By the Editor

THEIR'S AFTER YOUR VOTES AGAIN! Labour and Tories, both determined to attack the living standards of ordinary people in order to boost the profits of big business, are bidding for votes at the election auction gets under way.

In the next few weeks we will be battered by promises and pledges, all managed to be announced as soon as the election is over. In particular, the Labour Party will huff and puff about being the friend of the 'undeserving', determined to modernise society.

We won't put any money on it, but it wouldn't surprise us if Harold Wilson, should he be returned, built a socialist society.

Despite its intentions and purposes, we have just had six years of so-called "Conservative" Government. Labour has been more successful than the Tories in placing the burden of modernising and streamlining the British business system squarely on the shoulders of the working class. Hence the Labour candidate's question about what party will continue the tradition of the previous six years.

Labour's record in the last six years is by no means unblemished, but don't be fooled. They have allowed wages to fall below the election rate but if they return to office the freeze will be speedily reintroduced.

RECORD

Just look at their record in the last six years.

Unemployment - 600,000 - the highest since the war, and growing.

Cost of living soaring as prices, goods and services are being squeezed - with wages legally "restricted", this means that the "average" worker's living standards since the war.

Rockets and races.

The dream of the motorist through re-introduction of pre-1945 speeds; no tank against the "meat industry"; more "open" cars.

The rise of the motorist, the "family" on the motor, the new rich millions of working people will be voted for. The labour movement should make its voice heard.

SET BACK

We say that the Tories must be kept out. Although there is little difference between the parties, a Conservative Government would be seen as a "back-to-the-future" move by the most progressive sections of the working class.

And a decontentment felt by active workers would enable the Labour Government to re-establish control over the labour movement.

The growing and deepening industrial and political struggle against the attacks on the trade union movement could be held back and channelled into "out with the Tories" campaign.

Build a socialist movement based on industrial workers' fighting for the full transformation of our society, cannot be successfully carried through until illusions in the Labour Party are smashed.

The price we have to pay for voting Labour in order to keep the Tories out is failure to build a committee socialist alternative.

Faced by the grim choice of the next few weeks, let us redeem our 1960 promises in the coming months and regain the broad front we used to have in the factories in the last six years.

But this time we say, Keep the Tories out - keep the freeze out.
A BOOK YOU SHOULD READ

A sign of hope from Russia's prison camps

The First Circle by Alexandre Solzhenitsyn

ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN has described his Palmation of this book in the West and because of it other books of his have been under attack by the authorities of the Russian literary establishment. He is expected to follow other writers, like Daniel Defoe and Dostoevsky, into political prison.

A political option is the main locale of the book. Solzhenitsyn has intimate knowledge of such prisons.

In early 1945 he was arrested and charged with making denunciatory remarks about Stalin, for the next eight years he lived in labour camps, first in 'general' camps along with common criminals, then in the Arctic and in 'special' camps for long-term prisoners.

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The prison of The First Circle is a 'normal' one, with a special kind of life. It is a life of reading, writing, and talking. The prisoners are allowed to have access to books and to write letters. They are also allowed to have visitors from outside.

The Great Leader is at one moment brutally beating a prisoner over a new biography of himself - "strategist of genocide, war criminal, symbol of state, mighty will, iron determination." Lezhnev's voice is deep from 1918 onwards - well wasn't he, and the next moment tugging over Tito's latest 'crime'.

The fact that Karovsky was still alive somewhere never worried Solzhenitsyn. He would not have cared if Nicholas II had come back from the grave - he had nothing against them personally; they had been wowed enough; they never had the impertinence to offer their own brand of a new and better socialism. Better socialism, indeed, is, after all, the word that Solzhenitsyn's experience in Stalin's prisons have brought to life; and in One Day in the life of Ivan Denisovich Pashkin's treatment of the first round in the attack on the Russian state, a situation in which the authorities are obviously aware, the First Circle is written, forming a pattern of life for the unique prisoners in Mavrin.

Meat truck

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'I shouldn't worry about leaving Mavrin if I were you, it's a lovely place. But I'll be back next Sundays for two years, but you might get out working a 12 hour day for 20 grans of fat and they won't even allow you to write home. The bastards. And you expect us to work. It's hell, it really is.'

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Movements Turns to Workers

Construction workers clashing with students in New York: the builders action has been condemned by other trade unionists.

Nixon blown off course

The protest has been so widespread and so violent that the Nixon Administration has been blown off its course. The Nixon Administration has been buffeted by a wave of protests and strikes, and it has been forced to change its policies in response.

The protest movement has been gaining momentum, with workers and students joining forces to demand better working conditions and higher wages. The Nixon Administration has been caught off guard by the strength of the movement, and it has struggled to find a way to respond.

There have been clashes between police and protesters, with both sides using violence to make their points. The situation has been tense, with fears of further violence.


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through the continued expansion of housing or sentiment between academics. In the colleges today, especially, the New York (the only area I have been able to assess) the move is the only one for the workers. At New York University, at Columbia University, at the New York state University, the move is the only one that can work. The New York state strike has shown up the effectiveness of the work stoppages that are working day and night to contact trade unions and to get the word out in the city.

The aim, expressed quite seriously in many quarters, is to bring the United States to a halt in protest against the war. Placing myself off as a student from the best home in the world, the students I know of are not bad... the students are not the whole story... The students' approach has been much more friendly than could have been hoped six months ago. The students' tactics have been more effective than any of the national movements for work stoppages against Nixon's war policies.

Rude shocks

The students as a body, even the students themselves, are ill equipped to deal with the new realities of today's world. Their methods in the past have been hopelessly ineffective and have led to a general feeling of hopelessness among the workers for a solution to the problem.

A group of 200 construction workers, including those who have joined the protest movement, have been involved in a series of violent clashes with police. The workers have been demanding better working conditions and higher wages, and they have been met with force by the police.

Kent University: the bloody murder which set fire to the giant protest movement

The shock of the Kent University tragedy has set fire to the giant protest movement, which has made its way across the country. The students' action has been unprecedented, and it has been met with resistance from law enforcement agencies and government officials.

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The strike has blown wide open the corrupt and degenerate nature of the GMWU, which has acted in the best traditions of yellow, company unions.

What really happened at St Helens...

BY ROGER PROTZ

There is nothing mainly about St Helens. From the train, the tall chimneys of Pilkington’s factories rise starkly above the town.

Glass is everywhere, spewing in huge mounds across factory yards and forecourts. Piling in the sun, the glass brings a slight light relief to the drab, brown streets and the flat houses, many derelict, with gaping windows and doors.

Glass in St Helens. St Helens is owned by Pilkingtons.

The town, surrounded countryside bear the stamp of the vast monopoly. Streets are named after the firm and a pub even carries the name of the great benefactor.

But little drinking is being done at present in any of the pubs of St Helens. After six weeks of ‘unofficial’ strike, 2,000 glass workers face severe financial hardship. The former piece work is now against the strike and the country’s attention on this small Lancashire town. The Pilkington dispute symbolises the growing power of the monopolies, which now control the glass workers in the country.

The strike is, of course, a direct result of the nationalisation of the British Glass Industry in 1936. The company was unable to get a new strike to order and the country was left with the monopolies in control of the glass industry.

The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), who led the nationalisation of the Glass Industry, now face severe financial hardship. The strike is, of course, a direct result of the nationalisation of the British Glass Industry in 1936.

In the glass industry, in 1936 the monopoly controlled the workers, and the country was left with the glass workers in control of the glass industry.

LORD PILKINGTON

Pilkingtons are associated with profit. Bill and Billibings, plus the Trappists works at Ecclesfield, are set up to make money, buying more shares in – employers’ companies.

In return for the vast profits of the firm, the workers are still the same. The workers are now seen as a source of profit. They are seen as a source of profit and are paid less. The rates of profit of the glass industry are now 200% above the average wage.

The workers have not been paid the same wages for 10 years. The workers have not been paid the same wages for 10 years.

Dwindling wages, low rates, and conditions in life which one might expect from a firm which is set up to make profit are.

Pilkington’s main factories

Ravendale, sheet works, Cowley

No benefit

In the depression of the 1930s, Pilkington’s bought up most of the town for house prices, but there was no benefit. The town is a dormitory town.

The workers have been told to save 100% of their wages. The workers have been told to save 100% of their wages.

Whatever the final outcome of the strike, it has shown wide open the

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The employers’ offensive activity deal and how to fight them

by Tony Cliff

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Close your eyes, little Lord

Little Lord is saying his prayers

God bless Lord Harry – I know that’s right

With a fellow Lord I never fight

But he’s a bit of a drippy one

Oh, God bless Bradford! and make him strong.

It’s a bit open from time to time

I’ll always be there

I’ll see Cathcart’s shadow bent over the door

Oh, God bless Cathcart, the honest man.

Oh, God bless Ginger and make him good.

I’ll close the door and stay in my bed

With Bishopsgate right over my head.

And keep wages agreements exceedingly small

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Big business demands new crack-down in the universities

by Martin Shaw

"I WAS intrigued when driving Ted Heath home from Bury on Friday to hear an infinitely more alarming report on student behaviour at other universities than you had previously at Ballool College. There is a feeling that the authorities have completely lost control of discipline..."

The Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster University and local Labour councillor, has received a letter from a student demanding an end to the "shame" of student discipline in the institution's affairs. He says his letter signals the end of the Vice-Chancellorship.

Lancaster University is managed by Lancaster Socialist Society's magazine. The magazine has written an editorial on the issue.

"Lancaster University has been criticized for its handling of student discipline. The university management has been accused of being too lenient with students who break rules and regulations."

Wave of unrest

Students at Lancaster University, who are protesting against the govern- ment's proposed increase in tuition fees, have launched a wave of protests. The students have set up a new group called "Students Against the Fees" to lead the protest campaign.

Lancaster is one of the universities that has been in the news recently for its handling of student discipline. The university has been accused of being too lenient with students who break rules and regulations."

What happened at Pilks

from page 4

The fitzroy union, the AEF, has refused to accept the compromise offer of the Pilks, of course, have plenty of reason to celebrate, but they have no intention of improving on the 33 offers that were before them. And the film is being screened on a new television plant to be launched.

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Print militant sacked in new St Helens battle

ST HELENS - Pilkington is not the only factory buying 'necessary' protective clothing and fighting both bosses and unions. Last week the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades Union (the largest shop stewards' union) at Pilkington Ltd, has been fighting to get recognition for its members for a year. Last year Pilkington workers decided to kick out the right-wing General and Municipal Workers Union and replace it by SOGAT and the National Graphical Association.

Joaunt venture

The two main unions began the struggle as a joint venture. But last week an agreement was told by management that the company had signed an agreement on factory organisation with the GMWU and the NGA. The management added that none of the three parties would tolerate any union in the plant. A week later Mr Stott was in the factory and was told that the union had no legal right to be there. He was also told that the union had no legal right to be there.

Union officials victimised in pro deal dispute

EDINBURGH - 150 members of the Ambulance and Fire Brigades Union (AFBU) are on strike this week after meeting calls by the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) and the Scottish Trade Union Congress (STUC) for a strike against the government’s £20 million cut in ambulance services.

Boycott call

The Labour Party has called for a boycott of public transport services and for a general strike to protest against the government’s cuts. The union’s general secretary, Alan Johnson, said: “We will do everything in our power to ensure that the government’s cuts are not implemented.”

Immigrants back Powell protest

MORE THAN 600 people demostrated in support of David Chant, the independent candidate in the shipbuilding constituency of South Shields, in a protest against the government’s anti-immigration policies.

Appealed

Police were called in to stop Powell and his supporters in and out of the building. The protest, organised by the National Front, was timed to coincide with the visit of Prime Minister John Major. Powell had earlier urged his followers to ignore orders of the Tory leader.

Crossman’s handout will be eaten up by rising prices

by Richard Kirkwood

AS PART OF Labour’s election build-up, Richard Crossman last week announced a new welfare package for pensioners and the unemployed. But the time price rises and the increased cost of living means that the welfare package will not go far enough to help those most in need.

The benefit rates are still the same proportion as ever of average earnings (15.2% for workers’ allowances and 10% for pensioners). The government has promised to raise the pensioners’ basic rate by £5 a week, but the Supplementary Benefits Commission (SBC) has no power to increase the supplementary benefits for pensioners, and so the increase will not go beyond the SBC’s rates.

The benefits will go only to the most vulnerable groups, with the average worker picking up less than half the increase. Many pensioners have already seen their incomes rise, and many others will see their incomes rise again as the government continues to increase the basic rate by £5 a week.

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