN BARCLAY

Timex, Robb Caledon and Kestral shipyards, Bonar Long, Hamilton Carharts, from the hospitals and local government.

There was little more than platitudes from the official platform at the end of the march. Nevertheless virtually all the trade union activists accepted that last Friday's magnificent stoppage and demonstration was a beginning, and had to be followed through. It was not good enough to leave it to the full-time officials.

As Alex Smith, National Union of Sheetmetal Workers shop steward at Adamson Fabrications, put it: 'I am pleased at the turnout, but let's face it, a demonstration and stoppage are not enough. The trade unions will have to mount a campaign on the shop floor and in the housing estates explaining just what these cuts are going to mean.'

Fight

'We should be out leafletting and arguing for much wider action. Today has to be the beginning of an ongoing fight.'

But the demonstration broke up with many militants angry at the lack of direction. A shout went up for a vote to be taken calling on busmen not to accept increased fares for pensioners. The platform refused to put this to the meeting.

Johnnie Miller said: 'Though the platform gave no lead, the demonstration was excellent. We must go back to our workplaces and build the campaign at the grassroots. The fight is just starting.'

'We are demonstrating against the cuts because they are an attack on the weakest section of the community. There are 1600 Timex women on strike today.'

—Joyce Royle, convenor, Timex, Camperdown industrial estate.

'We have got to hit back at the people who are making these cuts. There are 700 workers from our yard and 2000 from the whole harbour area here today and we are saying no to any cuts in social services. We are prepared to support any movement against these cuts.'

—Andy McIntosh, GMWU convenor, Robb Caledon Shipyard.

'Today's demonstration has been effective. 8000 workers from every section is tremendous—but it's really only the beginning. We will not win overnight but if we keep fighting we can win.'

'At this moment the councillors will be sitting up there laughing but we will make them laugh on the other side of their faces.'

Our hospital is united against these cuts. It seems absurd to us that back up services and after care services should be when Dundee hospitals are already overworked.'

—Jim Smith, TGWU steward, Ninewells Hospital.

Abortion Campaign boycotts committee

THE National Abortion Campaign (NAC) has decided to boycott the parliamentary select committee on abortion.

A week after six pro-abortion MPs had resigned from the committee because of its bias, NAC was called to give evidence.

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN DEMONSTRATION
NO RETURN TO BACK STREET ABORTION

Saturday 3 April, 2pm, Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London.

Instead they called a press conference. For this they are now threatened with the wrath of the House of Commons Committee of Privileges. Apparently it is out of order and disrespectful to ignore the sessions of a parliamentary committee.

The Committee of Privileges also has a majority of MPs who voted in favour of the reappointment of the Abortion Select Committee.

by MARGARET RENN

Other organisations recommending boycott include the Family Planning Association, British Pregnancy Advisory Service, Pregnancy Advisory Service, National Council of Civil Liberties, Release, Brook Advisory Centres and the Abortion Law Reform Association—in fact all the organisations that are in favour of or have anything to do with abortion.

So far the only spoken

evidence the committee has heard has been from the charlatans who wrote the book *Babies by Burning*.

The truth is that the Select Committee's only purpose is to change the law to make it almost impossible for most women to get abortions.

Vigils

At the same time the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is organising a 'week of witness', 20-27 March. This will include vigils, prayer meetings, public meetings, with an emphasis on the 'caring' services, available from the anti-abortion move-

ment. Organisations such as Life, and the Innocents will be masqueraded as sympathetic to the needs of the pregnant women.

Socialist Worker readers should organise counter-activity locally during that week.



The number of abortions for women coming to Britain from overseas fell by half in January, compared to the same month last year.





DANGER! THIS MEANS GOVERNMENT PRICE RISES!

THE government is fighting inflation—or so the 'price check' triangles in the shops and on television tell us. The government has spent £1 million publicising them.

But in the past few days Labour ministers have done two things that will push up prices still more.

Last weekend Agriculture Minister Fred Peart agreed with other Common Market ministers to put up the price of a number of key foods.

- Butter is to go up 8p a pound.
- Cheese is to go up 4p a pound or more.
- Milk will go up yet again. Bread and beef too.

Lead the struggle? Only the rank and file can do that

IN the growing fight against the cuts and unemployment, there will be those in the labour movement who urge us to centre our activities on passing resolutions.

If only the Transport Union executive or some other lofty body could be committed to worded opposition, they say, the campaign could move on and win recognition from other important people.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP US BEAT INFLATION YOU MUST DO EXACTLY AS WE SAY.



GIVE YOUR PAY BACK TO YOUR EMPLOYER.



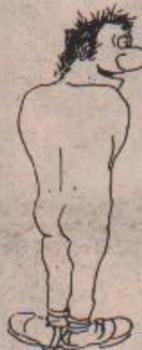
ACCEPT CUTS IN YOUR SOCIAL SERVICES.



GO ON THE DOLE.



HAVE WE BEATEN INFLATION NOW?



NO! YOU MUST MAKE MORE SACRIFICES TO SAVE THE POUND!!!



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WHAT WE THINK

Overall, the average family will now have to pay another 2½p in the pound for their food.

Not much, you may think. Until you remember that the unions and the government are discussing ways of limiting wage increases over the next

year to about 5p in the pound—which means about 3p after tax. But that's not all.

Hope

The value of the pound has been sliding on the international exchanges. According to the Financial Times, this began as a result of conscious government decision. 'The authorities evidently want an adjustment,' it said on Tuesday.

International exchange rates are a mystery to most people. But one thing is clear. The fall in the exchange rate means that things workers spend their wages on—from imported food to package tours—will get dearer. Inflation will get worse.

It is this that the government has encouraged.

The government has also decreed that fares, electricity charges, and the price of coal should go up.

Far from fighting prices, the government is pushing them up. The scandal is that trade union leaders such as Jack Jones, Len Murray and Hugh Scanlon have the gall to tell their members otherwise.

They have given their support to a policy that has meant 'high unemployment, cuts in hospitals and schools, falling living standards for the workers—and an increase in the wealth of the top one per cent of the population.

Yet they still claim to be 'left-wing socialists'.

THE MAN WHO BELIEVED EVERYTHING THE GOVERNMENT TOLD HIM

After the Transport Union executive, a resolution could be put down for the TUC. Then the resolution would be passed.

There's just one problem. It is possible to conduct this activity in

such a way that it becomes a substitute for arousing mass action and taking rank and file initiatives.

That is what happened over the jailing of the Shrewsbury pickets, a serious setback from

which our movement can and must learn.

In 1974 the TUC Congress passed a long resolution on the jailed pickets which concluded as follows: 'Congress demands that every step be taken under existing

legal provisions to ensure that no building worker tried at Shrewsbury be held in jail any longer . . .

At the 1975 Congress the TUC passed another more militant-sounding resolution, which in-

cluded the following memorable phrase: 'Congress further declares its opposition to the penalties imposed on the Shrewsbury building workers and calls on the General Council to use the full strength of the British trade union movement to secure their release.'

Since then the TUC General Council, far from using the full strength of the movement, has done precisely nothing. It has indeed quietly dropped the matter.

Jail

As a result Des Warren is still in jail. Elsa Warren is subjected to increasing strain. The Labour government of course insists that this savagery be played out to the bitter end, until September in all probability, when Des is finally released.

The truth is that the unofficial movement is the key to the official movement. Action in the official movement is usually only even threatened when rank and file workers are forcing the pace.

That's what we must do over the cuts and unemployment. That's what we must do over the Des Warrens of the future.

EAMONN McCANN

Ireland: Haven't we seen this one before?

IF there are no more bombs this week, it will be no thanks to Merlyn Rees, the Minister for Northern Ireland.

For instead of doing anything about the source of the troubles—the continued attempts to maintain Northern Ireland as part of 'Britain'—he has virtually announced that he will do nothing, no matter how many people die in Ireland or Britain.

Two weeks ago he claimed to have abolished political crime in Northern Ireland by decree. Now he thinks he can abolish politics by the same method.

Announcing that local politics were at an end and that the 78 members of the Constitutional Convention would now have to choose between honest labour and the lengthening dole queues, a jaunty Rees chirruped on television: 'There is no new government initiative planned. We will wait and observe developments.'

Of course there is more to this policy than meets the eye. Among stories leaking

TROOPS OUT



torrentially from the Northern Ireland Office and spreading across the columns of obliging national newspapers is a tale about a group of 'moderate

unionists' breaking from Ian Paisley's Loyalist Coalition and perhaps, sometime in the future, joining up with moderate Catholics to form a consensus government. The new group is led by John Taylor, said to be increasingly appalled by the apocalyptic fulminations of 'reverend' Paisley.

At this point some readers may be experiencing the nagging sensation that they have seen through this movie several times before . . .

Those with elephantine memories will recall Captain Terence O'Neill. He was a 'moderate' Unionist, who fought a dirty battle against the number one hate-figure and right-wing bogey man Brian Faulkner. Faulkner won.

Alchemy

Then, in the most impressive piece of alchemy since Midas entertained dinner guests by turning scrag end into solid gold, Faulkner himself became the personification of decency, decorum and good taste and fought the good fight against

the number one hate-figure and demon demagogue William Craig. Craig won.

After which, miracle of miracles, Craig in turn became a perfect paragon of restrained reason and courageously set his face against the number one hate-figure and bible thumping hob-goblin Ian Paisley.

And so it goes on.

Desert

In the next episode, so those in the know tell us, John Taylor will desert Paisley and throw in his lot with Craig. Together this dynamic duo, these caped crusaders sporting the mantle of moderation, will be all set to thwart the fiendish plots of ultra-rightist evildoers.

While sitting in Whitehall sucking his thumb and waiting to observe these developments, Rees might care to ponder the following. Since attempts to unite Catholic and Protestant 'moderates' and thereby to defeat Orange extremism have failed, failed and failed again, what, short of divine interven-

HELP US PRINT YOUR NEWS

THIS WEEK Socialist Worker contains 20 pages. Four extra pages to tell the story of the thousands of people who have greeted the Right to Work marchers in Yorkshire and Derbyshire. For this story has not even been mentioned in the London-based national press.

We also tell the story of the massive 30,000 strong strike against the cuts in Dundee. For all their furore about 'freedom of the press' and 'the right of access to the media', the national newspaper owners and editors didn't mention that either.

That is why Socialist Worker is needed, every week. It is the only way workers fighting against this appalling system can get their message across

20 pages

But producing Socialist Worker costs money. Particularly this week's 20 pages.

We can only do such things if we get donations and collections from our readers, on top of the money from selling the papers.

So if you want us to keep up the fight, see if you can give us a donation or take a collection for us this week.

This week donations came from:

Anonymous, Dover £1, M J Warren, Newcastle £3, Val Secretan Plymouth £1, S R Alsop, Swindon £1.50, McInerney site, Finbury Park £5.84, Glasgow District Council £5, SW Supporter, Nottingham 90p, High Peak SW supporters £4.80, Anonymous £1, Phil Appleby 50p, SW supporters, Dumfries £2.50, Anonymous £1.50.

Last week we added up the total wrong. Instead of £61.50 it should have been £179.87. We also put 0.82 instead of £10.82 for Heinz.

The total for the fortnight is £208.41.

We need to do better next week if we are to cover the cost of the extra four pages! Donations please to Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, 8 Cottons Gardens, London. E2

The night the law ran riot

JAILED: Two men the police beat up...



WHAT DID THE POLICE TEACH YOU IN SCHOOL TODAY, JOHNNY?

By Beth Stone, NUT ANOTHER attempt is to be made to twist and warp the minds of Britain's school-children.

But there will be no outcry in the free Press, because this time the benders of innocent minds are the police.

The Police Federation of England and Wales have asked the teachers' union, the NUT to 'harness the public's growing concern about the state of crime and public order in Britain into a programme of positive action'.

Crux

The campaign relates only in passing to 'young offenders'.

The crux is, in its own words: 'The attitude of some people and some bodies in public life towards the rule of the law, instancing the sympathy shown to law breakers, whose crimes have allegedly "political" overtones.'

'The need is for the "silent majority" to assert itself in order that politicians and judges fully understand the true feelings of the public'.

The police are not, of course, referring to 'people in public life' such as Reginald Maudling, whose association with the convicted criminal John Poulson is well-known.

After all Maudling is a former Home Secretary—and a spokesman for the Police Federation in the House of Commons.

Audacity

No the Police Federation are talking about trade unionists who have the audacity to stand up for their rights.

They are talking about pickets like Ricky Tomlinson and Des Warren.

They are talking about people who 'dare' to give leaflets to British soldiers fighting a bloody war in Ireland, telling them of their LEGAL rights to leave the army.

No self-respecting trade unionist could have anything to do with a campaign like this, even though only three people on the NUT Executive voted against it (three who, incidentally, did not include any of the Communist Party members on the executive).

Attack

If this attempt to pollute the minds of children (and their parents) is successful, it will be another attack on the rights and fighting capacity of the trade union movement.

NUT members should demand that our union breaks off contact with the Police Federation, and that it uses its influence to awaken other trade unionists to the dangers of this campaign.

Otherwise, parents will have to ask their children what the policeman taught them in school today.

I used to think they can't convict an innocent man. Well now they have.

—Hyacinth Dockery, whose husband was jailed for three years last week.

how they managed to single anyone out.

Both men have always emphatically denied the charges.

Oliver Francis, accused of leaping on a policeman's back, was cleared at the retrial.

But for the others the judicial farce had a tragic ending.

Need

There was no new evidence. But in his summing up Judge Abdella clearly emphasised the prosecution case. It is this summary which will form the mainstay of their appeal.

The jury had a hard time. They spent many hours, some laced with tears, debating the case. By late afternoon they said they couldn't reach a unanimous verdict.

But eventually they decided: Guilty. Abdella viciously sentenced them to three years inside.

The police have their 'scapegoat', their excuse for the proceedings. Which including the retrial now run to £300,000. They can point at Denis Bovell and say 'he stirred the youngsters up'.

But as Oliver Francis said, 'They framed him.' Or as Mrs Bovell, his mother, said: 'I can only say he's been made a scapegoat for something he hasn't done.'

Innocent

Or as Hyacinth Dockery said of her husband's conviction: 'I used to think they can't convict an innocent man—well now they have.'

Two weeks ago some of London's leading policemen were arrested and charged with corruption. A week later an 'orgy of police violence' resulted in two young black men sentenced to three years inside—and an official 'excuse'.

It makes Dixon of Dock Green look pretty sick, doesn't it?

GARRY BUSHELL

DENIS Bovell and Royfield Dockery are bitter men.

They've learnt first-hand the perils of being black in this brave new Britain.

After being besieged, assaulted and dragged off by 150 police, they were charged with 'causing an affray'.

Now, after two trials and 100 days in court, they both face three years in jail.

Their nightmare began one Friday night in October 1974.

Royfield Dockery was enjoying himself at the Carib Club in Cricklewood, North London. Denis Bovell was one of the DJs providing the music.

Fifth

Early on Saturday morning, the police raided the Club for the fifth time in three weeks, nothing exceptional since police harassment is a fact of life for black youngsters in North London.

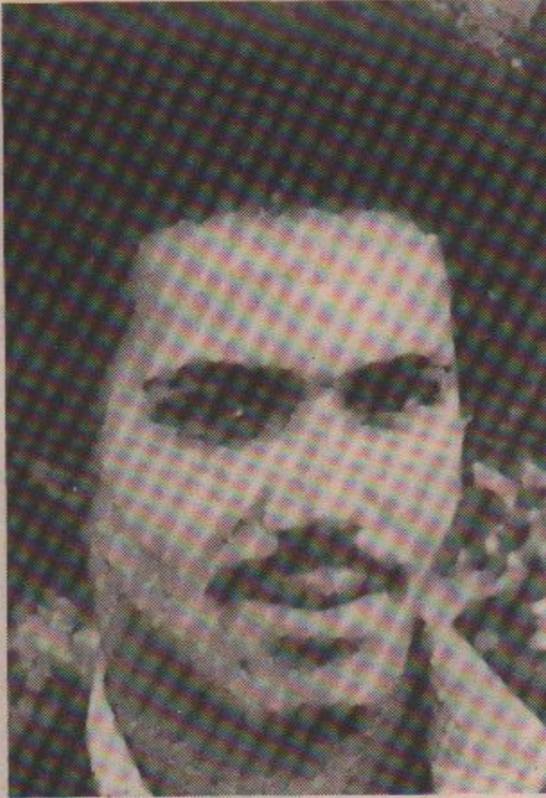
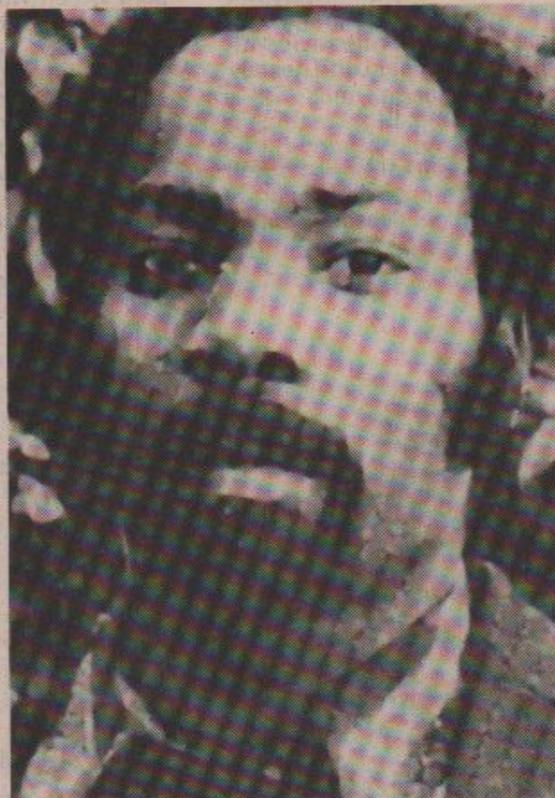
When they singled out one black youth there was some resistance. Almost immediately, 147 police swarmed in.

It looked as if they'd had the whole operation planned in advance.

What followed has been described in court as 'an orgy of police violence'.

The young blacks were ordered out, six at a time. They had to 'run a gauntlet' of truncheon-happy police lining the stairs.

One black youth said: 'From the top of the stairs I could see policemen swinging their truncheons and kicking



Victims of British 'justice': Denis Bovell and Royfield Dockery

people as they went down. I went through as fast as I could.'

Forty-two young blacks were arrested, and 12 sent for trial.

Under cross-examination at the first trial, most of the police admitted there was no violence from the youngsters during the eviction.

Police witnesses contradicted themselves, showing

up their stories as lies.

Joseph Smart, for example, was accused of storming down these stairs—lined with police, remember—shouting 'like a gorilla'. Yet a police witness admitted that Joseph would have 'needed a machine gun to storm down the stairs'.

After last year's marathon 80-day trial at London's Old Bailey, the jury rejected the police evidence. None of their

major charges stuck.

Eight young men were cleared, one was found guilty of having an offensive weapon, and three, Denis Bovell, Royfield Dockery and Oliver Francis, were sent for retrial.

Dilemma

The police were in a dilemma. The £250,000, 16-week

trial had provided no excuses for their brutal actions. They needed to press on regardless of expense.

At his second trial, Denis Bovell was accused of whipping up the crowd against the police over a microphone.

Royfield Dockery was charged with smashing a bottle in a policeman's face.

In the hit-or-miss 142-man police haul, you may wonder

The girl they've barred from school for 9 months

A classroom tiff and 12 year old Jasmine is branded 'violent'

JASMINE Maloney, 12, has been excluded from her West London school for nine months.

In trouble for speaking in class, Jasmine was trying to hide from the headteacher. 'I was scared because she's a bit strict and she shouts a lot.'

Suspended

Two teachers took hold of her, and, struggling, Jasmine bit one teacher's hand. She was immediately suspended.

It's not the rights and wrongs of that incident last May that bother her parents, but how the suspension's been

handled. They thought she would be only suspended for a couple of weeks. It was five months before Jervis and Annetta Maloney learned that their daughter had a legal right to an education.

The Maloneys appealed in June. The governors deny receiving the letter.

A welfare officer from the Inner London Education Authority claims Mr Maloney then agreed for Jasmine to go to Holland Park school.

But Mr Maloney says: 'I didn't see no welfare officer. When I came home one night my wife showed me a letter saying we should take Jasmine for an interview at Holland Park.'

It said: 'Admittance is conditional on her good behaviour... no further outbursts of violence or verbal abuse.'

"Difficult"

Her parents realised that Jasmine would be tarred 'difficult' from the start.

So they, and a representative of the local Black Workers League took Jasmine back to Ladbroke. She was not admitted. She had been 'indefinitely suspended.'

Mr Maloney was told that Jasmine couldn't have home tuition either, as her name was still on the Ladbroke register. She could transfer... but only to Holland Park.

Catch 22... The Maloneys wrote to the Secretary of State for Education, pointing out that not only had Jasmine missed 3½ months of school, but they hadn't been allowed to put her case.

He suggested that the governors hear their appeal on 29 January. The Maloneys asked for a delay until they'd heard officially whether Ladbroke School had the right to expel Jasmine—as this was what their action amounted to.

The governors went ahead with their meeting—and then claimed the Maloneys had refused to attend it.

Mr Maloney may now take the case to court. He says:

'I hope it won't go that far, but maybe a test case will have to be made. If I'd had Jasmine at home they'd have put the police on me.'

'After nine months maybe I'd have spent six months inside. But after nine months, nobody's put the headmistress inside.'

More

So Jasmine stays at home. But she's not alone. There are many, many children 'indefinitely suspended'. Many 'Excluded' three days a week, week after week.

As education spending is slashed, more will join them. Headteachers will 'solve' some of their problems by dumping children who have problems, or who they don't like, or who they can't cater for.

And if, like Jasmine, they're black, they have even less chance.

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Portugal: Now the workers hit back

WORKERS at the Firestone Tyre factory near Setubal in Portugal last week held two American managers captive in the factory.

They voted to do so at a mass meeting after the company had refused to negotiate over backdating a wage claim.

The Firestone struggle has been only one of a growing number of disputes as Portuguese workers recover their militancy after the defeat they suffered on 25 November last year.

Stoppage

A fortnight ago a two-hour stoppage by the country's 200,000 engineering workers was supported even in the reactionary areas of the North.

Last week 70 factory inspectors refused to visit the factories, because the government is refusing to recognise 26 of them who have been employed since the overthrow of fascism.

They are under attack, as one of them told Socialist Worker, because they insist on working with the workers' commissions.

The revival of the economic struggle is taking place against the background of next month's elections and of rumours that the extreme right may try to strengthen its position with a further coup.

All this shows the need for solidarity action with Portuguese workers.

Stewards

A Solidarity Conference with the Portuguese Working Class has been called for this Saturday at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, 10am.

And next month a delegation of shop stewards will visit Portugal, the third to have been organised by the Rank and File Organising Committee.

The trip, from 24 April to 2 May, will make contact with workers' commissions in factories, shipyards, and schools. Delegates will be able to join Portuguese workers in celebrating May Day.

Details from Portugal, Rank and File Organising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London N16.

Our impartial BBC...

'SPAIN is experiencing its worst strike since the Civil War,' announced BBC News, last Monday.

Note the word 'worst'. Strikes against fascism are a bad thing for our liberal news commentators.



world
in struggle

Getting a little

edgy, Mr Smith?

THE WHITE racist regime in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) is now in its most serious crisis.

More than 40 per cent of its trade has been disrupted by the closure of its border with Mozambique, the country which last year achieved its independence from Portugal.

And it faces a guerrilla war along this border that it cannot win.

Already hundreds of black freedom fighters are operating well inside their homeland. And thousands more are training just across the border.

Defeat

Until last year, South African troops and police enabled the Smith government to keep the guerrillas in check.

But then the South African regime saw defeat was inevitable, withdrew its forces and tried to get a political settlement with certain black Zimbabwe leaders.

The British and South African governments want Smith to agree to the sort of government that exists in Zambia or Kenya.

Black politicians would hold ministerial positions, but white farmers would continue to own most of the land and British, American and South

THE DEATH KNELL SOUNDS FOR RHODESIA'S RACISTS

African-based companies would still own the industry.

Again and again, they have tried to get a compromise along these lines, which would leave the mass of Africans without any real rights.

In December 1966 and October 1968 Harold Wilson offered Smith an agreement permitting a continued period of white minority rule, provided certain concessions were made.

In 1971 the Tory government reached a tentative agreement which would have left Rhodesia under white minority rule for about the next 70 years.

The agreement was only dropped when it became clear that the overwhelming majority of the African population opposed it.

Many of the black leaders of the other African states have shown sympathy with the notion of a compromise agreement.

Pressure

Nyerere of Tanzania told The Observer last week that he supported the guerrilla war so as to 'build up pressure to deliver Smith to London'.

The moment Smith accepted the compromise

wanted by Britain, the US and South Africa, men like Nyerere, would turn against the guerrillas.

They're hoping that black middle class Zimbabwe leaders like Nkomo will soon arrive at such an agreement in talks with Smith.

But they may not be successful. The Zimbabwe

people have shown in the past that they are prepared to go further than their leaders.

Every success of the guerrillas will make a sell-out more difficult. And in South Africa itself millions of black leaders will take inspiration from every defeat of the white forces.



Bloodbath? They were christened in one...

SOUTHERN Africa must, we are told, 'avoid bloodshed'.

But the white racist regime in Rhodesia was built on it.

The British South Africa company, headed by Cecil Rhodes, seized the land in the 1890's, murdering any Africans who got in their way.

A recent book on Rhodesia tells how, in 1892, a farmer claimed that he had suffered a minor theft.

Captain Lendy of the British South Africa Company police 'took an armed party with a seven pound maxim gun to the kraal of the accused chief and killed the chief,

together with 21 other Africans'.

The whites also used what a British Commissioner, Sir Richard Martin, later described as 'compulsory labour, synonymous with slavery.'

In 1896 the whole African population rose in revolt. The colonists eventually drove the Shona population to caves in the hills, which were blown up with whole families in them.

Even Cecil Rhodes was forced to admit that 'the rebellion had as one of its causes the treatment of native women by white men...'

Settler rule meant that all the supervisory positions in industry were confined to whites, while the working class proper was made up of blacks.



A victim of the Smith regime: pictures of such atrocities were dropped on African villages

● In December 1961, police opened fire on women who were assembled outside a Salisbury police station, killing one and wounding ten; and in Umtali, wounding 15.

● During the visit of the Pearce Commission in January 1972, police fired on several mass protest demonstrations, killing 13 according to the official figure, and 31 according to the African National Council.

The Rhodesian regime is now protecting itself by the sort of bloodshed on which it was built.

In the north east, it has established villages surrounded by barbed-wire and patrolled by police.

They are more like concentration camps.

Villagers who do not betray guerrillas face the death penalty. One village was deported en masse more than 400 miles.

But it was lucky compared with other reported cases. In 1973 the Zambian Daily Mail revealed that a number had been surrounded by troops who pumped hundreds of bullets into them.

The Daily Mirror has recently printed reports from Rhodesian deserters that tell of dozens of men, women and children being massacred by the 'defenders of white civilisation'.

What did you do in the class war, Daddy?



We know what the TUC did. They sold out. But for thousands of rank and file trade unionists, the General Strike was a different story.

For them it unleashed the imagination, the determination, the power that, in normal times, our 'democratic' society keeps firmly under control.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the strike, Socialist Worker is producing a special supplement. So if you were around at the time, we want to hear from you.

We want your anecdotes, your clippings, your old photographs and strike bulletins. Anything you send us will, of course, be returned.

Contact Socialist Worker (General Strike), Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 8DN or 'phone 01-739 6361.

Solzhenitsyn's tragedy

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM
Laurie Flynn

He justifiably hates Stalinist Russia. But he thinks that is socialism—a fiction our rulers, like those in the Kremlin, have a vested interest in maintaining.

EVERY NOW and then, amid the constant stream of anti-socialist propaganda, our masters come up with something special. Alexander Solzhenitsyn is very special indeed.

Special because he is a great writer who has suffered the horrors of Stalinism at first hand and then gone on to record them in a series of powerful novels.

Branding

Special because when he appears on Panorama or in the pages of the Readers Digest, his statements are branding irons by comparison with the usual pinpricks.

Not that Solzhenitsyn's

prognostications are radically different from the usual diet. It's just that they're imparted with a conviction money-grubbing pygmies like Sir Ralph Bateman or Lord Robens simply do not have.

Yet Solzhenitsyn is saying just the same as these men. He believes that all attempts to change human society radically are doomed to failure.

For him, the monstrosity of Stalinism was not something brought about because the Russian Revolution was turned in on itself and produced its own stranglers.

On the contrary, Stalinism for him was the inevitable consequence of revolution.

This myth, of course, goes hand in hand with a number of others. These range from the routine

'Human nature is unchangeable, except through God', to the exceptional 'Before the Revolution, Russia was', as he insisted on the Panorama programme, 'a remarkably free place'.

Stalinism

How has this great man been driven to such a desperate and patently false conclusion?

Mainly, of course, by deep and totally justifiable hatred of Stalinism. But since Solzhenitsyn writes off the future he is driven backwards, driven to falsify the past.

His profound Russian nationalism leads him to conclude that in the past Russia had an ordered hierarchical society where

everybody knew their place and kept to it while people like himself saw to the finer things in life.

So far as his own politics are concerned he is profoundly reactionary and authoritarian. It is this that has led other Russian dissidents, notably Andrei Sakharov, to write open letters attacking Solzhenitsyn's view of the world.

According to Sakharov, Solzhenitsyn's views are viciously reactionary, amounting to a call for a new form of Czarism.

Not that you see or hear Sakharov on Panorama. He is still inside Russia. Yet there are other dissidents outside who share his views and who believe that whatever it was that went so desperately wrong in Russia it was not socialism.

Take Leonid Plyutchik for example. He has only just got out of the Russian tyrant's 'psychiatric clinic' reserved for opponents of the regime.

He's now living in Paris. But he's not been accorded endless hours on British TV.

This is mainly connected with the fact that he's a socialist who believes that what you have in Russia is not socialism but 'a state of capitalism'.

Maintain

Our rulers have every bit as much interest as their comrades in the Kremlin in maintaining the fiction that socialism exists in Russia.

For each of them it is a justification of the social system they uphold.

What's more, the two worlds are coming closer in another sense.

ITT is setting up factories in Russia. It likes the relatively cheap labour and stable government.

Singer Sewing Machines have gone into Poland for similar reasons.

Detente

Which explains the very detente that Alexander Solzhenitsyn finds so incomprehensible.

Detente, in fact, is a newer, more sophisticated, form of the very world system whose grip the Russian working class tried to break in 1917.

They succeeded briefly within the confines of their own country. But that socialist upheaval failed to spread.

What do YOU think about Solzhenitsyn? We want to hear from you. Write to Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 8DN.

British Nazis will get away with THIS-official

THIS IS Graeme Atkinson. The 19 stitches came courtesy of the National Front. He was unlucky enough to get in their way when they smashed up a meeting in Manchester last November. Not bad for an organisation devoted to 'law and order'.

Not so good, however, for Graeme Atkinson, who learned last week that the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided not to bring any charges against his attackers.

Neither are charges likely to be brought against six NF members who invaded a dance at London's Brunel University two weeks ago and beat up three students.

A witness told the Hillingdon Mirror: 'They had come to Brunel to commit a premeditated assault on a student. They claimed they were Angolan mercenary supporters... One wore a tee-shirt emblazoned with the words 'Rhodesia is super'.'

No, the police and the DPP will do nothing about all this. After all, the DPP's concern about 'law and order' only stretches as far as bringing charges against men such as the Shrewsbury pickets, one of whom, Des Warren, is still in jail.

But, then, that's exactly the vision of 'law and order' the National Front itself holds so dear...

All the same, these lefties...

SCENE: Section 4, Princess assembly line, North Side, Cowley (Leyland's so-called trouble spot).

ENTER loud-mouthed racist, second week on the section. Near-to-blows with West Indian, then a fight with a young Pakistani. Finally another near punch-up with a Scot.

ENTER large West Indian. Tells racist to 'watch it'.

Immediately, all the blokes start talking about this nutcase who never stops using racist jokes and ridicule on a line where everyone—black and white—is mates.

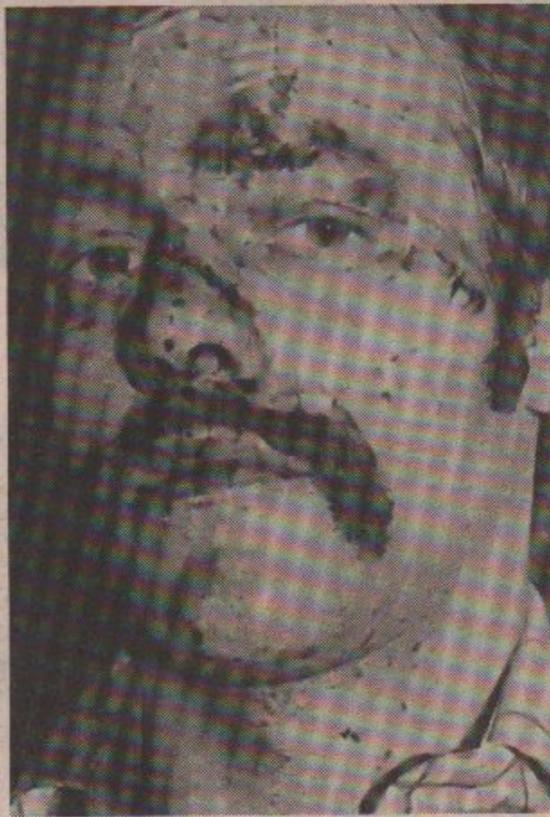
Right, that's it. Call the shop steward. Get this racist off the line or we stop work.

EXIT racist. As he leaves the line for the last time, 100 blokes break into song, with banging and cheering.

The trouble with this line, as Leyland manager Mathews says, is that 'there are too many left-wingers on it'.

KEITH SAMSON

SACRIFICE CORNER: A keep-it-quiet magazine for the rich is now offering a £7 discount for an annual subscription (normal price £48). Recent articles include Spain: A banking sanctuary? And the name of this little number? Tax Haven Review



And where will it all end? This year, a command to wear seat-belts. Next year, a ban on smoking? Then, no sugar in your tea? How long before the government orders everyone out for a run before breakfast? —from an editorial in that sober-minded journal for 'intelligent' people, The Economist (28 February).

I HAVE always been opposed to the closed shop and the Solzhenitsyn programme. Last night made me feel that I, too, should do something about this.

George Brown, announcing his reasons for quitting the Labour Party last week. Funny, then, that the Good Lord—so eager to 'do something' about the closed shop—couldn't even be bothered to attend the House of Lords debate on it the same night.

AFTER years of scratching each other's backs, Dundee councillors are now stabbing each other in the back.

The arrest of Councillor J. L. Stewart (former leader of the Labour group) has worried many of our representatives about their security on the gravel train.

Labour Lord Provost, Charlie Farquar, recently convicted on an assault charge, has been told to resign by both his own Labour henchmen and his Tory opponents.

He has now admitted that he has shopped several councillors for failing to declare interests when contracts were being awarded.

Farquar's principled move is, of course, because of his deep love for democracy and law and order. And nothing to do with his shaky grip on the provost's chain.

ALAN BARCLAY

HEARD the one about the Fleet Street journalist in Northern Ireland who thought Ethics was somewhere to the east of Middlesex?

FOOTNOTE (from the Yorkshire Evening Post, 13 February) to last week's story of how British soldiers killed in Labour's secret war in Oman are officially described as having 'died in a car crash'.

FATALLY HURT IN THE GULF



Capt. Martin Basil Ward-Harrison (26), above, only son of Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. John Ward-Harrison, Hazelbush House, York, has been fatally injured in a traffic accident while serving with the Sultan of Oman's forces in the Arabian Gulf.

IT'S A FREE COUNTRY... ISN'T IT?

WITHOUT COMMENT

—from the Daily Telegraph, 5 March

Here's part of what Johnson reported:

Wildcat

'Mr Sutton wanted to know if we know of any association between the International Socialist group which has been very active in the recent Perkins strike (Peterborough, UK) and the group that perpetrated the wildcat strikes at our own plant in Detroit. I indicated to him that there was no personal knowledge of a link between the two groups.'

'He continued by saying that Massey-Ferguson was extremely concerned about the activities of a group known as International Socialists. Further they had positively identified members of this organisation who had agitated both inside and outside of the operation and contributed to the labour unrest at Perkins...'

'It was Mr Sutton's hope that if we had a community of interest, that the two companies sit down and exchange information on the apparent strategy of these people who had openly stated their aim was to frustrate Industrial Relations and private industry as we now know it to exist...'

Go and SPUC yourself, Abse

abortion. 'Morbidity and mortality are extremely high,' the report says, 'and impose a heavy burden on existing health facilities for 'medical salvage' procedures.'

Restrict

'The largest maternity hospital in Bogota, Colombia, devotes a full half of its beds to cases arising from

complications of illegally induced abortions, and Cairo University Hospital finds 50 per cent of its maternity budget consumed by such cases.'

Other places with restrictive laws are Indonesia, Latin America, the Middle East and parts of Africa.

If SPUC—not to mention Leo Abse and James White—get their way, you'll soon be able to add Britain to that list.

Mr James Goad, the Suffolk man whose battle with the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers in the now-defunct National Industrial Relations Court, led to the union being fined £55,000 with £6,000 costs, is to stand as a Conservative candidate in local council elections in May.

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WARNING TO EMPLOYERS:

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A sacked worker at Spear and Jackson takes a leaflet from a marcher. 'When we are gone, there will be no stewards left,' she says.

Anger marchers at work

IN a sharp, swift move last Friday, the March for the Right to Work acted to fight sackings.

That morning the march council read in a local paper that Spear and Jackson, a small garden tool factory at Dronfield, south of Sheffield, was sacking 43 of its 123 workers.

Two hours later, eluding the persistent police escort, marchers invaded the factory.

Before gate security knew what was happening, the marchers were in among the machinery, urging the workers to stand up and fight the sackings.

They called a meeting of 30 workers outside the factory, and held a second in the canteen with another 30.

Hand-picked

The sacked workers were delighted. They told the marchers that the redundancies had been hand-picked, that they left not a single shop steward in the factory, and that the GMWU official had known about them a week before, but had told no one.

The March for the Right to Work reaches the Midlands this week. It is the most powerful demonstration against unemployment since the war.

Socialist Worker this week gives seven pages of a special 20-page issue to the march. Read all about it—but, most important, find out where you can join the march and how you can greet the marchers at the Albert Hall next Saturday.

Enraged, the marchers, with some of the sacked workers, stormed into the manager's office. London engineering worker and marcher Mich Brightman bellowed at him: 'Will you sleep at night with these 43 and their families on the dole?' The manager replied nervously: 'No comment'. That afternoon, another delegation of marchers

visited the AUEW office in Chesterfield. District secretary Bill Mitchell told them he had not heard of the sackings. But he promised he would go to the factory and fight for the sacked workers that afternoon.

He chipped in £5 for the march funds. A retired AUEW convenor, Bill Martin, followed this with another £3.

Lunacy

This action, and the saving of 70 electricians' jobs in Manchester after marchers occupied the site (full story—page 8), shows what the March for the Right to Work is about.

It is not only a demonstration to call attention to the plight of the unemployed and the lunacy of a system which spawns unemployment.

It is a rallying call, to rouse employed workers to use their industrial strength against all redundancies, to ban all overtime and to win the shorter working week.



John Deason, Right to Work Campaign secretary, with two Spear and Jacksons workers on their way to the manager's office.

SEVEN-PAGE SPECIAL

Reports: Paul Foot and Pete Marsden. Pictures: John Sturrock (REPORT)

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HOW WE HELPED WIN BACK 70 JOBS

SOCIALIST WORKER reported last week that as the Right to Work marchers left Manchester they occupied the Taylor Woodrow Arndale Centre site in protest at the sacking of 70 electricians for going on strike.

You'll be glad to hear that the occupation has proved a complete success. Workers' action on the site, prompted by the occupation, has resulted in the unconditional reinstatement of all the sacked sparks.

On the Monday after the occupation, a mass meeting of 500 workers on the site voted for an all-out strike if the sparks were not reinstated within two days.

That same day, unemployed Cardiff electrician Billy Williams left the Right to Work march to speak to the sparks on the site about the need for rank and file control of the EETPU.

Two days later the sparks had not been reinstated, so the whole site came out on strike. At once all 70 electricians were reinstated and paid for the days they had been on strike.

The sparks at the Arndale site had affiliated to the Right to Work Campaign before they went on strike—they had sent the form that appeared in



by **BOBBY BUIRDS** (EETPU), secretary, Manchester Right to Work Campaign

Socialist Worker to the Right to Work Campaign office. Immediately after being reinstated, they agreed to hold a further collection for the march—and to send a delegation to the Albert Hall rally.

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A MEMBER of the Communist Party watched the marchers climb the road out of Sheffield. He had been on a hunger march in 1936 and will be going on the 27 March Assembly on Unemployment, he told Tony Evans, a marcher from Rhyl in North Wales.

He commented too on the police escort. 'We didn't have that in 1936', he said. 'They just knocked shit out of us in every town'.

HOW THEY KEPT ME OUT OF WORK

I WAS asked to make a short speech in the town square at Barnsley, where quite a few people turned up to hear me and the rest of my comrades.

I spoke about the way I have been discriminated against so it is even more difficult for a black person to get a job.

I was unemployed for nine months after leaving college, but at last I got a job as a trainee polisher. I was put on a six-week training scheme. I was very low-paid and was forced to do overtime with no pay.

Then they cut the two 15-minute breaks in the morning and afternoon by seven minutes each.

Then I was told to break my five-week contract by doing piece-work, when I should have been doing six weeks training on the day rate. I refused, and when the six weeks were up, I was sacked.

Trainee

Well, I went on the dole again, and after four months I was given a card at the government Jobs Centre which advertised a job as a trainee polisher, no experience, good English needed.



By **COMPTON BURRELL** Birmingham marcher

I was very punctual at the firm's front door, in a posh area in Solihull. The place was full of expensive cars.

I gave my card in at reception, and was told to wait. So I looked at all these stones which had been gathered there from all over the world—and at these toffee-nosed people talking and walking backwards and forwards.

Then the boss came out. He had 'You're black, get out!' written all over his face. I was very polite.

He said he hadn't given any information to any Job Centre.

The next day I went to the Jobs Centre again. They said they had been asked to advertise the job. It had been filled, since I went there.

Guess the colour of the bloke who got it!

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THE songs of the marchers were infectious. Near Wakefield one of the police escort could be heard loudly whistling 'Solidarity forever'. At Huddersfield Polytechnic a hall porter whistled the 'International' as the marchers passed.

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AN ex-miner stopped marcher Bobby Buirds in Chesterfield market place and told him how he'd been sacked after complaining of chest trouble caused by the dust down the pit.

He had asked for a transfer from the coalface to a pithead job. A week later he was given his cards. Since then he had been on the dole for three years.

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MARCH

The day the the miners



'Come on lads, they're on the house'. Local NUM president Willy Bell hands out fags to marchers at North Gawber.

WEDNESDAY was a day when the marchers met the Yorkshire miners. None will ever forget it.

While the march moved into the country outside Wakefield, delegations were taken by car to pits all over the coalfield.

Tony Jones and Jack Cummins went to Dodworth, Tommy Dourass to Wooley, others went to Houghton Main, Dearne Valley, Newmillerdam and Grimthorpe.

Most of the delegations rejoined the march before lunch, as it moved into the pit village of North Gawber.

The staff of the miners' welfare had gathered outside their hall to cheer the marchers in. In the dining hall, an enormous spread of buns and cakes were laid out.

Willy Bell, the branch president, made a short speech of welcome. The buns and cakes, he explained, were 'just for afters'. Pie and peas would be served to all the marchers. (cheers). The pit baths superintendent was on hand if any marchers wanted showers (more cheers).

'Just remember', he said, 'that your fight is our fight, and our fight is your fight'. (Tremendous applause).

During dinner, the marchers mingled with the miners in the club. They talked about the national overtime ban—the miners' attempt to



Charlie Clegg: Rest day

save Langwith pit from closure—overturned by the executive.

The branch at North Gawber was for an overtime ban. So was the branch at Wooley, which was sharing the cost of the marchers' lunch. Feeling against NUM president Joe Gormley was high in both pits.

After dinner, about 30 of the marchers were taken to the showers where they met the miners coming off the mor-

ning shifts. There was more urgent discussion about the overtime ban.

Pit voting on the issue had just started, and the marchers urged the miners to vote 'No' to the executive. They said a ban on overtime would help stop pit closures—and help provide more jobs for the unemployed.

The bathers returned to find Willy Bell handing out free cigarettes to the marchers. 'All on us, lads', he was saying. 'You deserve it'.

A good slice of the cost of the miners' hospitality will be met by a pithead collection made that morning by Charlie Clegg, a miner for 35 years at North Gawber.

As soon as his branch agreed to support the march, Charlie applied for one of his eight rest days a year. He was up early with a bucket at the pithead calling for money for the marchers.

'It's the best rest day I've had', he said. 'I only wish I could have done more. When you think what people did for us when we were on strike—well, we should do everything to help other workers who are fighting'.

As the march lined up to leave North Gawber, Tommy Dourass made a speech of thanks. 'I think that today is something we'll talk about to our grandchildren'.

After climbing the highest hill in the world, the march stopped outside the headquarters of the Yorkshire NUM.

Jack Leigh, Yorkshire miners' vice-president, came out and greeted the marchers. He said his area council had supported the march un-animously. It was a 'genuine initiative in the fight against unemployment', and we are behind you all the way'.

Despite constant police attempts to move the marchers on, Jack insisted in going among the marchers congratulating them. 'I want to shake you by the hand', he told Compton Burrell, black marcher from Birmingham—and he did.

After a short meeting in Barnsley town centre, the marchers then climbed the highest hills in the univers to the miners welfare hall at Monk Bretton where they stayed the night.



At last, a shower! The marchers mingle with miners at the pithead baths, North Gawber.



'Congratulations on your initiative'. Jack Leigh, vice-president of the Yorkshire miners, boosts the marchers outside the NUM office in Barnsley.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK

NO RETURN TO THE 30's

Right to Work pamphlet, available now from Right to Work Campaign, 46 Prince George Road, London N16. Price 19p a copy, including postage. 10p a copy for orders of 10 or more.

marchers met



Employed and Unemployed Unite! Black and White Unite and Fight! Two of the most familiar slogans of the march put into practice as Danny Evaristo, unemployed boilermaker and former chairman of the Greenwich Trades Council, discusses the miners' overtime ballot with a miner outside the pithead baths at North Gawber pit, Yorkshire.

Sacked from making the fuel we need

FIVE days notice—that's all the 120 men to be sacked at the Coalite and Chemical plant at Grimethorpe, near Barnsley, were given. A delegation of marchers went to the plant and spoke to Transport Workers secretary Dennis Cooper.

The plant had a quarter of a million tons of Coalite in stock and couldn't sell any of it, he

told them. With only five days notice, how could they fight the sackings? Ken Appleby, of the Rank and File Organising Committee, pointed out that Coalite was a private company 'hived off' from the Coal Board when it was profitable.

The reason for the massive stocks of Coalite was not that people didn't need the fuel—look

at the stories that appeared in the papers during the cold spell a month ago, when old people were dying because they couldn't afford fuel. The answer, surely, was to nationalise the firm. The government could make sure people could afford Coalite—particularly old people and unemployed.

Could the men at Coalite not get support

from the local miners in fighting the sackings? he asked. Dennis Cooper said local miners knew the running down of Coalite threatened their own jobs, for it meant less coal brought from the pits.

The marchers said they would contact miners who had given them support to see if they could help the Coalite men to fight the sackings.

LANGWITH TO-DAY YOUR PIT TO-MORROW! VOTE NO TO PIT CLOSURES

Posters put out by Yorkshire Miners last week

'I CAME AWAY SICK... SICK WITH ANGER'

EX-MINER Ray Holmes led the delegation of marchers to Langwith, the North Derbyshire pit threatened with closure. Ray was born in Langwith village and worked down the pit there and at nearby Shirebrook for 15 years.

'Going back there today really hurt me,' he said.

'The blokes there, blokes I went to school with and worked with, are walking around with their jaws down by their ankles, going to work as if to a funeral, never knowing if this shift will be the last.'

'I spoke to the branch secretary there, Albert Brewster, whom I've known for years. He's been fighting this since 1972-73, and every time the backing he's got from the lads has been eroded by what officials above him have done.'

'Now he's sick of fighting.'

The battle for Langwith was the subject of the recent manoeuvring on the NUM executive, when the right wing turned a vote for a national overtime ban into a vote against—despite support for the ban from miners all over the country.

'The young blokes there are really sick with anger. I came away sick myself, sick with anger.'

HOW THE MONEY ROLLS IN...

CAROLINE CONWAY (Left), an unemployed GMWU member from London, is not only one of the most consistent speakers and strongest marchers. She is also march treasurer, which means constant worry with accounts.

Each day she has to record all the donations along the route, and dip into her funds to meet the numerous small expenses.

Caroline gave Socialist Worker details of money collected during three days

Wednesday 3 March: Collection on the day's march, £15.68; Barnsley meeting £5.80; Leeds meeting (speakers: Len Blood and Paul Foot), £15; Thomas Smiths factory collection £9.50.

Thursday 4 March: Rockingham NUM £5; Sheffield University collection £1.78; collection on the day's march £44.35; Sheffield meeting (speakers: Len Blood and Clive Hartley) £26; Scunthorpe meeting (speakers: Sam Strudwick and Tommy Dourass) £21.10.

Friday 5 March: Collection on the day's march £33; AUEW Chesterfield district office £8; Johnny Mosley, manager Clay Cross social centre £5; Cliff Williams, chairman, Clay Cross Labour Party £1.

Said Caroline: 'We collect, on average, something like £50 a day. But that's not everything by any means. Whenever any organisation gives the march a meal—that's worth at least £50 to us.'

'Even so, there's a big gap between what we collect and what we spend to keep these marchers on the road.'

'So I hope all readers of Socialist Worker keep up the pressure for collections in factories and union branches'



Four or five marchers walk ahead selling copies of John Deason's pamphlet and taking donations. One of the best is Roger Milton, an unemployed engineering worker from Leeds seen here clinching another deal with a sympathetic onlooker.

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All money collected from:
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26 miles of factory—all in a day

BREAKFAST was made by John Deason and Tommy Dourass. It was beans in tomato sauce, concentrated tomato puree—and tinned tomatoes.

A vote of thanks was moved—on condition that they swore never to make breakfast again.

The march started towards Rotherham in thick fog. After an hour, the marchers passed a sign which said: Rotherham—7 miles. An hour later, they passed another sign which said: Rotherham—9 miles.

They had taken the wrong road in the fog.

But the marchers were soon cheered up. Just as a BBC reporter started to interview the marchers, a man came along the road.

He was Herbert Foster, NUM branch secretary at Rockingham pit, with a message of support for the march and a £5 donation.

He told the BBC man that

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marchers were exhausted and their feet blistered.

But along the route signs of support continually lifted their spirits. First a line of posters for that night's Right to Work meeting, some in Urdu.

Then as they passed Balfour Darwin engineering works, about a dozen workers came out to greet them led by AUEW convenor Clive Hartley.

The marchers cheered to see a six-inch slogan printed 30ft up on the Tinsley MI viaduct. 'Fight for the Right to Work! No Return to the Thirties!' had mysteriously appeared during the previous night.

The road led them mile upon mile through the BSC steelworks. Along the way, individual workers came out to give donations and take Right to Work pamphlets—176 were sold that day.

For the final mile to Sheffield City Hall, the marchers were joined by a demonstration of about 200 local trade unionists and students.

every man had a right to work, and his members were right behind the campaign.

The message was recorded—but never broadcast.

The road to Sheffield was tough. With a total of 93 miles behind them, and 24 marched that day, the

THE broad solidarity building up behind the Campaign was shown by a magnificent meeting in Sheffield with speakers from the Communist Party, the Labour Party, and the International Marxist Group.

Clive Hartley, a member of the Communist Party and convenor of Balfour Darwin engineering works, chaired the meeting. 'I received a phone call on Tuesday warning me not to be at this meeting,' he said.

'It was from the area secretary of the Communist Party. He said that the people organising this meeting were sectarians and splitters.'

'Well, I think the only ones being sectarians and splitters are such people in the Communist Party. I expect to be expelled after tonight.'

'But I don't care. The people I want my support to come from is the rank and file, the trade unionists on the shop floor. They're the people who matter.'

He echoed Socialist Worker, asking the meeting: 'Do you call this a Labour government? This charade has got to end.'

'This magnificent march is the rallying call that the working class in this country needs. But we've got to continue the struggle within the trade union movement.'

'We've got to get down to the rally at the Albert Hall where this march will end, and we've got to get the local campaign for the Right to Work going.'

Ron Thompson, an AUEW shop steward and member of the International Marxist Group (IMG), also gave his support to the marchers. He criticised the trade union leadership for not supporting them: 'There are people who say "They are isolated from the labour movement"—and of course those same people are working 24 hours a day to see they are isolated.'

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On the road from Rotherham to Sheffield. The factories stretched out all day long.



WATCH OUT FOR US, EMPLOYER!

Len Blood, AUEW steward from Warrington, chatting to Clive Hartley, AUEW convenor at Balfour Darwins, Sheffield, as the march passed the factory.

Len marched for the first week—more than 100 miles—and never missed a chance to explain to workers why he is standing for the assistant general secretaryship of the AUEW.

He told meetings in Huddersfield, Leeds and Sheffield and countless factory delegations that he stood for a strong union controlled by the rank and file, which would fight for a shorter working week.

When he left the march, Len said: 'These comrades have given me new life and dedica-



THE saddest moment of the march came at Clay Cross, when Jack Cummins, veteran AUEW militant from Bolton, left for home after marching more than 100 miles. His daughter, Alison, who is suffering from an incurable disease, suddenly became ill.

Alison too had travelled with the march.

Jack told Socialist Worker: 'The comrades on this march are the best group of working people who have got together since the 1930s. Many times I was reminded of the spirit of the International Brigade in Spain.'

'It's a terrible loss to go away, but I know they will carry this fight through to the end. They're that kind of people.'

Asked for her comments, Alison said 'The Queen is rubbish'.



NO JOB, NO ARM, BUT HE'S FIGHTING

Colin Calvert, from Manchester, lost his right arm in a machine six years ago. He was left alone with deadly, unguarded rollers after only four weeks of supervision.

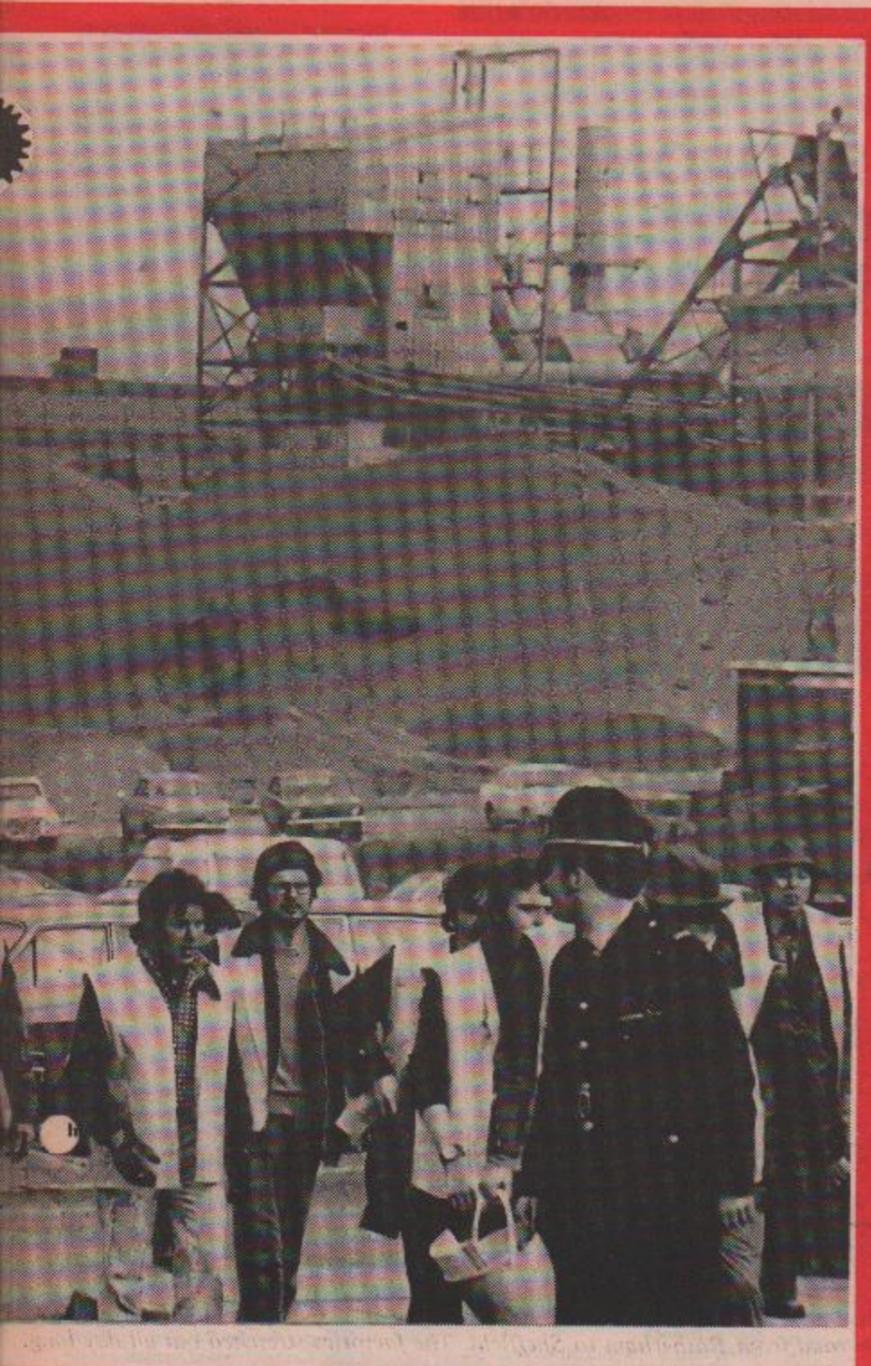
He spent 10 months in hospital, and another year training as a crane driver. He passed all his tests—but has never got a job as a crane driver since. He has been out of work for ten months.

Colin has been in great pain most of the march but has gone on without complaint, usually holding the awkward guy rope on the lead banner.

'I'm fighting for all those disabled people who are discriminated against and bullied all over the country', he said.



'Thanks Dave, I don't mind if I do'. A miner and victimised Clay Cross coun-



Overtime refusal wins 30 extra jobs

NEWS of a victory against unemployment brought cheers from the marchers for Ian McClelland, the Doncaster Labour councillor and Transport Workers secretary at International Harvesters, Doncaster.

Two days earlier the manager had come to him and said they were taking on 30 extra men, he told them as they stood on the steps of Sheffield City Hall.

'I've always stood against overtime. I've said that in all the six years I've been at Harvester. The basic wage should be enough to live on, I've said again and again.

'Well, when Harvesters got a new order coming in, the manager went round the lads asking them to work overtime. They'd said no. They hadn't banned it—but one by one they'd said no.

'I were right chuffed!'



Joe Cronshaw, class one lorry-driver, class one public speaker and class one blister-repairer, speaking at the Derby meeting. Other speakers are (left to right) Pip Jones, chairman Bill Pritchard and John Dilkes.

SOMEONE rang the Clay Cross social centre at 6am that Saturday morning. The phone rang for about ten minutes. No one answered it.

If the identity of this caller ever becomes known to the Right to Work marchers he will be hanged from the rear banner.

Eileen Wholey, Dave Nuttall and their cheerful team made the marchers breakfast again. (If you think that doesn't sound much, you imagine boiling 200 eggs and cooking two vast vats of porridge.)

Eileen made a short speech. 'It's our duty to help you people,' she said. 'And don't forget: when you're down, get up again and keep going.'

The march left Clay Cross with Eileen Wholey, Dave Nuttall and Graham Skinner from the 'First 11' Clay Cross councillors, and June Nuttall from the 'Second 10'.

Stamina

Dave and Graham marched all morning, and promised they would see us in the Albert Hall. At a conservative estimate, the Clay Cross Labour Party's effort for the marchers must have set them back well over £100: and that for one of the smallest towns on the route.

The marchers stumbled on to Ripley where they had a fine lunch at the Benjamin Outram

The head bought the beer

PICTURES: Rob Gold

School, paid for by collections from the local labour movement.

The headmaster, Geoffrey Summers, personally paid for a bottle of beer for each marcher. He said he supported the march 100 per cent.

Kevin Wingfield, unemployed teacher on the march, couldn't believe it. 'Can you imagine your headmaster buying beer for unemployed demonstrators?' he said.

Outside Ripley, the march was joined by a big delegation from York Trades Council and the York Right to Work Committee. George Pogmore, a well-known militant among

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York busmen, brought greetings from his trades council and his union branch.

Two miles outside Derby, as spirits and leg muscles were flagging again, 150 people came out to spur the marchers in. The march grew to its largest yet, shouting slogans as loudly as on the first day.

At the Guildhall was the biggest meeting since Manchester.

Bill Pritchard, Labour county councillor, chaired the meeting. John Dilkes, president of Derby Trades Council, asked the marchers to take the 'fraternal greetings of the Derby Labour movement with you all the way to London.'

The Mayor of Derby, Cyril Ofton, read a message of support.

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The meeting was most memorable for the speeches of three marchers, Joe Cronshaw, an unemployed lorry driver from Manchester, Pip Jones, an unemployed electrician from Cardiff, and Caroline Conway, an unemployed, GMWU member from London.

The three combined anger, humour and political understanding. None had spoken to a meeting a quarter of the size before in their lives. A week earlier, none would have dreamed of speaking to such a meeting.

In only a week, the spirit of the Right to Work march has transformed all 80 marchers into determined and powerful agitators for their class.

Clay X did them proud

THE police had a shock waiting for the marchers before they set off from Sheffield. There were parking tickets on all the baggage vans.

This included one that claimed the van was illegally parked at 8.45am. The ticket was discovered at 7.15am!

Chesterfield was packed for market day and a lively meeting was held in the main square.

Pride

Over lunch, marcher Ken Anderson told the marchers he had been buying milk on Chesterfield market when a woman pushed £3 into his hand. She was Ms W Barker, branch secretary of Chesterfield Hospitals branch of the Public Employees Union (NUPE).

Two miles out of Clay Cross, Cliff Williams, chairman of Clay Cross Labour

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council, came out to greet the marchers despite having flu. He said Clay Cross was proud of its record.

He also said it was a pity that George Brown hadn't taken Healey, Callaghan and

the rest of the government with him when he left the Labour Party.

The marchers had expected a warm welcome in Clay Cross, and got it! A fish and chip meal was provided by a team from the Clay Cross Labour Party, led by Eileen Wholey and Dave Nuttall, two of the 11 councillors victimised for standing up to the Tory Rent Act.

In the evening, several Labour Party members joined the marchers for a social. Dave Nuttall and David Skinner made speeches which told the marchers about the Clay Cross councillors' struggle and denounced the government.

Many marchers found it difficult to go to sleep because Mick Brightman kept announcing that he was the only Section One engineer on the march. This (inaccurate) information was repeated approximately 893 times before and after lights out.

Norman Colledge, secretary of the Alfreton Labour Party, welcoming the marchers to his home town.



WHERE TO JOIN THE MARCHERS

BIRMINGHAM: Marchers arrive Thursday 11 March, 4pm, march to Press Club, sponsored by Birmingham Mail NUJ chapel. 7.30pm: public meeting, AUEW Hall. Speakers: Lil Hall (NUPE district chairman) and Torlochan Dulay (Indian marcher).

COVENTRY: Friday 12 March, 12.30pm, arrives Triumph Meriden. 3pm, arrives Coventry, Banner Lane. 7.30pm, General Wolfe pub, Foleshill Road, social, disco and North West Spanner.

RUGBY: Saturday 13 March, 4.30pm, marchers

arrive Rugby Portland Cement factory. 5pm, Open air meeting in Rugby Market Place.

Monday 15 March, 9am, March leaves Unemployment Exchange.

NORTHAMPTON: March arrives Monday 15 March, 3.30pm, at Rifle Butt pub, opposite Watney Mann Depot, end of Harlesden Road. Evening meeting at Town Hall, 7.30pm. Speakers: Maureen Colquhoun, MP for Northampton, Paul Foot (Socialist Worker), Brian Higgins (UCATT,

Northampton). Chairman: Tom Sullivan (EETPU, Northampton).

BROMHAM: Marchers stop midday, Tuesday 16 March.

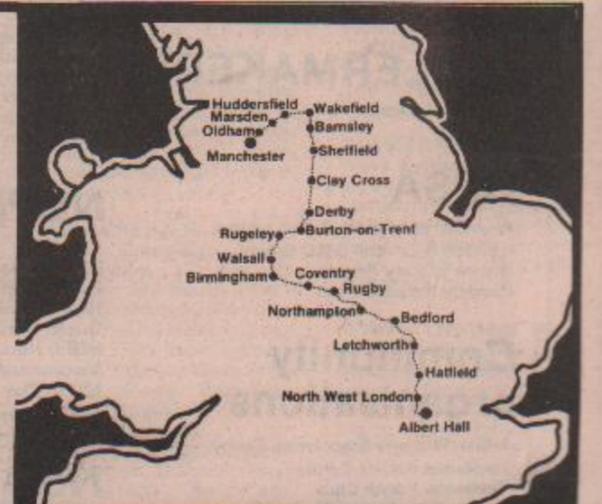
BEDFORD: Marchers arrive 4pm, Tuesday 16 March, along main road from Northampton. Night stop: in Friends Meeting House and Labour Party meeting room.

SHEFFORD: Marchers stop lunchtime, Wednesday 16 March.

STEVENAGE: Marchers lunch, Stevenage College.

LETCHWORTH: Marchers arrive Green Lane, Works Road, at Borg Warners, Wednesday 17 March, 4pm. Reception and social at 8pm, Grange Community Centre, Middlefield, Letchworth. Admission 30p, unemployed free.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY: Marchers arrive 4.30pm. Meeting on Industrial Estate, 5.15-5.30pm. Night stop in HATFIELD Polytechnic.



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Horsbury Branch
Westminster TUPS Branch
Holborn Branch

ASTMS

No.9 Divisional Council
Cramlington
Leicester Electrical Branch
Norwich General 797 Branch
No.9 Division NHS Advisory
Committee, Linthorpe
Durham Health Service Branch
Tyneside Health Service Branch
South Norwood 648 Branch
Executive Staff No.1 Branch
Rolls Royce (Derby) Branch
West London Medical Branch
Leamington Spa Branch 933
Edinburgh University Branch
ASTMS Durham Colleges
ASTMS Cambridge General
Branch
East Fife 650 Branch
Coventry No.1 Branch
ICL Branch (Letchworth)
NE London Medical Branch
Hammersmith 122 Branch
South Leeds Branch

AUEW

Blackburn No.1 Branch
Newton 28 NE Branch
Cricklewood No.4 Branch
Letchworth No.5 Branch
Coventry No.74-322CE Branch
Ealing No.15 Branch
Queensbury No.2 Branch
Manchester No.5 Branch
Chiswick No.2 Branch
Cathcart
Huddersfield No.13 Branch
AUEW(TASS)Halifax Branch
Cricklewood C1CE Branch
Fords Dagenham
Halifax No.5 Branch
Shipley No.2 Branch
Belper Branch
Pilton Branch
Warrington District Committee
Derby District Committee
Foundry Section Sheffield
New Southgate No.1 Branch
Kirkstall No.2 Branch
Huddersfield No.2 Branch
Patricroft 2PE Branch
Bilston No.33 BE Branch
Thornbury 59TE Branch
AUEW(TASS)Derby No.1 Branch
Olton-Solihull Branch
Dursley District Committee
Edmonton AUEW Branch
Highgate AUEW Branch
AUEW(TASS)Newcastle East
Branch
Wakefield No.6-222-WE Branch
Osset No.56 OE Branch
Bradford 7 Branch
High Wycombe No.5 Branch
AUEW/TASS Southall Branch
East Acton AUEW Branch
Wythenshaw No.1 AUEW Branch
Shipley No.1 Branch AUEW
Rodley Branch
Huddersfield No.6 Branch
Huddersfield No.11 Branch
Huddersfield No.9 Branch
Enfield Lock Branch
Dudley West Midlands Branch
AUEW/TASS Coventry No.9
Walsall Branch
Rugby No.9 Branch
Coseley No.2 Branch
Wednesbury No.3 Branch
Ford No.38 Branch
Shepherds Bush No.3E35 Branch
AUEW/TASS Leicester East Branch
Bradford No.8 Branch
Letchworth AUEW No.3
AUEW(Construction Section)
Invergordon Branch
Wembley No.4 Branch
Lowestoft AUEW Branch Foundry
Section
Cannock Chase No.2 Branch
Stevenage No.1 Branch
AUEW Enfield Town 3
Hammersmith & Kensington
Southolds AUEW
Harlow No.3 Branch

BOILERMAKERS

Hull No.1 Branch

CPSA

Area Committee No.4 (N.London)
London N.Central GMO Branch
British Library Branch
Cavrelle House Branch

Community organisations

Indian Workers Association Derby
Harlesden Advice Centre
Tavistock Youth Club
Indian Workers Association Green-
wich

COHSE

Whipps X Branch (Hospital)

**Rank and File Organising Committee
RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN****LABOUR AND TRADE UNION
BODIES SUPPORTING THE
RIGHT TO WORK MARCH FROM
MANCHESTER TO LONDON**

Many hundreds of other bodies are supporting the Right to Work Campaign. In addition, many bodies have come to the assistance of the marchers as they passed through their areas.

EETPU

Cardiff No.2 Branch
Newport
Blyth Power Station
Swansea 15617
EETPU (Electricians Shop)
Arndale Centre
EETPU (Ipswich)
R'W Dept.Rotary Electrical
Glasgow South East Branch

**FIRE
BRIGADES
UNION**

Essex Brigade Committee

**Federated
chapels**

Pearlite (Metal Box) Fed.

GMWU

No.1 Branch Greenwich

ISTC

Charlton Branch

**LABOUR
PARTY**

Abbey Ward Labour Party
Hebden Royd & Hopton Branch
Belper Labour Party
Dunfermline Labour Party YS
Darwen Constituency Labour Party
Ribble Valley South L.P.Ward
Oulton Broad Labour Party
Ambergate, Heage & Ripley South
Bradford University Ward L.P.
Derbyshire Tribune Group
Metlock Labour Party
North Ilkeston Labour Party
Alfreton & Swannick Labour Party

NALGO

Lambeth NALGO Executive
Edinburgh & District Gas Branch
Barnsley NALGO Health Service Branch
Tower Hamlets NALGO
Islington NALGO
Enfield NALGO
Metropolitan D.C. of NALGO
NALGO York Branch
NALGO GLC Branch
Chester NALGO Action Group
Aberdeen & District Health Service
Branch
Kensington & Chelsea District NALGO
Bradford Area Electricity Branch
Hammersmith Branch NALGO
North Tyneside Branch
Middlesbrough Branch
Midddx.Polytechnic Branch
South West Gas NALGO
Waltham Forest NALGO Action
Group
Lothian Regional Council Branch Exec.
Kings Heath District Sub-Branch
Chester District and HO Social Service
Workers
Drayton Park Area Team NALGO
Hammersmith Branch

NUPE

Camden Health District Branch
Frenchay Hospital Branch
Hammersmith Health Branch
Queen Elizabeth Hospital
NUPE Housing Branch
Mexborough Branch
NUPE Clay Cross
NUPE (Manchester)

NGA

Lethworth NGA
CPSA Export House Branch
Kent Graphical Society
Chiltern and Thames Valley
NGA Branch

NATFHE

City College, Pitfield Street Branch
Woolwich College
Hendon College of F E
Abraham Moss Centre
Manchester Polytechnic
Uxbridge Technical College
Thames Polytechnic
Windsor Branch
N.E.London Poly

NUT

Holloway School
N.London Teachers Assoc.
Shelburne School, N.17
Tyneside Rank and File
Wandsworth Teachers Assoc.
Dick Shepherd School
Abraham Moss Centre
Langdon School, Newham
Loford High School, Ilford
Newcastle upon Tyne Teachers
Assoc.
Crawley Association
Crown Hills/Wakerley Secondary
Schools NUT Group, Leicester
Phoenix School
London E.3.
Kingsdale School NUT
Birmingham Rank & File Group
Knowle Hill School, Kenilworth
Mid-Leicestershire NUT
Scott-Lidgett School, SE 16
Pooles Park J/M School, N4
Thomas Bennett School, Crawley
Aire Valley Teachers Assoc.
All Saints College of Ed. N.17
Tyneside Actio Ctte Against Cuts
Walbottle High School, Newcastle
Mountfield Infants, Newcastle
West Jesmond Jnr. Newcastle
Brunswick Park JM School, SE5
Chingford Senior High School
Crawley Teachers Assoc.
Tower Hamlets School E.1
Broadoak School, Manchester
Honley High School, Hudders-
field.

NATSOPA

NATSOPA Lorilleux & Bolton
Chapel
Times NATSOPA Clerical Chapel

NUSS

Glasgow NUSS

NUM

Tursdale Lodge NUM (Durham
Mechanics Group No.1 Area
Houghton Main Branch
Yorkshire Region NUM
Denby Grange Lodge
Murton Miners Lodge
Power Group Area Lea Hall Branch
NUM Ollerton Branch
N.W. Area Pendlebury Branch
Bolsover Branch NUM (ICOSA)
NUM Cadbury Main Branch

NUJ

Glasgow NUJ Branch
Book Branch NUJ
East Northants Branch
Edinburgh and District Branch
London East Branch
North London Branch
Uxbridge Branch
Cambridge Branch

NUR and TSSA

Cambridge Branch NUR
Paddington No.1 NUR
Old Oak Common NUR Branch
TSSA Glasgow P & T Branch
NUR Derby No.3 Branch

NASDU

Branch No.4 (HULL)

**Student unions/
associations**

College of Ed.Students Assoc.

Bedford College, University of
London
North Glos.Tech.College S.U.
Moray House College of Ed.S.A.
Aberystwyth Guild of Students
Bradford University S.U.
Thames Poly S.U.
Didsbury College of Ed. S.U.
Middlesex Poly S.U.
Ruskin College S.U.
Sheffield Poly S.U.
Manchester Area NUS
N.E.London Poly S.U.
Iranian Federation of Students
Bolton College of Ed. S.U.
University of East Anglia
North London Poly S.U.
Highbury Tech.College S.U.
Derby College of Art and Tech-
nology S.U.
Manchester Poly S.U.
Manchester University NUS
Bedford College of Ed.S.U.
Stirling Students Assoc.
Falkirk College of Technology
Students Assoc.
Leicestershire Area Committee
of NUS
Westminster College Union Soc.
Southlands College S.U.
Kingston Poly S.U.
Glasgow College of Technology
Students Assoc.
Aberystwyth Guild of Students
Lancaster University S.U.

SOGAT

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Jefferson Smirfitt Chapel (St.Helens)
Maidstone Branch Committee
Derby Regional Branch Committee
Derby Branch
Merseyside & District Branch
Fort William Branch

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P.T.A. Fords Dagenham
Metal Box (O/T)AUEW SSC
M.K.Electric, London N8
Greenings (AUEW Warrington)
United Yeast (AUEW)
ENM Ltd.Works Committee (AUEW)
Witton & James (GEC) Ltd.
Borg-Warner JSSC
Cros fields JSSC
Cannon Industries JSSC
Marsh Farm Site SSC
EETPU GEC Ltd. SS
Thomas Broadbent SSC (Huddersfield)
Fletcher & Stewarts JSSC
Ferranti Cairo Mill SSC
U.G.Glass New X SSC
Glasgow D.C.Central Electrical Workshop
Massey Ferguson JSSC(Manchester)
Feniger SSC Blackburn
GEC Elliotts (Lewisham)AUEW/TASS
JSSC
Barr and Stroud (Glasgow) JSSC
Metal Box JSSC (Shipley)
Thorns SSC(Bradford)Consumer
Electronics
I.C.I.SSC (Huddersfield)
Crofts SSC (Bradford)
London Joint Sites
Joseph Rhodes & Sons Ltd. SSC
(Wakefield)
Rhodes/Halmshaw Ltd. SSC
Lancaster Engineering SSC
Uniroyal Chemicals SSC(ITGWU)
Olivetti Queenstie SSC(Glasgow)
Gornan McInnes SSC(Glasgow)
AUEW SSC
JSSC Ruston Diesels Ltd.
ACTT/BBC Joints Shops Ctte.
Iron,Steel and Kindred Trades
Association (Staff SSC)
J.B. & Lees Ltd.
McDermotts SSC
McAlpines Site SSC
BCC(Wembley)AUEW SSC
BeeKay Ltd. T&GWU SSC
Birmingham NALGO S.S.Reps
Carborundum Co.Ltd.SSC(T&GWU)
Rota Print Ltd SSC
F.S.W.(Horbury)JSSC
Kearns Richards SSC(AUEW)
Willesden Garage SSC(T&GWU)
Reeds Tovil & Bridge Mills (Sogat
Chapel Ctte.)
Salford Docks SSC (T&GWU)
Mullards(Blackburn)SSC(AUEW)
Whitbreads JSSC (Blackburn)
Record Electric Broadheath SSC
May & Baker Ltd.Engineers SSC
EMI JSSC
Smiths Industries SSC
Feniger Blackburn SSC
Warrington Gasworks SSC
Cork Main Co.Ltd.SSC
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Press Plant Hire (North London)

Brentford Nylons SSC (Cramlington)
Ryders SSC (Bolton)
Howard Rotavator JSSC
Raleighs (Nottingham)
Smiths Industries SSC
Crown Wallpapers (Blackburn)
Huntfields Engineering (Blackburn)
MII French Site SSC
McAlpines King Street Site Works Ctte.
Cork Man Co.Ltd.SSC
Chrysler, Linwood (AUEW)

TGWU

6/123 Westhoughton Branch
1/696 Manor House Hospital Branch
9/316 ACTS York Branch
5/584 Wolverhampton Branch
7/266A Linwood (Chrysler)Branch
8/34 Longbenton Branch
ACTS 1/524 Central London Branch
5/563 Hardy Spicers Branch
TGWU Carrington Branch
TGWU 9/149 Branch
1/667 Dagenham Branch
1/6 Branch
ACTSS London Booksellers Branch
5/158 Coventry Branch
5/489 Branch (Ghilewell)
9/85 Branch
6/356 Darwen Branch
8/228 Newcastle Breweries Branch
2/491 Brylcreem Branch
01/1510-09 BOC Cricklewood Branch

ACTS
Region No.5
ACTS O1/1568 (Walls Meat Co.)
5/269 Allied Breweries Branch (Derby)
Tottenham Bus Garage
Wandsworth Bus Garage
5/463 Branch
1/727 Branch
3/83 ICSS & ISC Chemicals Branch
Bristol
3/111 Bristol Buses Branch
6/356 Darwen Branch

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Kingston Trades Council
Waltham Forest Trades Council
Cardiff Trades Council
Cannock Trades Council
Barnet Trades Council
South Sefton Trades Council
Dunstable Trades Council
Duns
Greenwich Trades Council
Wakefield Trades Council
Northampton Trades Council
Haringey Trades Council
Long Eaton Trades Council
Lambeth Trades Council
Forest Dean Trades Council
Hatfield Trades Council
Wear Valley District Trades Council
Crawley Trades Council
Bradford Trades Council
Stevenage Trades Council
Tameside Trades Council
Wigan Trades Council
Norwich Trades Council
Burton Trades Council
Enfield Trades Council
York Trades Council
Swansea and District Trades Council
Barnsley Trades Council
Newcastle Trades Council Right to
Work Committee

UCATT

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Wolverhampton Branch
Crook BB 145 Branch
Tottenham WG 224 Branch
Finsbury Park Branch
Luton Branch
Stoke Newington Branch
Lowerstoft (P)Branch
Basset Street Site
Hitchin Branch
BS155 Lowerstoft(Bricklayers)
Northallerton Branch
Wood Green 1st Branch No.WG253
Waterloo & Crosby Branch
Stevenage UCATT Branch
Bradford UCATT (B) Branch
Letchworth UCATT
Dundee UCATT (BI) Branch
Wrexham (B) Branch

UPW

UPW Huddersfield Branch
UPW at Western District Office

USDAW

USDAW Co-op Derby/Burton Regional
Committee
USDAW Nottingham and District
Branch
Usdaw Harlesden Biscuit Branch

**Action
committees**

Portsmouth Right to Work Ctte.
Peterborough Right to Work Ctte.
East London Action Ctte. Against
The Cuts
Liverpool Action Ctte. for Educational
Expenditure
Tyneside Unemployed Teachers Ctte.
Ipswich Unemployed Workers Action
Group



Joseph Trujillo

Spanish worker to join march

JOSEPH TRUJILLO comes from Spain. He works at Acton Hospital, West London, where he is a shop steward of the Public Employees Union. Joseph is taking a week's leave next week to go on the Right to Work March. His reasons are twofold. He's marching alongside other hospital workers for a better Health Service and against sackings and so-called 'natural wastage' of hospital workers. And he's also marching against the TUC's sickening scheme to set worker against worker by calling for the replacement of 'ign labour with so-called 'resident workers' in hotels and hospitals.

Leaflet

In an excellent leaflet in Spanish, put out by the Right to Work Campaign, Joseph explains the importance of resisting such measures. It says: 'Michael Foot, Minister of Unemployment and hero of the left, is encouraging hospital management in East London—and soon all hospitals—not to renew work permits of foreign workers. . . . The bosses love this situation. The bosses are only too happy to divide us. The TUC, which is actively opposed to real struggle against unemployment, is party to this non-solution which British workers against workers from abroad. This racist action divides the working class and impedes the development of real united campaigns for the right to work. Far from reducing the number of unemployed, this will increase it. United in struggle we can save the jobs of all.'

RF Support the Right to Work Campaign!

Come and spread the marchers' fight for jobs!

Join the final day of the march,

come to the Albert Hall Rally, Saturday 20 March, 1.30pm

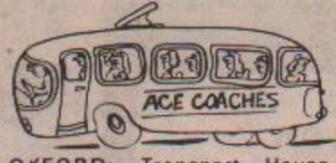
WHAT happens after the march? Is it just a one-off demonstration, like so many others we've seen in the past? That's why the Albert Hall rally is so important. Its aim is to bring together all those workers and trade union bodies that have supported the march—not just to meet and congratulate the

marchers but to build on the marchers' initiative. Anyone can come to the rally. Many union branches and shop stewards' committees are sending delegates, but individuals can come on their own. Among the speakers will be Harry McShane, secretary of the Scottish Unemployed Movement in the 1930s and Shrewsbury picket Ricky Tomlinson.

Hot breakfasts will be available for those travelling long distances or overnight to the demonstration. The Right to Work Campaign has booked St Stephens Church Hall, Coverdale Road, just beyond Lime Grove at Shepherds Bush. There will be a nursery for children, which opens at 12.30pm in the Imperial College building, behind the Albert Hall. There will be one room for babies, another for

small children. Trips to museums for older children have been arranged (let the Rank and File office know how many children are coming: phone 01-249 1207). Socialist Worker urges all its readers to go to the rally and to join the march for the final leg. It leaves Shepherds Bush Green at 11.30am. Bring your banners!

- COACHES** to the final day's march and rally are leaving from the following places:
- HULL:** Ferens Way, 7am. Unemployed free. Phone Hull 792173.
 - BIRMINGHAM:** Outside Hall of Memory, Cambridge Street, 7.15, and AUEW Hall, Holloway Circus, 7.15am.
 - BRAINTREE:** Bus depot, 9.15am.
 - CHELMSFORD:** Bus depot, 9.45am.
 - BRENTWOOD:** Wilson's Corner, 10.15am.
 - BEDFORD:** 9am, for details phone Bedford 854693.
 - LETCHWORTH:** Railway station, 9.45am, for details phone Hitchin 52975.
 - STEVENAGE:** Mecca, 10am, for details phone Hitchin 52975.
 - SOUTHAMPTON:** Cenotaph, 8.30am, £1.10 for those with jobs, 10p for unemployed.
 - COVENTRY:** Pool Meadow, 8.30am.
 - LEAMINGTON:** Outside Town Hall, 9am.
 - RUGBY:** 9am (PLACE?)
 - CARDIFF:** Central Station, 9.30am.
 - BLACKBURN:** foundry Hill, Eanam, 7.30am. £3 including packed dinner.
 - GLASGOW:** George Square, 10.30pm, Friday 19 March.
 - LIVERPOOL:** Pier Head, 8.30am, and Golden Eagle, Kirkby, 9am.
 - MANCHESTER:** Prestwich Hospital, 7.30am, St Peter's Square, 7.30am and 8am, Hulme Labour Club, 7.40am, Didsbury College of Education, 7.50am, Salford Precinct, 7.30am, Greyhound car park, Partington, 7.45am.
 - EXETER:** ABC Cinema, 8.30am.
 - BOLTON:** Bus station platform 4, 7.30am.
 - BURY:** Market Place, 7.45am.
 - STOCKPORT:** Mersey Square, 7.30am.
 - MACCLESFIELD:** 7.50am.
 - ROCHDALE:** Town Hall, 7.30am.
 - OLDHAM:** Town Hall, 7.40am.
 - ASHTON-upon-LYNE:** Wooden Spoon, Warrington Street, 7.50am.
 - All inquiries for coaches from Manchester area to phone 061-832 8102.
 - NOTTINGHAM:** The Salutation, Maid Marion Way, 9am.
 - READING:** Reading Station, 9.30am, Unemployed free. Phone Reading 62150.
 - SWANSEA:** Swansea Central Library, Alexandra Road, 7.30am.
 - FOREST OF DEAN:** The Triangle, Cinferford, Forest of Dean, 6.45am.
 - GLOUCESTER:** Green Shield Gift Shop, near bus station, 7.35am.
 - CHELTENHAM:** The Quadrangle, The Promenade, 7.55am. Burton Roundabout on the A40, 8.25am.
 - Coach from Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Cheltenham: details phone Cheltenham 26118.
 - OXFORD:** Transport House, Cowley Road, Tickets £1, unemployed free. More information from John Breddon, phone 0865-735124.
 - LONDON:** OUTER EAST: Theatre Royal, Stratford, 10am. SOUTH EAST: Woolwich Arsenal Station, 10am.
 - SOUTH WEST:** contact 874 0141.
 - NORTH LONDON: ONE:** Cheshunt roundabout, 9.30am; Ponders End, Southbury Road, 9.40am; Edmonton Green bus station, 9.50am; YMCA (Tottenham Community Project), Tottenham High Road, 10am. TWO: Finsbury Park station place, 10am; Angel Islington post office, 10.15am.
 - DEWSBURY:** Bus station, 8am, £1, unemployed free.
 - OSSETT:** Bus station, 8.15am, £1, unemployed free.
 - WAKEFIELD:** Bus station, 8.30am, £1, unemployed free.
 - ABERDEEN:** Castlegate, 7.30pm, Friday 19 March, £6.
 - LEEDS:** Corn Exchange, Vicar Lane, 8am.
 - DONCASTER:** 8.15am, Waterdale, via SHEFFIELD, picking up at Pond Street, 9am. Fare £2.50 unemployed free. Details from W Grant, 88 Thorn Road, Doncaster.
 - LOUGHBOROUGH:** The Rushes, 9.30am.
 - LEICESTER:** London Rd Station, 10am. Unemployed free.
 - NEWCASTLE:** Friday 19 March, 11pm, Newcastle Central Station to join march at Shepherds Bush Green, 7am, Saturday to Albert Hall. Cost £3.25 return, unemployed free. Details from Bob Murdoch, 16 Caversham Road, Newcastle 5. Phone Newcastle 674 163.
 - WALTHAMSTOW** Right to Work Campaign leaving from Walthamstow Central tube station 9.30am, for Right to Work March and rally at Albert Hall.
 - NORWICH:** Contact Trades Council secretary, Norwich 28863
 - EDINBURGH:** 10pm Friday 19 March, Waterloo Place.
 - NORTHAMPTON:** Market Square, 10.30am.
 - WOOLWICH:** Bromley West Street, 9.30am. Woolwich General, Gordon Place, 10.00am. Deptford, Albany, 10.30am. Lewisham, Rennell Street (by the Odeon) 10.30am. Phone 856 5293.
 - BANGOR:** Midnight, Friday 19 March, Students Union, Deiniol Road. £2.50 return. Details, phone Bangor 53709.



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Fight for the Right to Work meetings

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- PETERBOROUGH** Right to Work Campaign meeting: Thursday 11 March, 7.30pm, TGWU Hall, Cowgate. Speakers: Brian Higgins (UCATT, secretary, Northampton Right to Work Campaign) and Dean Johnson, (AUEW, Perkins Charter Group).
- BUXTON** Right to Work Meeting: Sunday 14 March, 7.30pm, King's Head Hotel, Market Place.
- READING** Right to Work Campaign Meeting: Tuesday 16 March, 8pm, AUEW, Oxford Road. Speakers from Rank and File Right to Work Campaign and local speakers. For further details phone Reading 62150.
- DURHAM** Right to Work Campaign Meeting: Monday 15 March 8pm, Durham Town Hall.
- Speakers: Jimmy McCallum (Glasgow Right to Work Campaign), Dave Ayre, (secretary, Crook UCATT branch) and a member of Durham Ambulancemen.
- HULL** Right to Work Campaign Meeting: Monday 15 March, 8pm, Stevedores and Dockers Club, Posterngate. Speakers: Hull Port shop stewards' committee representative, John Gordon (secretary, Hull Right to Work Campaign), and Tommy Dourass, (secretary, Liverpool Right to Work Campaign).
- SOUTHAMPTON** Right to Work Meeting: Monday 15 March, 7.30pm, Temperance Institute, Carlton Crescent.
- EAST LONDON** Right to Work Disco: Friday 12 March, 8pm, at the Dockland Settlement, Gibbins Road, off Carpenters Road, Stratford. Admission 50p, unemployed 10p. (East London raffle will be drawn).
- WEST LONDON** Right to Work Disco: Friday 12 March, 8pm, Swan pub, Hammersmith Broadway. Admission 40p, unemployed 25p.
- WEST LONDON** Right to Work Jumble Sale: Saturday 13 March, starts 2pm, Tavistock Community Centre, 92 Tavistock Road, W11. All proceeds to the Campaign.
- LEEDS** Right to Work Social to support Leeds marchers: Friday 12 March, Lipman Building, near Dental Hospital (University Precinct). Music by Doman Rock Group. 25p entrance. All welcome.
- BRISTOL** Right to Work public meeting: Monday 15 March, 8pm, Shepherds Hall, Old Market.
- CENTRAL LONDON** Right to Work meeting: Speaker from Manchester to London March. Thursday 18 March, 7pm, The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road.
- EAST LONDON** Right to Work NALGO public meeting: Speakers: Tommy Kayes (unemployed NALGO marcher), Will Fancy (NALGO executive member, Lewisham branch), Music Library, Cambridge Heath Road, near Bethnal Green tube, 6.30pm, Monday 15 March.
- ABERDEEN** Jumble Sale in aid of Right to Work Campaign: Saturday 13 March, Music Hall: 1pm-4pm.
- ABERDEEN** Right to Work Disco: Thursday 18 March, 9pm-1am, Central Refectory, Old Aberdeen.
- MAIDSTONE** Right to Work Campaign Meeting: Monday 15 March, 7.30pm, Room 8, Old Palace, Mill Street. Local trade union speakers. Employed and unemployed welcome.
- DURHAM** Right to Work public meeting: Durham Town Hall, 8pm, Monday 15 March. Speakers include Dave Ayre (UCATT shop steward).
- CENTRAL LONDON** Jumble sale in aid of Right to Work Campaign: Saturday 13 March, 11am to 2.30pm, Labour Party Rooms, Bayham St, Camden, NW1.
- NORTH LONDON:** Friday 19 March, 8pm-2am, Dance to celebrate arrival of Right to Work Marchers, Acklam Hall, Acklam Road, Ladbroke Grove, London W9. Reggae and soul music. Dave and the Nightingales, The Zanbanis, guest appearance by Ray Williams. Bar extension to 1.30am. Hot food, raffle. Tickets 85p in advance from your local Right to Work Committee, £1 at the door. Organised by North West London Right to Work Committee.
- MANCHESTER** Right to Work Campaign disco: Saturday 13 March, 7.30pm, The Squat, Oxford Road (near university). London Waiting theatre group in The Black Paper Comedy Show. Right to Work raffle to be drawn. Admission 50p, unemployed 10p.
- GLASGOW** Right to Work Campaign Dance: Friday 12 March, 8pm-1am, McLellan Galleries, Late bar, disco and live band, the Dead Loss. Admission 50p, unemployed 20p.
- EAST KILBRIDE** Right to Work Campaign meeting: Wednesday 17 March, 7.30pm, Murray pub, upstairs. Speaker: Willie Lee (Chrysler shop steward).
- CUMBERNAULD** Right to Work Campaign meeting: Beechwood Road Community Road, 7.30pm, North Carbrain. Speakers: Harry McShane, Jimmy Ross (EIS, Glasgow Executive).
- NORTH LONDON** Right to Work Campaign: Film showing, 'Salt of the Earth', about a Mexican miner's strike for jobs. Tuesday 23 March, 8pm, Co-op Hall, 129 Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Admission 50p, unemployed 10p.

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SAG TAKE A BIG STEP FORWARD

THE RECENT conference of the Sozialistische Arbeiter Gruppe marked another step forward in the transformation of IS's fraternal group into a national organisation capable of responding to the crisis in Germany.

The conference decided to produce a new fortnightly paper—SozialistischeArbeiterZeitung (SAZ)—from the beginning of May, which will be designed to enable the group to intervene more effectively in working class struggles.

A new editorial board, national financial structure and national leadership also came out of the conference.

In Germany, as in Britain, more than a million workers have lost their jobs—with immigrant workers, women and youth worst affected.

Prevent

The combination of a social-democratic government and right wing trade union leadership has so far prevented any successful resistance to these massive attacks upon workers' living standards.

But there were encouraging signs in last year's factory council elections that a new rank and file opposition to the government's policies is emerging.

ALL IS members should have already registered their membership for 1976. The few outstanding forms are hampering our fraction work. Please send outstanding 1976 registration forms to: National Office, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

A Troops Out leaflet will be available for all London branches this week, explaining our position on the bombings. Branches should distribute it in the coming week.

The Women's Committee on Saturday 13 March has been cancelled. Another date will be arranged. Watch this page for details.

Notices for What's On should be posted to reach Socialist Worker by first post on the Monday before publication. Adverts will NOT be accepted by phone. Send to: What's On, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

SOUTHWARK TEACHERS SW Public Meetings: Thursdays 8pm, Borough Polytechnic Students Union, Rotary St, London SE1. 11 March meeting cancelled. 18 March: Ireland. 25 March: Permanent Arms Economy. Further details: ring G Loewenstein 01-622 1090.

CENTRAL LONDON Socialist Worker series of six fortnightly lectures on THE MEANING OF MARXISM: Tuesdays, 6.30pm, The Roebuck pub, Tottenham Court Road (nearest tube Goodge Street). Open to all SW readers.

15 March—Is there a parliamentary road to socialism? 30 March—The revolutionary socialist alternative.

6 April—What is revolutionary socialism? Speaker: Tony Cliff.

CENTRAL LONDON PUBLISHING SW Public Meeting: Struggles of the unemployed between the wars. Speaker: Alistair Hatcher. Thursday 18 March, 7pm, The Baynard Castle (Corner Queen Victoria Street, and St Andrews Hill; nearest tubes Blackfriars and St Paul's). All SW supporters welcome.

BANGOR SW Public Meeting: The situation in Southern Africa. Friday 19 March, 8pm, Liverpool Arms, High Street, Bangor. Non members especially welcome.

Public Meetings: Thursdays 6pm, Borough Polytechnic Students Union, Rotary Street, London, SE1. 11 March meeting cancelled. 18 March: Ireland. 25 March: Permanent Arms Economy. Further details: ring G Loewenstein 01-622 1090.

BRIGHTON SW Public Meeting: Labourism or Socialism. Debate between Stuart Holland and Duncan Hallas (SW). Wednesday 17 March, 8pm, Brighton and Hove Trades and Labour Club, Lewis Road.

SOUTH WEST LONDON Socialist Worker series of fortnightly lectures on THE MEANING OF MARXISM: Mondays, 8pm, Battersea District Library, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, SW11. (Buses: 19, 37, 49, 77, 168, 249). Open to all SW readers.

15 March—Labour's record—the end of reformism? Speaker: Laurie Flynn.

29 March—The meaning of Marxism. Speaker: Tony Cliff.

12 April—Marxist Economics. Speaker: John Ure.

26 April—Racialism and imperialism. Speaker: Nigel Harris.

10 May—The State. Speaker: Paul Foot.

EAST LONDON SW series of six fortnightly lectures on THE MEANING OF MARXISM: Livingstone Road, Stratford, E15, 7.30pm. Friday 26 March: What is a revolutionary socialist party? Speaker: Tony Cliff.

WORKERS POWER paper of US IS: Obtainable from IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4. £1.70 by post for 10 issues. £1 with SW to branches for 10 issues.

WANDSWORTH SW Public Meeting: Revolutionary Prospects in Spain. Speaker: Ian Birchall, 11 March, 8pm, Wandsworth Council for Community Relations, 172 Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11.

SOUTHWARK Socialist Worker public meeting: On the role of Labour. Speaker: Tony Cliff. Thursday 18 March, 8pm, Manor Place Baths off Walsworth Road, London SE17.

SOCIALIST WORKER EVENTS

NORTH LONDON WOMENS VOICE GROUP: Jumble Sale, Saturday 27 March, 3.00pm, Stroud Green School, Ennis Road, N4. If you have any jumble, bric-a-brac, etc. we could use it! Please phone 348 2041 for collection.

Socialist Worker AGITPROP BULLETIN: First issue is ready, with ideas for using posters, tapes, slides, films, music in political work. Send stamped, addressed, large envelope for a copy, to SW Agitprop Group, 285 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

NOISS

NOISS meeting for all NOISS delegates and observers to NUS Liandudno conference, Saturday 27 March in Birmingham. Important that all delegates attend. Details of time and place to be announced.

NOISS National Committee: Saturday 13 March, 1pm, University of London Union, Malet St, London, WC1 (nearest tubes Euston, Euston Square, Warren Street, and Goodge Street). Will committee members please travel as cheaply as possible? Any problems phone 01-739 1878.

NOISS DAY SCHOOL: Glasgow College of Technology (N Hanover St Glasgow) Saturday 13 March, 10.30am-5.30pm. Sessions on: Right to Work Campaign—Harry McShane (sec. NUJW in 30s) and John Glen (EPTU shop steward); Women and the Fight for Socialism—Angela McHugh (AUEW shop steward, Rawplough Parliamentary Socialist and the Revolutionary Alternative—Rab Reid (AUEW shop steward, Chrysler) and The International Struggle—Mike Gonzalez and Jimmy McCallum. All welcome.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

WORKERS AND NORTH SEA OIL: New Socialist Worker pamphlet published by Edinburgh IS on conditions offshore and onshore and the role of the trade union leadership in the Oil Boom, 6p (plus 8p p&p—10 copies post free) from Rosie Smallwood, 9 High Street, Edinburgh.

27 MARCH ASSEMBLY ON UNEMPLOYMENT: Meeting of IOF IS delegates 7.30pm Friday 26 March, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

WILL ALL COMRADES be delegated to the PWCC Conference on Saturday 13 March please ring Joanna (739 1878) as soon as possible.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Meeting of IS delegates 7.30pm Friday 26 March, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

The next issue of the IS Bulletin containing major pre-conference discussion material will be out in two weeks. Please send money—10p a copy—with orders to 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

Speakers Notes (and speakers) on Spain available from IS Spanish Group, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2 (please send sae).

SUMMER TRAINING SCHOOLS: 21-24 June: IS full-timers' school. 19-22 July: Women's Voice School. 2-5 August: National Cadre School (Manchester). 23-26 August: National Cadre School (London). Details from Training Committee, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

Will all gay SW supporters please write to Sybil Cook, 9 Grove Dwellings, Adelina Grove, London E1.

IS Industrial Department needs full-time or part-time secretary. Clerical experience useful but not essential. Phone 01-739 6273.

CENTRAL LONDON IS DISTRICT Day School on Women: Sunday 14 March, 11am-8pm, crèche available. London Co-op Education Dept, 129 Seven Sisters Road (near Finsbury Park Tube). Includes showing of film Stop the Cuts.

CHESHIRE/SHROPSHIRE IS District meeting: Friday 12 March, 7.30pm, Bullring Vaults, Watergate St, Whitchurch, Salop (turn off A41 by Victoria Garage/Vincent Greenhouse, pub at far end of car park). Agenda: Report-back from Party Council meeting (February), Right to Work Campaign, Review of local positions and perspectives, and delegate to next Party Council. Members and/or branch representatives invited from Bangor, Crewe, Macclesfield, Rhyl, Runcorn, Warrington, Chester, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wrexham: information from Chester/Shrewsbury IS, c/o 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

SOCIALIST WORKER needs typewriters. Age no problem, but working order preferred. Please phone Margaret SW editorial office. 01-739 6361.

IS Comrade seeks flat/house share in North London. Ring Penny 405 2705 (work).

PHONE NUMBERS at Cottons Gardens: Some phones have been changed—please note the numbers. Socialist Worker, Circulation and IS Journal: 01-739 2639. Joanna Rollo (International), Lindsey German (Students), and National Treasurer's Office: 01-739 1878. Liz Balfour and Jim Nichol: 01-739 9772. Nina Streich, Women's Voice, Simon Turner and Steve Jefferys: 01-739 6273. If the appropriate number is engaged please DO NOT ring another number.

SOCIALIST WORKER RALLY

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JUST SOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



Socialist Worker FILMS

ATTICA

The 1971 prison rebellion, 'put down' by police and US State Troopers, who murdered 40 people in the process. This film shows how and why it happened.

BLOW FOR BLOW

The famous documentary of a strike by French women textile workers.

KASHIMA PARADISE

A new industrial city shows the result of industrialisation for profit: pollution, disease—and resistance, such as the pitched battles between peasants and several thousand police.

WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

The results of the 1970 election in Colombia were fixed in advance by the ruling National Front Party—and half the population abstained from voting. This film looks at 40 years of 'democracy' in Colombia and the alternative.

BASIC TRAINING

A group of US Army trainees filmed while being turned into obedient killing machines. The best way to go through basic training is do what you're told as you're told and there'll be no problems.

EMITAI

The French 'civilising' mission in Senegal at the end of World War II.

PLUS FOR CHILDREN

Laurel and Hardy, cartoons, The Red Balloon, The Goons in the Running, Jumping and Standing Still Film.

Come to the Socialist Worker Rally, Friday 16 April to Monday 19 April at the Yorkshire Miners' holiday camp in Skegness. £16.25, covering all meals, accommodation and entertainment. Children free. Book your place through your local Seller of Socialist Worker.



HUNGARY 1956: two scenes from the exhibition

EXHIBITIONS

From Petrograd to Lisbon—great moments from 60 years of working class history.

Revolutionary posters from many countries, including France and Portugal.

Southern Africa: from liberation struggle to class struggle.

Exhibitions from fraternal organisations.

THE WORLD TODAY

China and Socialism, by Nigel Harris.

Spain and Portugal, by Chris Harman.

Armies and Armed Insurrection, by Colin Sparks.

PLUS: Black History in the Caribbean. Urban Guerrillaism—Can it work? Fascism in Europe in the Thirties.

AND International Quiz Game.

Comrades from Europe and the United States will be at Skegness.

SKILLED WORKERS WANTED!

We need workers urgently on two big new contracts. If you're unskilled, we'll train you.

First, we've a big demolition contract: Capitalism, a semi-derelict building, part of which show immediate signs of collapse, a slum for most of those forced to live there.

Second, a construction job. We're starting now to train the builders we'll need for the big Socialism contract.

That's why Socialist Worker is producing a series of short pamphlets.

1. BRICKLAYERS FOR SOCIALISM. The basic skills: Working as a socialist on the shop floor; Working as a socialist in your trade union branch; Public speaking; Writing for Socialist Worker.

2. HOW TO BEAT THE FOREMEN. The trade union leaders, their role in shoring up the capitalist system, and how we can challenge them.

3. THE FAKE DEMOLITION MEN. The Communist Party and its role in the workers' movement.

17p each including postage, or 35p for all three. FROM Training Committee, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2

* Copies for IS branches, 10p each sent with the Socialist Worker order.

BOOK NOW! MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK

What's wrong with the Labour Party?

Lies, damned lies and adverts

TAKE IT AS RED

ADVERTISING, so the claim goes, is a central pillar of our freedom.

It alerts people to a choice of products as well as offering new ones for their attention.

It brings cash to newspapers and colour to city centres. Also it keeps you regular and makes your hair curl.

The claim needs challeng-

ing on at least two grounds.

First, advertising in many ways masks choices rather than making them available.

I once worked in a Canadian town where the local radio, television and newspaper—all owned by Lord Thomson—refused to accept adverts from a new

and struggling co-operative grocery store.

The bulk of his lordship's local income came from giant supermarket chains and he wasn't about to upset them by selling space to a dubious rival.

The co-op soon went bust, victim of the way that the

ownership of advertising outlets enables the powerful to survive through promotion and throttles the dangerous and the weak by denying them publicity.

The second myth about advertising is to do with the very nature of the choices it seems to offer.

John Berger, in a brilliant Pelican called *Ways of Seeing*, exposed this in a couple of sentences:

Within publicity, choices are offered between this cream and that cream, that car and this car, but publicity as a system only makes a single proposal. It proposes to each of us that we transform ourselves, or our lives, by buying something more.

You are offered an apparent choice—Worthington or Watneys, Persil or Omo, Shell or BP—but in fact it is no choice at all, because the advice in every case is the same.

Spend some money on this and you will be happier, sexier, more secure, more fulfilled.

Suggest

Bored? Get a colour TV. Frustrated? Change your aftershave. Out of work? Take some pills.

Feel inferior? Slap some Dulux on the living room walls. Feel stupid? Order the Daily Express.

The collective power of these suggestions shouldn't be shrugged off.

It's been estimated that in advanced capitalist societies each person is exposed to well over a thousand adverts a day in the papers he reads, the posters he passes on the way to work, the TV he watches and so on.

A thousand daily messages, and all the same: all your difficulties are solved not by doing anything, organising, getting together, changing things but individually, by spending money, by buying something for yourself.

Drivel

What's reassuring is that people don't passively put up with this stream of drivel.

Popular resistance to advertising takes various forms, from the roughing up by blacks of camera crews shooting Nixon commercials during the 1968 election, to the cheering barrage of boos, catcalls, whistles, dead dogs and ice cream cartons that greet the start of the latest Pearl and Dean epic at the local Odeon.

You can help. Strike a tiny blow for human freedom and dignity.

Deface an ad today.

Paul O'Flinn

STEVE WRIGHT

* Cambridge University Press, £2.25.

Some of the answers are in this book...

WHAT'S wrong with the Labour Party?

People have been working their guts out for it for 75 years, and we're no better off.

Harold Wilson, of all people, goes to the root of the problem in his memoirs, as he describes a conversation with the Governor of the Bank of England.

'It was not long before we were asked, almost at pistol-point, to cut back on expenditure... Was it his view, I asked him, that we should cut them off half-finished—roads left as an eyesore on the countryside, schools left without a roof?'

'The question was difficult for him, but he answered "Yes".'

Governor

Wilson comments: 'We had now reached the situation where a newly-elected government with a mandate from the people was being told... that the policies on which we fought the election could not be implemented.'

Now Wilson might squirm a bit at being told what to do by the Governor of the Bank of England. But really Wilson will give the Governor and his friends very little trouble.

Because he and the rest of the Parliamentary Labour Party believe in changing the



Lord George-Brown is helped to his feet.

system gradually and peacefully.

This means that meanwhile they have to run it efficiently.

To run efficiently, it must make profits.

To make profits, it must exploit workers.

And at a time of crisis it must exploit them that much harder.

So the Labour leaders, whatever their good intentions, find themselves doing the bosses' dirty work and sharing the bosses' point of view.

The Health Service and the education system are 'too

expensive'—from the bosses' point of view. 'Sacrifices' must be made—by the workers and their families.

All the gains which, in better times the system could grant, it now tries to take away.

David Coates' book, *The Labour Party and the Struggle for Socialism*,* was written in 1974.

Concession

At that time the capitalist class was scared enough of trade union militancy to try and buy it off with concessions

to the parliamentary left.

It seemed that Benn and Co might force the government to the left.

But by summer 1975 the bosses felt strong enough to attack.

They demanded, and got, the heaviest unemployment and the biggest wage cuts since the war.

They got it from a Labour government which includes Benn and Michael Foot.

Serious socialists ought to be clear what conclusions can be drawn.

In 'normal' times, the parliamentary road to

socialism looks passable. Sometimes gains are made.

But in crisis the rules of the game change.

Capitalism demands that the workers carry the burden of the crisis and attacks them with every available weapon. Wages are driven down, unemployment is pushed up.

In exchange for help in allowing this to take place, 'left-progressive' MPs are offered workers' participation, workers' cooperatives, job creation schemes and other publicity stunts.

The truth is this. Class struggle never was a matter of

gentlemanly debate or expense-account radicalism.

The parliamentary road leads to apathy and defeat.

Workers have only one defence against a system in crisis. Their own active and organised resistance.

Out of this resistance, and only out of this resistance, can a movement be built which can wage the struggle for socialism with real hope of success.

campaign. PANORAMA (BBC 1) looks at the thousands of babies sold to Western mothers in a flourishing baby trade from Asia.

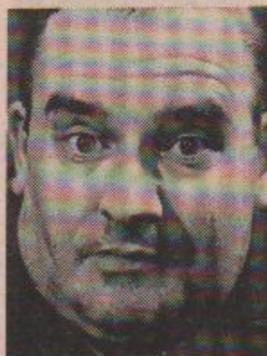
TUESDAY Chick Corea's on the OLD GREY WHISTLE TEST (BBC 2).

WEDNESDAY THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (BBC 1) is one of the best ever Westerns.

THURSDAY HEARTS AND MINDS (BBC 2) is a great film attacking the US in Vietnam. Alex Glasgow's written this week's WHEN THE BOAT COMES IN (BBC 1)

PRE-VIEW

FRIDAY BANK DICK (BBC 1) is a comedy starring and written by W C Fields. BBC 1 is threatening us with a 90-minute Ulster 'spectacular' THE QUESTION OF ULSTER 76 starring Richard Rose, W D Flackes, Paisley, Craig, Faulkner going round in ever decreasing circles. OPEN ALL HOURS (BBC 2) is Ronnie Barker's semi-comic portrayal of a small shop keeper, a dying race.



arrested in 1973 for performing an abortion. His trial was part of an anti-abortion

SATURDAY Start the week with a fantasy, a dream world where all coppers are good, protecting a helpless community and sorting out our problems. It's called DIXON OF DOCK GREEN (BBC 1) and it's not true that it's written by Robert Mark.

SUNDAY WORLD ABOUT US (BBC 2) looks at the Kalash tribe, who've lived in the forgotten valleys of North Pakistan for thousands of years.

MONDAY This week's HORIZON (BBC 2) reconstructs the trial of Dr Kenneth Edelin.



Book of the Week

The great are only great because we are on our knees. Let us rise! So spoke James Connolly, one of the giants of the socialist movement. He died 60 years ago, executed by his enemy, our enemy, the British ruling class, for his part in the abortive

Easter Rising in Dublin. But his memory lives on, enshrined in writings such as these.

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Why does SW line up against Israel and with the right-wing regimes of men like King Hussein of Jordan, with his British trained and equipped army? Why do you line up with regimes like Egypt?

When the 1967 war against Israel began, Nasser declared his aim was to destroy the state of Israel. It is only a short step from that to supporting genocide against all Jews.

After all, isn't that what the guerrillas with their random attacks on women and children are really carrying out?—**GEORGE TAIT**, North London.

DOES Socialist Worker possess some kind of moral muscle, some reservoir of political rectitude which impels it to tell others how they should go about freeing themselves?

The people of Sri Lanka should do this, the Chileans should do that, the Cubans have been led astray by their leaders, and now Samora Machel of Mozambique has been enticed into white South Africa's web.

Put bread into the mouths of your own pensioners. Clothe them and keep them warm in winter. When you have achieved just that, just that little, you will have gained some credibility—**ENVER CARIM**, Surrey.

PAUL FOOT'S article on Angola (28 February) was wide of the mark.

Far from marching on the Cape, MPLA is negotiating deals with its erstwhile enemies, South Africa and Zaire.

SWAPO is intensifying armed struggle against the South African occupiers in Namibia, but victory is still far from sight.

There are, to our knowledge, no guerrillas operating in South Africa itself.

More importantly, guerrilla warfare alone will not bring down the South African apartheid regime.

Only one force can do that—the collective and organised power of the black working class of South Africa.—**ALEX CALLINICOS**, SW Africa Group.

THE Glasgow IS District Committee feels that the coverage of Angola in SW has been inadequate.

The paper did not discuss fully or clearly the nature of the struggle and the role of the Soviet and Cuban forces. Where the capitalist press has been distorting the state of the struggle, and comrades are facing questions and argument in their work, SW needs to give a full analysis of the position, even at the risk of repetition.—**JENNIFER ROSS**, District Secretary, Glasgow.



A youthful MPLA supporter: SW supports him—so should it also support Israel?

Letters

Write to Letters, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent London E2

DANGERS OF THE DOLE

(28 February) about selling SW on the dole queues could not have come at a more appropriate time.

Over the last few months, members in Ilford have built up a steady sale of 20-30 papers a week, which has steadily increased until in one day alone last week we sold 40 in the two hours our member

could spare.

This was achieved because we sell regularly, and this means you argue regularly. Unemployed workers could be easy prey to racist lies, bosses lies, government and union lies.

But they also have all day to stand and talk and argue, so quite regularly our selling on the dole becomes like mini-meetings with groups of five to seven workers all arguing and debating and a great chance for us to get our politics across.

The Right to Work Campaign has a crucial role here because if you are doing something to fight against unemployment on a real basis the unemployed workers are obviously drawn to you.

PICKET

Two weeks back, the local Right to Work Committee had a picket at the opening of a new jobs centre. We made the front page of the local newspaper, and that, along with our other activities, such as trade union affiliations and sponsorships for the Right to Work Campaign, has convinced people we are seriously involved in the fight against unemployment.

As pointed out by Ernie Roberts a couple of weeks ago in SW, unemployment affects everyone, regardless of political parties.

It also cuts right across racial and sexist barriers. Black and white, men and women are all on the ever-increasing dole queue

together.

It's a fantastic opportunity to smash these bosses' barriers to unity, to help organise unemployed workers, get our politics across, build the Right to Work Campaign, and most important of all—really fight back against unemployment.

As someone once said 'Seize the Time!'—**JOHN BOYLE**, Ilford.

I WAS surprised when I read the letter headed This Disgusting Sectarianism (28 February) because I had sent one very similar to the Morning Star.

I told them I was beginning to lose faith in the paper, something I thought would never happen.

The March for the Right to Work is quite correct, but how much better it would be if it had bigger support. I send my best wishes for its success.—**A WILSON**, Halifax.

AS A member of the Labour Party, I support the Right to Work Campaign as a matter of principle in the struggle to defend jobs and living standards in general.

While it is expected that opposition would come from the right-wing, I find it surprising that certain left groups seem to allow sectarianism to influence and possibly inhibit their support for this important campaign.—**RON BROWN**, Edinburgh.

POSTAL POINTS

I WISH you would refrain from denigrating people with the description 'fat', in your columns. Some of us revolutionaries are fat and probably will continue to be so after the revolution.—**JOHN BIRKS**, Hillingdon.

THE ARTICLE about Mr Joe Gormley, under the heading Lord Scab of Langwith (28 February), was completely untrue. This man had the courage to vote for what he thought was right.

Mr McGahey abstained from voting on a vital issue of whether the mine should work on a 40 hour week.

To abstain is as far as I'm concerned, wrong. Mr McGahey should have been hung in this paper, and not Mr Gormley—yet I see no reference at all to him even being reprimanded.

I find that this paper to which I subscribe is no different from the Daily Express, which only gives you what it wants you to read.—**R BARKER**, Dewsbury

ON BEHALF of the Hamilton branch of the Canadian International Socialists I am taking out a year's sub to Socialist Worker. We look forward to receiving the world's best socialist paper on a regular basis.—**MYER SIEMIATYCKI**, Hamilton Canada.

THE GRAVITY with which our elected representatives carry out their duties was evidenced recently during a division over whether to reduce the Industry Secretary's salary from £13,000 to £12,000 a year.

Apparently it is a time-honoured practice that anyone wishing to speak during a division must do so from a sitting position and wearing a top hat.

The said top hat being unavailable, Chief Whip Bob Mellish spoke with an order paper on his head.

Is it any wonder they don't want television broadcasts from Westminster with that kind of lunacy going on? Real people might just begin to see what a sham it all is.

Roll on the day when we make Wilson, Thatcher et al. redundant and institute some real democracy.—**M S GREENWOOD**, Halifax.

Tony Sherry

MEMBERS of IS and many Socialist Worker readers in Bradford were shocked by the untimely death of a much-loved comrade, Tony Sherry.

Tony joined the International Socialists in 1973 and since then consistently worked in the cause of socialism. He served on the Branch Committee of Bradford IS and was always reliable.

Tony, condemned by the profit system to years of unemployment, made full use of his spare time. He initiated the taking of Socialist Worker into shops to sell and at one time disposed of up to 100 papers personally.

Many workers in Bradford will remember Tony, one of the best-known IS members in this town, from his regular street sales and faithful support for picket-lines and demonstrations.

He died on 26 February at the tragically early age of 31. We are proud to have known him and though we mourn him we hope he will be an example to all of us in the struggle for socialism.

Tony was always deeply interested in Internationalism and we thought the enclosed donation of £11, collected by his friends and comrades, to the SW International Fund, will make a fitting tribute to his memory.—**JOHN TAYLOR**, Bradford.

SNP: A BLIND ALLEY

SUPPORT THIS UNEMPLOYED WORKER

JOHN LANCASTER, of Portsmouth IS, was arrested while on the recent anti-fascist demonstration in Coventry. John is unemployed and so will have great difficulty paying any fines that may be imposed on him when he appears in court on 18 March.

We would be grateful for any donations readers can send us. The fight against fascism is important—and it's vital that those engaged in it should not have to carry the burden of high fines alone, especially if they are out of work.

Please send donations to: PAT STACK, 81 Victoria Road South, Southsea, Hants.

THE QUESTION of Scottish Nationalism poses more than the usual problems of arguing for socialism for revolutionary socialists in Scotland.

The reason for the apparent success of the nationalists' arguments is that they offer a simple, though false, solution to the crisis hitting working people.

For example, the obvious opportunism of the SNP's 'When Scotland has the OIL, we'll all be in easy street.' They don't even call for the nationalisation of oil!

NONE

The real question is whether nationalism is a progressive step for the working class in their fight for socialism.

These factors would justify that argument—that there is a history of struggle against imperialism; that there is a

national heritage; that there is economic independence.

None of these points stand for Scotland. The union of England and Scotland in 1707

was the joining together of similar class interests.

The only struggle the exploited sections of society put up was against their own

Scottish ruling class.

Scottish heritage—there's a laugh. The mass of the population know more French than Gaelic. Even when Gaelic was more widespread there was also Lallans, which was spoken in the Lowlands.

This point seems to have been conveniently forgotten. The culture of most Scottish working people is that of the rest of Britain.

Saying that we are economically independent is to fly in the face of the growth and dominance of multinational companies and combines.

WRONG

If these arguments are wrong, the most decisive is that of 'English workers profiting at our expense.'

Anyone with a bit of experience in working in industry knows that Scottish workers over the years have a history of struggle linked with the whole of the British working class movement.

Instinctively, despite the 'Little Englander' mentality of some trade union bureaucrats, we've seen our allegiance, not with Scottish answers, but with class interests.

Those interests mean strengthening class connections, not splitting them.

The rest of the Left are jumping on the opportunists' band wagon. Let us state our position clearly.—**PETER PORTEOUS** and **JOHN STIRLING**, Glasgow.

No, I don't see the beauty...

DEAR ME, who married Steve Loughlin's excellent article last week on Lowby putting a daft headline on it beneath the ugliest scene of industrial squalor imaginable?

'Can't you see the beauty?' the title asked. No! we're damned if we can, maybe because we live in the middle of it all.

The middle class from their tiny castles in the rural sub-

urbs may find it an amusing change from their normal views of rural beauty. I don't see them rushing into the grimy towns of the North of England so they can enjoy the beauty at first hand.

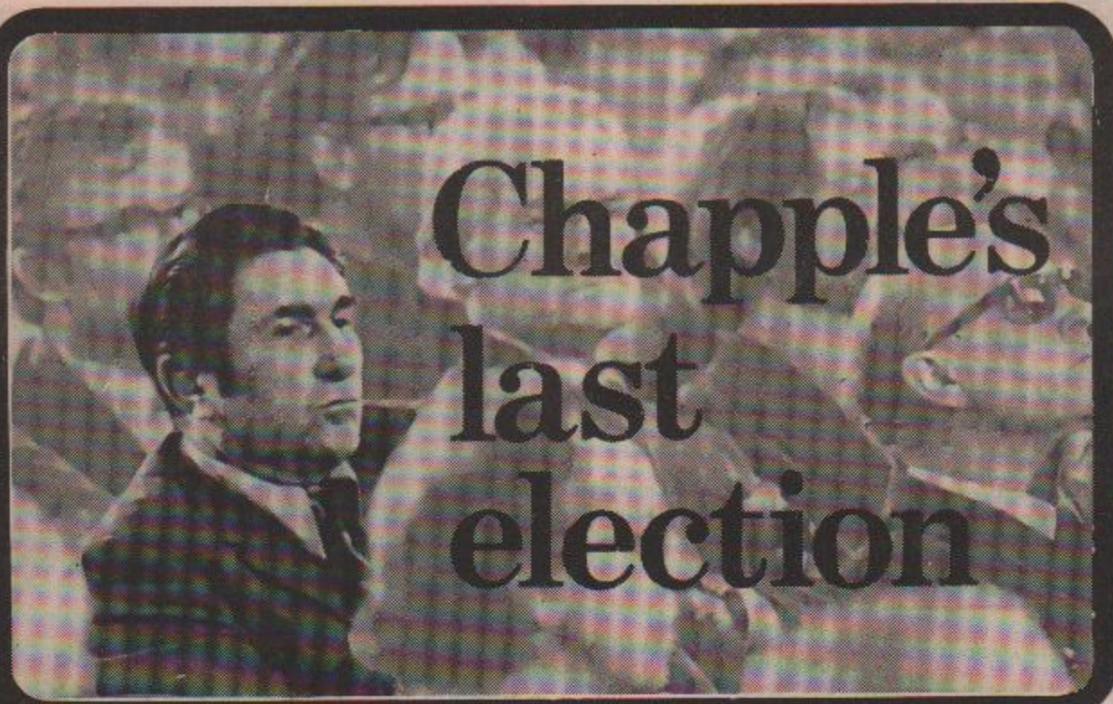
The best advice we ever got was from a parson here in Ashton under Lyne:

'Burn the mills down and then quench the flames with the blood of the millowners.'

Alas, Reynor Stephens was the exception.

Our plan is to raze these scenes of 'beauty' to the ground and replace them with something more pleasing to our eyes.

Our hope, that one day the paintings will be looked upon with horror, that such scenes were the habitation of mankind.—**DAVE HALLSWORTH**, Ashton-under-Lyne.



Chapple's last election

FIFTEEN years ago, members of the electricians' union were able to elect all their full-time officials.

Today only the executive and one top official—the general secretary—is elected. So what has happened in those 15 years?

The story begins with the 1961 ballot-rigging trial which brought the right-wing to power.

They promised 'true democracy'—but they have since:

SCRAPPED election of officials. Now only 16 of the union's full-time officials are elected.

ABOLISHED area committees which linked up different factories and sections.

CHANGED the annual policy conference to a biennial conference, and insisted that policy decisions are not binding on the executive.

CASTRATED the national industrial conference by allowing only one motion from each area industrial conference. The EC can act on or ignore motions as they think fit.

When Chapple wins the coming election, he will be general secretary until he retires in 1986, thanks to another handy little rule.

FRANK Chapple is not one of Britain's best-loved trade union leaders.

Soon he is up for reelection—a rare event in the EETPU.

Such, however, are the EETPU's rules potential candidates must be nominated by at least 12 branches, but communication between branches and members is forbidden—that Chapple's challengers are most likely to come from the ranks of the full-time officials.

Fears

The executive member most likely to stand up and be counted is Harold Best of Yorkshire.

He has voted against Chapple but his fears for his own future explain why he has never backed Flashlight, the main left-wing grouping in the union over the last ten years.

Best has preferred to remain 'independent'—though he's not been sorry for Flashlight's support—and that has led to

If he wins we'll be stuck with him for life



his failure so far to challenge Chapple in public.

A delegate to last year's Biennial Conference wrote afterwards in Flashlight:

"Although in all fairness, we do know that some EC members were opposed to many of Bro Chapple's remarks, it must still be said that it did not manifest itself in any way, unless their silence was itself a protest."

Another possible contender is Bill Banning, who stood unsuccessfully in December

for election to the executive after being obliged, by rule, to resign from his job as full-time Kent area official.

Banning's election address spoke of his 'extreme concern at the erosion of democracy in the union and disagreement with the policies pursued by the present leadership'.

But, as with Best, rank and file members generally prefer to judge by performance than by promises.

One possible rank and file challenger could be Billy

A rank-and-file policy to change the union

A POLICY to change the union has been put forward by a group called EETPU Members for the Right to Work.

In a national leaflet, the 54 signatories call for action from the union in defence of the Right to Work and for real union democracy to make such a change of policy possible.

Following a successful conference on 14 February, the signatories drew up this series of demands, which they believe should be raised within the union:

- A fight for the 35-hour week.
- Against the £6 Freeze and any future wage restraint.

- For a National Overtime Ban while any EETPU members remain unemployed.
- Against all sackings, whether by voluntary redundancy or natural wastage.

- Against 'work study' and other productivity deals that lead to fewer jobs.
- For occupation to force the nationalisation without compensation of any firm that sacks workers.
- No EETPU member to cut off electricity supplies

to workers or pensioners who can't pay their bills.

- For active resistance to all cuts in the nationalised industries, the education and health services, housing and in local government.

- For national action to break the employers' blacklist and any other form of discrimination against workers, whether on grounds of age, race or sex. No sweetheart deals with the employers.

- For real equal pay now and national action to win it. For an equal right for women workers to a full or a part-time job, for equal trade union rights for women and apprentices

- For an annual national conference and for all union conference decisions to be binding on the executive.
- ★ Shop stewards must decide policy at industrial conferences; all

and no separate Female Section. No phoney 'grading' schemes.

- For a fully democratic union to fight for the demands above. This means:

- ★ All officials must be elected, but subject to recall and should be paid the average wage of the members they represent.
- ★ An end to bans and proscriptions with the union.
- ★ An annual national conference and for all union conference decisions to be binding on the executive.
- ★ Shop stewards must decide policy at industrial conferences; all

agreements to be ratified by the rank and file before they are signed.

- ★ No branch or lodge amalgamations to take place without the agreement of the relevant section of the membership.
- ★ A rank and file executive to lead the union between conferences.

If these kinds of demands click with EETPU members over the next few weeks, then it is possible, after all, that one of the leaflets' signatories, Billy Williams, will get the 12 nominations necessary to put him onto the ballot in May.

Williams, convenor of the Cardiff Corporation electricians during last year's local authorities dispute.

He is reasonably well-known within the union, was a delegate to Biennial Conference last year and is currently on the Manchester to London Right to Work March.

He is secretary of his branch, Cardiff No 2, and is on the Executive Committee of Cardiff Trades Council.

Billy Williams' chances of securing enough nominations have undoubtedly been assisted by the decision of the declining Flashlight group not to put up a rank-and-file candidate.

Change

This change of policy is in line with the leading EETPU Communist Party members' thinking.

They have moved away from the idea of involving the rank-and-file in the job of transforming the union.

Instead they favour a policy of exploiting to the maximum any differences that might open up between Chapple and his fellow full-time officials.



BILLY WILLIAMS

An end to this absurd waste...

But under socialism there'd be no competition and high rewards. There'd be no incentive to innovate. So surely a socialist society would just stand still?

SURPRISING as it may seem, there are a variety of rather gaping holes in this particular argument against socialism.

The first is that, far from capitalism leading to uninterrupted technological progress, capitalism holds it back.

Take housing, for example. Human beings have long had the skill, resources and general wherewithal to provide decent housing as of right for all.

But capitalism says that before anything can be done there must be a profit in it. Before the needs of real human beings can be met the so-called 'rights' and 'obligations' to landowners and moneylenders must be met.



The result—chronic overcrowding for the majority of human beings and chronic unemployment for construction workers.

But capitalism is even more wasteful than this. While it takes thousands upon thousands of scientists and organises them into research factories, it firmly bridges the resulting innovations precisely because it is a competitive and not a cooperative system.

Socialism would stop the present insane duplication of research by scientists working competitively on virtually identical products for Sanyo, National Panasonic, Sony, GEC, Grundig, Motorola and what have you.

Inside the new research institutes, they would work to produce the best products in the most economical fashion so that they could be made available to all.

Cancel this duplication and you free countless scientific workers to tackle new problems, to undertake genuine and not phoney innovation.

TUC Quote of the Year Competition



BANNER headline in February's issue of Labour, the TUC information broadsheet: **FULL MARKS TO THE GOVERNMENT!** Healey and Foot act on jobs. Shirley Williams acts on prices.

Send us your quotes from TUC statements or General Council members.

We will publish samples through the year and then pick the winners before the 1976 TUC Congress.

Write to Socialist Worker, TUC Quote of the Year Competition, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 8DN.

DISCRIMINATION against women hasn't been ended by the government's new law.

Delegates to the Biennial Meeting next June of the National Graphical Association, the print union, will be asked to vote on the following section of the National Council's report:

'Females on Keyboards: The Association has continued its stand against the employment of females on keyboards... government legislation covering discrimination against females may present us with problems...'

Essex firemen have sent £4 to their striking brothers in Spain—a simple act of solidarity other branches might well consider.

Isolation

What's more, no longer would they innovate in isolation from other workers.

No longer would the immense fund of innovative skill on the shop floor be squandered in monotony, a situation which leads again and again to the most elementary factors in design construction and safety being overlooked.

We could innovate in new fields, such as slum clearance and landscaping, the design of new cities, the planting of forests, the creation of artificial rivers—in other words an environment fit for human beings.

Concern

All of these things would be the everyday concern of every citizen.

There would be highly organised differences of opinion. But these would be over real and important issues, and not the distribution of crumbs from the richman's table.

So who can believe that socialism would be a static society where everyone was the same?

Such ideas are just garbage put about by those who want to continue turning the key to our present cells.

Socialism is just the beginning of a really human history, not the end of it.

Laurie Flynn

OUR NORMAN



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KURDISTAN week of action film and photo exhibition and seminars. 6.30pm Imperial College, Britanny Common Room 13 and 16 March. 17 March seminar at Brunel Lecture Theatre C. Kurdistan New Year Social 20 March, Imperial College, students union building. All welcome.

WANTED URGENTLY: Men to help run creche for National Women's Conference, Newcastle, 23-25 April. Contact—Claudia Seaton, 14 Beverley Terrace, Cullercoats, Tyne and Wear.

JOHN AND MARGARET LLYWARCH invite you to a North Wales country holiday. Walking, fishing, pony trekking and more besides. Stamped addressed envelope please to Bryn Iddon, Brony Garth, Oswestry, or phone Chirk 2272.

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FIGHTBACK bulletin of East London Action Committee Against Cuts No 2. Just out. Articles on hospitals, Education, Right to Work, Housing, Immigrants. 5p each from 71a Vallance Road, London, E1.

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NO to cover after 3 days. No to compulsory transfer. A public meeting for all teachers 5.30pm, Tuesday 16 March, Euston Tavern, Euston Road. Organised by Standing Committee Against the Cuts in Education.

COMRADE to share house, SE London, Own Room, Phone 659 1187.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR on How to Fight the Education Cuts: Saturday 3 April, 10.30am, University of London Union, Malet Street, London, WC1. Sponsored by TUC South East Regional Council, leading Labour Movement speakers to open and close conference. For delegates credentials, organisations should apply to Paula Lanning, NATFHE, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London, WC1H 9GH.

PLATFORM: Busworkers' rank and file meeting. Sunday 14 March. Meet outside Gants Hill Odeon, Ilford, 12 noon. Details from 01-808 6300.

Local labour movement CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE CUTS: Saturday 3 April, Stockwell Hall, Stockwell Park Walk, Brixton, London SW2. Creche provided. Details and delegates/visitors credentials from V Wiseman, 23 Saunders House, St Martins Estate, London SW2. Organised by Lambeth Trades Council, Norwood Labour Party. Sponsored by Battersea/Wandsworth, Southwark Trades Councils and South West London Right to Work Committee.

Rank and File Tech Teacher Annual Conference: Saturday 13 March, 10.30am-4.30pm, Polytechnic of Central London, Regent Street. Morning session for RAFTT members only. Reports, resolutions, elections. Afternoon session (open to all NATFHE members) The economics of education cuts. Speakers: Sue Clegg and Sandra Peers. For creche facilities and further information, contact M Moos, 133 Highbury New Park, London N5.

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TUC ORDER: 'TOE THE LINE OR ELSE'

THE TUC General Council is trying to strengthen its witch-hunting powers.

It is demanding sweeping alterations to its notorious Rule 14.

This clause—which all Trades Councils are forced to have in their constitutions—bans them from joining with Communist or Fascist organisations.

POLICY

The TUC are demanding that this is changed to stop all co-operation with any organisation opposed to TUC policy.

This would stop Trades

How has your Trades Council reacted? Socialist Worker will print reports on this issue. Send them to us at Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 8DN.

Councils backing actions such as the 26 November demonstration against unemployment or the Right to Work March.

It would also prevent them backing any action against the £6 wage limit.

As a CPSA delegate at Westminster Trades Council pointed out, the TUC supports the £6 limit, while his union opposes it.

If the CPSA took industrial action over its current wage claim, no Trades Council could organise collections in

support. This rule change is designed to increase the control of the General Council over the rank and file.

It seeks to hamstring the growing opposition inside the labour movement to the reactionary policies of the leadership.

The TUC threaten to disaffiliate any Trades Council which refuses to knuckle under.

This argument is being used by many in the labour movement, including some

members of the Communist Party, to justify voting for it.

But in London Trades Councils—Southwark, Barnet, Greenwich, Enfield, Lambeth, Westminster and Camden—have thrown out the proposed change.

If your Trades Council has not yet accepted the rule change, join with those who are fighting to throw the amendment out.

ALLIES

If the right wing and their allies have already forced the rule through, then get your Council and trade union branch to support the London Councils.

The scabs Foot defends

LORD GOODMAN is fuming. James Prior is festering, up and down the country newspaper editors are quivering with rage.

Why? Because Sheffield and Barnsley branches of the journalists' union (NUJ) have circulated local trade union bodies telling them that Institute of Journalists members are non-union labour, and advising them to take appropriate action if approached by them.

This, according to some of the richest men in the country,

is an attack on press freedom.

What really bothers them is that it could strengthen the NUJ.

Warning

In Barnsley, for example, the warning has been endorsed by the executive of the Trades Council and been noted by the miners, the local government workers and the Labour council.

And what has Michael Foot done, this man who's sup-

posed to stand up for the unions?

He's given in to the employers, and advised the NUJ branches to withdraw their warning.

Ian Harley, NUJ Father of Chapel at the Barnsley Chronicle, told Socialist Worker: 'All we've done is pointed out that non-TUC affiliated labour is used in the town.'

In fact it's not just a question of the IoJ not being affiliated, they're anti-trade union. The NUJ have never

received support from them during disputes.

In many places branches have been formed by editorial executives who regularly cross NUJ picket lines of their less fortunate colleagues, and at the end of the day receive the benefits we've fought for.

Weaker

IoJ members weaken our union organisation, and our positions would be en-

dangered during any dispute.' In fact, the IoJ is a 'scabs union' organisation which encourages its members to work through every dispute.

The NUJ was formed precisely because the IoJ is such a tame bosses' organisation.

In making the facts about the IoJ known to the local trade unionists, Sheffield and Barnsley NUJ have done a great service. Other NUJ branches should follow their example.

Why the Reyrolle strikers gave in

LANARKSHIRE: The four-week strike at the three factories of the Reyrolle Parsons group is over.

A mass meeting on Thursday voted 442-420 to return to work. The strike was over management's refusal to give shop-floor workers staff status.

The executive of one of the two main unions involved, the AUEW, made the strike official. But many stewards felt it was the failure of the electricians' union executive to follow suit which caused the vote against the stewards' recommendation.

Thanked

After the meeting, the shop stewards thanked the Right to Work Committee for their support and gave £20 from their strike fund towards the campaign.

While the strikers were at the meeting, Reyrolle managing director David Thomson was holidaying in the Bahamas.

£3m - for nothing

KENT: Turner and Newall, one of the three asbestos and insulation companies behind the strike at the Isle of Grain power station, have shown where their priorities lie.

They have refused to give 14 ladders on site protective clothing.

But last week they handed their shareholders £3 million—for doing absolutely nothing.

Money

They made a rights issue a way of raising money by selling new shares to existing shareholders. It involved raising £20 million.

But the lucky shareholders naturally get the new shares at a knock-down price. They are free to sell them as soon as they've got them.

The net profit of £3 million is enough to give every Turner and Newall worker a £2.28 pay increase. It would also buy thousands upon thousands of overalls.

Picture: Angela Phillips (IFL)

The sack... after 34 years

HUDDERSFIELD: Only eight workers are left in Jerseycraft, the knitwear firm. 34 others have been sacked. Half of them had worked there for 34 years.

But Jerseycraft is not a small company faced with bankruptcy. While the 34 workers go down the road, the directors of the parent company, the massive Parkland Textile Holdings, are sitting pretty.

Giant

They include F H Hansen, also a director of Eagle Star, the insurance giant, and J L Hanson, a director of Ritz Hotels.

These parasites are sacking 34 workers not because there is a fall in demand but to save money.

Eight staff are being kept on, five of them management. The work will be handed out to people's homes on a commission basis.

The advantages are no unions, no overheads, no plant or machinery and far bigger profits.

THE SACK... WITH ONE HOUR'S NOTICE

LEEDS: 28 workers at Yorkshire Switchgear were sent down the road this week—with an hour's notice.

Four weeks ago shop stewards had received firm assurances that there was 'absolutely no chance of redundancies this year'.

The convenor was among those made redundant—and he only heard about it when people were already being

ushered out of the factory.

At a works committee meeting that afternoon the question of redundancies was item 3 on the agenda. When it was reached, the convenor was handed a letter from management and told: 'You want to talk about redundancies? Well here's yours.'

This is a high-handed move by management to break union organisation at the

factory before they announce much larger redundancies.

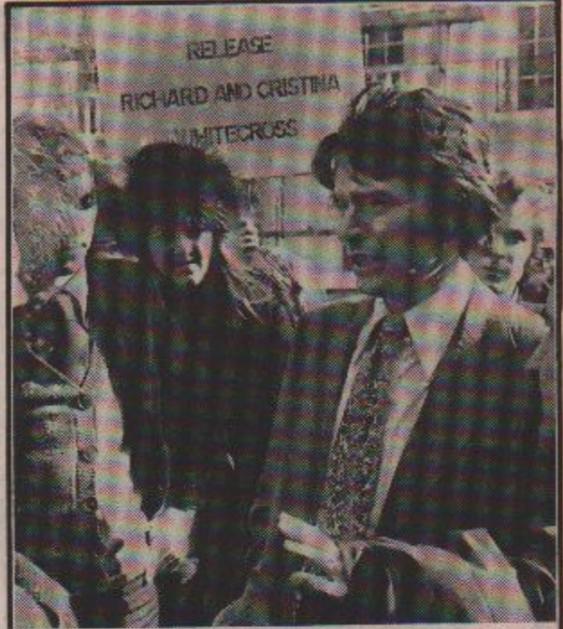
It is just another in a series of broken promises to the workers. Last year women were promised at least equal pay to those on the middle semi-skilled grade and they still haven't got it.

On Tuesday they made another 'promise'—that there would be no more redundancies this year.

Dennis Farrell, a shop steward who also got the sack, told Socialist Worker: 'Why should they keep that promise when so many others have been broken?'

'No-one can feel that their job is secure now. We're disgusted.'

'It's just incredible that they can sack people like this when another factory owned by the firm is working over-time.'



Get the Whitecrosses out of jail!

MICHAEL Whitecross lobbying his brother's MP last week.

Richard and Christina Whitecross have been in an Argentine prison without trial since last November.

No charges have been brought, but the authorities claim they committed the heinous crime of helping Chilean refugees.

The Whitecrosses' lawyers were planning to file a habeas corpus plea if the government hadn't replied to their petition by Wednesday.

Contact the Whitecross Defence Committee, c/o David Sawyer, 01-629 8494.



Women's Voice supporters among the 1500 people who marched through Central London last Saturday to commemorate International Womens Day.

The marchers called for abortion on demand and the right to work for Britain's thousands of unemployed women.

More than 100 copies of **Women's Voice** were sold.

PICTURE: Andrew Ward (Report)

THE FIGHT AGAINST LABOUR'S CUTS

Busmen launch all-out strike

LIVERPOOL: The fight against cuts is on. 300 busmen from Speke and Garston bus depots have been on all-out strike since last Monday against management attempts to take 60 buses off the road. Cutbacks like these would further cripple the local service. And although no redundancies are threatened at present, the busmen feel that the cuts would put their backs to the wall.

Management would use any excuse to discipline men—and sack them one by one to cut 'overmanning'.

The two garages are being despite the collapse of the Merseyside Joint Negotiating Committee, which represents all the Liverpool garages.

And the other garages are supporting the strike by not travelling into their areas.

Transport Union branch chairman Jim Murphy and secretary Paul Mayne are confident that other garages and other public sector services are watching their action closely.

Support

If the Speke and Garston men can fight the cuts, others will follow.

Predictably, the press have tried to knife the strike.

They accuse the busmen of depriving people of buses to the local hospital, referring to two proposed routes the men want withdrawn.

These are routes which the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive propose to run jointly with Liverpool's other service, Ribble, with MPTE subsidising all losses.

Jim Murphy described the press attacks as rubbish. The busmen are in favour of hospital services, but why should other services be cut?

How can MPTE claim to have cut back on many routes and at the same time pour money into Ribble's pockets?

Demand

There are new homes in the Bingle area that'll need more buses not less.

Paul Mayne talked about the abuse busmen get from passengers who've queued for hours. The cuts can only make this worse.

The men have invited management to come to Speke Garage and point out the services that aren't viable.

They defy management to find one. So far they haven't accepted the invitation.

BOOST FOR EXETER STUDENTS

EXETER: University students are a step nearer winning a day nursery.

Last Thursday 200 occupied the Vice Chancellor's office and the Senate chambers.

After three months of negotiation, the authorities had decided to set up a working party. The students saw this for what it was—a delaying tactic.

So they occupied. A mass meeting during the occupation decided to picket the University Court.

As a result of the picket, the

day nursery was put on the agenda.

Last weekend the students withdrew, feeling that they'd won at least part of their fight. But now there's a danger of students being victimised—both at Exeter and at Bristol, where there was a nursery occupation last week.

The same week teacher training students in Liverpool, at Christ Church College of Education, occupied their college buildings for two days over cash grants.

Unlike university students,

A CONFIDENTIAL British Rail plan—to come into effect next Monday—has come into the hands of Socialist Worker.

And it makes a mockery of BR's endless whining about 'overmanning' and the need to get rid of the 'second man in the cab', the driver's vitally important assistant.

The plan will increase the already massive overmanning among managerial grades—the very people most concerned to axe those who do the real work—on the Eastern Region.

120 new managerial grades are being created on the region's Liverpool Street division alone. At one depot, the increase in costs will be an estimated £60,000 a year.

Struggle

And the same story is repeated at depots such as Stratford, Shenfield, Colchester, Southend and Dagenham Dock.

Where, nine years ago, three managerial grades were responsible for a depot of 2400 men, now ten new, higher grades will control 1850 men: fewer workers, three times as many bosses...

The new army of managers is 'needed' to cope with British

BRITISH RAIL'S SPEND, SPEND, SPEND BOSSES

Rail's white elephant, the computer system which costs £90,000,000 a year.

Far from improving efficiency, the computer—introduced three years ago—has become a laughing stock among many railway workers for its high-priced bungling.

Freight trains bound for the Temple Mills depot in East London, for example, regularly sail right past it and into some of the busiest rail junctions in the country—

because the computer has sent them elsewhere.

Railway workers who know the trains' correct destination—and who can see it plainly marked on the side—are powerless to re-route them. Before the computer was installed, destinations and train details for different depots were transmitted simply and effectively by telephone.

So, for countless millions of pounds, British Rail has saddled itself with equipment that, far from improving efficiency, actually lowers it.

Resist

And, side by side with the mounting cost of this monstrosity, BR is creating ever-larger armies of managers to guard and supervise it—as its plans for the Eastern Region show all too well.

A train travelling from, say, London to Leeds now requires about 27 men to service and run it, compared with about ten in the days before the computer was introduced.

And so, faced with mounting costs, BR turns on the people who do the real work and who are in no way responsible for this mess, to carry the can by cutting out the second man in the cab.



PICTURE: Andrew Wiaard (Report)

SOME of the 80 people who picketed the BBC television studios in West London last week in protest against a racistist Open Door programme.

Workers from North London NUJ, Lambeth Community Law centre, building workers and Asian organisations later marched to an ACTT union meeting to

try and persuade BBC workers to refuse to film the programme. Attempts to get a High Court injunction against it was turned down.

According to the Judge, these vile racist rantings and open demands of 'send the blacks back' don't contravene the Race Relations Act.

Don't smile yet, Gormley

'MINERS SEAL fate of doomed pit'. The Guardian headline on Tuesday properly described the result of the miners' ballot on the overtime ban.

The miners voted by 109,410 to 69,369 to support the executive's decision to call off the ban. They voted, unfortunately, to support closure of Langwith.

Miners in pits scheduled for closure by the Coal Board will feel less inclined to fight after this result.

But it shows there is still a lot of fight in the union, and despite the vote resistance to closures may even be growing. In Yorkshire, the largest coalfield, the miners voted by a clear majority against the executive.

This followed a powerful campaign by the Yorkshire NUM area council, which included posters calling for a 'No' vote in every pit. Many of the miners who voted 'No' in Yorkshire stood to lose up to £9 a week.

Yet they responded to the argument that the best way to stop pit closures and to fight unemployment is to ban overtime.

Miners in Scotland and South Wales also voted by large majorities against the ban, while the majority for the executive in North Derbyshire, which includes Langwith, was small.

Feeling is running high in many pits. Lord Scab of Langwith (the present Joe Gormley) cannot rejoice as much as the papers urge him to.

The strength of miners' feeling on wages has yet to be tested. As The Times correspondent put it:

'The miners do not regard the ballot as a reliable test of strength of their feeling over wages'.

AUEW ballot: Support these candidates

ENGINEERING union members should now be receiving ballot papers for the election of a new Assistant General Secretary.

The three main candidates sum up the choice facing members in the coming months.

The right wing candidate, JOHN WEAKLEY, took the AUEW to the High Court last year in his campaign to keep postal balloting.

He is backed to the hilt by TRUEMID, the pro-employers organisation which 'campaigns for moderate' candidates.

The Broad Left candidate, BOB WRIGHT has an appalling record.

As executive member responsible for the motor industry and the senior full time official present, he fought throughout the recent

Chrysler negotiations for the workers to accept massive job losses.

In the last 18 months, the Broad Left organisation in the AUEW, which once broke the power of the right wing, has itself been crippled.

It has surrendered on the Social Contract and the £6 pay limit and has failed to offer any fight against unemployment.

This is the crucial difference between Bob Wright and the third serious candidate, LEN BLOOD of the Engineers' Charter.

Wages

Len Blood is committed to a clear set of policies on unemployment, including a national overtime ban and the 35-hour week, and policies to increase democracy within the AUEW.

In the other elections, there are no Engineers Charter candidates.

Socialist Worker urges support for the candidates of the Broad Left.

It is vital to vote to keep the right wingers out while the Charter builds a real left alternative.

This means supporting Phil Higgs in the second ballot for national organiser, and Jimmy Reid for regional officer in division number 1.

Other left candidates are Jack Dickens (regional officer, division 4), Fred Griffiths (number 16 divisional organiser), Ron Halverson (number 21 divisional organiser), James Graham (number 1 divisional organiser). In divisions 16, 17 and 23 the left candidates for assistant divisional organisers are John Collingswood, Thomas Hartropp, and Clifford Arrowsmith.

The Engineers' Charter group has started a new journal, written and edited by rank and file members of the AUEW. For a copy of the first issue, which includes articles on the postal ballot, equal pay, the Right to Work Campaign, and the AUEW right wing, send 17p (including postage) to ENGINEERS CHARTER, 46 Prince George Road, London N16.

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They're slaying our brothers and sisters...

RAIL CUTS: SPREAD THE STRIKES!

MAGNIFICENT! That's the way to stop British Rail in their Dr Beeching tracks.

The unofficial strike this week by drivers and footplatemen shows just how the cuts CAN be fought.

SPREAD

What began as a local dispute at Holbeck depot in Leeds spread like wild-fire as members of ASLEF throughout the Eastern Region saw their common cause.

Hardly had the 400 drivers and firemen at Holbeck walked out—over cut services and increased workloads—than

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they were joined by depots in Lincolnshire and the rest of Yorkshire.

Then crews at the Stratford depot in East London walked out, along with more than 400 King's Cross drivers.

Those workers know only too well that British Rail plans to butcher services and cut out 80,000 jobs.

And they also know that only determined action will stop those cuts.

As one Kings Cross driver said: 'We are striking for the public. We have been told that 26 main line trains in the Eastern Region are going to be cut.'

Meanwhile, the leaders of ASLEF—so good at chatting endlessly with British Rail and making militant noises—ran round in circles trying to dampen down this fighting spirit.

One driver in East London told Socialist Worker: 'The leadership are a dead loss. All along they've said 'Resist the cuts, resist the cuts'—and then when we do they're nowhere to be seen'.

RESIST

More than ever, railway workers—whether in ASLEF, the NUR or the white-collar TSSA—need to look to their own endeavours if they are going to resist the coming onslaught on jobs and services.

It's not Ray Buckton's job or Sidney Weighell's that's going out of the window, but their members'—and they're the only people they can rely on.

BUILD

This week's strikes are a fine start in stopping the rot.

They should be spread to include all railway workers.

That's the way to build the rank and file links that will be so vital in the months ahead.

Links such as those being sought by ASLEF drivers on the Southern Region, who have called on TSSA members in the ticket offices to refuse to accept the fare increase planned for 28 March.

Links such as those being made by the rank and file Railway Worker group, which is also campaigning against the fare increases.

It will be a tough fight. But the alternative is a return to the Beeching era.

Without Comment

CHIEF Inspector Ewart Bradley of the Gloucester Police got a shock when he walked out of the city's Tesco shop without paying for £6 worth of goods, a court heard on Monday.

He dragged a store detective 50 yards along the road before he was stopped, it was alleged.

When threatened with arrest, he remarked, 'You can't do that—I'm a policeman.'

The case continues.

EXCLUSIVE PICTURES FROM VITORIA, SPAIN



THE VICTIMS: The funeral of three of the workers shot down in Vitoria



THE MOURNERS: Thousands of workers pay their respects outside the funeral



THE LUCKY ONES: Demonstrators in Madrid escape as police open fire

THE SPANISH government of King Juan Carlos has dropped its liberal mask—and revealed a face dripping with blood.

As these pictures show, workers in Vitoria, Madrid, Bilbao, San Sebastian and many other towns and cities have been on strike and on the streets.

They have been defying the police, throwing up barricades to protect themselves.

Murder

Faced with half a million strikers, the police have resorted to crude murder.

In Bilbao on Monday, they shot one demonstrator and arrested 30 others.

In Tarragona the day before, another demonstrator was killed falling from a balcony as he fled from the police.

Riot police fired rubber bullets to break up a demonstration in the southern city of Malaga, where eight workers were arrested. Another nine were held in Cadiz.

But it was in the Northern town of Vitoria that workers suffered most—and fought back hardest.

Automatic

Police used tear gas to drive 3000 strikers from a church. Then, as the crowd streamed out, choking and blinded, the police opened fire with automatic weapons.

Four people were killed and nearly 100 others wounded.

Even the Daily Telegraph was forced to recognise that Vitoria 'was silent and shuttered, like a city under enemy occupation... The working class suburb of Arana still resembled a battlefield, the streets strewn with crude barricades.'

'Liberal'

The Spanish minister most directly responsible for this murder and repression is a man referred to by the press and TV in this country as a liberal, the Interior Minister Fraga.

He later blamed the strikers for their deaths, saying also it was necessary to prevent 'anarchy'.

The Spanish government claimed the police had 'acted to safeguard individual liberty'.

□ Asturian miners have been on strike for more than six weeks. The Miners' International Federation, to which the NUM is affiliated, has issued a call for workers throughout the world to ensure that no coal is exported to Spain to break the strike.

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cash to show solidarity with those struggling and to relate to those revolutionaries involved in fighting to extend the struggles in Spain and elsewhere.

Our fund has received a boost this week that shows just how international the struggle is.

The Canadian International Socialists have

decided to send £25 a month to the fund.

Their money—and yours—will be put to good use.

The SW Spanish Group, for example, is anxious to produce a pamphlet in Spanish on the Fight for the Right to Work.

It would be for sale to workers of Spanish origin employed in Britain.

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keep it coming:
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