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**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION
Wednesday 26 May**

**FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!
NO DEAL WITH HEALEY!
NO TO THE CUTS!**



The National Right to Work Campaign calls on all its supporters to fight for maximum support for the day of action in every town and city by employed and unemployed. Move resolutions through trade union bodies calling for support. Organise maximum publicity.

SUPPORT ALL LOCAL ACTIONS

In London, support the demonstration called by the London Confed and the London Co-op Political Committee. Assemble Tower Hill, 1pm, to march and lobby parliament.

ALL OUT 26 MAY!

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

No deal with Healey

'In agreeing to a new and lower pay ceiling, trade union leaders will be committing their members to accepting a decline in their living standards over the next year of unknown and unpredictable severity'.

THE GUARDIAN, 24 APRIL

'We do not see unemployment falling below the million mark by 1979—and at the end of the decade it is likely to rise again... We cannot see how the Chancellor's apparent target of 750,000 jobless can be achieved.'

'No set of fiscal, monetary or pay policies can solve the problems of the British economy in the next three years'.

LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL ECONOMIC FORECAST

Dundee, Bedford, Hammersmith, Bridgwater, Forest of Dean... MOVES BEGIN TO BLACK ASBESTOS

MOVES to black the deadly health hazard asbestos were spreading this week.

At Dundee Royal Infirmary repairs and delagging in the attic above the staff dining room have been halted following the intervention of the Dundee Asbestos Action Committee. Members of the committee, set up by lagers in the city, advised hospital workers about the health hazard.

The lagers in Dundee have also identified a serious health hazard in the Dens Road Market, where broken lagging is 'leaking' on to a fruit stall below. Yet the stall is still being allowed to operate.

Hospital workers in Bedford and London have also moved against asbestos. At Hammersmith Hospital, West London, and at Bedford General, deadly blue asbestos was found in one of the wards.

Construction workers on the new power station site at Bridgwater, Somerset, have also

been refusing to work with any asbestos-based material.

Post Office engineering workers have succeeded in getting their employers to close off the Kingsway tube and telephone tunnel until asbestos ceiling tiles is removed.

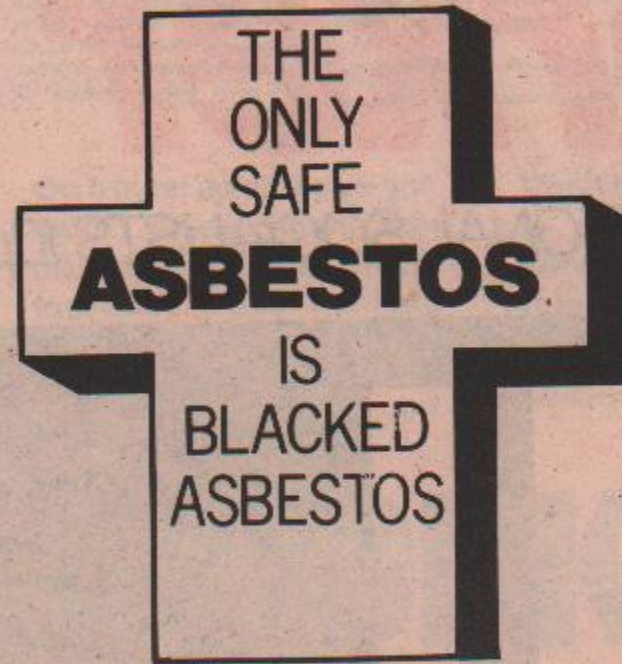
At Rank Industries in the Forest of Dean strike action has quickly forced management to make safe dangerous insulation.

Many other groups of construction workers are also moving against asbestos. In the building industry the blacking movement is spreading. In Cork, Ireland, building workers employed by the contractor Sisk have blacked the stuff.

Care

If you care for your health, you'll do the same.

□ The Scottish Trade Union Congress circulated the text of an emergency motion from Scottish lagers calling for an official black on asbestos. But the motion was not put to Congress thanks to secretary Jimmy Milne. He insisted that the leaflet came 'from an unaffiliated body'. Trade union members will doubtless be impressed by Bro Milne's devotion to procedure.



ACCORDING to Richard Rolfe, chairman of the Greater London Council Housing Department, there is no real evidence that 'blue asbestos is dangerous in ordinary residential use'.

'Residential use' is no different from any other kind of use. Blue asbestos is lethal and that's the beginning and the end of it. It should not be used under any circumstances because it kills.

Balfe's stupid and dangerous statement is designed to 'quieten things down'. He's hoping to get the GLC off the hook by pretending there's no problem.

Responsible

But why the hell should the GLC be responsible anyway? The people who pick up the bill for replacing the asbestos should be the people who put it there in the first place—the vastly wealthy asbestos mul-

As press whitewash starts, here are the facts

tinational.
People keep saying that white asbestos is safer than blue. Is this true?

Most definitely not. It's rather like saying arsenic is safer than strychnine.

White asbestos is a monumental health hazard in its own right. It is not quite as lethal as the blue, but white asbestos has been responsible for many of the asbestos induced deaths on Clydeside, at Hebden Bridge, among the London lagers and among people who lived near these workplaces.

Banned

Asbestos is so dangerous that it should be banned. But the British government, ever anxious to protect the profits of big business, refuses even to consider such action.

So it is up to working men and women to look after their own safety and that of their children. It is up to tenants and rank and file workers to compel the government to change tack.

Organisations such as the Asbestos Information Committee talk about 'safe limits'. There are no known safe limits for exposure to any kind of asbestos.

When Brian Harvey was Chief Inspector of Factories he was asked if any concentration of the dust at all was safe. He replied: 'I cannot get any of our medical advisers to make that statement. I wish I could.'

Asbestos is everywhere, in insulation, pipelagging, in acoustic ceilings, in screwfix, brake linings, corrugated sheeting, lino backing.

Although the big asbestos companies are switching to different forms of insulation now that the scandal of asbestos is becoming so widespread, they're also pushing for new uses of asbestos.

Pat Kinnersly, author of the best-selling book, Hazards of Work, has stressed this in two recent letters to The Guardian newspaper. The Guardian refuses to print his letters, although it does print paid supplements and advertisements for the asbestos industry.

Hazard

The asbestos companies knew for 60 years about the health hazards of asbestos and cynically exposed people to it, knowing it meant death for some.

What's more this slaughter for profit, involving flagrant breaches of the safety regulations, went on with the full knowledge of the Factory Inspectorate.

Are there substitutes for asbestos?

Yes, such as fibreglass, rockwool or foam. But often these too are hazardous. So not only should we demand they be used in place of asbestos, but also that they only be used with the precautions the law is supposed to impose on asbestos.

Workers who come into contact with asbestos should black the stuff. The only safe asbestos is blacked asbestos.

By blacking asbestos building workers will not only be defending their own health they'll be defending the health and safety of every future occupant of the houses and buildings they put up.

They shall not pass!

BLACKS DEFEND

THEIR COMMUNITY AGAINST NATIONAL FRONT



Demonstrators block the way of the Bradford National Front march. Minutes later mounted police charged in to force a way through.

Bricks. Bottles. Stones. Paint. Eggs.

The National Front got a fine reception with all these as they tried to march through Manningham, an immigrant area of Bradford on Saturday.

The black people of Manningham came out on the streets to defend their community. They joined 80 members of the International Socialists and 100 other trade unionists who blocked the road in front of the National Front.

Police on horseback charged cavalry-style to clear a path for the Front. But the Front could only inch its way along the street.

Black teenagers pulled the police barricades away from the school where the National Front were heading. They moved them to the middle of the street to stop the horse charges.

Anger

The anger of the blacks against the police protecting the National Front was something to see. Two police cars were overturned and one was burned out. The motorcycle of a policeman who ran down a demonstrator was destroyed.

West Indians and Asians in Bradford gave their message to the National Front—Get off our streets!



Crowds on the Bradford counter-demonstration.

POLICE ARREST ANTI-FASCISTS

TWENTY-ONE people were arrested in Bradford on Saturday while opposing the fascist National Front and the police who protected them.

They were all charged with offences under the Public Order Act 1936. The Act was rushed through Parliament allegedly to deal with the menace of the right—Mosley and his black-shirted fascists.

But it was never used against them. It was used

against the Nottingham miners when they tried to break a seab union, and many times since—against the left and against trade unionists.

Charged with police assault were Phil Eastwood, Martin Voakes, Mark Dougal.

Charged with carrying an offensive weapon: Abdul Sattar, Mohammed Riaz, Miqabl.

Charged with threatening behaviour: Jean Thornton,

Gillian Thornton, Rosalind Trueman, John Laycock, Chris Dale, Brendan Watholet, Ed Gallagher, C McGoughlin, Stephen Pearson, Allen Mee, Alan Marks, Mike Blair, James Drin, Keith Cargill, Bob Sharp.

They are all due to appear in court on 20 May.

□ Money for their defence is urgently needed. Send to Treasurer, Defence of Manningham Committee, 41 Athol Road, Bradford 9.

...and in London it's 600 to 200

SIX HUNDRED demonstrators jeered and harassed 200 assorted fascists who marched to Trafalgar Square in London last Sunday.

The fascists were led by the National Party, which recently split from the National Front, claiming that it was breaking with the 'Nazis'. But a group of thugs making the Nazi salute were in the centre of its march.

The fascists would not have been able to reach Trafalgar Square, let alone start their meeting, had it not been for a helping hand from Police Commissioner Robert Mark, who provided a thousand police to protect them.

These used their muscle to clear a route for the fascists, and then to clear Trafalgar Square to stop heckling. They arrested 25 socialists and trade unionists sending one to hospital with a back injury.

They also did their best to prevent free speech for anti-fascists, by attacking International Socialists who tried to hold an impromptu meeting at the end of the counter-demo.

The Dunkirk Chorus

HERE we go again.

The pound is 'on the floor'. The country is in crisis.

Rich people who have wealth and power are selling sterling so that they can increase their wealth and power.

They hope to force the Labour government and the trade unions to freeze wages, or cut spending on social services—or both.

It happened in 1931 when a run on the pound brought down a Labour government.

It happened in 1964 and 1966 when a run on the pound forced Labour to replace their manifesto policies with a wage freeze and cuts in social services.



It happened in 1975 when Labour and the trade unions agreed their £6 wage freeze.

Each time, the Labour government and the union leaders have been faced with a simple choice.

EITHER to ignore the run on the pound, expand production and expand public services.

Then all the reserves would leave the country, and the government and the unions would be forced to take total control of the economy.

OR to do what the bankers and businessmen want them to do.

Each time, Labour and the unions have chosen the second, shameful course.



Now they are doing it again. On Sunday Jack Jones, the most powerful trade union leader in Europe, denounced the run on the pound.

He said it was the result of 'financial manipulation in business circles'.

On Monday, after another day's selling, he grovelled in the Daily Express gutter.

At a dinner for transport bosses he called for the 'Dunkirk spirit' to protect 'society as we know it'.

The whole of the rest of the elected-for-life rabble—Len Murray, Lawrence Daly of the miners' union, Lord Allen of the Shopworkers—have joined in.



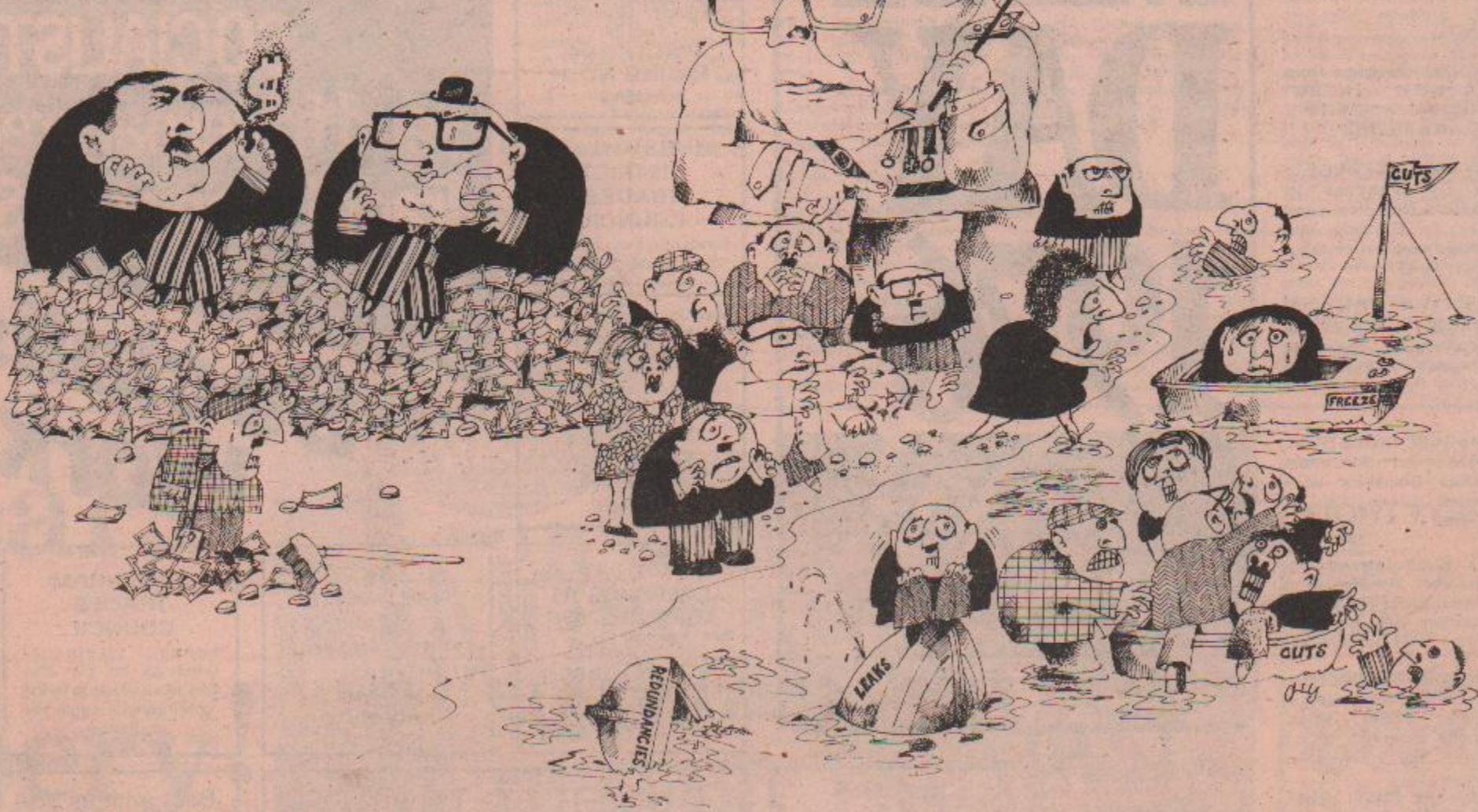
They will always choose the 'easy way out'. Easy for them, that is.

Tough, bitterly tough, for the workers they represent.

Their position in society, their high pay, their job security, their cars, expensive suits, plush dinners and well-paid telly appearances all depend on co-operating with the system—not defying it.

The fight for the alternative system—for planning production to meet our needs—must come from the rank and file.

The more desperately Jones and Co rally to the defence of 'society as we know it' (that is, society as the bankers want it) the more desperately important is a rank and file movement.



What does the sterling crisis mean?

Those who control vast amounts of wealth, in Britain and abroad, do not have confidence in the ability of the government to maintain the sorts of profits they expect.

They move their money into the currencies of countries where they think that profits will be better looked after. That immediately begins to wreck the British economy. The value of the pound falls. Prices of imports, like most food, automatically rise.

Isn't that because we don't work hard enough here, and get too much in wages and public services?

No. Wages are lower here than elsewhere in Europe. Workers work just as hard. The real difference is that there's been more investment in other countries than here.

British big business preferred to invest their funds in property speculation than in industry. Because of this—and the war—British machinery is older than in Germany, France or the US.

Cutting living standards and the social services won't solve this problem. It will only provide the rich with bigger profits for property speculation and investment overseas.

And even if, by some miracle, British capitalism could catch up with the Germans, the French and the

£ QUESTIONS ? ON THE CRISIS

Americans, that would still not end unemployment. There are still more workers unemployed and on short time in Germany and the US than in Britain.

Do the international bankers really control the government?

Yes, but they're not all foreign. Many of the biggest sellers of sterling are British. And they're not all bankers.

Many sellers of sterling are industrialists. For instance, Vauxhall's made an estimated profit of £1000 million by selling sterling before the British devaluation of 1967.

Couldn't the government have stopped

the sterling crisis with more controls on the movement of money?

The government stops the small boys moving their money abroad in suitcases and hold-alls. But it cannot stop the big banks and the big companies doing so while they keep control of the rest of their wealth.

Businessmen move vast quantities of goods from one country to another as exports and imports. By a slight fiddling of payments, they can effectively move vast sums of money. The Economist (17 April) recently calculated that 'one day's lag on export receipts and one day's lead on import payments would cost the reserves 500 million dollars.' A lag of a fortnight would reduce Britain to bankruptcy.

All export and import transactions have to be controlled if you want to control the pound.

And that means, in reality, control of the whole of industry and finance. Nothing less will work.

But we are not going to get that tomorrow. Can't we do anything in the meantime?

Yes, we can. We can organise our fellow workers against the bankers, the industrialists and the effects of their crisis.

Every strike against the freeze, every restoration of a cut in public services shows that the workers can have a say.

Each time the workers control a part of their lives by fighting back they lay the foundation for a society in which they control all of their lives.

Socialist Worker
 £1000 Fighting Fund

CAMPAIGN

WITH THE Socialist Worker

EVERY DAY comes more proof of how workers' lives and workers' struggles are being ignored by the Press.

- The hysteria of the sterling crisis frightens more and more newspaper editors off any reporting of the workers' movement.
- Socialist Worker needs to become a mass circulation newspaper.
- We need to expand. And that means money.
- We need a £1000 month to do it.
- Organise dances and discos, jumble sales and second hand book sales, raffles, collections at work, on your estate, in your school or office.

□ Send your collections and donations to: Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.
 This week's fund brought in £121.40. Our thanks to: C Jones 55p, T Broadsmith 20p, A Skidmore £10, Maidstone IS £2, T Segars 40p, A Godfrey £1, Hull IS £1, C A Parsons £1.25, Oxford SW supporter £75 (with a note to say that Skegness was terrific!)

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MAY DAY 1976



SCOTTS SHIPYARD, Greenock. Socialist Worker readers send greetings to all fighting for a socialist society. Congratulations to those who produce Socialist Worker.

May Day greetings from **GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS RAILWAY BRANCH.**

MAY DAY GREETINGS to the SW readers in Wakefield Nick from comrades in Glossop and Ashton. Keep on reading! From Hyde IS.

GREATER LONDON COUNCIL branch of the International Socialists urges comrades to keep the red flag flying over their town hall.

GLASGOW INDUSTRIAL BRANCH of the International Socialists wish fraternal greetings to all workers.

CITY POLY International Socialists Society send fraternal greetings to all SW Supporters. Stop the Cuts! Fight for the Right to Work!

KINGSWAY-PRINCETON F E College International Socialist Society sends fraternal greetings to all workers and students in struggle.

FIGHT THE CUTS! FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!

AVERY HILL INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST Society sends fraternal greetings to people throughout the world fighting for socialism, against exploitation and oppression.

YORK UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST SOCIETY sends May Day greetings to workers and students throughout the world struggling against oppression.

Socialist Worker and Chingari supporters on **MACINERNEY'S SEVEN SISTERS ROAD SITE,** North London send fraternal greetings on May Day to readers of Socialist Worker and Chingari.

May Day Greetings from **SOCIALIST BOOK CENTRE,** 224 High Street, Digbeth, Birmingham 12. If we don't stock it, it's probably boring!

May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker from all Irish political prisoners in jail in England. **PRISONERS AID COMMITTEE,** c/o 66 York Way, London N1.

May Day Greetings to all readers. Keep up the fight for the Right to Work—Drop all the charges! **TOLLINGTON PARK SCHOOL Right to Work Supporters.**

TAVISTOCK YOUTH CLUB
2 Tavistock Road,
Harlesden
sends May Day
Greetings to
Socialist Worker
and Flame

Fraternal Greetings to all workers in Struggle. Free Des Warren NOW! Defend the 44 Right to Work defendants. May Day Greetings from **CLYDEBANK International Socialists.**

CYFARCHION I BAWN SYDD YN YMLADD AM DYFODOL SOSIALAIDD. Fraternal greetings to all who fight for a socialist future. **ABERYSTWYTH International Socialist Society.**

Fraternal greetings to all students and workers throughout the world fighting for socialism—Fight for the Right to Work! **BANGOR International Socialist Society.**

'Fellowship is life—lack of fellowship is death.' William Morris. May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker from **HULL UNIVERSITY International Socialist Society.**

May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker and all workers and students in struggle. From **NOISS's** most northerly base, **ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY International Socialists Society.**

May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker. Continue your campaign against the education cuts. From **SHEFFIELD POLY International Socialist Society.**

May Day Greetings from **ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION International Socialist Society.** Students and workers unite! Fight the Cuts! Mandatory grant for all students.

Fraternal greetings to all comrades in struggle. **LAMPETER International Socialists.**

DIDSBURY International Socialists Society sends fraternal greetings to students in struggle everywhere. Fight the cuts, fight for the Right to Work.

This branch sends warmest May Day greetings to all workers throughout the world Educate, Organise, Control
Unity is strength
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KINGSTON and DISTRICT TRADES COUNCIL
sends May Day greetings to all trade unionists.

May Day greetings to all trade unionists
Fight for the Right to Work!
Fight Public Expenditure Cuts!
CPSA DHSS South West London Area Branch

MAY DAY GREETINGS TO ALL TRANSPORT WORKERS
9/316 Branch ACTS, York
'United we stand'

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS
send fraternal greetings to
Trade Unionists & Socialists

Socialist Worker

EAST NORTHANTS NUJ
sends fraternal greetings to workers everywhere.

DAGENHAM TRADES COUNCIL
sends fraternal greetings for the May Day to all workers in the continuing struggle for socialism.

May Day greetings from **PRESTON 9 BRANCH (AUEW)** to all brothers and sisters in struggle. Don't let the Bastards grind you down!

May Day Greetings FROM
COSELEY No 2 Branch AUEW
Step up the fight for a 35-hour week to help alleviate unemployment

DUMFRIES TRADES COUNCIL
sends fraternal greetings to all workers.

Islington Trades Council
NO CUTS!
NO CLAMP ON WAGES!
May Day 1976

May Day Greetings from **COHSE 911 Branch**
Dundee Ninewells Hospital to trade unionists everywhere in the fight against the cuts

Best wishes and continued success for the struggle against unemployment
fraternally yours
NGA, Sharmans, Peterborough

The Solent Branch of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades
extends fraternal greetings on May Day to trade unionists everywhere

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM
Socialist Worker Readers at Paddington Station
UNITE AND FIGHT THE CUTS!

Fraternal Greetings from No 3 Divisional Council **ASTMS**

Fraternal May Day greetings to Socialist Worker and all supporters of the National Right to Work Campaign
Smurfit Cases Chapel, SOGAT, St Helens, Merseyside

Greetings from **CROYDON TRADES COUNCIL**
May Day march leaves Elmwood Road, West Croydon, at 11am, ending in short meeting with speakers Dick North (NUT) and Councillor David White

May Day Greetings to all our fellow workers in Britain
Joint Shop Stewards Committee Highlands Fabricator, Nigg

EETPU shop stewards, STC, Glasgow
Stop the sackings in telecommunications—build fighting combine committees

ROSS AND CROMARTY TRADES COUNCIL
extends May Day greetings to all in the trade union movement



S W LITHO Federated Chapels
NUJ, NGA, SOGAT, SLADE&PW, NATSOPA.
sends fraternal greetings to all Trade Unionists throughout the world.

Educate Agitate Organise

Greetings to all trade unionists
7/266A Branch TGWU

MAY DAY 1976

CLAY CROSS LABOUR PARTY

send May Day greetings to all comrades and socialists wherever they may be

MANCHESTER Right to Work Committee

greet employed and unemployed
Defend the 44—All out on 26 May

GLASGOW Right to Work Committee

May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker—thanks for your help in building our campaign
STOP THE CUTS! FIGHT SACKINGS ALL OUT 26 MAY

NORTHAMPTON Right to Work Committee

sends Solidarity Greetings to all workers involved in the fight for the right to work
SOLIDARITY FOREVER!

Fraternal greetings to all unemployed workers in the South West—and thanks to Exeter trade unionists for their support

EXETER Right to Work Committee

Employed and unemployed unite—Fight for the Right to Work!
Southampton Unemployed Workers Action Group

PARTINGTON Right to Work Committee

No more deals with Healey
All out for Day of Action on 26 May

BOLTON Right to Work Committee

sends greetings to all

workers fighting for the Right to Work
Make the 26 May a day of all-out action!

ENGINEERS' CHARTER

Journal of rank and file AUEW members
sends greetings to all workers: **SMASH THE FREEZE! NO UNEMPLOYMENT! 35-HOUR WEEK NOW!**
c/o 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

Fraternal greetings to all our members, especially our brothers at Sayers, now in the sixth month of fighting for their jobs. We also give greetings and pledge our support to our AUEW brothers arrested on the Right to Work march.

MERSEYSIDE ENGINEERS CHARTER GROUP

MANCHESTER Engineers Charter Group
Build a fighting leadership in the AUEW!
All out on 26 May!



Greetings from myself and the children to my husband, Denis, spending his third May Day in prison.

My thoughts also go out to the Right to Work 44 and their families, and urge all workers to do everything in their power to defend them. Let us ensure that there is no repeat of the Shrewsbury frame-up.

From **ELSA WARREN**



FROM LEFT: Des Warren, still in prison for picketing, Elsa Warren, and Ricky Tomlinson, who was released last year.

May Day greetings to Des Warren, still in prison for picketing during an official building workers' strike, and to all political prisoners. Greetings to all trade unionists. Greetings too to the Right to Work Campaign, especially to those marchers to appear in court after being attacked by the police. The labour movement must make sure this is not another Shrewsbury trial.

RICKY TOMLINSON

May Day greetings from
RANK AND FILE
A paper of NUT classroom teachers

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WORKER

sends May Day greetings to all workers.
Fight the cuts! Defend the NHS!

THE COLLIER

RANK AND FILE MINERS PAPER FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK

FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO ALL WORKERS.

No to pit closures
Build the Rank and File Movement
Collier Editorial Board, c/o 38 Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South Yorks.

Didsbury Rank and File Group

May Day greetings to students and teachers everywhere.
Fight the education cuts.

CRAIGBANK SCHOOL RANK AND FILE TEACHERS, Glasgow

No to cuts in education—build anti-cuts committees

PAISLEY DISTRICT Socialist Worker Readers

They are few, We are many!
Keep up the Fight!

Socialist Worker and Redder Tape supporters at DVLC SWANSEA

send greetings to all trade unionists.
FIGHT THE CIVIL SERVICE CUTS!

FLAME sends May Day Greetings to all Socialist Worker readers and supporters.

Carry on the fight against racism and imperialism here and abroad. Solidarity with the workers and peasants of Southern Africa.

THE NALGO ACTION GROUP

sends May Day greetings to public service workers everywhere.

STOP THE CUTS NO SOCIAL CONTRACT FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK BUILD THE RANK AND FILE MOVEMENT.

National Right to Work Campaign

Sends May Day greetings to all workers, employed and unemployed.



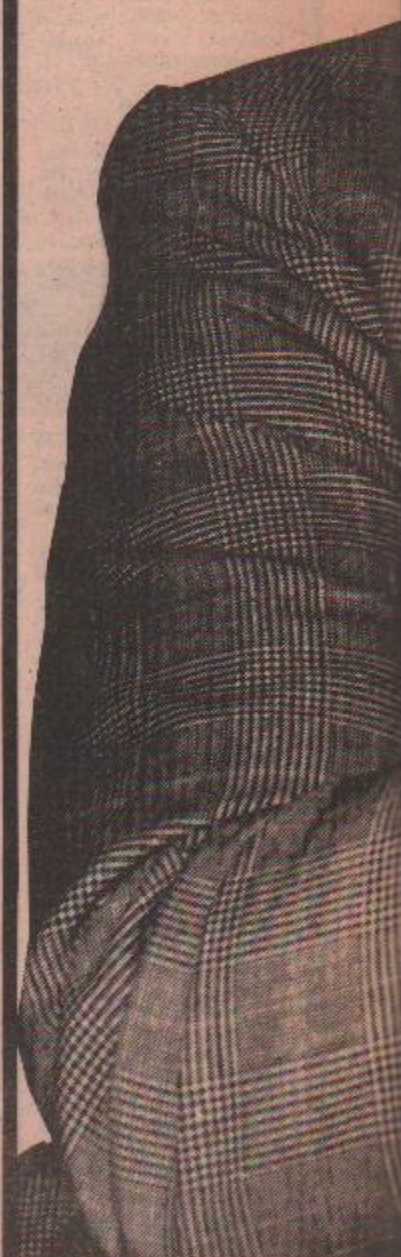
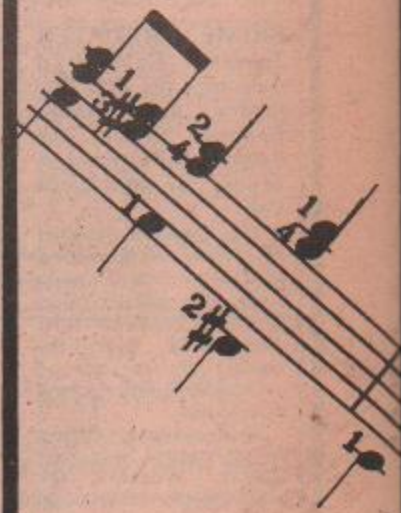
All out Day of Action 26 May!
Defend the 44 marchers—picket 21 May.
No deals with Healey!
Fight the Cuts!
Fight for the Right to Work!



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MAGGIE BLAKE (CoHSE)

reviews a important new Rank and File



Stop the cuts!

STOP THE CUTS by Paul Foot is an excellent account of how, why and where the cuts are taking place.

It is aimed at working people like myself who have little time to sit down and read.

It is concise, hard-hitting and nicely-broken up with lots of pictures. It is a must for everyone

pamphlet

involved in the fight against the cuts.

I have spent my whole working life as a nurse in mental and general hospitals, except for two short periods when my children were born.

Princely

As a student nurse, I remember having the princely salary of £24 a month net, out of which I paid £13 a month rent. I preferred to starve rather than live in the medieval nurses' home.

We put up with terrible

conditions without a union to fight for us.

In the late 1960s, health service workers began to get better organised and nurses won a decent pay rise in 1974 after threatening to take industrial action.

Many of these gains are now disappearing in unemployment and cuts.

Unemployment among nurses in the last nine months has gone up by 98 per cent! This has led to intimidation of the weaker sections in the hospitals.

Things are specially bad for women. Inflation makes them more dependent on

their jobs than ever—jobs which are absolutely necessary for their survival.

Many of the women have to work part-time because of the kids, but the management have stopped recruiting any part-time staff.

Politics

I don't pretend to understand the high finance and the politics of it all, but I do know we have less staffing in the wards. Less of everything.

It annoys me, for instance,

to put old ladies to bed in vests because there are no nightdresses for them to wear.

I would take issue with Paul Foot over the bureaucracy in the Health Service. He says the administrators are necessary.

I don't agree—though, of course, we will fight against all sackings.

We have seen a mushrooming of bosses since the Salmon structure was introduced. We call them the 'bingo crowd', because they all have numbers as titles.

Five of the 'bingo crowd'

now occupy an office which the ward sister used to run on her own five or six years ago.

But the call for action at the end of the pamphlet is just what we need, especially the call for anti-cuts committees like the one in East London which was formed to fight the closure of Poplar Hospital.

Sick

In the Health Service, we're sick and tired of people who tell us that the cuts are necessary so that more, in-

vestment can go to 'productive' industry.

Health

We provide for the health of the community, and by any criterion our work is most certainly productive.

This pamphlet should be read by everyone who works in the public sector, or who has children at school, or who thinks they may need hospital treatment.

And that covers just about everybody.



'PROFITS BEFORE PEOPLE'

Healey plays the businessmen's tune . . .

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STOP THE CUTS

A Rank and File pamphlet
BY PAUL FOOT
Price 10p

Paul Foot's pamphlet has the arguments which workers need to fight the cuts. It gives a direction to the fight-back.

It's not just important that every worker gets a copy. It's vital that the pamphlet is sold throughout the public services.

The local government workers' union NALGO is running a Fight the Cuts campaign. Every NALGO branch should order copies for sale NOW.

NALGO branches should also pass resolutions calling on their executive to incorporate the pamphlet in the union's anti-cuts campaign.

The same goes for all the public service unions which are fighting the cuts: for NUPE, for the teachers union (NUT), for the CPSA, and the civil service unions, for the Post Office unions and the transport unions.

Each union executive should be asked: 'You say you want to campaign against the cuts. Why not use this pamphlet which gives the arguments and shows people how to fight it?'

The Rank and File Organisation are offering POST FREE rates for all bulk orders over 10 copies.

Ten copies will be sent POST FREE for £1—and every additional ten will cost £1.

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Send me copies of the Fight the Cuts pamphlet

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MAY DAY 1976



208 Branch TGWU

Southampton Corporation Workers
Send May Day greetings to all trade unionists

ACTSS
members of
5/637
Branch

wish on this May Day every success to all our colleagues in Allied Breweries in our struggles for the future

TGWU
members of
5/377
Branch

send fraternal May Day Greetings to all trade union friends in Allied Breweries

'Workers' Bookshelf' (Cambridge)

sends fraternal greetings to all workers in struggle, especially Des and Elsa Warren and the Right to Work marchers.

Fraternal greetings to all workers in struggle
BORG WARNER, LETCHWORTH
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MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM PLUTO PRESS

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SMASH THE FREEZE

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Fraternal greetings to all trade unionists and socialists

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To all AUEW members

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We wish you all success from
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**Stop the Cuts!
Fight for the Right to Work!**

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Fight for the right to march—
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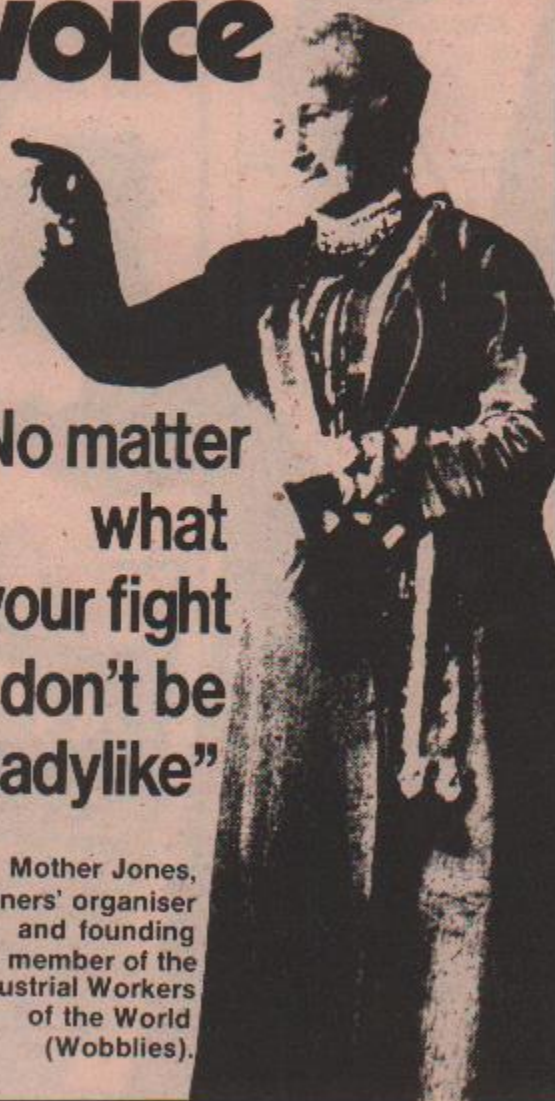
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