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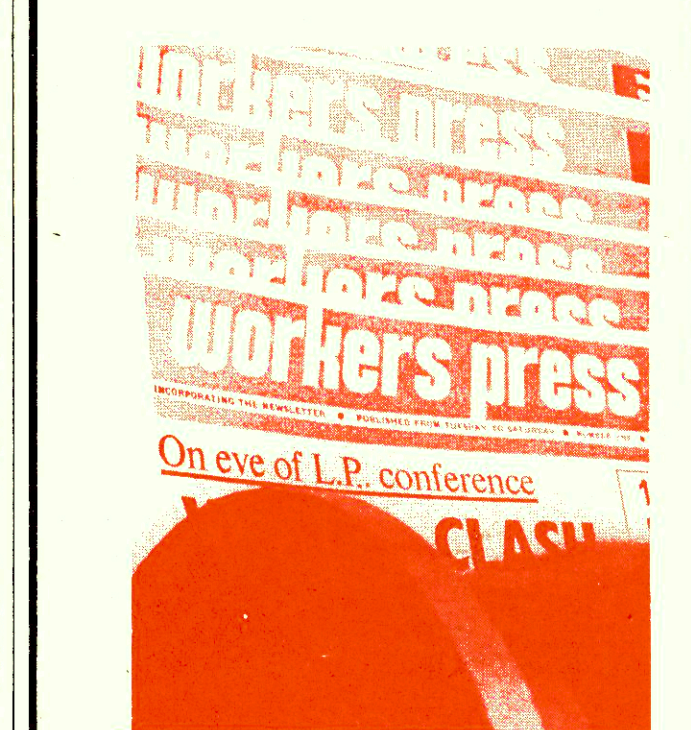
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Under the present system there is nobody with sufficient authority to enforce any discipline. You can be assured of the backing of the complete fruit trade community and indeed the whole of the reasonable thinking element of the city who are aware of the antics of the dockers.

We call upon the Conservative government to take steps to stop this creeping paralysis of the whole system in the country. The attitude of the dockers in general has become completely farcical and beyond ordinary credibility and with this in mind it is requested that one of your department visits Hull unofficially to make a visit to the docks to see what is happening. He will then have ample proof.

We would ask that this visit be made without delay when some importers would be available to accompany your representative. We do not comment on the financial side as you must be fully aware of the facts that pay packets of £60 to £90 weekly are very frequently taken home by the dockers, who we can say in many instances are amazed at the ease in which additional pay is forthcoming.

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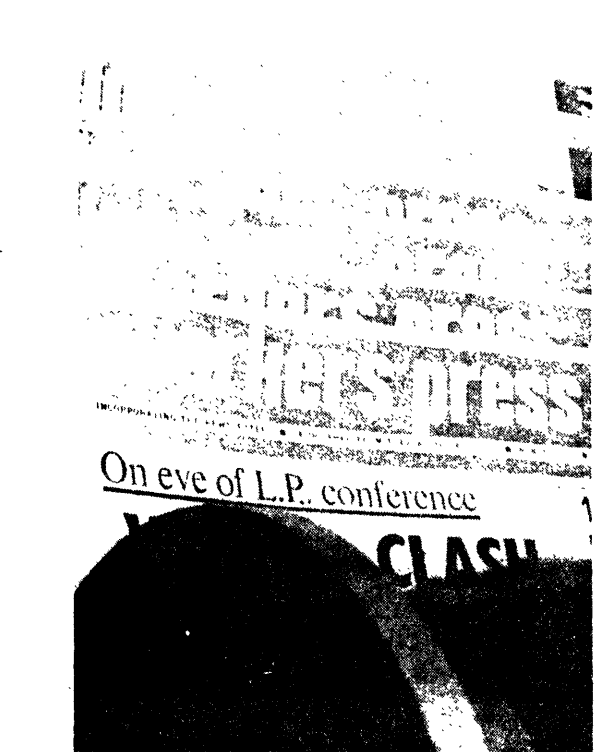
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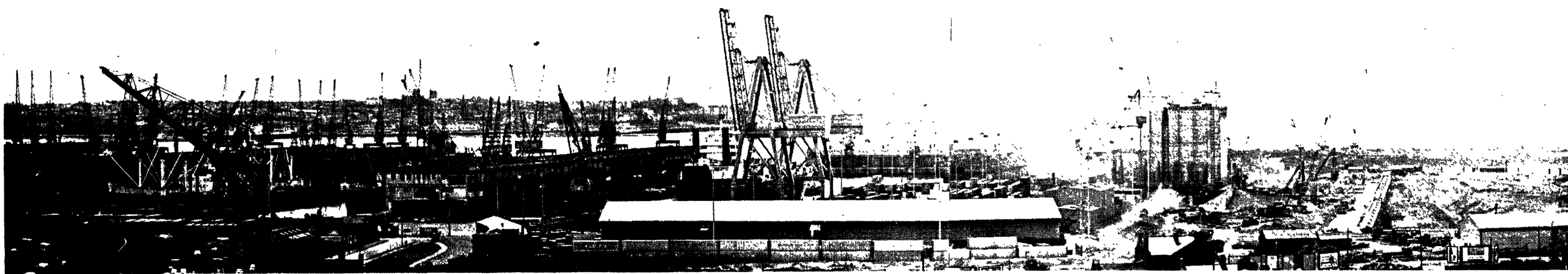
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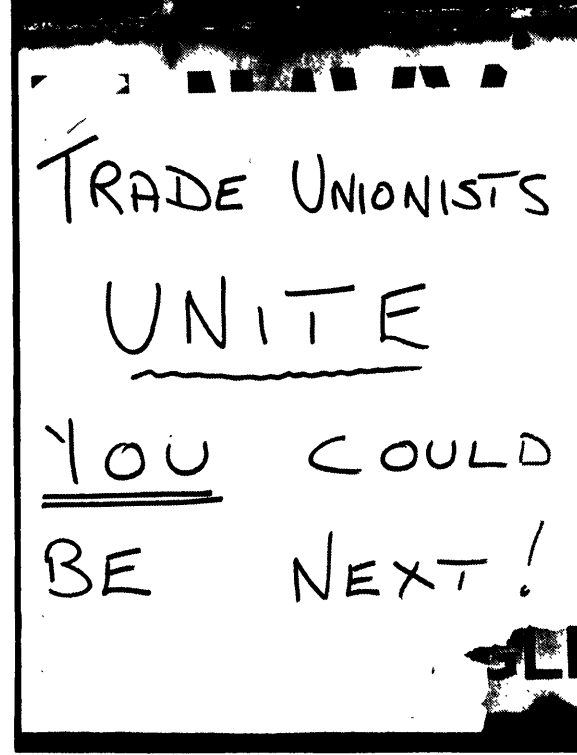
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Panoramic view of the north end of Liverpool's seven miles of docks shows—from l. to r.—the partially-converted Gladstone dock's conventional and container berths alongside the £35m in-construction Seaforth bulk cargo and container terminal. When completed, dockers fear, Seaforth could handle much of the port's existing trade with a relatively tiny labour force.

This is where it all began—officially—when dockers picketed the Transport and General Workers' Union docks delegate conference in London which decided by 48 to 32 votes to call the strike.



THE FAMILY

Mr Thomas O'Shea, a Southampton dockerman and his wife outside their pre-war council flat. 'I've been on the dock 34 years. Look at what I have got to show—I can't even run a car,' says Mr O'Shea. 'We have been after the £20 basic for donkey's years... Even with this new deal which gives us £37 10s, the employers can cut us down to our basic—£11 1s 8d if there is a world slump in trade.'



PHOTO-NEWS

DOCKERS & DOCKS

THE STRIKE



THE PICKETS

In certain docks the strikers do not need to mount a picket, but in Southampton, where blackleg office workers have been unloading some passenger liners, there is a constant line of weather-worn faces to confront strike-breakers.



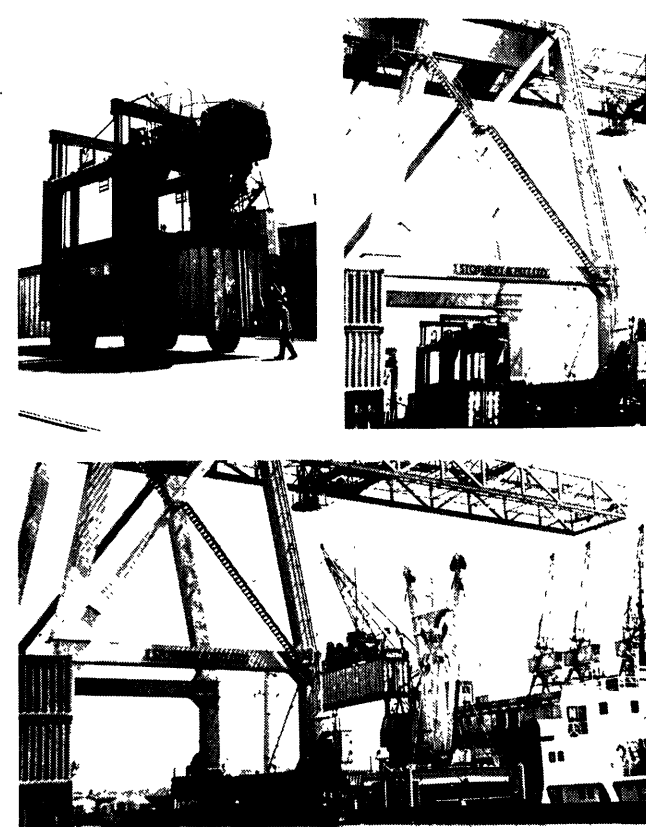
LOADING:

Conventional



Conventional loading and unloading—as, above, of meat on London's Royal docks—involves lengthy skilled manual handling by hundreds of men using large amounts of tackle.

Modernization



Containerization—despite the high initial cost of gantry cranes, straddle carriers and the containers themselves—cuts manning, skills and equipment to a minimum. Loading of the 20-ton container at Liverpool's Gladstone docks, above, took less than a dozen men precisely one minute from quay to ship.

Right: The first official meeting on the Royal Docks, London, following the strike call. Docks delegate Ernie Rice is seen addressing men outside the Connaught Arms on the dock gate. Below: The sign of inactivity—all the jobs of the cranes are turned away from the water in St George's dock, Hull.



DEMOLITION: Hays Wharf



Closure of London's riverside wharves throws hundreds of dockers onto the port's unplaced register. As Hays Wharf is demolished, many of them are still there... Devlin Phase Two would send more to join them.

THE CLUB



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BBC 1

12.55-1.25 p.m. Maes a mor. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 1.55 Grandstand. British Commonwealth Games. Athletics. 3.00, 3.30, 4.00 Racing from Ascot. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 'Matt Moves House'. Film from Finland. 4.45 'Fine Feathers'. Film from Canada. 4.55 Score with The Scaffold. 5.30 Space kidettes. 5.40 Junior points of view. 5.50 News and weather. 6.00 ENTERTAINING WITH KERR. 6.25 CHAMPIONS' QUIZ BALL. 6.45 THE VIRGINIAN. 'Long Way Home'. 8.00 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES. Boxing finals, swimming. 8.50 NEWS AND WEATHER. 9.10 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES. 10.30 24 HOURS. 11.05 'THE UNQUIET MAN'. Play. With Leonard Rossiter. 11.35 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except: Midlands and E Anglia: 6.55-6.25 Your region tonight, weather. 11.37 News, weather. Weekend prospects for anglers. Road works report. North of England: 6.00-6.25 Your region tonight, weather. 11.37 News, weather. Wales: 1.30-1.45 Ar lin mam. 6.00-6.25 Wales today, weather. 6.45-7.10 Heddiw. 7.10-7.35 Ryan a ronni. 7.35-8.00 Speaking for myself. 11.05-11.35 'Y Royal Welsh' 1970. Scotland: 6.00-6.10 Reporting Scotland. 6.10-6.25 Se ur beatha. 11.37 News, weather. N Ireland: 6.00-6.25 Scene around six, weather. 11.37 News, weather. South and West: 6.00-6.25 Your region tonight, weather. 11.37 News, weather. Road works report.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 7.30 p.m. NEWS AND WEATHER. 8.00 A GRINGO'S HOLIDAY. 'Brasilisa, Ouro Preto, Sao Paulo'. 8.25 THE WAY WE LIVE NOW. 'Melotte's Glory'. 9.10 WORLD CINEMA. 'Le Grand Rock'. With Guy Thauvette and Francine Racette. 10.20 THE TIMELESS MOMENT. 'Madness'. What is madness? 10.50 NEWS AND WEATHER. 10.55 LINE-UP.

ITV

3.40 p.m. Land of the rising sun. 4.10 Raj. 4.40 Zingalong. 5.20 Two D's and a dog. 5.50 News. 6.03 HILAIRE BELLOC. 'His Sins Were Scarlet But His Books Were Red'. 6.30 PEYTON PLACE. 7.00 KENNY EVERETT EXPLOSION. 7.30 GUNSMOKE. 'The Hide-Cutters'. 8.30 HARK AT BARKER. 9.00 CONFESSION. 'People who visit glass houses'. 10.00 NEWS. 10.30 THE PARTY'S MOVING ON. 10.45 THINK TWICE. With Russell Davies and Clive James. 11.00 STABLES THEATRE COMPANY. 'Special Co-responder'. With William Simons, Maureen Lipman and Ewen Solon. Sasha and Robert are arranging to divorce each other. 11.58 DECIMALIZATION. 12.10 a.m. LAND OF THE RISING SUN.

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CHANNEL: 4.30 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.40 London. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon time. 7.05 Sky's the limit. 7.35 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 10.30 University challenge. 11.00 London. 11.55 Weather. SOUTHERN: 4.05 Paulus. 4.15 Ivor the engine. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Robin Hood. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene South-East. 6.30 Junkin. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 Weekend. 7.35 Please Sir! 8.05 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 NYPD. 11.00 London. Midnight news. 12.10 Weather. Action 70. WESTWARD: As Channel except: 4.25 News. 4.27 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 12 midnight Faith for life. 12.05 Weather. HARLECH: 4.25 Women today. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report. 6.10

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Why Labour lost



and how to fight the Tories

Following up our pre-election interview series—'Unions and Labour'—on what trade unionists from different areas of the country saw as the issues in the General Election, Workers Press reporters have been out in several working-class areas of Britain this week seeking views on the reasons for Labour's election defeat and on the fight against the Tories. This is the third of a weekly discussion series to which we hope members of the labour movement in every area of the country will contribute.

BOB GLASS, convenor at the Middle Docks Engineering Company, and a delegate to the Boilermakers' Soc., conference for 1970, told the Workers Press:

I THINK there are two reasons why Labour lost the election. First, those workers who were selfish and showed a lack of feeling for their fellow men by voting Tory. Secondly, I think that had the Labour government given some sort of leadership by implementing true socialist policies, then they would not have lost the election.

The abstentions in the elections showed a lack of faith in the Labour Party. At the General Election the majority of people only supported the Labour Party because they were opposed to the return of the Tories, not because they supported Wilson.

We are not defeated. . . . I am confident we can fight this government. We are looking forward to the revision of the deals due in the Tyne shipyards.

If the Tories attempted to bring in any anti-union laws, we would strike.

I think the issues on the docks will set the precedent for the struggle against the Tory government and will determine, in a way, the future facing the trade unions.

If in the course of the dock strike the Tories try to man the docks with troops, we will have to consider the best method of supporting the dockers, including strike action.

If a Labour government was returned after the Tory government is forced to resign, I would like to see the Wilson leadership replaced by one intent on pursuing socialist policies.

I would say, however, that if the Labour Party cannot break from the bankers and 'Gnomes of Zurich', then the working class will be forced to seek an alternative.

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JIMMY JOHNSTON, assistant secretary (indoors) of the Glasgow and district amalgamated branch of the Union of Post Office Workers, speaking in a personal capacity, told the Workers Press:

THE IMMEDIATE danger facing Post Office workers as a result of the return of the Tories can be seen in the refusal of the Tory leaders to give the assurance sought by the Post Office Engineering Union as to the de-nationalization of the telephone service.

Indeed the only commercial venture that the Post Office has been allowed to undertake as a public corporation is the Datapost, a courier type of service with guarantees of delivery not enjoyed by the general public and with individual contracts of doubtful profitability.

The decision of the Tories not to increase postal charges for six months means that in order to recoup the money involved in the last all-round pay increase negotiated by the UPW, the Post Office will be forced to increase the spate and intensity of staffing revisions and the introduction of the management data system.

The union has been involved in running courses at Sussex University on MDS—a particularly repugnant form of time-measurement—for its general officers, EC members and district organizers.

Under MDS each hour is divided into ten units of six minutes.

Supervisors at various con-

trol points then record the movement of staff. In this way, despite assurances to the contrary, all the so-called non-productive time, including toilet time and casual reliefs, is divorced from actual working times. Proposed staffing cuts are then based on the findings so arrived at.

Despite the co-operation of the union in all manner of productivity deals, a major shock awaits the leadership in the negotiations of the next wage increase.

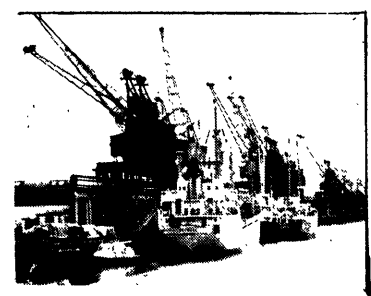
Relations between the previous Minister and the union leadership were so cordial that Stonehouse could advise them in advance of the final wage negotiation that the Labour cabinet had authorized an increase of up to £2. Consequently they had little difficulty in securing the offer.

Heath's new young Minister of Posts and Telecommunications will be offering no hand-outs however, and the full industrial strength of the UPW will have to be brought to bear in the pending claim.

As soon as he has completed imposing Tory policy on broadcasting, Mr Chataway shall, with a will, set about putting the unions in their places and may even be preferred as a potential union-basher by the Tory press to the colourless Robert Carr.

FRANK FROST, a member of the Communist Party and the National Union of Seamen, a member of the district Maritime Board for S Shields and delegate to the NUS annual conference for S Shields.

I THINK Labour lost the election because they didn't carry out socialist policies. If they had carried these out—nationalization of the docks, car industry, and shipping—the mass of the working class would have been behind them.



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Pressure on the government is all right as long as it is not pious pressure. The only way you can put pressure on so-called socialist MPs and trade-union-sponsored MPs like Labour's Gordon Bagier of Sunderland South, who is sponsored by the NUR, would be for the union to withdraw all funds, etc., that they put up to back him.

I think every pressure should be put, including strikes, to force this Tory government to resign, to be followed by a Labour government based on a socialist programme starting from the needs of the working class and not those of the banks and big business.

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On the incidents involving Polish coal, I think all shipments should have been stopped. While I recognize the need for socialist countries to have trade with capitalist countries, in this case all shipments should have been stopped by the Polish government to express their solidarity with the striking Spanish miners.

MRS CATHERINE BURNS, assembler at Gestetner's N London factory and a member of the AEF, told us:

I THOUGHT it was in the bag. I voted Labour, but it looks as if a lot of other people stayed at home. One of the main troubles was the prices and wages policy—there was no prices policy, it only ever touched wages.

But the Tories are not going to do anything for us, they only look after the rich. There is this legislation against strikes that they want to bring in, but every worker knows that this is their only weapon against the employers.

If the Tories do do anything about the taxes it will be only the working class that will suffer. I see already that

they are suggesting that people pay for hospital beds when they are sick as though they were going to a hotel. They might put up the money charged on prescriptions, teeth and spectacles.

Where I work they have been talking about equal pay for women, but nothing has been done about it. There is not enough consultation with the shop floor in the unions. I am in favour of ballots on the shop floor.

But I do think that racialism had a lot to do with the result of the election. I know where I work a lot of the girls said that they agreed with what Powell says on the question.

HUGH HILL, a Paisley, Scotland, textile worker told the Workers Press:

PEOPLE went and voted but felt that they didn't really have a choice—the general attitude was 'Tory or Labour, what's the difference'.

It is obvious to the politically conscious workers that there is a difference, but many housewives, for instance, did not see it, particularly in view of steep price increases under the Labour government. Therefore they did not vote for the Party in power because of this.

Women see things happening which they oppose and therefore vote against it.

Also the Tories carried out a vote-catching policy of offering the 'liberal' Tory line of Ted Heath, or the policies of Powell.

What the Tory Party consists of now is a policy to 'Save the Argyles', 'Save Protestantism', 'Bring back hanging' and 'Attack the trade unions'.

But in relation to the trade unions, what the Tories propose is very little different to what Barbara Castle proposed.

On the question of trade union laws, opposition to the Labour government came from the rank and file, not from the leadership of the trade unions.

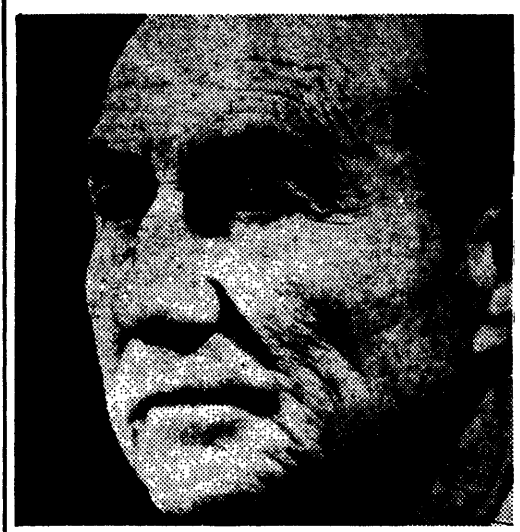
At first, workers did not believe the Labour government would follow such policies, but when they realized what was happening they revolted against it.

Now we see the hypocrisy of union leaders who state 'If they ask us into the ring we will fight'. It was the Labour government which opened the door to the Tory trade union reform bill.

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US Round-up



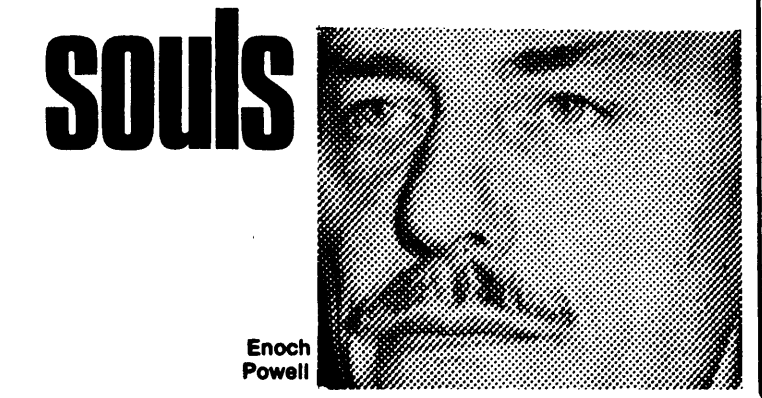
Strom Thurmond

Kindred souls

ENOCH Powell has his admirers and supporters—there's no denying that. Some follow him out of backwardness, confusion and frustration; and some recognize the bonds of common interest. Common interest equals class interest, and class interests span frontiers and oceans. So it does not come as a shock to discover one of Powell's greatest admirers is none other than US Senator Strom Thurmond.

This senator from South Carolina—a renowned reactionary, militarist and patriot, an anti-trade-union demagogue—has sent a letter of praise and congratulations to the MP from Wolverhampton, inviting him to visit the United States.

Thurmond has reached new political heights (depths?) since the election of Richard



Enoch Powell

Nixon. At the Republican convention in 1968, he was instrumental in procuring nomination for Dynamic Dick and has been richly rewarded for his work. He is reputed to have chosen Spiro Agnew as Nixon's vice-presidential candidate.

Thurmond spiced his own speeches with quotes from Powell and has inserted this

remark into the Congressional Record: 'The mantle of (TORY) Party leadership will rest on the shoulders of Enoch Powell.'

Thurmond sees the links that bind him to Powell quite clearly. In a similar manner, workers of Britain and America must recognize their common enemies.

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Recent activities of certain Treasury agents, representing the Treasury Department, bear this axiom out.

It appears these T-men have been making 'routine' checks of public libraries.

They have been particularly interested in those card-holders who have borrowed books on explosives; but their interests are broad enough to include anyone who has borrowed 'subversive' or 'militant' publications as well.

This was brought to the attention of the American public only through the complaints of one irate librarian.

We would remind our readers how Lenin, with his usual farsightedness, solved this particular problem when he used the British Museum Reading Room. He used a false name.



Cesar Chavez

Cesar Chavez gets the treatment

THE CAPITALIST press is quite calculating in its choice of revolutionaries and saints.

Gandhi, Kenyatta, Cohn-Bendit, Martin Luther King—they all received the treatment.

The American press is grooming another man for the post of house rebel: Cesar Chavez, head of the grape pickers' union.

The strike of California grape pickers has been fought over a period of five years.

It has been a struggle to finally force union recognition on the vineyard owners.

The majority of the grape pickers are Mexican-Americans, primarily Catholic semi-literate and ordinarily on the verge of starvation.

Chavez, instead of fighting for united class action against the grape owners, turned the strike into a liberal cause célèbre, thus hindering and

extending it. He won the fond embrace of Robert Kennedy and other notables for his efforts.

He has had to work hard to keep his members in line. It has been necessary to appeal to every ounce of backwardness and superstition.

Two years ago he went on a 25-day hunger strike to remind his followers of the non-violent nature of the struggle.

He finished his fast by receiving communion alongside Senator Kennedy.

Chavez said at one juncture in the strike:

'If the strike means the blood of one grower or one grower's son or one worker or one worker's son, then it isn't worth it.'

It is not difficult to imagine the glee with which that sort of remark is greeted by the bosses.

Three out of many



Spiro Agnew

VICE President Spiro T. Agnew recently thought he had made it with one of the newspapers not renowned for backing him—the 'New York Times'.

Agnew was given the paper's most sought-after spot on the top of the editorial page for a special article.

However closer inspection showed some of the old pique showing through.

The heading read 'Topics—on dividing the country' by Spiro T. Agnew.

At the bottom of the last column the discerning eye read in the smallest of italics 'Spiro T. Agnew is Vice-President of the United States'.

Yes?

MR AGNEW'S horizons were brightened the other day when he heard news of the launching of a rather different kind of newspaper.

a paper which promised to print only good news leaving out all the bad that competes for our attention—Indo-China war, strikes, unemployment, tumbling share prices and so on.

Uplifted Spiro T. sent a telegram of congratulations to the aspiring editors.

Unfortunately another piece of bad news cut across this message of encouragement.

The whole story of the paper was revealed as a hoax.

THE US vice president had got carried away by another ill-fated promotional venture—the 'Spiro Agnew watch'.

The watch was invented by a Dr Hale E. Dougherty who runs a small watch manufacturers.

The Doctor wrote to Mr Agnew:

'I respect your talent and abilities and above all your honesty' and went on to explain that the watch was in-

tended to symbolize the characteristics of Spiro T. that he admired.

'The small hand says baloney to those who oppose you and your responsibilities. The big hand says peace and love to mankind.'

Agnew replied that he found the watch 'attractive and clever' (surprise, surprise?) and that his children would enjoy wearing it.

But then vulgar commercialism invaded this comfortable relationship of mutual respect.

Dr Dougherty's firm turned out to be called the 'Dirty Time Company' and the watch is now in mass production.

Mr Agnew's attorney has been forced to issue a statement that although the Doctor's 'droll product' is in the best traditions of political humour, mass production is another question altogether and is a violation of the right of privacy under US law.

Spanish strikers defy Franco police

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE AN official news clamp down, more details about Tuesday's fighting between striking building workers and Spanish police have leaked out of Granada.

The three workers shot were given a rapid burial.

Families of only two of the murdered strikers were allowed to attend the funeral for fear of a political demonstration against the fascist regime—the third was buried secretly without being identified.

Armed police surrounded the cemetery.

WORKERS HIT

The fighting involved at least 3,000 workers, during which 11 workers, apart from those shot dead, were hit by police bullets.

Forty other injured workers feared seeking medical treatment lest they were arrested for having taken part in the demonstration.

Despite constant patrols by hundreds of armed security police through the Granada working-class districts, the workers remain firm in their demand for a daily 27s wage instead of their present 19s.

Like all of Spain's workers, Granada's are involved in the struggle for free trade unions not run by stooges loyal to Franco and the employers.

C.I.R.

FROM PAGE ONE member of the Labour and Industrial Correspondents' Group.

The Group has access to important facilities for industrial journalists' work such as advance copies of government White Papers and Bills, but in January it voted against an application for membership from our industrial correspondent David Maude.

The 'Morning Star', which received an advance copy of the CIR report, has a member in the Group who voted against David Maude's application.

We call on all trade unionists to submit resolutions to their union branches, trades councils and shop stewards committees demanding that Workers Press be admitted to the Group and is given all facilities necessary to provide news affecting workers' everyday lives.

WEATHER

London area, SE and E England, W Midlands: Cloudy with rain at times. Moderate SW winds. Near normal. Max. 20C (68F).

Central southern, NW and central northern England, W Midlands: Cloudy, with rain at times, becoming brighter from West. Moderate SW winds, becoming light, westerly. Near normal. Max. 20C (68F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Cloudy with rain, hill and coastal fog. Becoming brighter from West, with showers and sunny intervals. Moderate SW winds, veering NW. Near normal. Max. 18C (64F).

NE England: Occasional showers. Sunny intervals. Light or moderate SW winds, veering W. Rather cool. Max. 17C (63F).

Glasgow area, N Ireland: Occasional showers. Sunny intervals. Light SW winds, veering NW. Rather cool. Max. 15C (59F).

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Unsettled, with rain at times or showers, and temperatures rather below normal generally.

LATE NEWS

maintained that terms in individual ports were a matter for individual negotiation unaffected by a rise in the basic rate.

Tonge, on the other hand, has throughout made Devlin the centre of his case against a basic rate rise on the docks.

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Malaysian students

ABOUT 100 Malaysian university students demonstrated outside the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur yesterday against Tory plans to supply arms to S Africa.

There is now an acute danger, that the present leadership will gradually sap the dockers' struggle by its failure to stand firm against the employers' onslaught.

As National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers' steward George Richmond told Workers Press, 'This is the least inspiring strike I have ever known. There is no communication, no leadership and no activity.'

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At the Albert Hall Rally of 10,000 London teachers on November 21, 1969, President Ben Johnson said:

'If words fail to produce results, national and substantial action must follow.' (Our emphasis.)

It was no accident that NUT officials on the march to the Albert Hall tried to prevent All Trades Unions Alliance members from carrying posters demanding national strike action. At all costs the militancy and frustration of teachers had to be channelled into protest action—into the selected school strikes.

Only ATUA teachers called for national action and a fight for socialist policies to replace Wilson and his Cabinet, warning teachers against the dangers of a settlement with 'strings'.

At no time did the executive mobilize the nationwide enthusiasm of the teachers for

Stalinism justifies and ac-

THE DOCKER AND HIS FAMILY

A SERIES OF WORKERS PRESS INTERVIEWS



'I'm one of your affluent dockers,' says Mr Thomas O'Shea, seen above with his wife in their pre-war Southamton tenement flat.

'I've been on the dock 34 years. Look at what I've got to show — I can't even run a car...'

MR THOMAS O'SHEA has worked on the Southampton water-front for 34 years.

What has he got to show for this lifetime of killing labour—he lives with his wife in a small flat in a gloomy and run down pre-war block of council tenements; he has no car or any expensive luxuries.

Dock work has left its usual legacy of injuries, some minor, some more serious. This week he enters hospital with a ruptured hernia.

'I'm one of your affluent dockers,' he says with a wry smile.

'We have been after the £20 basic for donkey's years.'

'You see it's like this; in Southampton if a good ship comes in where you can get piecework they generally cut the labour force by half and the work done is trebled so the employers gain out of this even if you are on better money. If you are not on piecework you are down to £16 a week, so to make up a living wage you have to work seven days a week.'

'Even with this new deal which gives us £37 10s the employers have this waver clause. If there is a world slump in trade then they can cut us down to our basic and we will be on £11 18s 8d, that's why we want the £20—security.'

'Sartre had declared that "arbitrary imprisonment, house-searches and an orgy of police brutality in the jails are on the agenda".'

But Pompidou's repressions are only a French translation of the 'law-and-order' policy promised by the Tories in Britain.

As the European ruling class gets ready for trade war and economic crisis, the attack on the legal rights of workers' organizations becomes a life-and-death issue.

This is why the actions of the Stalinists are so pernicious.

When de Gaulle imposed the ban on left-wing organizations in 1968, he knew he had the support of the French Communist Party.

The campaign of the Socialist Labour League in this country against the ban obtained the backing of many rank-and-file CP members, but the British CP leaders, like their French colleagues, refused to support our demand.

Now, as in 1968, we warn that the ruling class is allowed to isolate one section of the left, the attack will then come on those which remain legal at this stage—including the CP itself.

Pompidou, in refusing to lift the ban on the four organizations, is only preparing to extend the attack at a later date.

In attacking sections of the left as 'fascist' in traditional Stalinist fashion the French CP is not only splitting the working-class opposition to the Pompidou regime in its present form.

It is also opening the way for right-wing dictatorship to destroy the legal rights and organizations of the working class as a whole.

The demand to lift the ban on the four organizations must be supported by every section of the labour and socialist movement.

Trade union branches, shop stewards' committees and other organizations should send resolutions to the French Embassy, at 11 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8.

The CP and the 'Morning Star' especially must declare where it stands on this vital question.

'Where are all these affluent dockers we read about in the paper, I don't know any. They say £35 a week.'

'It's nothing like this. After tax it's much lower than this.'

'And do people know what we have to do to earn our money. The work kills you.'

'Now I have a hernia I'm going into hospital. That's what a life of hard slog on the docks does—tears your gut out.'

'The Tories are behind the employers, I know this. I saw Tonge on the television. He didn't want to know; it made me sick. But we'll stick it out.'

MRS O'SHEA, like all the other dockers' wives in the port, knows she will have to face weeks with only £5 a week from the wage earner of the family.

She told our reporter just how she would manage and her feelings on the strike.

STRUGGLE

It will be a struggle, but we'll manage and put up

Dockers angry

FROM PAGE ONE trade as well as several shipping companies to avoid Hull and indeed other major ports.

That is how the dock employers—and the Hull employers are not speaking for themselves alone—view the advent of Devlin on the docks.

Tory 'law and order' must be established on the docks, by necessary military means, even if it involves crippling the balance of payments and throwing thousands of workers onto the dole.

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This is the real issue in the background of the whole strike.

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'The thinking behind this attempt to consciously prevent teachers from fighting for an alternative to the bankrupt National Union of Teachers' leadership is clearly spelt out in the July issue of the Communist Party journal 'Education Today and Tomorrow'.

The profession is already armed, almost instinctively, it would seem at first sight, with the realization that until one is in a position to administer the coup de grace, one does not take on all the forces of the enemy on all fronts at the same time.'

Here Gunn praises the teachers' 'instinct'—the growing awareness among teachers of the fight ahead—in order to avoid the fight for Marxism against the empirical method that severs the facts (of education) from the class struggle.

Teachers are being attacked on all fronts.

The Tories will axe social service and educational spending in education they made it clear long before the election that they will gear every aspect more closely to the needs of capital—attempts to introduce productivity methods, a rationalized pay

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JURISTS ALLEGE

THE ORGANS charged with maintaining the existing order in Brazil now use torture as 'a systemic and scientifically developed practise', says a report issued by the International Commission of Jurists yesterday.

The report is based on documents smuggled out of jails and concentration camps and details given by the prisoners exchanged last month for the kidnapped German ambassador.

At least 12,000 political prisoners are estimated to be in Brazilian jails.

Since January, says the report, army doctors have frequently attended interrogations to administer stimulants when prisoners lose consciousness, so as to prolong the torture.

They also prevent the wounding of prisoners in ways which would be too obvious at a court appearance.

The Commission describes various forms of torture employed.

They include submerging the prisoner's head in a bucket of filth to the point of suffocation, electric torture of sensitive parts of the body and the fracture of ear drums.

Women prisoners are frequently raped.

A child is often tortured in front of its parents. In horizontal prison, police dogs have been specially trained to attack delicate parts of the body.

The report concludes that there is little hope of a return to 'more human standards', since so many civil servants and army officers have incriminated themselves by torturing their fellow citizens.'

Intensify

'Their only means of avoiding punishment,' says the report, 'let alone the revenge of their compatriots, is to continue and even intensify the repression.'

As in Vietnam, US 'democracy' is backing a regime which is able to sustain itself only by means of the most barbarous brutality.

In Brazil, just as in Indochina, it is American imperialism which is really responsible.

quicker. The Smithfield men will support us.'

'The majority of the men don't want modernization under Devlin,' another T&GWU member told us before the meeting.

'Lads are waiting up to five years to come onto the docks. My lad has had to go into building. If Devlin has just started, think how many will be needed in three years.'

'When it rains and you can't open the hatches, food lies there for days. Now after a few days on strike down here, everyone's supposed to be starving!' he added.

Angry comments

AS ROYAL GROUP dockers queued for their strike pay yesterday, there were angry comments about rising food prices.

T&GWU member Ron

French left

FROM PAGE ONE are felt by the French economy.

They are only preparatory to the full force of dictatorship.

Jean-Paul Sartre's statement earlier this month that France is heading towards civil war gives the context for the maintenance of the ban on the four organizations.

Sartre had declared that "arbitrary imprisonment, house-searches and an orgy of police brutality in the jails are on the agenda".'

But Pompidou's repressions are only a French translation of the 'law-and-order' policy promised by the Tories in Britain.

As the European ruling class gets ready for trade war and economic crisis, the attack on the legal rights of workers' organizations becomes a life-and-death issue.

This is why the actions of the Stalinists are so pernicious.

When de Gaulle imposed the ban on left-wing organizations in 1968, he knew he had the support of the French Communist Party.

The campaign of the Socialist Labour League in this country against the ban obtained the backing of many rank-and-file CP members, but the British CP leaders, like their French colleagues, refused to support our demand.

Now, as in 1968, we warn that the ruling class is allowed to isolate one section of the left, the attack will then come on those which remain legal at this stage—including the CP itself.

Pompidou, in refusing to lift the ban on the four organizations, is only preparing to extend the attack at a later date.

In attacking sections of the left as 'fascist' in traditional Stalinist fashion the French CP is not only splitting the working-class opposition to the Pompidou regime in its present form.

It is also opening the way for right-wing dictatorship to destroy the legal rights and organizations of the working class as a whole.

The demand to lift the ban on the four organizations must be supported by every section of the labour and socialist movement.

Trade union branches, shop stewards' committees and other organizations should send resolutions to the French Embassy, at 11 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8.

The CP and the 'Morning Star' especially must declare where it stands on this vital question.

'Where are all these affluent dockers we read about in the paper, I don't know any. They say £35 a week.'

'It's nothing like this. After tax it's much lower than this.'

'And do people know what we have to do to earn our money. The work kills you.'

'Now I have a hernia I'm going into hospital. That's what a life of hard slog on the docks does—tears your gut out.'

The Tories are behind the employers, I know this. I saw Tonge on the television. He didn't want to know; it made me sick. But we'll stick it out.'

MRS O'SHEA, like all the other dockers' wives in the port, knows she will have to face weeks with only £5 a week from the wage earner of the family.

She told our reporter just how she would manage and her feelings on the strike.

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BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

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