The government plans anti-union laws

By ROGER PROCTOR

The government is preparing legislation to curb the activities of trade unions, with the aim of imposing fresh legal restrictions on their operations. A draft bill has been prepared, and officials from the Ministry of Labour and the Home Office are expected to present it to the cabinet next week. The bill is expected to include provisions for the registration of unions, the prohibition of certain types of strike action, and the imposition of financial penalties on unions that breach the law.

The bill is seen as a response to the recent wave of industrial disputes, which have caused significant disruption to the economy. The government is concerned that unions are using their powers to disrupt the normal course of business, and is seeking to introduce new measures to curb their activities.

The proposed legislation is likely to be controversial, with unions and their supporters arguing that it would threaten the rights of workers and undermine the democratic process. However, the government is determined to press ahead with the legislation, and is expected to introduce it in the House of Commons as soon as possible.

The bill is likely to be met with opposition from the Labour Party, who have previously voiced their concerns about the government's approach to trade unions. The trade unions are also likely to mount a strong campaign against the legislation, with a number of protests and strikes expected in the weeks ahead.

Despite the opposition, the government is determined to push the legislation through, and is expected to use its majority in parliament to pass it. The bill is likely to be a key issue in the upcoming general election, with the government hoping to use it as a rallying point for its supporters.

The bill is expected to be a significant step in the government's efforts to curb the activities of trade unions, and will undoubtedly have far-reaching implications for the future of the trade union movement in the UK.
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UNIONS SENDER

By TED RICHARDS (ASPD)

A KICK OF THE ASIAN FOR CHRISTMAS—that’s Labor’s outlook on the trade union movement these days, an hour from their increase of 30 per hour for labourers and Former building union leaders have agreed to the wage cut. Their opposition to the government lasted no more than a few days and consisted only of a few words—"missing phrases." Doleful

Xmas in North-east

Socialist Worker Reporter

DON’T TELL the North East about the most prosperous Christmas ever in Britain. In Blagdon, Rhyll and Sunderland it’s not a very happy holiday. It’s a year gone for "Probably" checks, don’t clicks and discount sales. Employment in the Nor-

theast is nothing like as high as 1956. Unemployment is 16,350 men on the dole—7.1 per cent.

The answer is no. It was relatively low in parliament last year. The general rate is 6.5 per cent in Great Britain, and peak employment is in 1960.

BETHALLATSEY and HARBETTLEPOOLS are approxi-

mately 15 miles to the east in areas of record high figures.

Luton is 18 per cent up on 1956.

JOHN FIELD and Ferry Hill, where Miners colli-

eries have been closed, have 19.2 per cent unemployment, and Northumberland, it’s even worse.

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BEDLINGTON (North-

umberland) is 14.5 per cent; Milncham (Cumbria) is 13.2 per cent; and in the North of England, Outer Northem.Then Hull, Sunderland and Blackpool are at 13 per cent, possibly highest.

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Cinema pickets arrested

A FELL MAGISTRATE has fined a police superintendent last week for trying to stop a picket at a cinema where The Green Berets, an American propaganda film about Vietnam, was being shown. The cinema employee had not been permitted to enter the cinema to photograph the audience. The employee was arrested and charged with possession of an offensive weapon. The cinema was closed for two days, and the employee was fined £50.

Fifteen students in the dock accused of obstructing the police were returned to the prison yesterday. One was discharged and the others were fined £4 each. Although passers-by were allowed free movement by the police for the first five minutes, the police were not disturbed by the pickets.