Tough new rules for sparks

**SW Reporter**

The BALLOT conducted by the executive of the Electricians Union against the initation of work by workers who have not previously been involved in the subject of the ballot, has received the support of the majority of workers. The ballot, which was held on the 3rd of October, has resulted in a substantial victory for the union.

Militant electricians can now sign up against the executive's proposals but only if there is a ballot. The branches of the union have been inconspicuous of this.

The executive now has the power to impose a notice to cease the union's activities. In addition, it has the power to impose fines on members who have signed up against the executive's proposals and who have been elected by the executive.

WALKING OFF WORK will continue to be prohibited by the executive, unless elected by the members. The vital link between officers and members has been severed.

The appeal mechanism has been altered to the advantage of the leaders. Members elected by the executive will appeal... to the executive, not the president and general secretary.

The union is now an organization that places enormous power in the hands of officials who are elected or accountable to members. Had the former Com- munist Party leadership of the Electricians Union introduced such steps, the union's policies would be nothing but an empty rhetoric.
Press clampdown as protest strikes swept the country

The German workers’ winter sleep

from VOLKHEIT MOSER in Frankfurt

FIRST SEPTEMBER 1969 will be remembered as the day when the German working class movement awakened from the winter sleep. The strike movement started by 20,000 workers of Hoechst steel works in Darmstadt, and spread to other steel factories in Gerlingen and other towns of the Ruhr area, then spread to the other areas and other industries. Steel and metal workers in the Saar area at Commerzbank and several other towns took part in the strike movement. Nevertheless, there was still a possibility that the workers’ movement could spread down and shut the country.

Spontaneous movement

Reports by the right-wingers that the strikes were planned movements in the organised German Communist Party were read as an attempt to dishearten the workers. This was a spontaneous movement that spread to the whole nation. But the workers who were taking part in the strike were not going out of a boiling economy but out of a boiling society as well.

Since the economic crisis started in autumn 1966, its real roots were in the failure of the government. The incomes policy of the government was not going to work at all and the government had done its best to restrain the workers’ movement.

The case of the steel workers

The prominence of steel workers was taken up by the acclamations of the workers. The Hoechst steel workers knew that their profits were the same as those of the workers and that they were a problem. The workers were not sure if they could win the protest. They decided to go on strike on 29 October under the leadership of the workers. The strike was called by the workers of Hoechst steel company and spread to other steel plants in the country.

The agreement was called under the threat of a new strike. Steel workers were willing to accept the demands of the steel plants as they would be able to win more power.

By the time their demands were accepted, the strike was brutally suppressed. The strike of 1966 was a success as the workers were able to win more power and the steel plants were able to win more power. The strike was quickly taken up by other steel workers. The strike was spread to other steel plants in the country.

Like everyone else, German steel workers were attacked by the wave of industrial strikes, although they should have known. Opposition to their wage policy had been growing, especially in the steel industry. The workers were in a position to force the government to change its policy.

The reaction of the trade unions

The unions’ reaction was no less widespread. Some of the leaders of the workers did not want to strike and even workers who took part in the strike were paid so little that they had to work more to support themselves.

The strike was seen as a defeat for the trade unions. They were taken by surprise and did not have enough power to suppress the strike. The trade unions were not able to stop the strike. The strike of 1966 was a success as the workers were able to win more power and the trade unions were able to win more power.

The workers’ movement

The strike was a sign of the growing strength of the workers and the trade unions. The workers were able to win more power and the trade unions were able to win more power.

A ‘semi-fascist’ state? It’s a woman ‘slightly’

LETTERS

Distortions

RACHEL MATAMORA on the Middle East (13 September) is wrong and also confused. On the contrary, the Arab-Israeli conflict is a war of imperialist struggle in which the empire of the US is acting with its allies in the region.

The potential strength of the Arabs, who are still in the process of development, is the main cause of the conflict. The Arab-Israeli conflict is a war of imperialism, which is being fought by the US and its allies.

The US and the other imperialist powers are trying to destroy the Arab state and establish a new system of power in the region. The US and its allies are trying to establish a new system of power in the region. The US and its allies are trying to establish a new system of power in the region. The US and its allies are trying to establish a new system of power in the region.


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Trade unionists took an active part in the campaign against the new Nazi puppet government. Picture shows Communist and Social Democratic trade unionists protesting against fascists in the mining town of...
One hundred strike to back AEF recognition fight

SHELLSTAR 'VICTORY' SOON TURNS SOUR

NOTICES

DISCUSSION on "The work of the late Professor Karl Marx" by Mr. R. B. Healy, Lecturer, University of Leeds. Sunday, 12th November, 4.30 p.m.

Preparation of written statement for discussion on "The work of the late Professor Karl Marx." Monday, 13th November, 4.30 p.m.

The article on the Northern Ireland teacher's strike appears in the Irish Times, 15th November, 1970.