Militant wins resounding court victory

BY THE EDITOR

A WAVE OF STRIKES throughout the building industry is expected to answer the government's latest bid to cut back the working class.

On Tuesday the government said it would stop the payment of increases to 1,500,000 workers in the building and civil engineering industries. Employers and union leaders had negotiated increases of 10c and 1c a week.

Building workers are one of the worst paid sections of the working class. They work in appalling conditions and have suffered from weak, complacent union leadership.

The rank and file have shown a growing militancy in recent years. There have been bitter struggles on the Barabian in London and on Merseyside for basic union rights and opposition to productivity deals.

Smash bargaining

Now the government has thrown a monkey wrench into the building industry's efforts to cut costs. It has announced a new settlement in which the unions will have to accept a 10% cut in wages, which will mean a reduction in the standard of living for many workers.

This is a clear indication of the government's determination to crush the working class's struggle for a better living standard. The government is not interested in the workers' welfare but only in its own interests.

Fought back

Not surprisingly, workers did not accept these restrictions on their living standards. Many dug their heels into the ground and refused to accept the government's terms.

And others fought back against the government's wage cuts. They refused to accept the government's terms and continued their struggle for better wages.

The government's decision to smash the working class's strike action was a clear indication of its determination to crush the workers' efforts to maintain their standard of living.
Behind students' revolt -- STRUGGLE AGAINST EDUCATION FACTORIES

by ANDREW SAYERS

The most obvious problem of the RSSF's growth is its unwarranted growth. Its expansion in the universities is the result of a number of factors. It has succeeded in part because it is more in line with the aspirations of students who are disillusioned with the established order. The RSSF is a radical force, but it is not the only one. The whole of the education system is in crisis. It is not just the RSSF that is causing problems. The whole system is in crisis. The RSSF is just one of the many factors contributing to this crisis.

Response

Demonstrations against the RSSF have taken place in various locations. In addition to the RSSF, there have also been demonstrations against the government, the police, and the RSSF's allies. The demonstrations have been largely peaceful, but there have been some incidents of violence.

October 27: Should there have been a 'Confrontation'?

Why was there a sense of let-down after October 27? The Vietnamese government was too late to react to the protests. The government's use of force was too late. The Vietnamese government did not react quickly enough. The Vietnamese government's reaction was too slow.

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Orwell, honesty, courage and faith in the 'proles'

by PETER SEDGWICK

Our four volumes amounting to 1,200 pages, with the title: 'The Collected Essays, Journalism and Letters of George Orwell,' have now been published, painstakingly edited and provided with notes by Sonia Orwell (the writer's widow) and Ian Angus (the librarian of the Orwell Archive at University College, London).

This is one reason for socialists. Orwell wrote about a few things which have since become an integral part of the social life in Britain, nonsense and total derision, and was a tireless observer of the abuses occurring everywhere. His observations often convey the essence of the matter, and his writing is direct and personal (which means that his writing is unadorned and not necessarily easy to say about Nazism). Even pages of comparatively readable prose, usually says something very, very funny, and it happens to be true. These are virtually no other political writings at all, at least since the period (roughly 1925 to 1935) whose collective title is The Road to Wigan Pier.

The book's title almost word for word fulfilled the demands made by Sir Oswald Mosley and the British Union of Fascists (1930s). The Immigration policy is a complete surrender to the demands of racialism.

The Race Relations Act (1965) became law on October 31, 1965. It was designed to end discrimination in the workplace and housing. The act was a landmark in the fight against discrimination and was praised by civil rights activists.

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MINERS’ VITAL ELECTION

BRITAIN’S 380,000 miners will vote at pit-head ballot stations this week for a new general secretary of their union, the NCB. A significant industrial election will also be taking place for the left-wing candidate Lawrence Dennis, the Scottish miners, has declared his intention of ending the 12-month deadlock of disconditional work-down of the coal industry.

Such a campaign is urgently needed. The current level of mine production, amounting to 300,000 men, has been reduced to 380,000.

And if government plans are not met, 100,000 men will be working in the pit by 1975. In other words, the industry is already 30% short of its coal. Although overall coal output has increased by over 10% since 1972, the production of 200 million tons in 1972 is only 170 million in the last year. The industry must now produce 200 million tons by 1975. The industry is not ready to meet this demand.

A miner’s income has been reduced and the wages miners receive are not enough to keep up with rising prices.

DAILY

 Quarry strikes

The miners are striking for a deal on the new contract that will provide more money for the miners.

The national miners’ union has declared a strike to be held at all the mines. The miners are demanding a 20% increase in wages.

The strike is expected to last for at least six months.

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Morgante’s vote to fight on

By ANDREW HORNUNG (AFL)

AFTER SEVEN WEEKS, 1,700 workers at Morgante Carbon Company’s two South London sites voted on Monday to accept a new contract. The contract, which provides for a 20% increase in wages, will save the jobs of 50 workers.

The contract was negotiated by the company and the workers’ union, the Morgante Carbon Workers’ Union.

The contract is expected to take place.

The workers voted for the contract, which is expected to save the company $500,000 annually.

Morgante Carbon Company is one of the leading manufacturers of carbon products in the world.

DISASTER FLATS’

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The Ingenium Report is likely to demand modifications to the design of the tower blocks. The cost at present is around £400 million, but the Ingenium report is expected to demand £600 million.

To foot the bill, the council will probably have to raise the rent by 50%, to 80% of the present rate.

The council is expected to approve the report and to accept the modifications.

Overlap

The Ingenium Report will be released in March and the council will then consider the modifications.

Students demand better deal

Better social facilities, such as a 95% reduction in rent for common room to serve

Better eating facilities, such as a 95% reduction in rent for common room to serve

Students at Blackheath College are on strike as a boycott of their on-campus cafeteria.

They have been complaining about the lack of cleanliness, the high prices, and the poor quality of the food.

The management has not agreed to the students’ demands and the strike continues.

Removes fuzz

On October 26, the day before the giant anti-Vietnam protest in London, a group of people named themselves the ‘Fuzzy Wuzzy’ and made tiny paper balls to be handed out to the protesters. The protesters were then asked to throw the balls into the air and watch them bounce away.

MEETINGS

Manchester: Tony Benn at ‘Building Society for World Revolution’, Isan, St Paul’s Church, 5th November, at 7.30.


International Socialists: Tuesday, November 16, Meeting at the International Socialists Centre, 10, Shoreditch High Street, E1.

Social: Crowns & Arches, 178 Camden High Street, NW1, Saturday, November 16, at 8pm.