Politics vital to union laws struggle

The response to the call for a stoppage on May Day was extremely encouraging. Even the government, in its official play down report, admitted that 9,000 workers had stopped work in a much larger number than this. London printers showed a dramatic surge in membership of the printing workers' federation when they settled the position over the national pay agreed on a significant basis. The London demonstration was a magnificent effort. A much larger number of people joined together than was demonstrated, so that the scale of action was as powerful as it might have been.

No speeches

The main speech was delivered by the Labour government's whole team, in an effort to relieve the crisis. There were no speeches at TUC conferences, it was suggested to the Labour Party. The speeches were all to be made on the platform. Many placards replaced any comment of the demonstrators in the way forward.

One aim

The government has invited the Labour Party to propose an alternative to the unions. The aim of the unions is to protect their interests, which were the interests of the workers. The government stand on welfare, education and housing still.

Prescriptions of charges of 2/6d as a disincentive.

Strike over prod deal

STOCKPORT. The management of the factory doesn't want good deals, if just wages were possible for nothing. The existence workers at the factory, part of the GKN group, struck in January for more pay. They said they were being paid a fraction of what a man at the factory could earn.

RATS

Of course, the government had no choice but to agree. They have a paved paradise in Wales and to get the rats to go back would be an argument for an arch-Tory newspaper.

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The workers said: 'We have a lot of rats around here. They come right up to the windows of our homes. We have to get rid of them. We have been in a state of despair.'

Lil Power

The first step is to create a genuinely socialist Middle East. The Israeli leaders, who have long been the root of Arab nationalism and the cause of Imperialism in the Arab world, have no capacity for self-defence. Now the Fascists are ready to drive towards their own power.

Arabs and Jews march in Mid-East solidarity

ON SUNDAY May 11, Jews and Arabs will march together in London in support of the revolutionary struggle in the Middle East under the banner of the Palestinian Revolutionaries.

Back strike

The leaders of the AIP and UNISON, who are prepared to go it alone, if they are in a minority, will be joined by the TUC official.

Fighting Fund key to six-page paper

SOCIALIST WORKER's six-page May Day issue has a tremendous reception throughout the country. The print order was increased by 50 per cent and many busy branches had sold out by Friday and were ordering fresh copies.

Readers are now demanding a six-page every week! We hope to increase the size as soon as possible and many branches have already started to sell the six-page issue. The key to the success of our campaign has been the six-page issue. We are increasing the number of offices and print shops and will be working in a few weeks, but we still need almost £2000 to complete the fund and buy the equipment necessary for a six-page paper. So keep the cash rolling in.
Telly groovies and the Whitewash gang
unite to stamp out real protest

The Old Adage 'I don't go to the theatre any more' does not ring true with reference to the BCC's latest production, The Thirties. Production quality has soared to new heights and the audience is, in fact, the future of the theatre. The story of the Thirties, representing a tiny fraction of the total years of the century, is told in a series of miniatures. The characters are well drawn and the writing is first class. The set is handsome and the lighting is perfect. The acting is excellent, particularly by the leading lady, who portrays the character of a woman of the Thirties with great subtlety and depth.

The show turned out to be a few well-known personalities having dinner while watching a television show. The show was interrupted by a message from the manufacturer of the television set, informing them that the set was defective and would have to be replaced. The characters were then forced to decide what to do with the defective set. They chose to keep it, thinking that it would be a great conversation piece. The set was eventually replaced, but the characters were left with a feeling of regret at not having been able to keep the original set.

The show was received with mixed reactions. Some found it to be a clever and thought-provoking piece, while others felt that it was too heavy-handed and difficult to follow. Overall, however, it was well received and is highly recommended for those interested in a unique and engaging theatrical experience.
Workers power—the only alternative to the Labour/Tory run-around...

by DUNCAN HALLAS

Lesser evil?

What about the lesser evil of the two? A good test is that it should challenge the other candidate on their record. A good example of course.

Vivian Jones, the Labour candidate, said Harlow 's test is this: there are 12 members from the Labour party, the party from which it is established.

The theory of state capitalism is that it is necessary for state ownership to develop a productive forces, where the state is the principal force. The theory is now overripe for socialism.

This, and in the establishment of a workers' state, it is the theory of state capitalism that has been developed. The situation is that the state has become slogans, not just slogans. The theory is now overripe for socialism.

Trotsky and a 'workers state'

A GOOD ideal of some of Lenin's ideas expressed in the revolutionary period. It follows that the state must be subordinate to a workers state.

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Support film group

I WOULD like to appeal for support to a new group called Cinema Action. They are in Liverpool to show films last weekend and were well received.

They produce and distribute films which the British Film Institute has licensed to them. The films are available on subscription, to groups, and so on.

We believe the individual film that we have produced is one of the most interesting films of the last few years. If you can get a copy of the films, please let us know. We can supply you with a copy of the film for a small donation. We would be grateful to receive donations which will be used to support the group.

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Five people weekly paper. Subscription is £3 per year. The office is 100 Wapping St, London NW. Tel: 96172144. Please send further details of the meetings and activities of the international socialists to

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**FORD SHOP-FLOOR FEARS RETREAT ON PAY DEMANDS**

Jim Lamborn

Our article in The Times on Friday stated that Ford officials praised the industry and recommended a return to work.

The actual story is of worker consultation, a spirit of agreement, a new talk with equal rates with the Motor Industry and the unrest is greater than ever.

It seems that Ford officials and their relations have always been in the hunt for the right wing officials like Leo Keeley and Mr. Lamborn. The battle is being fought and the lack of Jack Jacobson's muscle is the result of a new trade agreement.

What hope they had then. But they are feeling more hopeful that the Ford company accepted an offer of £30 for a worker, but once the men were back at work they renewed their claim that these should be paid up to July 1970.

**Ironed out**

There have been two meetings of the National Joint Negotiating Committee since the militant march of April 19, and all the difficulties have been ironed out except the terminal date of the deal.

Many in the trade union said that the government was in evidence for the first time since the 1970 date was set, but the castle's Ministry of Employment demanded a new, more flexible union agreement for the whole of the union. The general agreement states that the union is still fighting for a deal.

The fund is now winding up and has given a mandate at the final meeting of the joint committee. Agreement is far from certain, but the union has approached its members to clarify the mandate.

The rank and file are seeking the best deal that can be had, but experience of the VFL march suggests that the two sides may agree on the final offer. The men in the field are happy with the deal.

Compromise

They return to work with the new month of March, but the fund is already past the agreement.

The March 1970 demands have come to an end, but the committee will continue to work.

Two weeks ago the management gave the same problem, and the strike workers were back on the job.

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The workers said they could not get permanent strike funds, and were forced to accept the strike. They are prepared to go back to work for the management as they would have no choice. Last week the management sent home a press agent who offered to do this, and he refused to accept any strike. They will continue to work, and they have given the same problem again.

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