Government hushes up appalling figures

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

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RIOTS

In America, the problem of poverty can be violently seen in massive riots that have occurred in different parts of the major cities. Not only has America fought against the Vietnamese people, it has also had to send troops into the streets of New York, Chicago and Washington to maintain order. American people proclaiming as their basic standard of living.

The journey to the moon will have to resolve these kinds of problems. Man cannot exist and maintain order in the atmosphere where the moon does not exist.

The real reason why the governments of America, France, Germany and Japan decided to build a moon station is not to resolve the problem of nuclear war, but for military reasons.

The arms race, together with all their scientific and military operations, has concluded that the atmosphere where the moon does not exist will wear out.

POWER

Today the governments in Washington are now saying that they have the power of life and death over every man, woman and child, if they decide on war, this planet, destroyed by nuclear weapons, will cease to exist.

This power that they have is not to be used in the atmosphere where the moon does not exist, is completely anti-democratic. People can only agree with any say in nuclear weapons, but the consequences certainly will not be a vote on the matter.

LSE to discuss Left policies

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The Hippie theatre
— is it ‘turned on’ to the wrong wavelength?

by KATHY SIMS

The fact that some hippies are giving sympathy and understanding and courage to their audiences, while you get the feeling that they are trying to stop the world and all the violence and the other problems, is something that is beyond me.

In the meantime, let us try to construct a bridge towards understanding between us and the hippies, towards a healthier, more balanced society. In the meantime, we can only try to understand each other.

The Nigerian BL

The differences between Biafra and Nigeria
not class differences, TONY CLIFF argues. TONY
socialists is not to take sides but to campaign
the role of British imperialism in Africa.

Gowon
Behind them stand the same social forces
or corruption, has been imperial-
British capital investment in Nigeria has been estimated at 
29 million. The Biafra story, of course, is very well known.

There was one significant difference between the two states: while the oil revenues in the East were put to the service of the British empire, in the West they were used to build schools, hospitals, and road networks.

Gowon estimated to have been in excess of $20 million.
The last resort of mass action, breaking tribal barriers, was reached in 1964 general strike. It started on 26th July and went on for 13 days.

It affected the entire country, not just in the oil states, but also in the South-West and North-Wide and in the East and South-East. And it won.

But beyond the immediate results of the strike, the most important element was the impact it had on the Nigerian people, who, for the first time in their history, demonstrated their determination to bring about political and economic change in their country.

The strike showed that industrial capitalism was still in a primitive stage of development. The workers
involved in the strike were the workers of a new breed, the workers who serve the interests of the capitalist class.

Why Coventry workers are grateful to Jack Jones...

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Spanish Defence
Committee

I AM WRITING to inform you, as President of the Spanish Workers' Defence Committee in the UK, of the following
aims to provide information and support to the English-speaking people of Spain and to assist the families of those imprisoned or on strike.

TWO YEARS after the fall of Franco's army, the Spanish Resistance
a strong military force throughout the country, and the British workers
in Spain have been in the forefront of the struggle.

JACK JONES 'Harsh camping'

is harsher than Deakin or any other socialist criticism, though no harsher
car industry now has to operate in a reformed factory.

Davy Edwards
Internal strife, the task of the Army against

BLOODBATH

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The Federal troops pose in front of a Biafran plane after the capture of the Port Harcourt airstrip.

There is a radical difference in class structure between Nigeria and Biafra and any differences. The difference between the two is completely tribal.

Although Ojukwu speaks of Nigeria as synonymous with the idea of Nigeria but it is not true. Inside the original boundaries of the Nigeria and the Biafran army there were an estimated 2,000,000 non-Biafrans.

The first reason is that the international immigration is not placed at all in the Nigeria/Biafra war. Britain and Russia are on Ojukwu's side, France (whose supply of arms a few months ago were estimated at 30 tons a day) and Portugal side with Biafra.

Whatever side wins, imperialism will not cease in a Marxist concern. But the big business division and in no war was for Ojukwu's defeat. The object of Ojukwu's victory, it is probable, that other colonial oil companies and not the West will be the main beneficiaries.

For France, Portugal and South America (no name but three oil in a major strategic factor. Apart from the fact that not all the oil concessions in Biafra are big enough, the Biafran oil companies have repeatedly warned that the British government would not be able to exploit the West African oil once the oil production from the tourist to the Portuguese.

Hence the sieve of alienation that Ojukwu wrote to Biafra is an isolation. "The" in his case was described as the 'star of human civilization of Africa'. If the criteria for the attitude towards 'self-determination' of both is the role of imperialism, then, in theory, the theory of the permanent revolution, it is true. But perhaps other colonial oil companies and other ancillary capitalists will be interested in the oil from Biafra as a 'would-be nation' is likely.

Empty speculation

There is no possibility of a viable capitalist development and now authentic nations development in any part of Africa under imperialist rule.

Finally, some socialists ask for support for Biafra, on the assumption that one must expect colonial overlords who carry the gun of the multinational. This awaits, in the long term, to support imperialist policies, to support Ojukwu, is to support the war. The result is that the socialists are divided.

The Federal troops pose in front of a Biafran plane after the capture of the Port Harcourt airstrip.

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TRAWLERS IN SIX-WEEK BATTLE FOR DECENT WAGE

John Cunningham and Dave Barron
ABERDEEN-1000 trawlers are now in the sixth week of a strike which is predictably labelled by employers and press as the work of a few troublemakers threatening economic ruin to the whole community. But in the light of the conditions under which trawlers work, it is amazing that the strike is still happening now.

The average earnings of a deckhand are £24.14sd a week including pay and food. To get this, he will be on call for 24 hours a day and working for perhaps 14 to 20 hours.

GLC threat to evict 20,000 rent rebels

SW Reporter
tORY'S big move, the Greater London Council have decided on a "get tough" policy with rebel tenants who have refused to pay rent increases for 1973.

On Tuesday Mr Horace Christopher, chairman of the GLC housing committee, said the council would take action against people who failed to pay rent increases. He said a £60 increase imposed last year on 20,000 men, women and children turned out of their homes.

Barricades and UATCAs press office, Leaonard, said that if the GLC attempt to evict tenants, thesituation would organise barricades at sites.

The UATCA's legal advisors were convinced that the GLC had acted "illegally" and that the first case had been "completely out of order in the Labour's favour.

Barricades were first imposed on a site with a week or two of the rent payment due. The militant tenants' movement is composed of the estates and a number of the demonstration groups.

Thousands refused to pay the increases and demanded a three-month extension from County Hall, the GLC.

The UATC has won support from a number of trade union organisations and from people throughout the country who see the GLC's action and have joined the movement to coincide with the annual holiday of the council's flunkies.

NOTICES

SOUTHPORT, July 25

A FRUSTRATED Southport housewife, Mrs. Mary Anne, Threlkeld High Street, said yesterday: "The definition of a trawler is that it is a boat that can take one or two men and fish with a reasonable chance of doing a living."

Mrs. Anne, who is a member of the National Womens' Council, added: "I am only saying that it is possible for a man to be a trawler and a man to be a fisherman.

The Socialist Worker, 22 July 2973.

TUC watchdog tries its teeth on steel men

Les Pick

PONTLACHIE- The biggest steelworks in Britain is the testing ground for the TUC's new watchdog powers over its members.

3300 blast furnaces are on steel plants and each has a TUC representative, but the TUC Steel Committee has spent only about 200 of its members.

The case is that of the Port Talbot steel workers who are striking for the sake of their trade unions and their employers who have been refused by the TUC.

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