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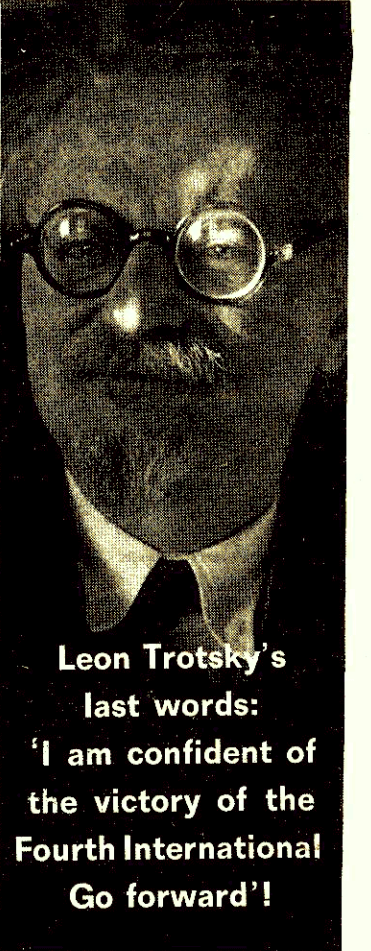
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By a Middle East correspondent

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The interim representative at the talks, Yosef Tekoah, is to remain in Jerusalem until another meeting later in the week.

Meanwhile, UN mediator Dr Gunnar Jarring is continuing discussions with the Egyptian and Jordanian representatives in New York.

The Israeli decision, indicating that divisions between members of the Meir government still remain, is also designed to put pressure on Washington.

The Zionists want US condemnation of alleged Egyptian violations of the cease-fire to be made public, and arms supplies to be stepped up.

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IN A statement on the occupation of the Cambodian embassy in Prague by students of Norodom Sihanouk, the Information Bureau of the Sihanouk exile government has said: 'The bureau has learned that certain people, the Czech government, which recognizes the pro-US regime of Lon Nol] considered

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Between them they cover any changes in working practice that management wish to make. It is vitally important to understand their relation to job evaluation.

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But this shows what a complete fraud the 'scientific' classification of jobs, i.e. job evaluation, really is when all that is being aimed at is the complete elimination of trades and job titles anyway.

This does not mean that job evaluation is always necessarily introduced first. The breaking down of demarcation and a consequent loosening of organization in the work-place is often used prior to the introduction of job evaluation, or as a system running at the same time and in the same agreement.

It is useful to look at these three methods separately to understand the way they are used.

Among themselves, management and consultants usually define them as follows:

● Mobility of labour :

This is the transfer of workers from one work-place to another, within one company or within the terms of an agreement between more than one company.

The different work-places may be next door to each other in the same building (site or dock), they may be at opposite ends of the town or at opposite ends of the country.

We have already given one example in relation to elec-

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SHIPBUILDING

'When a rationalized pay structure has been agreed for two or more of the company's yards the employees will be completely mobile as among these yards.' (1967 Employment Charter Upper Clyde Shipbuilders)

The mobility of labour clauses are a major means of intimidation to encourage workers to leave a job. Firms with 'no-redundancy guarantees' offer work at another place, perhaps a long way off, which makes it such a wearing process travelling, that workers prefer to leave the job. By doing this they lose any claim to redundancy payment and the loss of such workers is then called 'natural wastage' or 'voluntary redundancy'.

An example of long-distance mobility:

In 1969 more than a hundred dockers living in London and previously working in London Docks, including the now closed St Katharine's Dock, were commuting regularly between London and Tilbury (25 miles away) to where they had been transferred. Some of them had to get up at 5.30 a.m., returning home at 6 p.m. and spending over £3 a week in fares.

● Flexibility of labour

This is the carrying out of some of the operations of one trade by workers of another trade in order to progress the job. It is the basis for the employers' plans for the overlapping of trades and the

breaking down of demarcation lines. For example:

AIR TRANSPORT.

'All staff subject to this agreement must be capable of, available for and willing to perform work associated with their usual occupation or such other alternative work if available, as instructed by the employer when their usual work is not available.' (Agreement covering Engineering and Maintenance workers on civil air transport, 1969.)

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

'Under the MUPS scheme, although process operators and tradesmen continue to be differentiated, each is permitted to perform such elementary tasks of the other as may be necessary within any given plant situation to ensure

optimum operation of the process.' (The 1965 ICI Manpower Utilization and Payments Structures agreement.)

RAILWAYS :

'List of additional duties of conductor guard.

● Check that toilets and wash basins of train in which travelling are properly equipped.

● Replace unserviceable light bulbs.

● Operate public address system on trains.'

(Pay & Efficiency Agreement between British Rail and NUR 1968.)

Special training systems have been evolved to enable workers to encompass at least some aspects of other trades as well as their own.

One such method is particularly favoured by the Industrial Training Boards.

'Module'

This is the 'module' system whereby

'trainees will undergo a series of separate programmes of training which can be combined in different ways to qualify them in a variety of skills and to which further "modules" can be added later as required.'

What this means is that every worker will be taught certain aspects of other worker's jobs to facilitate overlapping.

The building industry training board is particularly anxious to develop this for all construction work where, for example, a steelfixer might be taught how to cut, bend, join and tie down conduit to save the cost of electricians doing the work.

Similarly carpenters and bricklayers may be taught some aspects of each others' jobs, and all craftsmen would certainly be expected to remove rubbish and rubble, to clean up and to do work previously defined as labouring.

This training is to be applied to all workers, not just the younger ones, though it is claimed by government sources that 'radical change' will take place in craft apprenticeships on the basis of the module system.

Overlapping of jobs can vary from a situation where a group of workers between them cover the work of another worker to one in which one worker does the entire job of another worker as well as his own.

With modernization and automation, of course, this can even be extended to a position where one worker does the work previously carried out by a group of operatives.

It is certain that with increased research into training methods, simplification of work and job flexibility, an enormous cut-back in jobs can occur.

● Interchangeability of labour

This is the transfer of a worker of one craft to operate on a temporary or permanent basis as a worker of other craft. Some examples:

MOTOR INDUSTRY

'All production operators must be completely interchangeable and responsible for rectification of bodies, body parts, gear boxes, engines and suspension units. It is on this basis that the category has been assessed and the rate established.'

(1968 Agreement put forward at Rootes, Linwood.)

'The purpose of the agreement is to end traditional craft distinctions so as to facilitate temporary or permanent transfers of labour to overcome production bottlenecks and to ensure deliveries are made on time.'

(Rolls-Royce, Coventry, March 1970 'Black Book' proposals.)

BUSES

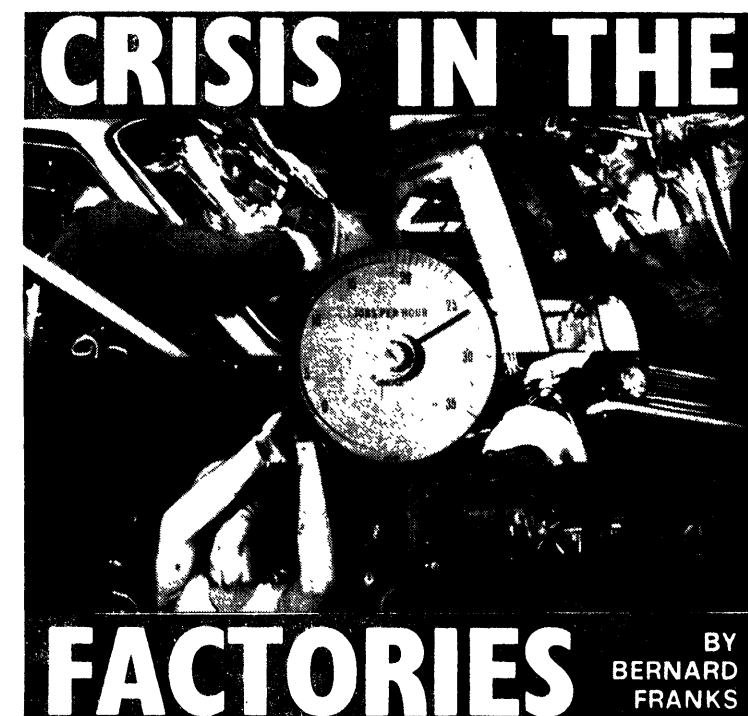
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(PIB Report 1969 Productivity Agreements in the Bus Industry.)

One other term used by consultants is:

'Integration'

When a section of workers has become fully 'flexible' and 'interchangeable' between a number of tasks, and practically all demarcation between jobs has disappeared, the employers speak of complete



'integration' having been achieved.

The right of management to operate these systems as and when they see fit can give them an enormous step forward towards complete control over a work force.

On the pretext of 'progressing the work', shop stewards can be moved on and militant groups of workers broken up; workers can be taken off a job and be replaced by others who do not know the correct rate for the job, the previous manning levels, the traditional speed of working, or what protective practices have been operated.

Certainly, within these systems one may see the seeds of a future socialist organization of production.

The complete flexibility of working that would allow a worker to cover a wide variety of tasks and occupations for his own self-development and well-being, that would allow mobility to and from jobs which further widens the field of education; and an interchangeability, including that into management, which would give all workers a deep understanding of a society which they themselves own and operate.

Distorted

Under capitalism, however, these forms are distorted into systems of total exploitation solely dedicated to the making of profit.

Of course, no objection can be made to workers learning new skills and techniques, so long as this training is carried out in the firm's time and with full pay.

What is certain, however, is that the workers concerned can only ensure that this training is genuine and not just a vehicle for the overlapping of jobs, or for eliminating 'non-productive' work, if it is totally controlled by the trades unions, with no interference from employers or the state.

For the worker who is a Marxist there must be at all times complete opposition to any system of working which attempts to change control of work to the advantage of the management.

Opposed

Where a productivity deal is being proposed, these clauses, and the deal in its entirety, must be exposed and opposed.

Where a deal has been agreed and is being implemented, a struggle should be carried out against each and every attempt to eliminate jobs and workers. At the same time the fight must continue for the total repeal of the agreement.

But it is here that the question of a political fight in the unions for a totally different kind of leadership is very much to the fore.

Only with a leadership proposing a socialist programme of nationalization without compensation and with workers' control of any industry attempting to make reductions in its labour force can a fight be taken up against the implementation of these systems.

It is only on this basis that modern scientific and technical achievements can be used to the benefit and not the detriment of the working class.

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Workers Press notebook

tv column



Amalrik

'I set myself the objective of refuting those current and inaccurate ideas about my country which are widespread, mainly in the United States, that is about the liberalization of the Soviet regime which is allegedly taking place...

'What is really happening in the Soviet regime, in my opinion, is not that it is getting more liberal—but getting more senile... In reality the regime is more and more losing control over the situation in the country...

'For a totalitarian regime the degree of control is already insufficient.

'As an example, I can cite the unusual popularity of Samizdat. This does not happen because the regime takes a liberal view of such things, or deliberately permits it, but simply because the regime can't do anything about this problem...



Yakir

Bukovsky



Ginsberg

THESE ARE the words of 31-year-old Soviet historian Andrei Amalrik, recently imprisoned for the second time on account of his opposition views.

He has still not been tried, and it is feared that like hundreds of others he may instead be committed to a mental hospital.

Amalrik was one of the Soviet oppositionists who appeared in filmed interviews with American correspondent William Cole in '24 HOURS' (BBC-1, Friday).

Shot and recorded inside the USSR, these interviews provided one of the most moving and informative experiences to have been captured on television.

Here were men who had experienced years of repression, who had not the slightest doubt that the authorities would pursue them yet again; but they stood determined to fight on whatever the consequences personally.

LABOUR CAMPS

Piotr Yakir, already having served 17 years in labour camps, son of the Soviet military commander murdered by Stalin, spoke out yet again: 'There's no going back. If we're not here, there'll be others. There are already many of us—many young people...

'They'll beat us and they'll kill us. 'All the same, people will go on thinking differently.'

Inside the Potma prison camp from which he was recently transferred to a camp of even harder regime, writer Alexander Ginsburg had recorded on tape the following words:

'Camps, prisons and the death of those near to us—that is what we are surrounded by, and nevertheless we hope to hold out.'

'We are sustained, not by the so-called decisive stand of the Soviet Union, nor by the good will of the governments of the great powers but by the wrath, protests and solidarity of all honest people; of all who hold dear the dignity of man, democracy and peace.'

'In decisive resistance to modern barbarism, I see the only real guarantee that the rights of man will be observed—here and throughout the world.'

EXAMPLE

27-year-old Vladimir Bukovsky related his horrible personal experiences in a mental hospital.

He explained that people like him fought on, and took the kind of risk involved in making such a filmed interview, because they saw that one of the most important things of all was to show the people that 'it is possible and necessary to fight.'

His conclusion was undoubtedly true: that in a situation where the overwhelming atmosphere of fear created by the repressions of Stalin's day persists in Soviet society today, then the example of personal courage becomes a vital factor in breaking the political situation.

There is no doubt that the opposition campaigning for democratic rights in Soviet society includes many who stand on general humanist

30 YEARS AFTER TROTSKY'S DEATH

SOVIET OPPOSITION DETERMINED TO FIGHT

24 HOURS

BBC-1 Friday, August 28 Filmed interviews with Soviet oppositionists

Guest reviewer Cliff Slaughter

principles rather than Marxist ones, and this is inevitable after all the years of Stalinism.

But of course we have considerable evidence of the number of oppositionists who stand openly for the defence of the gains of the October revolution, and see the struggle against the Stalinist bureaucracy as part of the international struggle of the working class against imperialism. (See the Samizdat extracts in the current 'Fourth International'.)

The living struggle of the

opposition—even in the fragments presented to us in this programme—fulfils and at the same time begins to enrich the analysis and the perspectives of Leon Trotsky, who himself died 30 years ago at the hands of a Stalinist assassin.

Amalrik, like Bukovsky, showed us a fleeting glimpse of what rich developments of Marxism we can expect when the Russian working class makes its own contribution to the cadres of the Fourth International.

Dismissing with cold contempt the theories of 'liberalization' of Stalinism, Amalrik at the same time seeks a historical perspective for struggle against the bureaucracy.

Their repressions come from their weakness, just as the failure of the repression to silence the opposition comes from the crisis—from the senility of the system of bureaucratic control.

Asked about the political attitudes of the workers of town and country in the Soviet Union, Amalrik gave a fascinating account of how his section of the intellectuals sees its relation to the proletariat: the workers had not yet begun to generalize and question the nature of the regime as such, but were manifesting dissatisfaction with many aspects of it.

Workers were dissatisfied with the level of their wages compared with better-paid sections of the population, said Amalrik. Others—perhaps better-paid—criticized the lack of available consumer goods.

Farmworkers were dissatisfied with their legal disabilities, being unable to move from the villages. Factory workers were dissatisfied with the complete control over them by the factory managers. People in small towns were unable to move to bigger ones, for example, when insufficient jobs were available.

In these summary observations by Amalrik we see the ingredients of the struggle of the Soviet workers against the parasitic privileges, the rigid bureaucratic control of industry and lack of workers' rights in the economy; the legal and political restrictions designed to prevent any organization of national political opposition from the workers; the inability of the bureaucratized economy to provide the goods the workers need.

Amalrik expressed the opinion that a revolution in the USSR might be caused precisely by the continuance of this system of rigid control. There are the germs of a profound thought here. What Amalrik calls the 'tightly-controlled castes' into which the bureaucracy stratifies Soviet society come more and more, in their rigidity and exclusiveness, into conflict with the kind of social and political structure demanded by the development of the planned economy.

CONFIRMATION

The name Trotsky was never mentioned in this programme, though of course we know that many spokesmen of the opposition have now raised the question of his historical role, his fate and his contribution to Marxism.

But 30 years almost to the day since his death, here was striking and inspiring confirmation of his struggle against the Stalinist bureaucracy. Asked about the bureaucracy's technique of sending arrested oppositionists to mental hospitals—which combines brutal punishment with the advantage of avoiding a trial—Amalrik was once again most illuminating.

Yes, he said, such punishment is terrible, but it shows above all the 'complete ideological capitulation' of the bureaucracy in face of its opponents.

Through the struggle of men and women like these—with all manner of unevenness and differentiation, no doubt—will come, and are coming, thousands of revolutionary fighters for the Fourth International.

It is in the work of Trotsky, and in the building of the Fourth International, that their struggle links up with the October Revolution, and with the communist future.

Some day my Prince will come

MINERS on the S Wales coalfield, that bastion of royalist enthusiasm, worked this weekend in electrified anticipation of a Royal visitor.

'Will our Prince toil by our side?'—this was the question on all lips at the coal-face—a speculation sparked off by their leader's invitation to the Royal Family to allow their son to work down the pit for five years.

The Prince of Wales is due to visit Maerdy colliery in the Rhondda valley (ex the 'Red Rhondda') in November, but Dai Francis, general secretary of the S Wales area of the National Union of Mine-workers has asked Buckingham Palace to go one better.

He should, said this member of the Communist Party, work underground for five years. This would broaden his experience of life.

'Miners are the finest men he could work with—it would be a great character-builder,'

said Francis last Thursday. 'It would help recruiting in the acute shortage of young people coming into the industry and would do him the world of good.'

'The miners would welcome Prince Charles with open arms, and he could stay in the warmth and friendship of a miner's home in the Rhondda. I know some people will say these views are ridiculous, but I am certain what I advocate would help this young man considerably...

'It would help him to develop as a real man,' added Francis.

Pay, of course, might be a problem for our richest-ever heir to the throne.

Any recruit to the mines has to undergo a year's training and the basic wage at 21 underground is £16 a week, but then again the Prince may be able to expend some of his noted organizing ability in the fight for the current sizeable wage claim.

It remains the sad task of the Workers Press to dash the

hopes of the Welsh miners; we rang the Palace and they were distinctly unenthusiastic.

'We cannot say what the attitude of the Royal Family is to this suggestion at the present time since they are all on holiday. No doubt they will read Mr Francis' remarks and make up their own minds.'

Try again, Dai.

Charles



TGWU SOCIAL CLUB advertisement with image of an airplane and text about charter flights.

T.U. journals clang again

IT IS PROBABLY a coincidence, but three trade union journals are in trouble with their readers at the moment—and all the unions concerned are led by Labour 'lefts'.

The back cover of the journal of the Amalgamated Engineers and Foundryworkers (president: Hugh Scanlon) carries an advertisement inserted by Ford's. It is headed: 'Toolmakers get more than top money at Ford...'

This might have sounded OK to editor Jim Conway at AEF headquarters in Peckham Road, but down in Dagenham they took exception to it.

South-East Essex District Committee of the AEF has sent a letter to the executive protesting at the advertisement, saying: 'We are opposed to company advertisements in the union journal which use misleading and deliberately mischievous headlines.'

Since the unions have just put in another claim for Ford's wages to be brought up to the levels of Midlands carworkers, this annoyance is understandable.

Parity begins at home.

MORE MYSTERIOUS is the controversy surrounding a book review which appeared in the June issue of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades Journal, 'Graphic '70'.

Signed by Jeff Walsh, it reviewed 'Workers Control'—edited by Ken Coates and Tony Topham of the Institute for Workers' Control.

Headlined 'Workers—beware of CIA "Revolutionaries"'—the review said: '... this book gives rise to the question "in

which CIA "schools" did the "line" of the editors first see light?"'

Now we hold no brief for the Institute of Workers' Control, but this type of literary criticism 'first saw light' in the 'school' of J. V. Stalin and the GPU.

The editors of the book concerned—while they would, no doubt, take quite a lot from 'left' trade union leaders—also felt aggrieved about it.

A letter was just sent to the editor of 'Graphic '70', signed by several supporters of the Institute for Workers' Control—including the NUM's Lawrence Daly, the TGWU's Bill and Jack Jones and the AEF's Ernie Roberts and Hugh Scanlon.

These prominent trade unionists declared that to state that Coates and Topham were agents of the CIA is completely disgraceful.

'We find it extraordinary,' they conclude, 'that a responsible trade union journal should publish journalism of this kind, which would be inexcusable even in the gutter press.'

This statement, however, did not appear in the next issue of 'Graphic '70', as expected.

Instead, this curious announcement was inserted in the August issue:

'Careful discussion with our contributor reviewer, a member of the organization, has ascertained from him his intention with regard to his review of the booklet "Workers Control" published in the June journal.

'It was never his intention to say that either of the editors of the booklet were either directly, indirectly or remotely connected with the CIA. He indicated his belief that there was a conscious dangerous line

of thought being propagated by elements whose intentions are inimical to the working-class movement.

'It was certainly furthest from his mind that any of those who had been involved in furthering the ideas for workers' control were either directly, indirectly or remotely connected with any of these propagating bodies.

'If anything contrary to his intention has been read into his review, he sincerely apologizes for such an impression.

'On our part, editorially, we have indicated to our reviewer that we prefer that he does not submit material for publication in the future, so as to avoid any further misunderstanding between him and us.'

This may or may not cover 'Graphic '70' legally, but it certainly falls short of a political apology.

We wonder what Richard Brightshaw, SOGAT general secretary, thinks about it?

FINALLY, someone dropped a clanger at Transport House recently.

The August issue of the Transport and General Workers' Union 'Record' carries a half-page advertisement for the TGWU Social Club.

Advertising charter-flights arranged by the club, it is illustrated by the picture of an airliner, clearly bearing the word: 'Caledonian'.

Whatever happens to later versions of the ad, there were audibly red faces at the union's Smith Square headquarters when we phoned to inquire whether the club was patronizing one of the companies involved with it—but on the other side—in the airlines denationalization row.

TROUBLE AND STRIFE

ON AUGUST 25 the 'Morning Star' got very worked up about the newly-formed Institute for the Study of Conflict and the fact that its sponsors include two Labour MPs, Patrick Gordon Walker and Christopher Mayhew. (The latter has been a 'Star' contributor, by the way.)

They join former Tory Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd and Lord Colyton (of Tanganyika Concessions, Union Minière and other leading African companies.)

Sir Robert Thompson—adviser to the British and US governments on how to fight

guerrillas—and leading LSE anti-communist Professor Leonard Shapiro are also on the Institute's council.

The aim of the Institute is to study 'revolutionary unrest and incipient conflict'. The merchant bankers and industrialists who have financed it feel that strife and strikes should not happen.

So sociologists and psychologists, led by Brian Crozier, are to puzzle their heads about why they do and how to stop them.

From their Piccadilly offices, they intend to survey conflict and terrorism all over the world.

They hope to be able to provide governments and in-

dustrialists with 'an early-warning system' on areas where 'trouble is brewing'. (That chap in specs taking your shop steward's temperature at this moment is probably a man from the Institute, finding out whether he is coming to the boil.)

Crozier revealed that the first job to be tackled is to find out just why there is all this bother in the Middle East.

'Our work will be of great practical value to both the great international companies and the academic world. The Russian Embassy is already taking an active interest in us.'

Somehow, that last bit—while reported in 'The Guardian'—was missed by the 'Star'.

Advertisement for 'Fourth International' journal, including a list of articles and an 'Order now' call to action.

Ferodo

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time plant is out of commission.
The production engineers would have an incentive scheme based on work values arising from a review of work methods and measurement.
The engineering staff would be offered a higher wage for permitting flexible working arrangements with other staff. (Our emphasis.)
Who is Tocher kidding?

Determined

Although no mention is made of the earlier disciplinary proposals, which sparked off the present action, the management are clearly determined to introduce work-study methods and flexibility.
In fact, one director was reported to have opposed an interim payment of even £1, but finally stated that £2 might be possible, if it were considered as a loan deductible from wages until paid off by productivity measures!

The Ferodo strikers must have the support of all trade unionists in their fight for a substantial increase without productivity strings.
Despite the pleas of the officials, the workers at British-Leyland, Centrax and Sovex have shown that, given leadership, victory is possible. There must be no retreat from the £10 and every string and penal clause must be rejected.

WEATHER

London area, SE England, central southern England, E and W Midlands, E England, Channel Islands, central northern England: Cloudy at first with rain at times. Sunny intervals later with few showers. Winds south to south-west fresh, locally strong. Near normal temperatures. Max. 19C (66F).

SW England: Sunny intervals and showers. Winds south-westerly, fresh to strong, veering westerly. Near normal temperatures. Max. 18C (65F).
NW England, NE England, Glasgow area, N Ireland: Rain at first. Sunny intervals later with some showers. Winds south to south-west, moderate or fresh, veering south-west to west, fresh or strong. Near normal temperatures. Max. 16C (61F).

Edinburgh: Dry at first with sunny intervals. Cloudy later with some rain. Winds southerly, light, increasing fresh or strong, backing north to north-west. Near normal temperatures. Max. 15C (59F).
Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Mainly dry on Thursday. Rain spreading from the west to most districts later.

SNP and the Tories abandon Scots jobless

'I HAVE no panacea that I can offer in the way of new projects... Firms cannot come in to build new factories overnight,' was the formula used by Scottish Secretary of State, Gordon Campbell, when he shed crocodile tears over Scotland's 'most disquieting' unemployment position at a recent press conference in Edinburgh.

This came at the end of a week in which no fewer than 3,300 redundancies were announced or confirmed on Clydeside, which will be one of the first areas to suffer as unemployment deepens this winter.

Since the Tory government is committed to massive attacks on the working class in the attempt to restore profits by returning to the conditions of the 1930s, Campbell's inability to come up with a solution to the 'problem' in Scotland is hardly surprising.

Markets

US STOCK MARKET prices drifted lower yesterday in moderate trading. The Dow Jones industrial index was about two points down after four hours.

The pound continued under pressure when foreign exchange markets opened after the holiday. At one time the spot rate slipped to the lowest level since the beginning of October last year.

Ex-Scottish Nationalist MP Winifred Ewing has cynically challenged the Scottish TUC leadership to support the Tory government's attacks on nationalized industry by coming out in favour of a 'second-force' airline.

The 'Scots Independent' (August 29, 1970) quotes her as saying:

'Opportunity'

'Now that the unemployment situation in Scotland looks like becoming worse than at any time since 1940, the STUC must make up its mind precisely where it stands. It has an excellent opportunity to stand up for the work-people of Scotland, especially those in Ayrshire and the West of Scotland.'

'Caledonian Airways has often stated in the past that if it is allowed to become a "second-force" airline with scheduled flights between Scotland and the United States, it will build a £3 million maintenance centre at Prestwick and employ several hundred skilled men at this centre.'

'The TUC and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs in London, however, are vigorously opposed to the creation of this "second-force" airline. They see it as a challenge to London's monopoly of air services. They are not interested in jobs for Scotland.'

Building on the confusion in the working class caused by Wilson's surrender to Tory policies (including high unemployment), Ewing and company seek to reinforce this mood by encouraging further sell-outs by the trade union leaders.

By sowing the illusion that there is a separate solution for the Scottish working class if only it puts its faith in capitalists favourable to Scotland, they prepare the way for the Tories' attacks.

Veteran nationalist Arthur Donaldson declares openly in the same issue of 'Scots Independent' that 'English electors' who returned a Tory majority at the last election were 'shrewder' than 'Scottish voters [who] allowed themselves to be almost completely deceived' into voting Labour.

Cover up

He deliberately seeks to cover up the anti-working-class intentions of the Tories by declaring that the rise in unemployment stems not at all from the requirements of the employers, but from Wilson's mismanagement.

Wilson, he says, 'has left the Tories a heritage of trouble and difficulty which gives them little room for manoeuvre'.
This open support for Tory deceptions brings out more clearly than ever the thoroughly reactionary nature of the Scottish Nationalist Party.

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SOUTH-EAST LONDON: Sunday, September 6, 3 p.m., Kenehall Tavern, Grove Lane, Camberwell, Green. 'The Tories and the unions.'

New police offensive against Panthers

UNITED STATES police have begun a new round of repressions against the Black Panther Party.

On Monday they besieged the Party's Philadelphia offices and after an armed raid arrested 15 Negro militants.

Three policemen were wounded as armed Black Panthers returned police gunfire from behind a barricade in their office.

At New Haven, Connecticut, Black Panther leader Lonnie McCluscas was convicted of 'conspiracy to murder' on Monday.

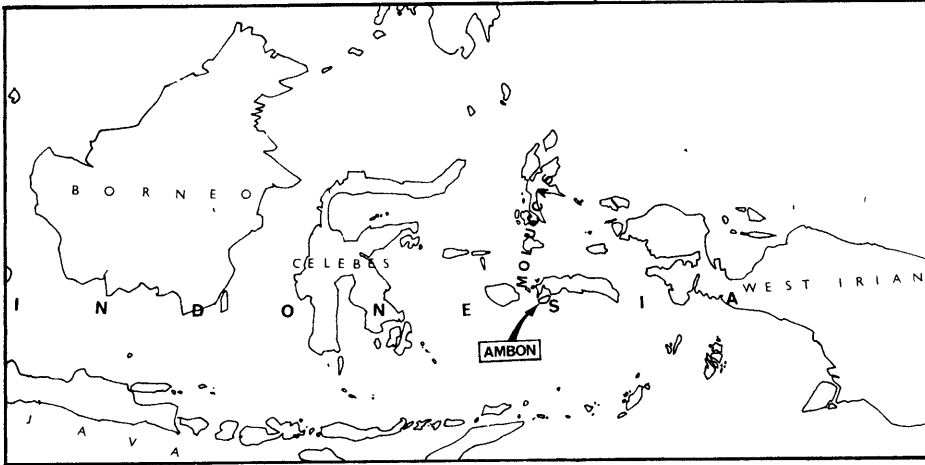
The conviction relates to the pending trial of Bobby Seale, the Black Panther National Chairman, and six other Party members, who are all charged with the murder of Alex Rackley last year.

Informer

Rackley was said to be an informer for the police within the Black Panther Party.

The conviction of McCluscas, the new police attacks in Philadelphia and elsewhere, and the FBI witch-hunt against Angela Davis are part of a concerted national campaign against militant and left-wing opponents of the Nixon regime.

US labour must act promptly in their defence.
Nixon's next target may well be the trade unions.



Suharto postpones Dutch visit again

INDONESIA'S President Suharto yesterday postponed his visit to Holland for another 24 hours to give the Dutch government 'more time to prepare'.

The Dutch are still unable to guarantee Suharto complete safety after a group of students from the Indonesian island of Ambon occupied the Indonesian embassy in The Hague and seized members of the Ambassador's family as hostages.

The students surrendered to Dutch police after holding the embassy for more than 12 hours.

The occupation was in support of the demand for Amboinese independence. Ambon is one of the large group of islands West of Irian (formerly New Guinea) called the Moluccas.

SEPARATIST

There has been a separatist movement active in the Moluccas for more than 20 years ever since Indonesia won its independence from the Dutch in 1949.

It has been used in the past by various imperialist powers to weaken the central Indonesian government, though the political connections of the group involved in the embassy occupation are not known as yet.

Even the official Amboinese independence movement in Holland, the Badan Persatuan, was taken by surprise.

It first issued a statement dissociating itself from the occupation, but then issued another supporting the students' action.

TRIAL?

The students, said Dutch Prime Minister Piet de Jong, would be tried by 'normal

US oil revenues dropping

A SURVEY of earnings by 26 major US oil companies show a decline for the fourth successive quarter.

All industries dependent on 'defence' contracts have also shown a decline in revenues.

Any decision to scale down the war in Indo-China will obviously hit even harder at the so-called 'military-industrial complex'.

No opposition to Tories

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no intention of leading a struggle either against Wilson or the Tories.

Treasurer

Chief interest in the leadership election centres on the job of treasurer. There are two candidates. Former Home Secretary James Callaghan faces 'left' MP Norman Atkinson.

There are 25 candidates for the seven constituency seats on the National Executive, including Eric Heffer, Mrs Barbara Castle and Miss Joan Lester.

The executive's report goes into detail about the election campaign but nowhere makes the slightest attempt to explain why Labour lost.

In fact, readers of this report would be hard put to find out who had won the election!

The report reveals a steadily falling individual membership of the Party: from a peak of over a mil-

lion in 1952 to the present level of less than 700,000.

The Labour Party conference takes place in the first months of the most anti-working-class government seen this century in Britain.

But the preliminary docu-

ments reflect none of the urgent dangers facing the working class.

It is clear that the established 'left' inside the Labour Party is making ready once again to capitulate to Wilson as they have done so many times before.

Israeli clash with Arab guerrillas

AN ISRAELI task force returned early yesterday morning after raiding an Arab guerrilla base across the Lebanese border.

Eight houses, said by a Tel-Aviv spokesman to have been used by guerrillas, were blown up in retaliation for acts of aggression.

Guerrilla attacks from bases in Jordan and Lebanon are continuing in defiance of the 'peace' talks cease-fire.

Since the cease-fire was declared, the guerrillas have not been receiving covering fire from the Jordanian army units as previously.

Canadian bank rate cut

THE CANADIAN bank rate was cut yesterday from 7 to 6 1/2 per cent. This move expresses the contradictory situation of the economy in Canada and the US.

The reduction in interest rates has to be carried out to counteract the slowing down of the economy caused by the US recession.

This had been intensified by the decision to 'float' the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar in July.

But the main concern of the Canadian government in recent months has been the wave of wage demands and strikes to support them.

Attempts to enforce a 'wages policy' with a ceiling on increases of 6 per cent have been rejected by the unions.

The drop in bank rate—from 8 per cent in July 1969—runs counter to these attempts to tame the Canadian workers.

Violent clashes in West Bengal

BY A CORRESPONDENT

FOUR demonstrators were killed by police in Calcutta on Monday, when members of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) defied a ban on all gatherings of more than five people.

Over 50 arrests were made as home-made bombs were thrown at police vans and railway tracks were blocked. Bus crews were on strike in protest at the shooting of a driver by police last week. Sixty miles away, at Krishnagar, police rioted after an inspector had been stabbed to death, the fourth policeman to die in a week. 15 people were injured and houses and shops fired by the police.

Direct rule

The State of West Bengal, of which Calcutta is the capital city, is still under direct rule from Delhi, imposed after the collapse of the left-wing coalition in March.

The Indian parliament approved a six-month extension of direct rule on Monday.

Vietnam medical aid is seized

THE STALINIST-backed Medical Aid Committee for Vietnam has sent a new consignment of medical supplies to liberated areas of South Vietnam after its original consignment—costing £6,000—was seized by the Lon Nol regime in Cambodia.

In all, £70,000 worth of medical supplies were confiscated by the pro-US dictatorship in Phnom Penh.

It was dispatched in February, before the March coup which deposed Norodom Sihanouk.

This was reported in Monday's 'Morning Star', without the paper pointing out that the Lon Nol regime is still recognized by the Soviet Union and the other Warsaw Pact powers in E Europe.

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