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Under the Prison Act 1952 it is an offence for any person

to help a prisoner to escape or attempt to escape, the maximum penalty is 5 yrs imprisonment (section 39 is amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1968)

Without authority to remove or attempt to convey into a prison or to a prisoner intoxicating liquor or tobacco the maximum penalty is 6 months imprisonment or a £50 fine or both (section 40)

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STOP THE GROWING CORPORATE STATE NOW!

LABOURITE LAWS AND TORY CODES ARE ALL ONE



Pickers under attack from Police



New Tory laws say six is company, seven is a riot

The Tory version of an employment 'protection' Act is now law

JIM PRIOR'S industrial legislation is so designed to combine new repressive laws, with so-called 'codes of conduct' which do not have the force of law.

This puts pickets completely at the mercy of police and courts. Insofar as this is the latest in a long line of attempts to overturn many existing rights, it is an extremely reactionary move, but one which obviously does not go far enough for the fascist wolves in the Tory ranks.

As it stands, employers are to be given new weapons to 'protect' the terms and conditions of employment which they daily dictate to their workers.

In particular, the bosses will exercise judgement through the courts on the motive and effectiveness of a strike — i.e. whether it should take place at all.

Secondly they will be able to make a criminal offence of many types of secondary,

THE so-called 'wet' in the Tory Cabinet, James Prior is merely a 'softly softly' merchant when it comes to breaking trade union struggle and militancy.

Here are details of his new Code suppressing the rights of trade union activists:

- 1) The maximum number of pickets allowed will be limited to a derisory level of six in any dispute
- 2) Unions will not be able to discipline members who violate strike discipline and majority worker decisions, and those who scab by crossing picket lines. Union funds will be opened to plunder in the civil courts in compensation claims from bosses and individual scab workers if such action were taken.
- 3) Secret ballots will be the only basis for the establishment of closed shops and eventually any decision to strike.
- 4) Certain so-called 'essential supplies' will be made immune from strike action or picketing
- 5) Trade union officials will be limited in their right to attend pickets in other areas than their own
- 6) Trade unionist and other sympathisers will be prevented from attending pickets where they are not directly involved.

Previous Employment legislation from the Labourites greatly strengthened the



Jim Prior

hand of the big trade union bosses — collaborators at the highest levels with Labour Governments and British monopoly capitalism.

Now this is a scabs charter introduced by the Tories to curb any form of grass root militancy which TUC bosses cannot control.

It is of course typical that such fascist legislation is eased in by means of such 'codes', which have the 'approval' of Parliament. Such codes will be used by the Police to intervene in strikes and pickets and by any anti-worker, anti-trade union force wishing to make a financial killing in the courts.

Later they will be used to introduce yet more repressive legislation.

sympathetic strike action.

Thirdly, Prior gives them the power to crush the right to picket as any meaningful right at all.

He also aims to end the legal immunity of trades unions against damages claims, where strike action has caused a company loss of business.

Since the turn of the century, the bosses have been forced to concede in their own law, certain rights to the working class in respect of

wage and trade disputes.

Since the start of the 60s Tories, Labourites and now Tories again have been throttling trade union struggle by capitalist legislation and court procedures.

The latest Employment Bill — which in typical fascist manner also carries with it certain 'codes' not written into law, — is no more than a bosses' Charter which allows workers to strike or not to strike as the capitalist class sees fit.

Only a 'Peoples Defence Organisation' can unite the people, and politically and physically annihilate growing fascism and racism now



LEFT: Nazi mugs from the British Movement, who turn out as its boot boys on demonstrations. Such no-hopers, who turn to fascism and racism, must be stopped in their tracks, if we are to prevent Hitlerite terror tactics being used against all workers, regardless of colour or creed.

THE SIGHT of hundreds of working class kids marching under the banner of Adolf Hitler in London is both chilling and yet enough to make the blood boil.

This is what happened on 23 November when the British Movement held their first national march in a bid for big-time publicity.

Their politics support Hitler and the German Nazis.

Under the slogan "Equal rights for whites", the BM's march through Paddington will bring back memories of Mosley and the Blackshirts in the 1930's.

Exploiting the issue of unemployment, posing as a party for workers, revelling in a cult of violence and encouraging attacks on blacks, Jews and anti-fascists, the BM have gained ground due to the chaos inside the National Front.

There are now four new splinter groups from within the old National Front.

They are all Nazis. What distinguishes one from the other is that some are trying to look respectable, since the nationwide

exposure National Front Nazism led to a crushing humiliation in the 1979 General Election.

But, leopards cannot change their spots. On demonstrations, the NF, like the BM, draw more and more support from racist thugs many of them working class youths thrown into the dole queue by the same capitalist system which the Nazis support so aggressively.

Defend Communities

Some time back, this paper put forward the idea of a People's Defence Organisation (PDO) specifically to defend communities and meeting from fascist attacks.

Such an organisation would be a necessary part of a broad-based anti-fascist movement to smash the growing menace.

A People's Defence Organisation must be built on the militant unity of black and white people. It is not just blacks who are threatened by the Nazis, it is the unity of the whole working class, black and white, which must be defended.

And the task is urgent.



Fireman two years ago. Now even their two-year promise has been renege upon

State cuts smash the spending power of the working class

RECENT pay settlements have exposed the rot in the Trade Union machinery.

Unable to confront the capitalist class, by virtue of their undying belief in its 'god-given' right to rule this country, the TUC generals have capitulated one after the other.

Some, like Joe Gormley, have done so with disgusting honesty.

Others, dishonestly, seek to cover their own bankrupt leadership, with phoney anti-capitalist rhetoric.

The truth is, that whether or not the 30's repeats itself, and capitalism plunges them into the worst levels of poverty seen since then, Trade Union leaders have neither the means nor the political will to fight.



Lao Green



Tommy McKearney



Sean McKenna



Tom McFahey



John Nixon



Ray McCartney



Brendan Hughes



A recent demonstration in London, in support of the struggle inside H-Block concentration camp

WHY BRITISH WORKERS MUST SUPPORT IRELAND'S STRUGGLE

The message of this paper is simple and to the point. British working people have no choice, if they are to remain true to their own interests, but to support the H-Block hunger strikers and their campaign for political prisoner status.

Ireland is a country which has been ruled by a foreign power for generations. The British ruling classes have dominated country after country, among them, Ire-

land.

In this they have used and slaughtered British workers, and for what? What stake could the workers of one country ever have in the suppression of another people? None.

It is the logic of master and slave which alone justifies the continued domination of Ireland's sovereignty by British imperialism.

The H-Block hunger strikers will only have won a minor victory with the concession they demand. So what motivates them to risk death in this course of action? Their purpose is to reach out to the ears and minds of ordinary working people in Ireland, in Britain and throughout the world.

Of all the countries British imperialism has conquered and ruled it

has and will cling onto Ireland with more cunning and ferocity than any other.

The Irish people themselves have been misled and betrayed countless times in the face of this domination.

The Provisionals have also proved bankrupt in providing the strategy and tactics which would unite all Irish people, north and south against British occupation.

Yet these men, pitting what efforts they can muster against the British state, represent the heroism and justice of Ireland's endless struggle against foreign rule.

British workers, were they to find themselves in a similar position would also fight to the end — knowing who their true enemy was.

Understand only that Ireland's people are one, that their country is

a country occupied by an army, which is not their's, run by police who are paid from abroad, imprisoned by courts without juries, degraded by gaolers who perform the tasks of concentration camp guards, and the struggle within H-Block mirrors the struggle throughout Ireland, becomes one with which every British worker can and should align him or herself with today.



Foot — a false friend to all workers

LABOURITE diehards now claim that a new look Party, led by Michael Foot, is all set to wrest power from the Tories. In truth Labourite MPs have realised that they are in for an extended period of opposition, and that Foot may provide the spokesman of style, fire and character to hook those supporters who have long since abandoned the Party by their no-vote in the Ballot box.

Foot's victory will also create a breathing space for all Westminster's political hacks.

Conveniently, it will delay or prevent an actual rupture in the Parliamentary Labour Party, and serve to patch up the rift between the National Executive Committee and the parliamentary careerists.

It will give Labour Party officials time to patch up its image with traditional voters, who although they oppose capitalism, have always mistakenly put their trust in Labour to get rid of it for them.

The TUC Generals will also slacken off their pressure on the Party to be more accountable to them. Foot is and has been the ally of the more powerful among them.

It will also give Thatcher a break too. While Foot is attempting to win back Labour's former supporters, she knows that her traditional backers will have less faith in Foot, than in someone like Healey who has run their affairs before and with

considerable skill. So, she needn't fear any short term switch to Labour by the financiers and industrialists — Healey's former friends.

But putting off problems for Labour and Tories alike is all Foot's election amounts to.

With or without Foot, the Labour Party is a reactionary imperialist party, which suppresses the working class, organises and runs capitalism when in power, and plays at socialism for public consumption.

Today imperialism cannot spare the cash to finance Labour's welfarism and social democracy. Either Labour accepts this and helps smash all workers rights as the crisis deepens — or it takes a back seat while the Tories get on with the

job. Foot will see to it that Labour doesn't get in the way while they are in opposition. Time enough for the masses to forget Labour's true role and vote again at the next election — this is how the game is supposed to work.

But time is quite definitely running out for Foot and his Party. All that is really holding the working class and poorer middle classes from taking the initiative into their own hands is the absence of a scientific understanding of why society is in such a crisis, and why revolutionary socialism and a revolutionary workers' party alone can end this political charade, endless exploitation, inequality, and injustice.

OPINION

The American non-event

THE real importance of any political election resides in the main issues of the day. Because the main contenders in the recent US presidential election, Carter and Reagan, avoided the central problems of US society, — exploitation resulting in poverty, unemployment, rocketing price rises and poor wages — the outcome was always irrelevant.

The election has come and gone. Nothing has changed. Nothing will until the people of America are confronted with real choice — the democratic power of the working people or the continued dictatorship of the dollar.

Capitalism's four recent conferences

FIRST we had the TUC conference, then the Labour Party conference, then the Tory conference, and lastly, the CBI conference.

Although the party conferences are characterised by different colours and rhetoric, they all shared one single vital, common basis — they all accepted the system of capitalism as "Best for Britain".

Of course most people would accept this from the Tory and CBI gatherings. Some however, still believe that the TUC and Labour Party are against capitalism. One only has to examine the speeches to see that this is not the case.

The four conferences have come and gone. Here, as in America, the real issues have been covered in meaningless phrases. The "haves" have had their way, and the "have nots" have not.

H-Block

AS YOU read these lines, several young men lie in prison cells in H-Block in north-east occupied Ireland, threatening to stay on hunger strike till death.

The British capitalist press attacks them, blames them for their plight and — although not, of course, in so many words — wishes them to a speedy and painful death.

To the people of Ireland, there is nothing new in all of this. Before and since Cromwell the British ruling class, normally employing the army, have done little but batter and incarcerate the people of that foreign land. Thousands have been murdered over the years. Hundreds of thousands have been forced to emigrate, leaving family and friends.

Equally rebellion is no stranger to Irish society. In the cities and towns, on the land and in prisons — for centuries, bold, determined Irish patriots have stood up and been counted.

They are the product of an undeniable, fundamental problem — the domination and exploitation of the resources and people of Ireland by the British ruling class of bankers, industrialists and landowners. Repression breeds resistance and rebels and revolutionaries. And hunger strikes.

The attempt to blame the hunger strikers is a disgusting lie aimed at hiding the truth, which is that British imperialism is the real culprit. For as long as the people of Ireland — catholic, protestant and atheist — remain denied their national liberation, there will be injustice, armed suppression of the population and hunger strikers.

Crimes against the youth of Britain

THE current chief executive committee of the British capitalist class — the Tory Party — obviously have a definite capacity for systematically lying through conscious misuse of the language.

They have "Finance" Bills aimed at depriving the British people of the financial means to live. They have "law and order" bills while real justice and order are daily thwarted in Ireland and Britain.

Now they have a "Youth Opportunities Programme", which is part of their overall plan to keep the youth of the nation unemployed in the interest of "achieving monetary targets".

It boils down to something akin to a fascist youth work camp programme. Like their predecessors, the last capitalist Labour government, the current gang based at 10, Downing Street hate the working millions throughout England, Wales and Scotland — and for that matter, the poor of the whole world.

Their double talk is the badge of their trade — confusing, conning, and robbing the working class.



James 'racist' Anderton from Manchester

Police reactionaries call for a Third Force

James Anderton, Manchester's police chief, religious nut and "holier than thou" protector of the National Front, has publicly exploited his position to denounce his political pet-hates.

In a cynical use of a meeting of 'Animal Rescue' in Windermere this autumn, he called for the abolition of "the race relations industry", and accused community relations groups of having been "infiltrated" by anti-police elements.

Next targets were "black racialisists and revolutionaries" who "grab every opening to alienate black youth from their families, the police and all established systems".

Creeping Minorities

But his main venom was reserved for people, like the workers who produce this paper. These "creeping minorities" must be prevented from subverting the state.

They showed "more allegiance to dubious alien regimes than ever they do to the Queen and her subjects here", he agreed.

And what is James Anderton's record for standing up for the rights of the people? It was under his orders, and at immense cost that NF leader Martin Webster was able to make his one-man march to Hyde Town Hall protected by thousands of police.

In Bolton, Anderton even helped provide facilities for the NF to hold a press conference.

Insulting

His views on race relations are insulting; coupled with his views on revolutionaries as "subversive", Anderton clearly marks himself out as a future police chief in a Fascist Britain.

Under that type of regime, his precious Queen and all the other parasites would be protected by a brutal state machine from all opposition.

Meanwhile, inside the police force, a big debate is going on between the followers of Anderton's line of "technological policing" and that of Anderson, the Chief Constable of Devon.

Anderson wants a "Dixon of Dock Green" policing to be re-introduced, with more emphasis on the Bobby on the beat. This "community" policing is hardly liable in the 1980s to make much headway against "Anderton's computerised, battle-ready coppers".

Highly Armed

There already exists in this country a highly armed, highly trained police force preparing for the day when the working class becomes a serious threat to the capitalists. These are the facts behind Anderton's arrogance:

1. 27 police forces now have a Special Patrol Group, one of whose main jobs is to be an elite force to deal with political demonstrations and pickets.

2. Over the past 6 years, 28 Police Support Units have been formed, creating a specially trained force of 11,000 riot police inside the ranks of ordinary policemen.

3. Over 12,000 officers regularly receive handgun training. At least 9 forces have got crack units of armed police (quite separate from the SPGs) called the Firearm Support Units.

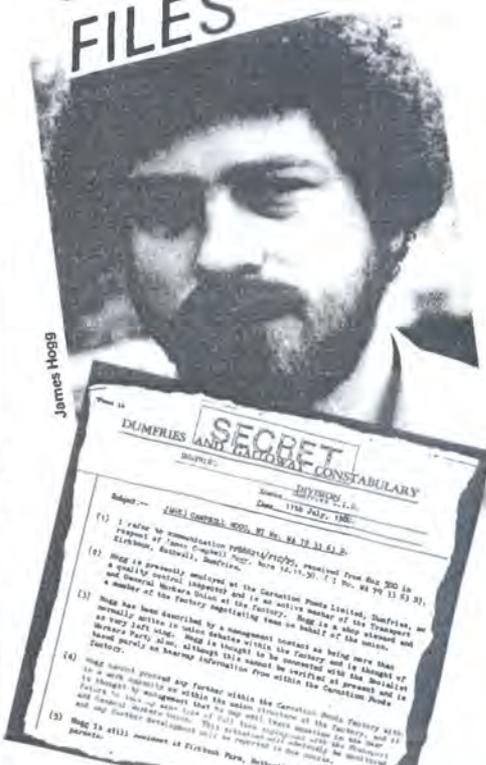
4. Every force has been equipped with CS Gas since the mid 1960s.

5. The Special Branch has expanded in ten years from a little over 300 at Scotland Yard and a few in provincial forces to units in every force totalling over 1500 men.

Anderton well knows that all the political forces which he attacks will one day be united against the system which he loves and does well out of.

He well knows that to try to hold back the working class revolutionary struggle, the last thing you need is a posse of PCs on bicycles.

FURTHER EVIDENCE OF POLICE FILES



The fact that the capitalist state keeps files on those who stand up for workers' rights against the bosses has been graphically exposed by the case of James Hogg. He is a 24-year-old shop steward at Carnation Foods in Dumfries, and the M15 file on him has come to light.

One of approximately 2 million files on the M15 computer, this one states that "Hogg has been described by a management contact as being more than normally active in union debates within the factory and is thought of as very left wing."

His involvement with a Trotskyite group was reported "although" says the file this cannot be verified at present and is based purely on hearsay information." Hogg himself said that this incident "confirmed a sneaking suspicion that most activists have that the state is checking up on them."

Keeping files on activists is one way the state checks up on its opponents. Other ways include telephone tapping and bugging.

The massive CIA Menwith Hill base on the Yorkshire Moors was recently the subject of an exposure by journalist Duncan Campbell.

Housing 800 US agents, it operates the largest tapping organisation in Britain, listening in to thousands of calls by governments, diplomats firms and unions, and those opposed to US imperialism no doubt.

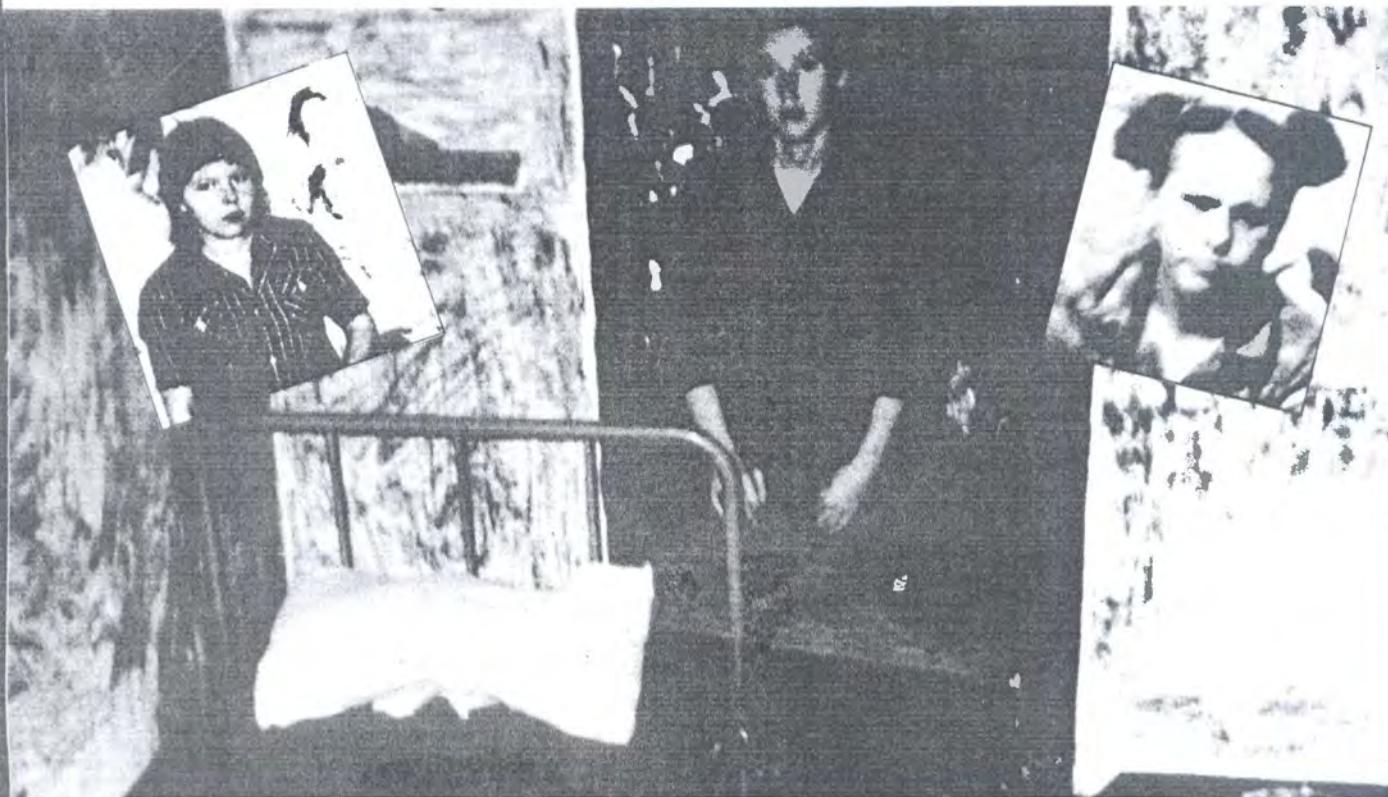
Hot on this exposure comes a report from the Post Office Engineering Union on Phone Tapping. Examples are not given, because members would be liable to prosecution under the Official Secrets Act, but the activities of the snoopers are laid out.

The tappers are a specially trained volunteer force of engineers under the control of the Home Office. Most tapping takes place in local exchanges outside normal hours and unknown to the rest of the staff.

Assurances by the government that phone-tapping will be "supervised" and "controlled" can do nothing to allay our fears. For the latest white paper names Lord Diplock as the "senior member of the judiciary" who will do the supervising. Diplock was the judge mainly responsible for setting up Northern Ireland's fascist no-jury courts.

The hostility felt by most engineers to this state interference in people's lives is to be welcomed; what is needed is brave individuals within the union prepared to stand up and be counted, and publicly expose specific details to force the phone fascists to retreat.

WOMEN IN IRELAND'S STRUGGLE



Women in Armagh Prison

THESE PICTURES highlight the fascist conditions being imposed on Irish people in the north of Ireland by the British ruling class. Conditions imposed in order to protect their imperialist interest there, the interests of the rich and powerful British industrialists, bankers and property owners who are continuing the centuries old exploitation of the people and resources of Ireland.

Harassing

The people on the whole are subjected to terror conditions, British army and Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) thugs patrolling the streets armed to the teeth, harassing, and bullying people. It is a way of life for many people to be picked up and interrogated for hours even days, beaten and degraded in detention centres, treatment that can only be described as torture.

Shootings are common and many people have been killed, from small boys to grown men, for the simple crime of being Irish, working class and in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Despite many cases of proven cover-ups by the army murderers, never has one soldier ever been put in jail for the crime. Courts sentence people to jail on the world of a cop or soldier and no juries are allowed.

Barbaric

For those who resist, who take a stand and fight back a special form of treatment is reserved. These pictures smuggled out of Armagh jail show the women prisoners who are suffering barbaric treatment like their male comrades in the H-blocks of Long Kesh Prison camp.

They are kept in filthy conditions in solitary confinement 23 hours a day. For

the prisoners of the H-Block are denied the right even to clothes.

Toilet and washing facilities are denied, hence the excrement on the walls. The prisoners are branded as criminals, a condition these political prisoners will never accept.

Battles

But no amount of repression can destroy the spirit of resistance of the people, who through successive generations have always fought the imperialist occupying forces.

Only recently fierce struggle broke out again as youths fought battles on the streets with the army and police. Such resistance, when organised around a programme that unites all, regardless of religion, who can be united to fight the main enemy will surely one day drive the imperialists out for good

Conditions

Meanwhile it remains the duty of all British workers to take a stand in support of the Irish people. The same class that imposes fascist conditions in the north of Ireland oppresses British workers here, and is preparing the ground for similarly repressive measures when surely the anger of the workers at the ever-worsening conditions will erupt. Our problems are caused by the same class, our struggles are united.

**DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS IMMEDIATELY!
DEMAND THE RELEASE OF ALL IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS!
SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE IRISH PEOPLE!**



An old woman whose leg was broken by a British army rubber bullet

A Workers Notebook 'them and us'

"Make more arrests — or else!" Chief Inspector Philip Newton of Nottinghamshire Police has proved a bit of an embarrassment to the local branch of the Police Federation for putting into words this unwritten police code.

In a memo to his car crews he said that any officer with fewer than 20 arrests per month would be interviewed and "dealt with accordingly." "I look forward to a distinct improvement in the monthly figures," he said.

MR. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler has announced that he more than doubles his £10,750 a year salary as an MP by working three hours a week at his own business.

It takes little mathematical skill to work out that means he is making over £70 an hour! In the same breath as this announcement, he claimed that unemployed people who were prepared to undertake training should receive more benefits than other unemployed people.

THE 4-star Hotel Imperial in Hythe, Kent, recently celebrated its centenary as what is described as "a historic watering-hole for passing royalty."

The 12-course menu read as follows: Quails' Eggs in Aspic, Turtle Soup with Sherry and Cheese Straws, Salmon Mousse, Poached Turbot with Lobster and Hollandaise Sauce, Lamb's Kidneys Marchand de Vin, Braised Venison in Cider, Lemon Sorbet... then came the main course: Roast Duckling Bigarade or Filet of Beef Victoria... followed by Pear Merinques or Strawberries and Cream, cheese board, brandy snaps and coffee.

Millions of pounds from workers' pay packets have been used to fund some of Britain's wealthiest bosses.

The Mineworkers pension scheme for example, which took £58 million of workers' contributions in 1979, has £363m invested in industry and financial concerns, among them Shell, BP, ICI, GEC, Unilever, National Westminster Bank, Barclays Bank, Midland Bank, GKN, Distillers Co., Racal, and others.

Together with the NCB staff pension fund, it offered to take over the Continental Illinois Real Estate Investment Trust, a property-owning concern in the US.

It also has £125m invested in London alone and owns shops, offices, factories, warehouses and agricultural land up and down the country.

This massive stake in capitalism and the exploitation of other workers is partly managed by Joe Gormley, Mick McGeahy, Lawrence Daly and other union officials who sit on the Fund's management committee.

VALERIE Johns applied for a hairdresser's job. She was told the job was gone. The next day another girl applied for the job, and was interviewed. This second girl was told that Valerie had not been interviewed because she was black. In court, Valerie got a mere £75, "for hurt feelings". She did not, of course, get the job interview she wanted.

LORD Shaftesbury found little difficulty in raising the money for extensions to his new home, Dower House, and for repairs to the family home of St Giles' House. Family portraits from St. Giles' brought in £328,800 from Christies, and furniture and sculptures brought in another £558,540.

Strathclyde Regional Council have begun a programme designed to help the local people claim up to £75 million of welfare benefits which should have been paid out. But the government are not pleased and have criticised the plan. They would rather conspire to keep the facts hidden. They would rather these people were permanently robbed of these millions and the money remain with the state.

Over £517 million a year goes from state school funds to subsidise the education of the rich at private schools. This figure includes the £332 million spent on training graduate teachers for private schools.

It also includes the fees of children of military personnel, Foreign Office staff, and other civil servants. And now Education Minister, Baroness Young, says cleverer pupils should be sent to public schools by local Education Authorities.

Hull Education Authority already pays the fees at Ampleforth School for two sons of Kevin McNamara, Labour MP.

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Cottrell and Rothon, estate agents of Lewisham, operated a policy of discriminating against black people. They kept the records of prospective black buyers on pink cards and those of white buyers on white ones.

They noted if a house owner did not want to sell to blacks and they did not give details of those houses to blacks. They wrote on files such instructions as "No pink cards". Investigations are also taking place into similar complaints against local councils' housing departments at Hillingdon, Slough, Walsall, and Hackney, and two accommodation agencies in Birmingham and London.

ACAS—the Arbitration, Conciliation, and Advisory Service—has a new chairman. This talk-shop, designed to take workers' struggles off the shopfloor and into a courtroom setting, will now no doubt be an even more effective weapon for the bosses.

It's new chairman is to be Pat Lowry, British Leyland personnel director and former director of the Engineering Employers Federation.

The government know exactly where they are taking us... they are talking of buying a new computer for paying social security benefits, because they don't think the one they have can cope with the number of unemployed there will be in a year's time. The limit the present computer can cope with is 2.7 million claims...

This is capitalism — on the one hand we hear how there will be a shortage of half a million homes in this country by the mid-1980s. On the other hand, we find there are half a million empty houses in Britain! It is true some of these houses are in the process of being bought or sold, but many are empty because the buyers cannot get a mortgage.

Many more are awaiting repairs. And we are told the bill for that by a few years time will, for council houses alone, be £14,000 million! As this is 1½ times as much as the government's allocation for repairs, it's obvious many will remain uninhabited and degenerate further. Other empty houses are merely being held back till the price rises. For the 1,200,000 people now on housing waiting lists, the prospect is bleak.

Meanwhile, the Halifax Building Society boasts in a half page article in The Times that as 'the world's biggest building society', it's assets 'now exceed ten thousand million pounds'.

A home for the homeless? — a Georgian house in Hampstead Village. 'Every comfort for modern living... most tasteful... completely equipped modern kitchen... double bedroom with bathroom ensuite... second double bedroom and two single bedrooms...luxurious bathroom etc. etc.' Rent? — £250 a week...

Home for one unemployed couple in Plymouth is now a tent. For another couple in Ramsgate it is a garden shed at £66 a week. (The shed was 'recommended' by the local council).

Ken Sutherland, a gamekeeper on the Langwell end Braemore Estate in Scotland, together with his 18-year old son, a trainee gamekeeper, has been sacked for 'taking a salmon illegally' (he was removing a poisoned fish).

The estate is owned by 64-year old Lady Anne Cavendish-Bentinck, daughter of



Spacious luxury for the rich

the 7th Duke of Portland and, with her 54,000 acres, one of the biggest British landowners.

Sutherland, on a wage of £58.75 a week, had been given free electricity. But the manager changed this and charged him at a rate that meant he paid £13.30 a week to run his deep freeze. When he was harassed in other ways, he wrote to his MP and also to Lady Cavendish-Bentinck (an absentee landlord) in case she did not realise what her manager was doing. She wrote back with the haughty message, 'Of course I know about it. I am not a puppet.' Soon after, he was sacked.

When Thatcher recently paid a visit to the Lansing Bagnall factory in Basingstoke, she was full of praise for Mike McCarthy, a Conservative Party member and Shop Steward at the factory. He had a letter from her, saying she would like to express her "personal thanks... for all your loyal work for our party", and how much she appreciated the support, etc., etc. A few weeks later, Mr McCarthy became one of the 450 from Lansing Bagnall to be shown the way to the dole queue by Mrs T. He left the party, saying, "I am totally disillusioned. I thought when Mrs Thatcher got into power it was to be the start of a new beginning for people, to be proud of their country, to work hard, and to reap the benefits. But not any more".

The latest evidence of the crumbling 'Health Service' is the crumbling Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Built only 9 years ago at a cost of £4½ million, it now needs £7 million spending on it to keep it standing! Concrete floors have broken up, the whole plumbing system needs replacing, as do most of the windows, and the roof leaks...

Meanwhile, politicians are floating the idea of a 'bare bones' health service for the poorest, with most other medical services being paid for through insurance schemes... and health authorities are being given the go-ahead to raise funds — from the public, who already pay out of every wage packet for a health service!

After the exposure in a Yorkshire TV programme 18 months ago of the brutality and humiliation with which patients at the Rampton Mental 'hospital' were treated, an enquiry has found that 20% of the inmates should not be there at all, and a solicitor specialising in mental health has said the number is much higher.

One victim of the regime at Rampton was 32-year old James Donnelly. He spent 9 years there after conviction for burglary. He was taken to a rehabilitation centre, where he complained to police about the brutality of Rampton.

But at the centre, he was threatened with a return to Rampton. Terrified of the prospect of this, Donnelly climbed on to the roof to demonstrate. For his protest, he was given a court hearing, but even before the verdict was announced, Rampton staff were on their way to collect him.

A company director, who inherited nearly £¼ million, gambled it all away in one year. Dean Beh, now jailed for his part in a series of

frauds involving 'fixing' games, spoke of a world with no sense of the value of money — £50 would be paid for a doorman to look after a coat, and £20 for a waitress to get a punter a cup of tea.

Even Dean Beh (see this page), would not have been safe from the greed of the owners of The MGM Grand Hotel, in Las Vegas, if he had done his gambling there at the time of the hotel's big fire in November.

This 100 million dollar hotel had a casino with 1000 slot machines and a 2000-seat sports arena, but it had only 2 of its 26 storeys fitted with fire sprinklers. Doors in the corridors were not built to stop fires, but to stop burglars — their self locking devices trapped guests in the smoke-filled stairways.

And while a waiter died serving breakfast, security guards made sure most of the floating piles of dollars were being stacked in a fire-proof vault.

98,894 families last year had their electricity cut off for not being able to pay their bills. 15,000 of these were cut off for over a month. Some were cut off for the whole year.



This British soldier was among the six soldiers that came out of the barracks — at Fort Monagh in Belfast — when a British 'Troops Out' movement picket took place

Derek Speirs (IEL/Report)

IS THIS REAL VICTORY FOR POLISH WORKERS

The political upheaval in Poland has captured the attention of the world. The stands taken by various elements are more than merely interesting. They point to the real balance of political forces in the world today.

Who is for and who is against the struggle participated in by the Polish shipworkers?

On the "for" side there are, among many others, Thatcher, Carter, Regan, the CIA, the sell-out British TUC, including, of course, the champion of right-wing trade unionism Frank Chapple, the treacherous Labour Party misleadership headed by Callaghan, the millionaire press barons and the rest of the reactionary media, rightist religious bodies including, of course, the Catholic church, the fascists, the trotskyites of the SWP, IMG and the so-called Workers Revolutionary Party.

Support

The support of these elements for "workers' power" in Poland is almost embarrassing in its forthrightness. For example, the *Daily Telegraph* of 1 September, described their actions employing the words "courage, determination and strength".

This was the very same paper that regularly uses the very same words to describe Thatcher's vicious attacks on the British working class.

Not to be outdone the Trotskyite gaggle are bleating about a new dawn in Poland, with much the same enthusiasm they display when currently instructing British workers to support the capitalist Labour Party which has for years sold them down the capitalist drain.

And what elements in the political mix do we see opposing those struggling against the Polish government? The Russian government, the governments of most of the eastern block, the British Communist Party (so called) and all other pro-Moscow parties.

Line-up

The above line-up was to be entirely expected. There is nothing unusual or unexpected about it. Indeed, there could not possibly have been. The reason is that these elements are the opposing factions, the supporters clubs, which on every major political issue side behind one of the two major reactionary (anti-people) forces on our planet today, namely the camp of US imperialism on the one hand and Soviet Social imperialism (socialist in words,



LECH WALESA: in triumph. But will this prove a true and lasting triumph for the Polish working class imperialist in deeds, eg the invasion of Hungary, Afghanistan, etc) on the other.

Imperialism in the world today is represented by two opposing nations, the US and the USSR, who are both concerned to rule the rest of the world at its expense.

In the case of Poland the American camp wants to exploit the contradictions to its own advantage and thus applauds any and every opposition to the Polish Government, which is supported by the Russians.

Equally, Moscow is determined to maintain its grip on its Polish satellite because it fears that the US will inveigle its way into influence and eventually power in a country on its borders, one which it economically exploits and threatens with military invasion.

Both imperialist superpowers have their international chorus lines shouting in their favour.

But where should the person who is genuinely opposed to all forms of imperial-

ism and supports workers fighting against injustice stand in relation to internal events in Poland?

He (or she) must support what is good and oppose what is bad.

The Polish government has clearly failed to provide for the genuine and basic needs of the Polish people, namely a good and continually improving standard of living, the independence of the country, (especially against the economic domination of the Russian government), and genuine democratic freedom to struggle against erroneous notions that would damage genuine socialist construction.

It has also failed to scientifically educate the Polish people about the anti-socialist nature of religious mumbo jumbo; witness the active part being played by the Pope and "catholic intellectuals"; or "advisers", never far away from the elbow of strike star Lech Walesa, himself an ardent catholic who has installed the cross of Jesus in his

office in the building housing the "free trade unions."

All genuinely concerned with the international struggle of workers to assert themselves against the forces of reaction have got to side with the Polish people when they fight against a failed regime.

Had the class character of the Polish government been genuinely proletarian (i.e. for the working class) then presumably the ills, of which many Poles now complain, would not exist, for the government would have made sure of that. In this respect their fight is correct and just and should be supported.

Wary

But the genuine socialist must be wary of the motives of some of those involved and must not unthinkingly give mechanical support to all who oppose the Polish government.

It can be safely assumed that there are indeed foreign political agents, anti-social elements, anti-communists, and petit bourgeois individualists of every type of smell abounding in the situation and concerned only to assert their "individuality" above all socially progressive ideas and policies as the true interests of the workers of Poland.

If the Polish government has degenerated into a capitalist regime then it should be overthrown. Only the Polish working class can achieve that historic goal.

A new revolutionary workers party will need to be formed headed by genuine revolutionary factory floor fighters for socialism, not by cross clinging "new trade unionists" who have the obvious support of international reaction.

If the Polish government is capitalist that does not mean that all who oppose it are socialist.

Forward

It will be no "new dawn", no real step forward if elements within Poland are allowed to lead a struggle against the Polish government which results in Poland being snatched from the grip of the Russian imperialist bear only to be hooked up and consumed by the American eagle. The only way forward is a Poland for the Polish working class, independent, secure and truly socialist. And the tortuous path on the way to fulfilling that goal will be littered by complexity and barriers erected by reactionaries of all sorts.

The CND have got it all wrong

IN A recent interview (*The Sunday Times* 2 November), E.P. Thompson one of the principle leaders of revived CND campaign, admitted that had nuclear weapons existed in 1939, we would have been better to accept Nazi dictatorship rather than risk war resisting the invasion.

The fact that such an invasion would have resulted in mass murder and concentration camps up and down the country is apparently not a matter of much relevance.

But relevant it would have been. And relevant it remains today — to the British working people and the followers of CND.

The CND philosophy rests on the fatal notion that if you don't fight the bully, he will not attack you, will go away, will leave you alone. Mr Thompson was quoted as follows: "by having nuclear weapons we make Britain the prime target for attack", by Russia.

History does not bear out Mr Thompson's philosophy. After all, Afghanistan didn't have a nuclear bomb, yet the Russian social imperialists (socialist in words, imperialist in deeds) invaded and incarcerated the people. Vietnam did not have a nuclear bomb, when the other superpower America, took over their country. Equally important to note is the fact that when China counter-attacked against Vietnamese border provocation, the mighty Russian bear, which so frightens CND's Mr Thompson, did not react by blowing China and the world into bits in a nuclear holocaust.

The CND and Mr Thompson have got it wrong. Those who live in fear of the shadow of their enemies to the degree that they refuse to fight to organise effectively the struggle against them, almost always end up their slaves.

Nobody wants a nuclear war. Certainly not the British working class. But equally the British people does not want, and will not have, the soviet social-imperialists add to its already bad enough problems at the hands of the British capitalist class.

International Nazism links arms and broadens its terror campaigns

KKK murderers go scot free

A WAVE of fascist terror is sweeping over America and Europe while the authorities sit back and watch it happen.

In the USA, the Ku Klux Klan, has unveiled its 'Special

Forces' unit, complete with automatic weapons and full camouflage uniform.

And in North Carolina, an unbelievable verdict of not guilty, was given to the 5 KKK

members who murdered 5 anti-racists in a demonstration in Greenboro, North Carolina seen by millions on TV.

In Bologna in August, the NAR terrorists massacred scores of innocent people when

More evidence of contact between British fascists and foreign groups linked to the Bologna massacre: in the photograph on the left is Carolyn Giles, an NF member who in May 1979 featured in the NF's televised election broadcast, seen here at Nuneaton (17.8.80). On the right she is featured on a recruiting poster for the recently banned French Nazi group FANE.



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they blew up the railway station.

In Munich, a member of the neo-nazi WSG blew himself up outside the beer festival, killing 14 and injuring 141.

In Paris, a car bomb killed 5 passers-by outside a synagogue in October.

The Paris bomb was planted by the successor to the now-illegal FANE. This organisation, together with NAR and WSG have growing links with the Nazis in Britain.

At the time of last year's General Election, Carolyn Giles took part in the National Front's election broadcast. She later turned up on a recruiting poster for FANE openly supporting National Socialism!

DIY Bomb-making

British Movement members boasted to several Sunday papers recently about infiltrating the army to get military training and of experimenting with DIY bomb-making kits.

According to one member interviewed, active terrorism will start in Britain if the movement is banned; it will be directed against "establishment targets and synagogues".

But the facts show that there is already mounting fascist violence in Britain. Will it take a Bologna massacre in London to force the police to arrest these nazis, and for these organisations to be banned?

**FROM THE
SLUMS TO
THE
TERRACES**



ONCE MORE the Saturday TV News and the Sunday papers are making the most of their annual crusade against football hooligans. The attention of the news men is off the field and onto the terraces.

The riot at the Oldham-Sheffield match at the start of the season saw the old unholy alliance of managers, sports organisers and police, backed up by the Fleet Street commentators, launch into an attack on the working class youth who cause trouble at football.

Identity Cards

Ideas from identity cards and ticket-only matches to herding the fans into virtual concentration camps during the game have come thick and fast. Everything is blamed on the kids. Nothing on the system which creates the violence in the first place.

This paper does not condone thuggery, whether from racists or football fans. What it does say is that the main blame for the violence must lie with the system which creates unemployment, creates bad housing, creates all the thousand and one inequalities which cause so many working class kids to take out their frustrations on other fans.

Police Experience

The police do well out of football violence, not just in overtime but more in the experience it gives them in crowd control which will be more and more used against militant workers.

The press, which almost totally ignores the violence caused by the ruling class, whether in the North of Ireland or the black ghettos like Brixton or the slums of Glasgow, sells plenty of papers. However the real losers are the fans fighting other fans, worker fighting worker and the bosses laugh all the way to the bank.

All that Youthful energy could be channelled into fighting the system. A Socialist Britain would be without football hooliganism, because the social conditions which give rise to it would disappear. In the place of the aimlessness of so many kids' lives would come to a real purpose in building a better society for all workers.

The violence will be channelled against the capitalists, nationally and internationally. And football will become a unifying, not a dividing force.

HAUGHEY IS AN ANTI-WORKER LACKEY

Once again Haughey's government uses troops against the workers

FOR the fifth time in eighteen months the troops in the south have been moved in to break a strike. This time it is the struggle of the petrol tanker drivers for higher pay that has been attacked.

This follows similar use of state forces in disputes by the postmen, CIE bus-workers,

Dublin dustmen and the water workers. First a massive force of Gardai (police) moved in to take control of the oil depots then the troops followed to man the lorries. This open use of force against the Irish working class is part of a stepped up repression by the state itself against all those opposed to Haughey's puppet regime.

His pro-imperialist, anti-Irish policies like those of the previous coalition government, are designed to maintain Ireland, north and south as a subject nation.

Unarmed suspects

To that end, the 'Special Task Force' of armed police has been created. It carries out joint

patrols with the south's arm These have included recent raids in the south where unarmed suspects have been fired on and shot.

But their most regular activity is to assist the British army-occupation and the Roy Ulster Constabulary thugs patrols along the north-south partition.

3,000,000 UNEMPLOYED IN 1982

by the Class which never prices itself out of a job



ABOVE: faces of a few from the many hundreds of dole queues which now populate the country. Figures quoted below from early in the Autumn have now escalated to more than 20,000 a week

EARLIER THIS YEAR the National Dole Queue was increasing at some 20,000 a week. The list below gives an idea of a typical week. It included the sacking of 3,000 workers from Consett Steelworks. In the last month, without any such massive single redundancy figures have been averaging 25,000 a week. There are now upwards of 2,100,000 jobless, plus around 500,000 women who do not register, and including some 350,000 who have been unemployed for over a year. This is nowhere near the end. "Experts" are predicting 3,000,000 by 1982. But this total will be reached well before then.

Labour and Tory politicians are quietly congratulating themselves that this has been achieved without much social unrest. The trade union leaders have also "worried" publicly about the threat to social "stability" should matters get out of hand.

None of them really give a damn about the wholesale mutilation of peoples' lives and future happiness. Many of them are convinced that this is a necessary 'tonic'.

Union leaders, like Thatcher, are only concerned about how not to finance the unemployed. After all, the dole queues are no place to recruit, and members cannot guarantee union dues when they have no work. And the unemployed also make heavy demands on Union funds.

As yet there is no organised and truly political conscious campaign against the dole — conscious that the history of the dole queue is the history of capitalist Britain and will never end, until capitalism itself is overthrown through organised revolution by the working class.

17,000 jobs go in just one week

- 3500 JOBS at 22 Central Electricity Generating Board plants
- 3000 JOBS at BSC's Consett Steelworks
- 1660 JOBS at Royal Doulton's china and glassware factories in the Potteries and East Midlands
- 1000 JOBS at West Yorkshire County Council's national bus and metro services
- 626 JOBS at New Hucknall Colliery, Huthwaite, Notts
- 500 JOBS at BL's Sheeps plant, Birmingham
- 550 JOBS at Chubb Cash factory Brighton and elsewhere
- 532 JOBS at two Busted Pottery plants in Wales and Norfolk
- 450 JOBS at BL's Rover plant Solihull
- 450 JOBS at Eaton Axles, Darlaston, Staffs
- 420 JOBS at Du Pont's acrylic fibre factory, Maidstone, Kent
- 400 JOBS threatened at Sheffield Twist Drill
- 300 JOBS at Thomas Borthwick and Sons' abattoirs and meat depots in Swindon, Coventry, Galashiels, Smithfield, Dunston Green, near Sevenoaks, Bournemouth and Stoke-on-Trent
- 270 JOBS at two Raleigh Cycle assembly plants in Trowell, near Nottingham, and Handsworth
- 200 JOBS at Spencers building and woodworking group, Hull
- 200 JOBS threatened at Sanderson Kayser, special steel and tools group
- 180 JOBS threatened at Lessons Plastics, in Burtonwood
- 180 JOBS at H. & R. Johnson's two tile factories Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent
- 42 JOBS at Wye Foundries, Willenhall
- 175 JOBS at Rylands-Whitcross, wire manufacturers, Warrington
- 160 JOBS at Dunstan Power Station, Newcastle
- 150 JOBS at Wednesday Tube factory, Bilston, Wolverhampton
- 150 JOBS: Teachers and lecturers employed by Lincolnshire County Council
- 142 JOBS at ICL (UK) graduate training section
- 135 JOBS at ICI, carb moving vehicle manufacturer, Rochester, Staffs
- 120 JOBS at Aluminium Castings, part of Birmid Qualcast, Birmingham
- 100 JOBS at G.I. Packaging factory, Coventry
- 98 JOBS at ERF, lorrymaker, Sandbach, Cheshire
- 85 JOBS at Union Carbide, Sheffield
- 80 JOBS at Racal radar and electronics' Decca House, London
- 80 JOBS at Rascliff, Great Bridge, West Midlands
- 75 JOBS at two West Midlands County Council incinerator plants
- 70 JOBS at W.E. Farrer, part at Moss Engineering, Hall Green, Birmingham
- 60 JOBS at Bakelite, UK in Tulseley
- 60 JOBS at Weyroc, Weybridge
- 53 JOBS at Dorman Diesel's forge, Water-side, South Lincoln
- 45 JOBS at the Royal Worcester Spode plant in Langton, Stoke
- 50 JOBS at Mott Hay & Anderson's Croydon and Newcastle offices
- 50 JOBS at Leyland Paint and Wallpaper, Darwin, near Blackburn
- 50 JOBS at Copsestick & Fevell engineering, Stoke-on-Trent
- 50 JOBS at Tredmen Engineering, a NCI subsidiary, in Ystrad Mynach, Mid-Glamorgan

MAYFAIR TAX OFFICE LATEST

Inland revenue statistics revealed recently, show that just 500 British capitalists earn over £100,000 a year before tax, and that a mere 114,000 retained after tax earnings of more than £200 per week, over 100 were earning £2,000 per week

While Keith Joseph vigorously campaigns for longer dole queues (see the article on this page), one class of people, very close to his own heart and pocket, will never price itself out of a job.

To be chairman or managing director, a 'captain' of industry in a medium or large company, can make you one of the top paid people in Britain.

Whether you keep our job may depend on how ruthlessly you get rid of other peoples jobs in the interest of maximum profitability for the idle shareholders.

These people require the working class to sell the maximum amount of effort for the minimum amount of money, they also expect workers to put up with slumps, recessions and poverty in the interests of capitalist profitability as they call it — we socialists call it capitalist anarchy.

From meagre pay, which never exceeds by very much the basic cost of staying alive, and a few extras, we are also expected to subsidise tax concessions from Keith Joseph to these same parasites, as an incentive for them to stay in this country, and continue to use their talents to exploit us even harder than they already do!

The chart reprinted below (from Labour Research) gives some picture of the cream of Joseph's backers, who really do, and we ask you to believe it, work very hard — making our lives a misery.

Table A Top paid directors

Company	Rank amongst top UK companies	Director	Pay (£)
Associated Communications Corp	148	Lord Grade	195,208
Alexander Howden Group	381	I R Poutage	164,863
Wedgwood	420	Sir Arthur Bryan	135,877
Vauxhall Motors	71	W R Price	128,585
Gallagher	21	Stuart Cameron	126,547
Imperial Chemical Industries	4	Sir Maurion Hodgson	124,380
British Petroleum Co	7	Sir David Steel	120,385
Rank Xerox	25	highest paid	114,177
Esso Petroleum Co	8	A W Pearce	102,000
Comet Radiovision Services	376	highest paid	101,000
BAT Industries	3	Peter Macaulay	94,726
Plessey Co	79	highest paid	91,884
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Beecham Group	58	G J Wilkins	89,126
Gramplan Holdings	477	highest paid	87,482
Lorhio	37	R Rowland	86,667
Standard Telephones & Cables	95	highest paid	85,823
Ford Motor Co	8	Sir Terence Beckett	84,726
Hepworth Ceramic Holdings	171	Peter Goodall	83,000
Garret Keen & Nettleton	13	G Trevor Holdsworth	82,342
Burmah Oil Co	33	Sir Alastair Down	80,000
Fosroc Mineop	218	D V Asterson	79,895
Mines Holdings	458	J Wallcock	79,057
Imperial Continental Gas Assoc.	283	highest paid	78,000
Consolidated Goldfields	39	highest paid	77,258
Automotive Products	240	J T Panks	76,550
Taylor Woodrow	122	highest paid	76,000
Sedgwick Forbes Bland Payne	467	P T Wright	75,550
Heron Corporation	162	highest paid	75,000
Glaxo Holdings	86	Austin Blide	71,744
Barclays Bank	47	Sir Anthony Tuke	70,490
Unilever	5	Sir David Orr	70,490
Trafalgar House	75	Victor Matthews	70,000