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**by David East**

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**RAT-BAG OF THE WEEK**

"If we say that the government's a fraud when, in the 'white heat' of the technological revolution, a research job was taken over by new machines, then we're all rats!" — Technology Minister Bridges.

"As a Rooiwood man speaking in a parliamentarily deniable unemployment..."
Child poverty: report says it's worse under Labour

by Valerie Clark

EVEN THE MOST respectable individuals are beginning to question their illusions with the Labour government. Last week the Child Poverty Action Group, comprised of academics and social workers, made some biting criticisms of the government's record on social policy.

Professor Peter Townsend, CAPAG's chairman, and Mr Frank Field, who produced a 30-page report to Mr Richard Crossman, the newly appointed social security minister, which emphasizes the harsh effects of Labour's action.

"The report sums up yet again that while militant action has won wage increases for some, the Incomes Policy has successfully held back the demands of the underprivileged.

"It says the promises of a "planned growth of wages" are a joke in the face of the cost of school dinners, welfare milk and dental and optical treatment.

"No one expected miracles of the government but, after the successful propaganda about their "burning desire to abolish poverty and shame" that they did not allow the poor to go to the wall, the lowest working-class people did expect to be getting a bit better off.

"To make the CPAG report worse, working-class people expect a Labour government to have won an all-singing, all-dancing welfare state, but nothing can be further from the truth.

"Since the 1945 election, Labour, having boasted of having all sorts of welfare reforms, has still to make plans ready to improve the social services.

"But once elected, the main thing they got into action was merely a "major review of social policy".

"And on some important questions, like the one-parent family - the net result of this lengthy review was just to set up another committee of inquiry on the matter.

"There is little excuse for the long delay. Affluence is not as widespread as they'd have us believe.

"The CPAG report suggests some sensible reforms, but not without minimum wage and high increases in family allowances. However, the Labour government is likely to get stuck on many of these suggestions for years to come. In practice, the same pattern would be the same - the two-child family is a society where a few are very rich, the rich, the middle and the weakest - the old, the body-enforced, the sick and the disabled - are left at the very end of the queue. It's the same old system. And this latest report is another piece of evidence to show that the Labour government has no intention of changing that system.

"The address of the Child Poverty Action Group is at 41 Kennington Park Road WC2 (01 924 5021).

Biafra war caused by competing oil giants

CONGRATULATIONS on Wenda Clemenger's excellent sketch of Nigerian history 22 January. You put the present situation in perspective.

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William Morris: a vision of socialism

by

Martin Shaw

Perhaps the greatest of the truly English martyrs was William Morris. Poet, artist, socialist, Morris has bequeathed to the intellectual and activist socialist politicians only in his late forties, although his conviction of the need for a fundamental change in society had been maturing for many years. When the 1880s created the conditions ripe for socialist political movement, Morris flung himself into the task of socialist propaganda. But he did not just reproduce the ideas of Marx.

In his many articles and lectures, he creatively developed the attack on the conditions of art and labour and capitalism in socialist societies. In his articles through the pages of the Fortnightly Review, he laid out the Marxist statements of his ideas.

But in many ways the greatest of Morris’s works is his utopia, a vision of the future socialist society published in 1891 at the opening of the second decade of the 20th century. This was News from Nowhere, the polemical argument of which appeared in Commonweal in 1868. In January 1890.

It is immensely valuable to read it now, and we know that there were many more — notably George Bernard Shaw, John Ruskin and the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood — who were influenced by Morris’s utopia as it gave rise to the arts and crafts movement.

...From the March of the Workers by William Morris

What is this, the sound and rumour? What is this that all men hear. Like the rolling of the waves in the sand, the sound of the sea? Like the rolling on of ocean in the cromlech of fate? What is this, the sound and rumour? But our men are sleeping, our women are dreaming.

Whoa, they are sleeping, they are dreaming. What of them, of them, of our future!...The world is going to the dogs, and they are sleeping, they are dreaming. What of the world, what of the future?

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But the change in the relationship of man with his natural surroundings and in the nature of work is both cause and effect of changes in the relationship of man and women with one another. In the great trouble, in the great suffering, in the great sacrifice, in the great pain, in the great joy, Morris realises that a vision of society is the only thing that is possible. The visions of society is the only thing that is possible. The visions of society is the only thing that is possible. The visions of society is the only thing that is possible. The visions of society is the only thing that is possible.

Morris: Art is the expression of man’s joy in labour

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Woodcock’s ‘troubleshooters’ menace shop stewards’ strength at Birmal Qualmaclad

by John Setters (AFW)

On 21 JANUARY the Commission for the Birmal Qualmaclad finally issued its report on the nine Woodfordshire Engineering Companies of Birmal Qualmaclad Ltd.

The report went to the Commission for the Birmal Qualmaclad to investigate the ‘hard labour relations’ at Birmal Qualmaclad. Birmingham Aluminium Castings and Midland Motor Cylinder following complaints from the Engineering Employers’ Federation.

The CIR is chaired by former TUC secretary Sombre Zaidi, aided by Allan Piersall, the high priest of productivity huckster Leslie Blackman, former Ford’s personnel manager and ex-CITU’s secretary and life-long communist, William Farrington.

The former, a former Olympic athlete and now a right-wing, bitter, bigoted, racist, fascist, racist, fascist, racist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fascist, fas...
Swedish miners shatter myth of industrial harmony

From Anders Melander

ON TUESDAY 9 December at 16.25 a shift of 75 men sat strike in the Sta presented paper mill in Sandvall, 170,000 men in Sweden, 1,150 followed them on Wednesday and with in two days 6,900 workers in Swappavara, Malmberget and Kiruna had stopped work.

The men have been on strike now for two months. They are employed by LKB, the state-owned pulp and paper concern 1,000 miles from Stockholm.

The mining area is a section of a mineral reserve which the company keeps secret. It is the result of a strike in Sandvall.

The workers are in a strong position. They have the support of the Union of Paper and Pulp Workers which is the workers' political party and which backs the men on every issue.

They have given the strike a political character by making demands which go beyond the economic issues.

The strike was prompted by such things as job cuts, shorter shifts, and the rise in price of coal which was caused by the war.

The miners are also dissatisfied with the work they are doing. They feel that they are being used as strikebreakers and that their efforts are not being recognized.

A unique feature of the strike is that it is being run by the workers themselves. They have set up their own committee and have taken control of the mine.

The miners have been very successful. They have won the support of the local population and have gained the respect of other workers.

The strike has been going on for two months and the miners have not given up. They are determined to win their demands and to establish workers' control of industry.

Refused articles

Press, radio and television have mounted a campaign against the strikers, describing them as Communists. The government has refused to permit strikebreaking. But a Gallup poll in December showed that 60 per cent of Swedes support the strikers.

The employers' 'policies' the SAF is not a strike against the government but against the employers. The workers are demanding better wages and working conditions.

The strike is a protest against the government's failure to address the workers' demands.

The strikers are holding up talks at the LKB's head office in Stockholm and have not agreed to any negotiations.

The strikers have been very effective in their strike. They have won the support of the majority of the workers and the public.

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Ford workers must close ranks: no retreat on £10 wage demand

Ford Weekend Reporter

FORD WORKERS throughout Britain must close their ranks and demand the full £10 wage now that the battle has really started.

In the management's attempt to hoodwink their workers, they are trying to divide and conquer by offering a 5 per cent increase, one per cent to be backdated.

But Ford management has totally misunderstood the mood of the workers, who are not for sale.

A Ford spokesman quoted remuneration experts as saying that Ford management had 'underestimated the workers' response to the £10 demand. They will stand their ground and fight against Ford every step of the way.'

A Team of the National Union of General Workers (NUGW), the only union that represents Ford workers, has already called for a national strike on Ford from 7:30 am on Monday morning.

The strike is expected to be one of the biggest in British history.

Grading threat in builders: new pay deal

by Tom Richards

THE NEW PAY DEAL, covering more than one million building workers, comes into operation this week. The contract has recently involved, is in effect between February 1970 and June 1972 seeing quite large by the standards we have been led to expect from the splinter leaders of the building trade unions.

But the strings attached to the agreement represent a real threat to the workers in the industry. Apart from the increase in off-the-job rates, the differential between craft rate still further, from 2.50p to 3.00p in 1972. The agreement is far more unfair than most people think.

The wider introduction of incentive schemes has been used to introduce new 'undisclosed rates' which employers have been forced to concede on organised sites in order to avoid short-time working.

The implementation of new agreements raises serious questions of the use of balanced ganging payments, payments for the solicitation of specialist work, productivity, for which reasons the government has taken the employers to task, attempting to introduce the practice of the long-established rates.

Opens the door

The payment of collective bargaining and bonuses has been specifically excluded from the new agreement. The employers have been given directives and the division of the work will be left to them.

Small wonder then that the latest award of the National Federation of Building Trade Unions (NFBT), as reported by the Daily Worker, is no surprise. The agreement states that the employers will have to introduce a new rate of pay, which is said to be 'translated' into a payment of 'a nil investment.'

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Having won their point, the employers must tabulate the differences and the work taken up by the workforce must be adjusted to the new rate. The rate is also to be increased by 50 per cent of the real earnings of the workforce.

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The employers' strategy is clear. The workforce will be forced to work under the control of the contractors and the whole agreement is a threat to the workers' earnings. The agreement will not only mean a loss of real earnings but a reduction in the rate of pay by 20,000 with an increase of output of 3 per cent. The agreement also means a reduction in the rate of output of 3 per cent. The agreement also means a reduction in the rate of output of 3 per cent.

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