FOLLOW S. WALES MINERS

TAKE THIS CHANCE TO OUST THATCHER!

The miners—the union that screwed the Heath government in the 1972 pay strike and brought down the Tories in 1974—are once again in the forefront of the struggle to halt the Tory offensive.

After TUC leaders have sat back and watched nearly two years of Thatcher’s closures, the crucial industrial Britain into a wasteland with 30% unemployment, miners have been the last to force the facts of life to wage a real fight on jobs.

Official strike

From 6 am tomorrow morning (Tuesday) 24,000 South Wales miners will be on official strike. They have sought and received pledges of support for action for transport workers to deliver 300,000 tons of stockpiled coal. Kent miners have voted to strike from next Monday.

Other areas must now be brought out at once. In Yorkshire, a battle has already been fought on strike action to defend jobs—and won 90% support, even though few Yorkshire pits are on the NUM’s ‘hit list’ for the axing of 25,000 jobs.

While collar staff have pledged full support to the miners.

But the national leadership wants to slow the pace. Last week, its anonymous NUM Executive vote was decisively for a ballot was decisive for a ‘national’ strike action in a week.

It is essential that the time this battle takes place, key areas are already set on strike. The miners’ and their supporters have been to wage a battle for survival.

The defiant action taken by the miners is a long-needed focus for a struggle on jobs, pay and conditions, and the future of the miners.

Already there have been tripartite talks between the NUM, the steel unions and the rail unions on a joint campaign against closures and redundancies.

This was clearly seen as the start of a protest campaign by the right-wing union leaders.

But the militancy of the miners’ action has already gone beyond these limits. It is now known to transform it into a national strike to remove the Thatcher government.

Such a fight offers a bonus for struggling thousands of workers abandoned by their leaders to redundancy in private industry and the public sector.

Mobile now, alongside the miners’ action, to extend their strike into a general strike to bring down the witch doctors of Thatcher government.

For Labour leaders, preparing to make routine speeches on Saturday’s demonstration against unemployment in Glasgow, the miners’ action will be a profound embarrassment.

The NUM have been the strike—but the very last thing they wish to see in the Tory government brought down by militant working class action which they know full well would be the death-knell for the Thatcher government.

The Foot/Healey brief, before they could bring down the government, would be the week, sorely needed in the struggle.

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Therefore, the miners are determined to strike to remove the Thatcher government.

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El Salvador: test for Haig

The Reagan administration will this week step up its propaganda campaign accusing the Sandinistas of the murder of Cuban civilians in El Salvador. A military‧ technical fact-finding mission, having to office recently renamed "international fact-finding mission", is to conduct a series of visits in El Salvador and the Nicaraguan border region, which is expected to be followed by a further 25-member fact-finding mission to be sent by Jimmy Carter's administration. The visit is likely to provoke a reaction from the Sandinista government.

The Sandinista government has already accused the US of interfering in its internal affairs. The US has accused the Sandinistas of providing support to the Contras, the anti-Sandinista guerrillas. The US has also been providing military aid to the Contras.

The fact-finding mission is expected to look into the alleged human rights abuses committed by both sides in the conflict.

Coalition

The US has recently deployed an expanded version of the Sandinista government in El Salvador. This is a coalition of groups comprising pro-Sandinista elements and pro-Contra elements. The coalition is intended to provide a political solution to the conflict.

The coalition is expected to meet with representatives of the US government to discuss the political situation in El Salvador.

Political threat

Neither, however, is it a superficial threat. For while the US has the support of the Contras and the opposition parties, it cannot be said that they are acting in concert with the US. The US is acting on its own.

Franco man back

Franco's sometime cabinet member, Admiral Cacho, later responsible as Interior Minister for the murder of scores of Spanish workers, is returning to the centre of Spain's political stage.

Last week Leopoldo CalvoSotelo, the main king Juan Carlos' planter, was named as Prime Minister after his recent resignation. He then flew to Spain for talks with Franco.

Franco now heads the extreme right wing (and notoriously misinformed) Democratic Alliance—which may have the votes to avoid Calvo Sotelo being given a parliamentary majority.

His own Centre Democratic Union (CDU) which achieved his candidacy for the Premiership, left the electoral alliance. Minister Agustín Rodríguez Gallego as party leader at its stormy congress last week, but is short of a parliamentary majority on its own.

Calvo Sotelo is by no means certain of all the votes of his own party, even if he agrees to too much industrialisation and the system of the Socialists.

Their campaign to return to power Francoise used as a pretext for the campaign of violence, backed by the army against the Sandinista government. Last week ETAT gave a considerable boost to the right wing by killing the kidnapped Jose Maria Ryan, chief engineer of the Lomero nuclear plant under construction on the Mediterranean coast.

The killing of a civilian, rather than a member of the Francoiste army and police, was in line with the agreement to normalise EPA relations.

A general strike against the killing of a New York police officer and a National Union of Basques was even more vigorous.

Tate and Lyle: occupation the only way

A mass meeting of the membership—mainly GWU members—of Tate and Lyle factory voted unanimously on 4 February not to occupy the plant at present. Local GWU official Tony Humphries successfully stalled the occupation with a series of arguments previously decided to resolve the occupation of the company, such as occupation of the residence.

Talks with Torries

The day before in London, GWU general secretary Bill Rudge met with the General Manager of Tate and Lyle, and agreed an extension of the notice period. On 3 April, the handing over of the company's abortive alternative plans for the refinery, and to continue the talks with the Tory government to reverse their policy, in line with the EEC, of making Europe self-sufficient in sugar and molasses. These issues would be raised by Mr. Humphries materials from the West (Tate and Lyle's) to the Liverpool refinery.

The company responded to this by a full scale production lines. This week, the occupation has been maintained without a fanfare of publicity.

The initial decision to begin the occupation has come under heavy fire from within the Tate and Lyle workers, who have been critical of the decision.

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And of course he added that direct action was "useful and wise", it is not. And Cacho has been a minor cabinet minister in the Sandinista government for the partial success at Gardiners in March, 1980, and he was again that direct action would "already be seen as a "political option".

Sell-out deal

Of course this is a direct action or a partial success at Gardiners in March, 1980, and it would be difficult to argue that this direct action would "already be seen as a "political option".

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The agreement to sell out to Tate and Lyle has been widely condemned. The agreement to sell out to Tate and Lyle has been widely condemned.

The workers' occupation of the refinery has been seen as a victory for the workers, who have been critical of the decision.

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REAGAN PLANS TO EXCEED TORY CUTS

The world was bad enough with one Thatcher in office, and it is even more unsafe—with two and a half.

Ronald Reagan is now in official residence at Chequers, staffed largely by womanizers—well, at least it won’t be the same ding-dong.

This is critical of Thatcher nor for the extent to which she has damaged British industry (why should we worry about that?) but because she has not gone far enough.

They felt that she should have cut both taxes and public spending for more than she has done. And they linked to implement exactly such policies in other countries, which Reagan is set to carry out his American economy. The US economy is experiencing some unpopular annual cuts of 10% in money supply in the next year.

Mising billions

And he will take steps to raise the missing billions of dollars by taxes designed to hit the burden squarely onto the shoulders of the unemployed, and the most exploited, and the most exploited of the American society.

Reagan’s Treasury Secretary has been much more forthright on this policy than either of the two candidates under consideration who under consideration that the two
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Reagan in office for 1982 seems likely to affect the space programme, synthetic fuels research, urban development and the postal service.

The theory is that anphors money from the poor and funnel it into the pockets of new rich who will create "real" jobs to replace the thousands of people who will be lost through such cuts.

And with US interest rates still over the 20% mark, the US is using the feeling the urge to borrow money to set up new factories and industries in the near future when politicians argue that in the future they will take the money and run.

And with inflation at 12%, and unemployment at 5%, talks of a war of non-wage increases seems likely to include development and deployment, of long-range nuclear bomb in Western Europe.

Terror tactics

Rather like the Loyalist paramilitaries in the North of Ireland, Reagan’s Treasury Secretary is committed to terrorism.

The local PCF and the London branch of the Communist Party (PCF) have called for a general strike on February 7th against the tax cuts and threats that have threatened the Communist Party to dissuade their members from coming to no end from school.

Instead of a group of PCF skittles the family played the Polish peasant to explain that a further attempt by the PCF to "living in the past" is not only Feudal however that the real significance of the movement becomes.

France CP’s racist attacks

The threatened closure of the French racing car plant, of Scottish pits and the threat to the steel industry brings to a head the mounting crisis facing industry in Scotland.

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Mr. Christopher Murphy, TUC, NJW, the Wednesdays, has tabled a motion protesting at the plan, said it was the main topic of conversation at Westminster. "There is a tremendous upsurge."

Not unemployment; not inflation; not war was the main topic of conversation of Trades Council, had been held last December that the main thing in 1981 would be to keep the conditions of trade unionists.

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The Lambeth backlash

The social atmosphere in the London Borough of Lambeth has become increasingly tense. The majority of left and right are moving closer towards a frontal clash.

The right has taken advantage of the widespread genuine uneasiness among the population. The Lambeth Socialists have been experiencing a rise in their membership and activity. The rightist groups have been using this opportunity to gain more influence and control in the area.

To combat this, the Lambeth Socialist Party has been organizing regular meetings and events to counteract the influence of the rightist groups. The meetings are well attended, with a strong presence of the local community.

I have been involved in mobilizing the residents of Lambeth. At the same time, the local council has organized a series of community events to address the concerns of the residents.

The meetings were well attended, and there was a strong sense of solidarity among the residents. The events were organized in partnership with local community groups and organizations.

The council has also been monitoring the activities of the rightist groups and taking steps to ensure that the community is protected.

The struggle continues as we work to maintain the momentum and continue the fight for a better future for the residents of Lambeth.

Labour Group’s reactionary policy.

It was only when the previous Labour government, pointed out to the Tories that they had in principle continued to pay the supplement, and could therefore not be said to have abandoned the tax on rent, that they began to come under attack from the Conservatives. The latter wanted to suspend the tax, although even in 1960, they were not prepared to do so.

Labour’s position was thus weakened.

The relationship between the left councillors and the Camden Labour Left was strengthened at a meeting last Thursday. A meeting convened by the Camden Labour Left was attended by leading Labour officers of NUPE, NALGO and UNIA and the three councillors.

At the meeting the Camden Labour Left and unions agreed to endorse a statement of intent by the left councillors to be distributed as a leaflet to the members of the public on the 14th. Labour councillors were also invited to speak at union mass meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday.

There is therefore a strong basis of Labour movement unity for backing the Council’s cuts.

The only threat to such unity comes from the Aneurin Bevan supporters from UCATT leader Vic Heath.

No meeting

This Conference notes:

1) The savagery of the attack mounted by the Tory government against working people. These attacks are being carried out to counteract the increasing pressure on the Labour government to increase welfare benefits.

2) The gravity of the current economic situation, which has led to a sharp increase in unemployment and a decrease in the standard of living for working people.

3) The need for a national campaign to resist these attacks and to demand a programme of welfare benefits and social services.

This Conference agrees:

1) That there should be a national campaign to resist these attacks and to demand a programme of welfare benefits and social services.

2) That the campaign should be supported by all sections of the Labour movement, including the trade unions, the Labour Party and the Labour organisations.

3) That a national conference should be held to discuss the具体 plans for the campaign and to ensure its success.

The Lambeth Lambeth Council’s imposition of a £2.50 a week council house rent increase has led to a sharp growth in the number of tenants organisations in the city.

As we go to press we can announce that over 1,000 tenants are set to withdraw from the rent collection scheme which caused such a stir last year and 6 are due to be followed by further rent increases in April and May.

Tenants groups are growing all over the city and there are 24 and we are getting new cases almost daily. We are confident that our next meeting will involve more tenants and that we have good grounds for optimism.

Some 400 tenants and Patrick- scheines and students are mobilizing around the city centre building up to a meeting with the Lambeth Council.

With next month’s council meeting poised to impose a further council house rent rise of £2 and a further council house rent increase of £2, we are likely to see a further growth in the number of tenants organisations.

The campaign to resist the rent rise will be fought on a mass basis, with a national conference to be held to discuss the specific plans for the campaign and to ensure its success.

Support

The decision of a growing number of tenants to take direct action has proved to be a powerful weapon in the struggle to resist the rent rise.

Local tenants have taken to the streets and organized demonstrations to protest against the rent rise. These demonstrations have been well attended and have provided a powerful platform for the tenants to express their opposition to the rent rise.

The tenant groups have also been successful in mobilizing the support of the local community. Many local residents have shown their support for the tenants and have joined the demonstrations.

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POPLAR: A COUNCIL THAT DEFIED THE GOVERNMENT

PART ONE

From 1919 to 1925 the Labour council of Poplar in East London defied government pressure and refused to carry out cuts in services, jobs and wages.

In spite of being sent to jail for six weeks, and expropriating the equivalent of £2 million at today's prices, the council was almost totally victorious.

The book is therefore of great relevance when many of the same problems face councils under attack from the Tories at present.

How did Poplar achieve so much? And what are the lessons from this great battle of the 1920s? This book by Noreen Branson answers some of these questions and suggests where further research and discussion is needed.

Firstly Noreen Branson traces a personal history and roots of the councillors in the Poplar labour movement. Almost all of them had been involved in the building of trade unions in the borough, especially docks and railways.

Many had been members of Marxist organisations such as the Social Democratic Federation and had opposed the First World War.

Mass response

Others had been leaders of the Suffragette movement and of the struggle against British intervention in Russia after the revolution.

So when the councillors put forward demands and fought for proposals in the labour movement and took a mass response and there was a contradiction, they would stick to their decisions.

The councillors always started from the needs of the working class. The way in which the cost of the economic crisis was imposed on the working class was naturally different from today.

Mass response ensured that poverty relief payments were adequately administered, that poor relief payments were reflective of local authorities.

The London boroughs, which bore the brunt of the crisis, were the local authorities with the highest poor relief payments, and there was a high proportion of relief on which to do it.

Mass response against the rate of poor relief, to cut services, to massively increase rates, or to cut wages of council employees.

The Poplar Council rejected all these alternatives. They increased the rate of poor relief above levels in normal times. They reduced and held wages, even when average wages declined.

No cuts

At one stage they even fixed scales higher than those demanded by the National Unemployed Workers Movement. Although this may have been a tactical mistake, even after the government was defeated in 1924, it was still referred to for four years.

For instance, strike for social security payments which were really administrative, poor relief payments were reflective of local authorities.

The council could control the rate the boroughs which went to the Metropolitan Police Authority to check on the levels of relief they could pay. They went to the London County Council for services mutually provided for the whole of London.

As a protest against the refusal of ministers to consider special assistance to poor boroughs, the Poplar Council declared it would refuse to raise the rates for the police or county.

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All sides were convinced that the only result of Poplar's actions would be that Poplar ratepayers would have to pay up in the end for the council's overspending and pay huge legal expenses as well.

More efficient

In Morrison's view the job of Labour councillors was to show that they could administer capitalism more efficiently than the Tories. The right wing claimed that Poplar's inefficiency and extreme attitudes would lose votes.

In fact the opposite was the case. Poplar was the only council borough whose Labour's vote went consistently up.

The government and the press said Poplar was inefficient, but from the outset it began to bring down the council's reputation by suggesting a compromise, the councillors began to moan about the support of the trade unions, the Tosks, and the unemployed for a struggle.

The LCC were invited to meet in the borough and all the council's assets. But they couldn't see much use for a list of outdated factories, coal houses, etc. So they obtained a court order for the council to pay the rate, and they were held guilty of contempt of court when they were unable to pay.

25 men were sent to Brixton and five women to Holloway for an indefinite period.

All the arrears were only made with difficulty. Martin Lansbury was chairman of the War Pension Committee. For days the streets around his home were patrolled by ex-servicemen.

Eventually the Sheriff had to make an appearance to arrest him and the four other women councillors at the Tower of London. Naturally a crowd of 10,000 gathered outside.

Only after a speech in which they called for cold and for the preparation of a rent strike if attempts were made to

Lansbury leaves the Law Courts—1922

intervene to order her release (and promptly went to sleep for another fifty years). She refused to leave Holloway without the others but was forcibly removed.

Herbert Morrison meanwhile applied pressure on them to compromise. He suggested that a conference be held. They were to draw up proposals and that Poplar should be allowed to send a delegation from the council.

Lansbury and the others totally rejected this as it would mean negociating from a position of weakness. They demanded release first and negotiations afterwards. Their position was rewarded by the decisions of Stanley and Arthur Greenwood to follow their lead and withdraw the council's rates.

The male councillors won the right to meet together daily and to have daily visits from the town clerk and later after the acting mayor. They started having formal meetings each day—sometimes which were overruled in incorporated in the council minutes.

George Lansbury won the right to continue writing for the Daily Worker under his own name.

The biggest concession was the release of Valla Crossley who was seven months pregnant at the time of her arrest.

After mass pressure the mysterious official solicitor faced with a growing breakdown of local government and mass demonstrations the determination of the government collapsed.

All the councillors were released without conditions or promises so that a settlement could be negotiated.

The settlement was that the cost of poor relief should be borne by the boroughs and the council which would bear in proportion to their rates value.

Poplar gained far more than the value of the rates it had been withholding, so that its rates could be kept at the same level in successive years as well.

The only condition was that payments from the pool would be on the basis of a scale of relief decided by the Minister of Health. This set the scene for future conflicts.
ABORTION/CONCEPTION

THE MOST BAS- RIGH- OF ALL

By Mary Wilson

The women's right to control their own fertility, and to decide for themselves when, or whether to have children, is the most basic right of all. Yet only 40% of women in the United States have access to safe, legal abortion. Even in countries with legal abortion, many women still face barriers to accessing the services they need.

The struggle for reproductive rights is not new. For centuries, women have been fighting for their right to decide whether or not to bear children. This struggle has taken many forms, from peaceful protests to violent resistance. Today, the fight for reproductive rights continues, as women around the world demand the right to control their own bodies and lives.

The discussion of abortion and contraception is necessary because these issues are not just about reproductive rights, but also about health, safety, and autonomy. Women who are able to control their fertility are able to make choices that are best for them, rather than being forced to make choices based on circumstances beyond their control.

For working-class women in the United States, the cost of birth control apart from abortion was a significant barrier. In 1972, the average cost of a birth control pill was $35.00 per year, while a monthly salary for a woman was $35.00. This means that a woman with a salaried income of $35.00 per month would have to spend a significant portion of her income on birth control.

One solution to this problem is using non-commercial methods of contraception, such as condoms, diaphragms, and withdrawal. These methods are effective and are available at a low cost. However, they require a level of education and understanding to be used correctly, which can be a barrier for many women.

The right to choose is a fundamental human right. Women should be able to make decisions about their bodies and lives without interference from others. This includes the right to choose abortion, if necessary, to protect their health and safety.

The anti-abortion movement has been successful in restricting access to abortion, particularly for low-income women. Many women who need abortion care are forced to travel long distances to access it, or are unable to afford it at all.

Abortion is a medical procedure that is necessary in some cases. It is a personal decision that should be made by the woman, with the support of her medical provider.

The struggle for reproductive rights is ongoing. We must continue to fight for the rights of all women to control their own fertility, and to live lives that are free from the fear and shame of unwanted pregnancy.
WRP OPTS FOR POPULAR FRONT

By Ian McCallum

The WRP leadership has now taken the widely acclaimed step of forming the first of its political parties, a move which has already been endorsed by the WRP Conference. The move has been described as a "cultural" shift by the leadership, who have held that the party is now sufficiently mature to take on this task.

The move has been welcomed by many within the party, who see it as a necessary step towards its long-term survival. However, some have raised concerns about the potential for division and conflict within the party, as different groups with differing ideological perspectives may find it difficult to reconcile their differences.

The move has also been met with some opposition from the wider political spectrum, with some accusing the WRP of moving away from its radical roots. However, the leadership remains confident that the party can navigate this new phase successfully.

Healy’s ‘cult of the agenda’

By John Lister

The threat of state repression directed against the party is not part of an ongoing perspective, but is immediate and insidious. The state’s strategy is clear: to silence all opposition to its agenda, to suppress all dissent. The state’s methods are brutal: surveillance, harassment, arrest, imprisonment, and torture.

The WRP has responded to these threats by strengthening its political organisation, by increasing its membership, and by developing a more effective strategy of resistance. The WRP has also maintained a strong presence on the streets, through its protests and demonstrations, and through its support for other movements.

The leadership of the WRP has been praised for its courage and its determination to stand up to the state. The WRP has been described as a “cultural” party, and as a party that is not afraid to speak out against the state’s oppression.

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Nurses-the bad news

The light to save Accident and Emergency at Road Day Nursery is on again after the second time in a year. A year ago the Hyndburn Nursery Action Group launched a campaign to keep the nursery open, after it was announced by Lancashire's Social Services Committee that it was at risk. Now, yet again, as the Tory County Council moves to cut out more of the Thalidomide attack's on the working class.

The Day Nursery staffs a great many families with dany for younger children and families in need of temporary social services.

Vulnerable

The attacks are indicative of the way the Tory-controlled Council and Tory government focus their attacks on the most vulnerable sections of the working class.

Following last year's success in defiance of two wars, the Hyndburn Nursery Action Group has been taking up the fight in the second year of their campaign, with a stronger, more confident, and better-organized approach. The group has continued to organize regular protests and meetings to raise awareness and support for the nursery.

The campaign is faced with further difficulties as Lancaster County Council attempts to close the nursery and transfer its services to other council-run nurseries.

The news came in a letter to Nursery Campaign Secretary Jane Atkinson from the new director of social services, who stated that the nursery will be closed from September 1.

The letter said that the campaign to save the nursery will continue, and that the group will be working closely with the council to ensure that the nursery remains open.

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A move to stop the tide of official retreats in victimisation struggles was made last weekend as 80 trade unionists met in Birmingham to demand the outcomes of the latest show-piece victimisation by Michael Edwards and BL management—the sacking of six men from the Longbridge plant.

Labour MP Bob Cryer and victimised Longbridge NUM.convenor, Mr Manley, assured the meeting of their support for action to be taken under the Clause VI of the 1985 Industrial Disputes Act. But the role of convener Jack Adams and the trade union leadership was drawn out most fully in his speech to the floor of the conference.

IN BRIEF

With unemployment in Nuneaton now over 8,000 the Trades Council's initiative to put unemployed Workers Centre is a timely one.

The centre, which is ideally sited in the town's bus station, has been set up and is run by the Council. The lighting and heating are by gas and the centre is to be a co-operative where the local unemployment centre which so far only operates two days a week has two stated purposes—to give advice and to recruit the unemployed into the trade union movement.

Sit-in action against redundancies at Small Heath by members of the NUM is a protest against increasing labour turnover due to small plant closures.

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The buying of the Times and Sunday Times by Rupert Murdoch's News International has cast gloom over defences of liberal capitalism and reformist trade unionism alike. Murdoch has for years been a despised and feared figure in Fleet Street, a man notorious for his personal intervention in newspaper policy. Murdoch, however, had not regarded Murdoch as an outsider but as a man he could work with. The Times and Sunday Times are now owned by News International. Murdoch has found himself the owner of two of the most important titles in Britain—thearchetypal liberal making money by publishing the Daily Telegraph.

Murdoch's no-lose Times gamble

On Saturday the 1,000 Ansell brewery workers voted unanimously to continue their strike. This despite the fact that the company, parts of Allied Breweries, have declared they are closed down and offer only 400 jobs to the workers. The company have tried to say that they were a group of workers who brought their problems on themselves. The reality is that their struggle has been similar to many other workers. They have been up against an all-out attack on working conditions and jobs by the employers trying to make the workers pay for their crisis.

Last year the unionists in the plant even agreed to go along with a joint inquiry into the running in the plant and to accept job cuts where the company found overmanning. This led to the loss of 44 jobs.

This was not enough for management. In January the company suspended the guaranteed week and put the workers on a four day week. But they wanted to pick who was laid off and when.

The workforce resisted this by taking Monday off.

The company then laid off the workforce, who met and said they would not return until the company was with

When this took place they saw that they would return, but the company only agreed to restore working conditions if they accepted a new ultimatum—involving 96 redundancies, a change in working practices and management's right to introduce contractors when they wanted.

The workers rejected this with only three in favour of acceptance. The company then tried to get individuals to sign a new contract; only 28 did.

The company then sacked the whole workforce and tried to recruit from the dole. This was completely senseless. There are many important issues in this struggle, not least of which is the fight against closure. Management are using the dispute as a pretext to close down surplus capacity. To fight this it is necessary to occupy the plant and to picket the brewery distribution depots. It is important for ourselves to stand against this and to support the workers in this struggle.

Ansell's: fight bosses' blackmail

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Just as sleeping employees seemed about to crack in the face of selective strike action, season's leaders called off the struggle to put the claim to the public.

5,000 hospital employees have been given the go-ahead for selective action to press their pay claim. 2,000 Durham water workers have begun a work-to-rule in advance of national action, after rejecting management's 10% pay offer.

No lead

This is the reality displayed by the editorial team of the Times and the Sunday Times, who have given only a few supporting sentences to the proposals and have been ignored by the tabloid papers. The Times and the Sunday Times are now owned by News International.

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Country roads sealed off by police cars. Bales of police held in reserve. Telephones cut off. A snatched squad arrives, handles the picket. Lifts the gate off the hinges, busts into the hospital. Hospital buildings are on fire, doctors and nurses are being attacked. A hospital boiler is in a frenzied move to shut off power and heat.

It was just like an SAS operation. Gough at Lonsdale, Myra Bagay in the afternoon of the Labour Party in the Longworth (Longworth) in Oxfordshire.

Enthusiastic

It was carried out by the Labour Health Authority with the enthusiastic help of the chairperson-leading Labour Party members, McCarthy. McCarthy had set his sights on Longworth as a target, and the AHA had lost its grip on the hospital, the health services in the Oxford area.

The pickets included the towns of the Longworth community as a whole. The hospital was closed down for a few days.

This rebuff, following the failure of the AHA to get the picketing stopped, had a significant impact on the hospital and its staff.

Further evidence of the contempt and loathing the hospital had for Labour activists was the right wing immigration of 3 of their guards and 3 of the hospital workers.

But the attachment of these guards to the ideals of "democracy" does not extend, apparently, to the hospital staff in their activities. The hospital staff have been found to be highly resistant to the picketing. The hospital staff have been found to be highly resistant to the picketing. The hospital staff have been found to be highly resistant to the picketing. The hospital staff have been found to be highly resistant to the picketing.

In miserable contrast to the stand by miners against pit closures, shop stewards and union officials have out-lined a pathetic programme of belly-crawling in the Tory press and mass-meeting on the need to sacrifice the hospital.

In order to be able to count on little support from traditional Labour voters. They have no plans for machinery of their own. As such, as anything as nothing as a political force, they are politically manoeuvred into an increasing alienation against the Tory system.

My policies have not changed," argued Slipman, who refused adherence to the Labour Party.