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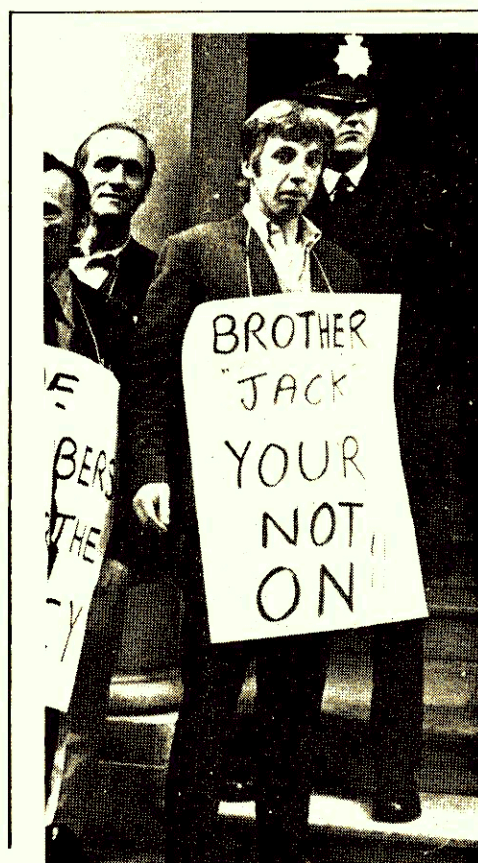
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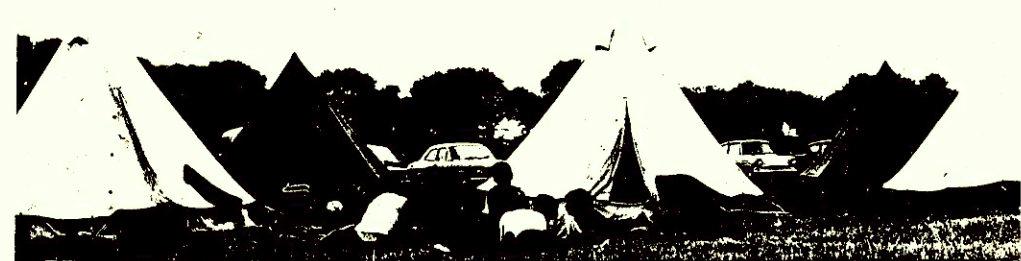
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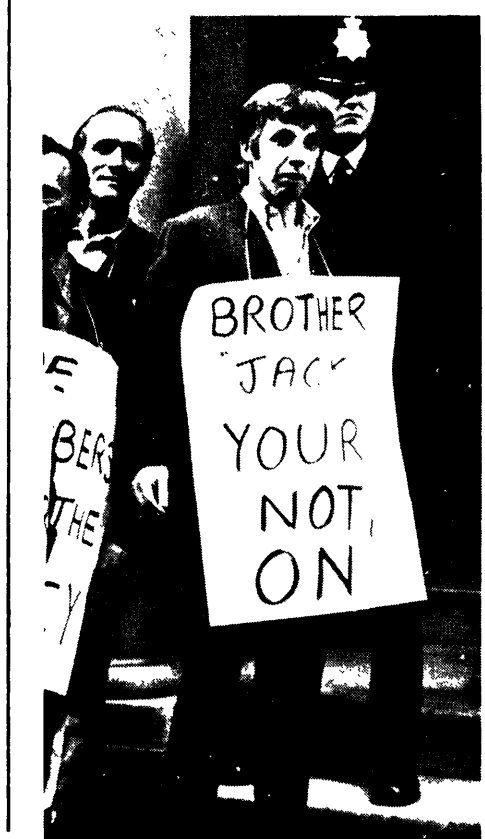
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For those not interested in football there was a game of cricket.

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A central point to the discussion which followed was the development of the Workers Press.

In the afternoon teams had taken part in a five-a-side football contest. The winners, New Addington Celtic, beat St Chad's in the final.



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IT USED to be said that cleanliness was akin to godliness.

Perhaps that was in the old days when getting spruced up was quite a chore and cleaning clothes was a matter of bashing the garments continuously in water or—if you could afford it — dowsing them in perfume.

Nowadays, of course, god works in more mysterious (and lucrative) ways.

Workers are called upon to buy the latest toilet soap, which will give them a skin like Elizabeth Taylor (rather unfortunate if you happen to work on the docks) or to purchase the newest detergent washing powder, guaranteed to contain the most up-to-date and scientifically-tested miracle whitener without which your child's clothes will look positively filthy and condemn the offspring to universal scorn and derision.

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In 1968, the course of the struggle took a slightly different turn.

Biological

Procter & Gamble hit the market with a new product, Ariel, the first of the so-called biological detergents to appear in Britain.

According to the blurb, 'it actually digests the really tough dirt and stains like blood, egg, blackberry, grass—makes light work of nappy stains, collar and cuff lines, milky tea and coffee spills'.

Not to be outdone, Unilever rapidly appeared on the scene with its biological miracle, Radiant, explaining briefly that the secret was 'biological enzymes — natural substances with a remarkable power to lift out stains'.

In biology, enzymes appear in most life processes as chemical substances which act as 'triggers' and without which many essential processes would not take place.

Nerve gases, for example, can produce paralysis and death by destroying vital enzymes and pesticides operate in the same way.

In biological washing powders, certain enzymes are introduced to help chemical changes

to take place and to break down the protein material of which stubborn stains, such as blood, egg, etc., are made up.

So far so good. Unfortunately, within a short time of their appearance, the powders raised problems which were of a more serious nature than the glow of father's underpants.

In June of last year, the then Minister of State, Board of Trade, Lord Brown, announced that all organizations concerned with the manufacture of enzyme washing powders had been invited to urgent discussions by the chief inspector of factories.

Answering a question in the House of Lords, he said that the risk to workers was that the material could cause skin reaction and illness and that inhalation might lead to lung damage.

Assured

Unilever quickly assured the public that they had little trouble with the health of their employees and that all workers engaged on producing the powder wore face masks and protective clothing and were protected by special ventilation systems.

Procter & Gamble reportedly spent the 'massive' sum of £50,000 on such protective measures.

By December the United States Federal Trade Commission had ordered a study of possible health hazards from biological washing powders, stating that indications were that workers could contract dermatitis and flu-like symptoms.

At this point the Department of Employment and Productivity's industrial health section stated that there was no cause for concern and that there was no question of consumers being affected.

However, it soon became clear how unaffected consumers i.e. housewives, for the most part, had been.

A report in the 'British Medical Journal' in February revealed the results of a survey on the affects of enzyme powders on Nottingham home-helpers in July 1969.

The survey was carried out by the senior medical officer and the registrar in dermatology at Nottingham General and City Hospitals, who found that 5 per cent of 238 home-helpers who had used detergents with impunity for many years, suffered from intense irritation, blistering and swelling of the hands since using the new powders.

Ariel and Radiant were the powders named in the report.

The symptoms appeared so soon after the exposure to the

THE BIG SELL

BY MARTIN ZARROP

detergent that they were far more likely to have been the direct result of using the powders than indirectly through some allergic effect.

The doctors reported that 12 home-helpers went sick with dermatitis and eight were off work for a total of 45 weeks.

Sunlight

A 'British Medical Journal' editorial commented that exposure to sunlight may have played some part in producing the symptoms.

However, it should be noted that, whatever the combination of factors, the leading manufacturers had already stated earlier in February that enzyme products were regarded as no more hazardous than other detergents!

Obviously there were others who thought otherwise and at the end of February the Swedish national co-operative movement (known as KF), who hold 27 per cent of the detergent market in Sweden, decided that their own enzyme powder 'Tend' should no longer contain the offending substance.

The reasons given were familiar — dermatitis of the hands among consumers and lung disorders among workers manufacturing the product.

Dermatitis had occurred even when the temperature of the water was above that calculated to inactivate the enzyme — about 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

A spokesman for Unilever said:

'Since the introduction of enzyme detergents, relatively few complaints have been received'.

However, Unilever's profits for the first nine months of the 1969-1970 financial year were down because the company was 'caught on the hop with enzyme detergents and forced to hit back with a costly promotional campaign' ('The Guardian', February 25, 1970).

After all this, we can, of course, still buy biological detergents in the shops and supermarkets.

Anyway, we might argue, if the stuff's so good, it might be worthwhile disregarding the possibilities of any ill effects.

Report

It might therefore be worthwhile to see what 'Which', the consumer magazine, said about the two main enzyme powders in their report in September, 1969.

Apart from costing 11d a pound more than the cheapest ordinary detergents at that time, 'our tests showed that, in general, ordinary washing powders removed stains we looked at just as well as enzyme detergents'.

'Perhaps the most useful thing to emerge from our test is that, whatever detergent you use, the best way of getting out difficult stains is to soak'.

The only exception seems to be what are politely referred to as 'understains'!

Truly, the almighty moves in mysterious ways.



The two winning five-a-side football teams at the London Region YS rally: The Becontree Bombers (top), and Erith 1.

Scottish asbestos workers' strike in 12th week

AN UNOFFICIAL strike by 120 workers at Turner's Asbestos and Cement Company, Clydebank, Scotland, is now in its 12th week.

The strikers have rejected the company's 3d reply to their 3s-an-hour wage claim. In February this year a productivity deal, complete with job evaluation and a new bonus scheme was introduced. At the same time the basic wage was increased from £12 2s 6d a week to £14. This scheme was devised by

the General and Municipal Workers' Union leadership and the employers in the National Joint Industrial Council.

The men soon realized they were losing rather than gaining from the new bonus scheme and made their demand for a straight increase to raise their basic rate to 10s 3d an hour.

Long struggle

The factory, noted for its low wages and difficult working conditions, has witnessed a long struggle for 100 per cent trade unionism.

Workers feel there is a constant health hazard from asbestosis, a killer disease, but the management does not think this warrants extra pay.

The factory is part of the giant Turner and Newall combine which produces substantial profits every year.

At a recent meeting with the stewards, the management claimed they could not pay more because of the 'economic crisis'.

Commented one steward, 'We have an economic crisis every week when we take our pay packets home to our wives.'

National and local GMWU officials have refused to recognize the strike.

Learned lesson

But the workers have learned some of the lessons from the Pilkington strike and have sought aid independently.

They have travelled as far as Widnes in Lancashire, where Turner's have a bigger plant, to appeal for money. Widnes stewards have promised an overtime ban from July 15 and a levy on their members.

More than this is required. The strikers' position is now very serious. They have been out 11 weeks without a penny from the union leadership.

Local union officials have

suggested that they send in some men to clean the machines during the present holiday period. This has been rejected with contempt.

There are 30 maintenance workers in the factory who must be called out by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundryworkers and the Association of Supervisory, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

Solidarity

There must be immediate financial support and solidarity action by all Clydeside workers, some of whom at Singers have already donated a £118 collection.

Action must also come from other factories in the combine at Tamworth, Erith, Trafford Park, Manchester, as well as Widnes. There is also a plant at Ballyclair in Eire.

Branch secretary Jim Sheeran pointed out that the Irish cement workers' strike had threatened Turner's, because cement is a necessary ingredient of asbestos.

The scabbing by the Polish government in supplying cement to the Irish employers only helped to strengthen the Turner-Newall combine.

Immediate support for the Clydebank strikers can be sent to:

J. Sheeran, 66 Invercanny Drive, Drumchapel, Glasgow.

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Teachers, Tories and TUC, ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY...?

Left: Delegates vote for affiliation to the TUC at the Easter conference of the NUT at Eastbourne.

The Labour government discovered it was not possible. And here we come to the crux of the matter. The teachers voted for affiliation to the Trades Union Congress at their conference at Easter this year because they have begun to realize that their struggle for a decent salary was part and parcel of the struggle of the working class against the attempts of the employers to 'solve' the crisis of capitalism at the expense of their living standards. The teachers are preparing to do battle with the Tory government for a new pay scale in the autumn. The NUT is supposed to be committed to action to secure the reduction of class sizes. The NUT (and the TUC) is committed to a policy of comprehensive education. For years the affiliation resolution had been defeated.

The moment the teachers begin to move, Feather hastens to assure the waning minority of pro-Tory teachers that the TUC was not political. In an article in the 'Teacher' entitled 'This history is bunk to Vic', he is alleged to have said that the aims and objects of the TUC taken from a 1919 workers' charter, which included the call for nationalization of the means of production, had not been 'brought up to date' because 'Mr Feather didn't think anyone took any notice of them'. There are, however, millions of people who do not say very much, but notice quite a lot. In particular they are observing the quality of trade union 'leadership' that praises and tries to co-exist with the sworn enemy of trade unionism. The teachers used to be a thoroughly middle class and comfortably-off layer. There are now many young teachers from the working class. The living standards of teachers have fallen sharply since the war. They are not worried about a 'professional image' when they can't afford their fare to work. Unless they are won over to the struggle of the working class for socialism, they can move sharply to the right. That is why Feather's statement must be condemned by the trade union movement.

By an Education Correspondent

CAN THE teachers and the Tories live happily ever after? Recent statements by National Union of Teachers (NUT) secretary Edward Britton and Victor Feather of the TUC must surely qualify them for the title left vacant by the brothers Grimm and the celebrated Hans Christian Anderson.

First listen to the spell-binding magic of Mr Feather, as reported in 'The Teacher' July 10, addressing the NUT executive. 'He forecast a period of economic expansion which would have important consequences for education. 'We think that the present government will do very many of the things we were wanting the previous government to do. We think in fact that they will go for expansion and will not place as much emphasis on the balance of payments... The TUC was concerned about economic growth, because they believed that there should be more investment and improvements in living standards... We regard education as being an important part of living standards. 'The moral of this story is that a Tory government is good for education. Mr Britton told a Boston meeting recently: 'I very much hope that the new government will keep its promise to increase substantially the level of education expenditure.'

One of the first acts of the Tory government was to appoint as Education Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, well known in the 1960s as an advocate of caning and birching for certain crimes.

Mrs Thatcher then immediately scrapped circular 10/65—the Labour government's comprehensive school re-organization schedule. The NUT, which has been in the forefront of the campaign for comprehensive re-organization, was not even consulted. The union complained bitterly and hoped she would not continue to ignore the 'custom' of consultation. Let us say one thing clearly to Messrs Britton and Feather but, far more important, to the teachers themselves—this Tory government is at war with education and the teachers. The Tories are determined to cut spending, introduce productivity payment schemes and roll back comprehensive education. In that party is a growing minority of Neanderthal educationalists around the 'Black Paper'. Theirs is the programme of 'intelligence' testing, selection, fee-paying in the state sector and 'law and order' over children. In such a system the teachers' future is one of a camp overseer or glorified policeman. And why? Not because the Tories are intrinsically 'evil-minded', but because the 'expansion' of which Mr Feather dreams is not possible. Wall St says it is not possible. So does Threadneedle Street.

TV and REGIONAL BBC 1, 2, and REGIONAL ITV listings for Thursday July 16, 1970. Includes programs like 'The Money Programme', 'The Courtship of Eddie's Father', and 'The Ambassador's Daughter'.

CLASS STRUGGLES IN AFRICA

ON JUNE 23 1970, the Chairman of the Chamber of Mines addressed the 80th annual meeting of this body at Johannesburg.

This report gives more of the real reasons for the re-armament by British imperialism of its S African fortress than a thousand other articles. For the gold and uranium mines on which the chairman reported are almost exclusively owned by British capitalists.

The B.A.D. The main section of the S African state is the Bantu Affairs Department (BAD), formerly the Native Affairs Department (NAD).

The NAD was originally founded by Britain when S Africa was a formal colony of Britain. The BAD is simply the Nationalist Party's renaming of the NAD. This BAD is the main apparatus for controlling the cheap African labour working for the British-owned gold, uranium, diamond and coal mines in S Africa.

Through the BAD there is the closest possible political-economic bond between the S African state and British Capital. It is largely through this link that British monopoly capital continues to be the dominant real influence behind and upon the 'Boer'-run S African government.

The combination of the Chamber of Mines and the BAD is responsible for the continued production of super-profits by the African miners sweating for British capitalism in S Africa.

These profits were stated by the Chamber of Mines Chairman to amount to nearly £200 million for the year 1969. These profits were solely for gold and uranium production and excluded the vast profits made by British capitalists out of diamonds, coal and other minerals in S Africa.

Profits These profits accrued, after taxation, to no fewer than seven mining groups, mainly British-owned. Some 300,000 African workers from S Africa itself, Lesotho, Botswana, Swaziland, Mozambique, Malawi, Rhodesia, and beyond, produced these massive profits. They themselves earn about

a sixth, all told (food, quarters, money-wages) of the value they add in production and about a fifth of the profits their labour creates. This is the typical basis of capitalist-imperialism.

In the production of this wealth for British capitalists, in the main, the African gold and uranium workers produced over 30 million fine ounces of gold, worth about £450 million and some 4 million kilograms (8.8 million pounds or 4,000 tons) of uranium oxide, the basic raw material of the imperialist war economy.

Gold essential The gold-mining industry of S Africa, which produces some 60 per cent of all the gold in the capitalist sector of the world, is of absolute importance to capitalism.

There is no possible alternative to gold as a measure of value, a standard of price, a means of exchange and as bullion. And the Chamber of Mines Chairman made a special point of stressing this fact in his annual report.

Arms and gold shipments This, in itself, is sufficient reason for the regular and systematic arming and re-arming of the S African apartheid state by its imperialist senior partners and masters—Britain and the United States. To isolate the question of arms supplies from the flow of gold from S Africa to Britain and the United States is therefore to hide the basic motive for the arming of S Africa by imperialism.

Arms and uranium Just as gold from S Africa is vital to the world-capitalist system economically, so uranium from S Africa is vital to the uranium from S Africa its vast armament industry. It is used by American imperialism to make atomic bombs and to prepare for another world war—this time against the workers states and colonial liberatory movements. From a by-product of gold production and extraction it has become a world-commodity in its own right.

The reasons why the Tories will send arms to Africa



Accepted job applicants await railroad transportation to the mines. The identity tags on their wrists show to which shipment of labour the men belong.

MOSCOW TRIALS ANTHOLOGY

SNP wants to talk to Liberals

THE SCOTTISH National Party is willing to discuss self-government for Scotland with the Liberals 'anywhere, anytime', according to Mr Donald Stewart, SNP MP for the Western Isles.

Criticizing the action of some Scottish Liberals in 'pouring cold water' over their attempts to discuss this, he said:

'On this issue Mr Grimond, the President of the Scottish Liberal Party, appears to be very close to the Scottish National Party.'

He added that there were similarities in the position of the Liberals and the SNP on industry, electoral reform, civil liberties and many other subjects.

Such overtures indicate the reactionary nature of the SNP and the developments that are now taking place following their poor performance in the General Election, in which the SNP lost to Labour.

But the following quotation taken from an SNP internal bulletin (Research bulletin No 4, May 21, 1970) should dispel any illusion that they will fight against low wages and high unemployment in Scotland in a principled way.

'The idea behind this leaflet, the bulletin states, is that it can depress Labour morale by driving home the fact of the Wilson government, while avoiding linking the SNP with too negative an appeal.'

'Do not festoon this leaflet with SNP symbols or appeals to vote for the self-government—the whole purpose is to offer an assessment (which Labour supporters may read) as opposed to a statement (which they will throw in the bucket without reading).'

'To comply with the election law you must include the election agent's and the printers names, but there is no onus on you to mention the political party.'

The opportunism and utterly anti-working-class nature of the SNP leadership could not be more clearly indicated.

There is to be no explanation of self-government. Gains are simply to be made on the basis of depressing Labour morale in the big working-class area of Scotland, the target, according to the bulletin, of this kind of propaganda.

The nationalists, in private, are realistic enough to see that few workers will fall for the irrelevance of self-rule in Scotland.

Lacking the courage to fight for their policies they substitute this cheap and reactionary strategy of demoralizing the working-class workers and keeping them away from the polls—so trying to complete the job Wilson began.

The nationalists' claims to be a radical party are exposed as false by this remarkable document.

Here is a rare moment of truth—the SNP characterizes itself as a middle-class alternative to the Tories, attempting to make political gain on the back of working-class abstention.

REACTIONARY

Conscious workers should beware when they face the big struggles against this Tory government, because around the fringes of the nationalist movement, the most reactionary group develops, seeking to mobilize the most backward sections of the working class behind their middle-class fantasies.

The large number of extreme right-wing elements inside and on the fringes of the SNP confirms this.

In the document quoted in this article, the Tartan Tories reveal themselves and stand naked but for their kilts.

It would be a mistake for Scottish workers to dismiss this reactionary middle-class group as a vanishing sect, despite its General Election gain of minus one, any more than the Liberals.

FLIGHTS HALTED

A WORK-to-rule by engineers and maintenance men employed by BOAC and BEA held up flights yesterday at Heathrow Airport. The men are demanding that their holidays be raised from three to four weeks a year.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

CROYDON: Thursday July 16, 8 p.m. Ruskin House, Coombe Rd. 'Fight back! Now! Force the Tories to resign!'

LEICESTER: Tuesday July 21, 8 p.m. Queens Hotel, Rutland St. 'The working class can defeat the Tories!'

Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office, Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.

Withdraw Ulster troops say Glasgow dockers and trade unionists

LARGE numbers of dockers, engineering and other trade unionists, as well as housewives and youth have been signing the petitions organized by the Glasgow Young Socialists for the withdrawal of British troops from N Ireland and the release of Bernadette Devlin.

Dockers at Princes and King George V docks in Glasgow, members of the Scottish Transport and General Workers' Union, eagerly signed the YS petitions on July 13, being completely hostile to the use of the British army, whether against Irish workers, dockers or other workers throughout the world.

All were solidly for the July 14 strike and against any retreat by the union leaders from the £20 minimum claim.

This firmness contrasted with the attitude of the East Kilbride Trades Council at their monthly meeting.

When lobbied by East Kilbride Young Socialists, ten of the delegates signed the petition including the Trades Council secretary and delegates from the Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' Association, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundryworkers, the electricians' and plumbers' union, the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers and the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, some of them Communist Party members.

But the emergency resolution passed by the Trades Council omitted any call for the withdrawal of British troops and simply called for the release of Devlin.

M.D.W. in the washroom

JOHNSON WAX have made a 15-minute colour film to be used for training wash-room cleaning workers.

The film, 'Closed For Cleaning', looks at all operations from the time of entering the washroom to the time of leaving, the idea being to reach a maximum speed for the job, and to cut costs.

At present, productivity associations and management are putting a lot of emphasis on rationalizing the work of so-called 'non-productive workers' and on finding ways of giving workers on any type of job whatsoever, 'production-line mentality'.

HOME IN PARIS TALKS

TORY Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas Home flew to Paris yesterday for talks with his French counterpart Maurice Schumann and premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas.

The chief topic of the talks is believed to have been Britain's application to enter the Common Market. Talks on the application open in Brussels next week.

Computer control at Standard Telephones

BY BERNARD FRANKS

A COMPUTERIZED management information system which monitors and controls production of the Standard Telephone and Cables Telephone Switching Group is described in this week's issue of the trade magazine, 'Electrical Review', as one of the first of such systems to become operational anywhere in the world.

The system links the operations of 11,500 workers employed by the group at New Southgate and Chase Side in London, Monkstoun and Larn in N Ireland, and E Kilbride in Scotland.

Linked

The computer is housed at New Southgate and linked to terminals in the other plants through the ordinary telephone network. Its main functions are said to be to:

IN HIS annual report, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, says that 'foreign influences' have made inroads into 'black extremist groups, especially the Black Panthers.

He notes particularly that this group had frequently praised the government of N Korea and criticized US imperialism.

He also reveals the 'discovery' of a Communist Party drive for young members. 'Communist leaders see this new group as the hope of the future,' he reports with amazement.

The report drawn up by this life-long, fanatical anti-communist and enemy of the working class is almost entirely devoted to the dangers of 'subversion' in the US.

The Mafia hardly get a mention.

Faction

He singles out the Weathermen, a faction of the Students for a Democratic Society, as 'a principal force guiding the country's violence-prone militants.'

This group, he says, 'continues to openly support the enemies of our country.'

FBI chief 'does his thing'

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

The report estimates that there were 1,785 university demonstrations in the past school year.

It also refers to eight deaths, but refrains from explaining that they were caused by the action of the state forces, not the demonstrators.

For a government servant responsible for massacres of thousands in Vietnam, Hoover's alarm at the violence of student demonstrations might appear surprising.



Police attacks on Black Panthers have followed FBI reports.

However, he has an even more sinister development to report.

Student committees had been formed, says Hoover, to support candidates opposed to the Nixon administration.

These ravings, however, must be taken seriously, since they represent the preparation for a major witch-hunt.

Significant

References to the Black Panthers are particularly significant, for they are in line with the nation-wide series of police killings of Black Panther leaders in the past few months.

Hoover's report does not claim credit for these murders. But the attacks launched by state police on Panther premises in a number of cities were all prompted by FBI reports.

critically on every move of Jones and his colleagues.

A final settlement even on these terms would in no way interfere with the employers' plans to push through hire-and-fire discipline, shift working and redundancies under Devlin Phase Two 'modernization'. Bonus and piece-work must be linked to the basic rate.

Dockers are also prepared to meet the witch-hunt that will now inevitably be called up against them blow for blow.

'They'll be screaming about the trade gap and the balance of payments deficit everyday now', predicted one lobbyist yesterday. 'But let them scream.'

More serious, however, will be the attempts of the employers, the union leaders, the Tory government and their friends in Fleet St to isolate the dockers from the rest of the labour movement.

This is why every trade unionist must now swing into action in support of the dockers' fight and to force the Tory government to resign.

CAR WAGES BATTLE OPENS IN DETROIT

CRITICAL talks on United States car workers' pay opened in Detroit yesterday, when United Auto Workers' (UAW) officials met management representatives from the big three motor companies to start negotiations for a new three-year contract.

Talks are likely to extend throughout the summer, and the final agreement will directly affect 65,000 workers at General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

The other 1.5 million UAW members will also get rises as a result of the claim.

Hundreds of thousands of other workers will be affected less directly.

The very rapid rise in the US cost of living is forcing the pace for a spate of big wage claims.

Last week, the Teamsters' Union (lorry drivers) won a 13 per cent a year pay rise.

SETTLEMENT

The final settlement followed a widespread revolt by teamsters in Chicago and the West coast against a previous deal which sold out their original claim.

Unofficial strike action forced the employers to disgorge far more than union officials had originally accepted.

Nixon's government, with a deepening economic crisis on its hands, will make every effort to keep car workers' wages down.

Unemployment and short-time working in the industry have grown with the slump in car sales, and car workers face a hard struggle to win their claim.

NO RELIANCE

No reliance can be placed in the union leadership—now headed by Woodcock following the death of Walter Reuther—despite their militant-sounding statements that 15 per cent will not be enough.

The 'Star' and Jones

FROM PAGE ONE

Even that staid old bastion of conservatism, 'The Times', was able to point to a significant feature of the dispute which the 'Star' has never touched on at any time—the basic rate:

'Docks employers and dockers' leaders recognized the problem, but left it on one side because an adjustment... would involve a recalculation of piecework structures for the five dockers out of six who were expected to go into productivity schemes anyway.'

'They settled for a guaranteed week of £16 in the provinces and £17 in London, and let wage drift take care of take-home pay.' ('The Times Business News', July 10.)

Since 'wage-drift' is caused largely by increases in piece-rates and since Devlin Phase Two signifies the end of piecework it was only a matter of time before basic rates became the main bone of contention in the docks.

This was the last thing that Jones wanted on the modernization agenda.

If he is now in full retreat over the pay claim it is because, as 'The Financial Times' correctly pointed out, Jones and company tried to 'walk carefully and

fudge the point really involved in their pay claim'. That is why, right up until this Tuesday, the 'Star' continued to report on Jones in a most disgusting manner. When Jones called off the strike the veil of dissimulation and ambiguity was finally stripped off the 'Star', it still found great difficulty in reporting the statements of union leaders for fear of antagonizing the big Transport House brass.

According to reporter Mick Costello, Lindley of the lightermen is supposed to have said: 'I can't switch strikes on and off.' But according to the Daily Telegraph Mr Lindley said: 'I cannot switch strikes on and off like the Transport Workers'. (Our emphasis.)

Did something strange happen on the way back from the DEP, or was it a case of professional courtesy?

Not a word of criticism nor a note of caution was ever sounded by the 'Star' during this dispute.

If the strike is now definitely on it is not because of Jones and the 'Morning Star', but in spite of them.

Dockworkers would be well advised to watch them vigilantly in the course of the next few weeks—and prepare to build a new leadership on the docks.

WEATHER

London area, central southern England, E and W Midlands, Channel Islands: Dry with sunny periods. Wind NW, fresh, decreasing to moderate. Warm. Max. 23C (73F).

SE England: Sunny intervals, some showers at first then drying out. Winds NW fresh, perhaps strong at first near coasts. Near normal inland but lower near eastern coasts. Max. 20C (68F).

SW England: Dry with sunny periods. Becoming cloudy near western coasts with perhaps a little drizzle. Winds NW, light or moderate. Warm inland, cooler near western coasts. Max. 22C (72F).

NW and central northern England: Mostly dry but rather cloudy. Some sunny intervals. Winds NW, moderate, backing SW. Near normal. Max. 19C (66F).

Edinburgh: Sunny periods. Becoming more cloudy later, perhaps with a little rain in places. Wind West to moderate. Near normal. Max. 18C (64F).

Glasgow area, N Ireland: Rather cloudy but mainly dry. Wind SW, moderate or fresh. Near normal. Max. 18C (64F).

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LATE NEWS

'NO TALKS'—SAY DOCK BOSSES

Port employers' chairman George Tonge yesterday said there would be no continuation of negotiations because a national dock strike had now been declared.

He withdrew his offer to let the dispute go to arbitration.

The government's emergency committee later met on the strike at the Home Office.

'SUN' STRIKE THREAT

Journalists on the Rupert Murdoch-owned 'Sun' are calling for strike action over a break-down of negotiations for a house agreement on pay and conditions.