3000 march for Dutschke

PART of the 3000-strong march on Sunday on its way to Trafalgar Square to protest at the political victimization of Rudolf Dutschke. Inset, IS speaker Paul Foot in Trafalgar Square. He called on British socialists to step up their fight for a society that would welcome Dutschke back as a comrade-in-arms. (Pictures: JEFF PICK)

Police raid left film group

POLICE raided the offices of Cinema Action in the early hours of last Sunday and destroyed several films during a search allegedly in connection with the bomb attack on Employment Minister Robert Carr.

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Several of the officers who raided the group's headquarters came from Burnet police station, centre of the search for the bomb planters. They went through documents, film projects, research work, correspondence and even private letters.

In spite of plans from Cinema Action members, the officers exposed cans of film to the light, destroying months of valuable work.

Questioned

The raid lasted four hours and the officers refused permission for anyone to phone a lawyer. Those members who do not have British passports were taken to Burnet police station and questioned for several hours about their whereabouts on 13 January - they were all at the Albert Hall and their political beliefs.

It is clear that the raid was part of a campaign to intimidate and bully all those actively engaged in the struggle against the Tory Bill.

Cinema Action this week appealed for help to enable them to continue with their work. Because of the police's wilful destruction of their work, new copies of the anti-Tory film will have to be made.

Cash donations are urgently needed. At noon on Sunday services are resumed, please rush them to Cinema Action, 277 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1.

Bomb outrage against blacks in South London - page 3.

Postmen's Fight Is Your Fight

THE POST OFFICE WORKERS must win their strike. A victory is vital not only for the living standards of 230,000 lower paid workers but also for millions of other working people.

The postal workers are demanding a pay increase of £3 a week. The justice of their claim is beyond doubt. A Leeds postman, for example, now takes home less than £16 after working a 43 hour, six-day week. It is almost impossible to live adequately on wages.

But the Post Office bosses, ordered and encouraged by the Tories, have offered a miserable increase of 8 per cent - an offer that is below the rise in the cost of living.

To accept such an offer would amount to taking a cut in wages.

The Tories are leading an all-out offensive against higher wages. They are determined to keep wages down and weaken the power of workers.

The Post Office bosses are also attempting to introduce savage anti-trade union laws.

The employers and their parliamentary representatives are trying to hold down wages in the public sector. If they are successful, millions of workers will be affected and the bosses will stop their assault on workers in private industry.

There have been many examples of this policy. The government tried it with the low-paid council workers but failed. Then they took on the miners and the electricity supply workers. Now it is the turn of the postmen.

DIRTY LIE

The Tories claim that higher wages cause inflation. This is a deliberate and dirty lie.

According to a recent economic report produced by the Trades Union Congress, two-thirds of the recent inflation is the result of higher taxation and the increased cost of borrowing money.

These facts are known by the Tory government, but they are ignored.

The reason is simple. The Tories cannot really count on the open and admit the truth. They cannot say that they want to hold wages down in order to increase profits.

They blame working people instead for the chaos of a system over which the great majority have no control.

The Tories are determined to smash the trade unionists. They are determined to force through the 8 per cent offer as part of their plan to force down wages and living standards.

They reluctantly give 15 per cent to the council workers. The miners are offered 12 per cent. They offered 10 per cent to the electricity supply workers and now only 8 per cent to the postmen.

If they lose the strike, the next public sector will be offered an even smaller percentage. Eventually the Tories will force down wages to a level where even the marginal workers are overpaid.

Full support must be given to the post office workers. Money should be collected for them and public meetings held to publicise their case.

Other unions should spring to their aid. Big, wealthy unions like the Transport and the Engineers should give large amounts of cash to supplement the UPW's meagre resources.

But more than solidarity is needed. The attack on workers in the public sector can not be fought by individual unions.

A Nationalised Industries Alliance of all relevant unions should be formed as a matter of urgency to counter the united front of the bosses and the government with the unity of millions of organised workers. Only in this way can we stop the Tories picking off one section at a time.

Payments threat

LONDON - postmen claimed on Wednesday that management will attempt to keep post offices closed on Thursday in an attempt to stop the payment of old-age pensions and social security. Postal workers have offered to work overtime in order to make sure that the old and the needy do not go hungry.

The management move is a crude attempt to whip up public feeling against the strikers. Readers should tell the public who is responsible.

POSTMEN SHAKE QP

THE PAST - see page 3.
Throw in the towel or run up the flag?

AT THE TUC rally on 12 January, Vic Feather said that if he thought for one minute that a national strike would kill the Tory anti-union Bill he would prepare for such action. But the mere idea of going over the top could yet dawn Mr Feather’s back that he abandons the idea immediately.

And that is the end of the TUC’s ‘protest’ campaign. There may be a demonstration in London next month but, to all intents and purposes, the General Council has thrown in the towel. A few days prior to the rally, Mr Hugh Scanlon, leader of the NASU/Unite Union Workers, said that trade unionists had to accept that the Bill would go through parliament and the task now was to prepare ways of making the law ineffective.

Here again the advantage is given to the Tories and the employers. No fight now – wait until the laws are on the statute book and then things will be different. Scanlon. What he fails to realise is that the Tories will have won a major ideological victory by the very fact that the laws exist. That is the only way out of the opposition’s dilemma: ‘Don’t do it, lads, it’s against the law’.

We have stressed since last autumn that militant trade unionists must fight for their union’s rights in order to avoid crippling the economy. That does not mean we close our eyes to the possibility of the Tories pushing their proposals through parliament. Labour’s opposition to the Bill is a fraud: the Tories believe in the power of the state to defeat the working class and may be able to defeat this mass attack.

Refuse to register

In other words, if Hugh Scanlon, leader of more than one million engineering workers, declared now that the AUEW would refuse to register, would not accept cooling-off periods or secret ballots, would not defend the job shop and the right to strike, the strikes, the Tories would have to think seriously about the wisdom of proceeding with the Bill in the face of an unorganised and disaffected trade union movement. The TUC, however, also declared their opposition now, the Tories would know that key sections of the trade union movement would refuse to recognize him as their national bargaining representative and the possibility of an all out strike action outside the hallowed walls of Westminster. A militant policy must be designed therefore if the Bill now and to make it impossible to use if it does manage to become law.

From W. Ewena

British premier determined to arm Vorster

‘Russia threat’ is cover for legal racialism

Prime Minister Heath’s racialism has been made more arrogant with the apparent attitude to the African heads of state at the Commonwealth Conference this week. Words like ‘firm’ and ‘determined’ to arm Vorster and they are being chanted and applauded in the South African press and radio.

His behaviour is quite unholy. The disgusting ticking off he gave Kenneth Kaunda in October when the Zambian President went to Downing Street to attempt to rescue the Tories by selling arms to arm against the Afrikaner. It was the first shot in a campaign to humiliate Black Africa and to assure the world that the Commonwealth was the dumping ground for the dumpers. Heath’s argument – to campaign his support for the oppression of the black workers in South Africa – is that the Cape must be protected against the Russian pressure in the Indian Ocean. It can easily destroy.

First, the South African Navy, even with the massive support of the Portuguese and the Portuguese Republic, Britain, would be completely incapable to counter the Russian navy if the threat became real. And as a major power for the international community, a Soviet union, of national companies, any Russian disrup- tion by direct action would automatically call up the nuclear warheads of Britain and America, the point of Western capitalism.

Refused to accept

But all the indications from Washington are that they do not feel that the Russian navy is any threat to their security, nowhere, anywhere else.

Second, Mission Kaunda offered to be the representative of the Indian Ocean, in order to provide a counterweight to the black liberation movement. Heath is, it is reliably rep- ported, willing, will refuse to accept Kaunda. He will refuse to accept the South African position on the main issues. His reasons are simple. Apart from the fact that it is not in the interest of the British to release any more oil to the black workers and black trade unions in South Africa, he is afraid of the economic damage of the British companies in South Africa. Heath believes that South Africa can produce the cheapest steel in the world. The United States, Europe and Britain are in the same position as the black workers and black trade unions. It is a new colossus and the price of the black workers and black trade unions is a very big one. South Africa exports coal to Britain.

Forcibly cleared

Against the new laws of South Africa, thousands of the black, the industrial dis- placed workers, the small farmers, the workers who are unable to work to produce profits, they are forcibly cleared out of the urban areas and the countryside. The creation of the Bantu States, the many stare and die of TB as they attempt to become peasant farmers for the future. In their time on the overgrown and lifeskill of the overcrowded reserves called Bantustans, the majority of them have been working for 15 years in a faithful and passive Bantu.

In order to make apartheid work the state has built up armed forces numbering 10,000,000, 80% compatriots (military forces are present in these forces) 350,000,000 trained citizen police and a police force of 90,000 – all these in a white population of 35 million.

South Africa is at war and is in position to put down the rising of the African workers. Heath wants to make them a better arms.

Liberation forces outside South Africa are becoming a constant source of worry for the capitalists in South Africa and of suspicion for the leaders inside the Boer. Portugal has suffered constant defeat in his colonies of Mozambique and Angola which neighbour South Africa.

Liberation forces are trained within Tanzania and Zambia. This is why Kenyan Prime Minister Kenyatta, however, is split by the many life and the experience of the South African labouring masses, are fighting against the fall of arms in Zimbabwe. This is why they are the main targets of Heath’s attack.

Racialism

The real threat

South Africa has forces deployed against the liberation forces on the whole towards Zambia/Zambian border and in the Capetown area.

Vorster the South African premier has said that “as army will be built up in certain Central African countries so an even new or never again attack on South Africa.” This is a fair request from the Indian Ocean.

He seeks the African Liberation forces in the real threat to the Cape because they are the forces that will battle for the extension of the South Africans to overthrow the humiliation and exploitation of the colonial advances of black workers in Johannesburg, Cape Town Durban and Pretoria.

This is why Heath is determined to arm Vorster and he will continue to show his human rights against the African countries whether they are in the Commonwealth or not.

From W. Ewena

A mine worker ‘sign on’ for a job: fingering pipes go on to have to be able to work at a mine where they are needed.

The main picture is from "House of Bitterness", a magnificent collection of photographs by black South African Ernest Cole. The Penguin Press, 30s.
Bomb outrage against blacks

MORE THAN 20 black people were injured, 10 receiving multiple burns to their heads, faces and hands, when four petrol bombs were hurled into a house party in Forest Hill, South London on 1st January.

The bombings were the work of at least two youths, probably more, who were charged by the police with nothing more than malicious damage to property.

The Black Unity and Freedom Party at a meeting of more than 100 in Brixton on Sunday night, claimed that Mosley’s Fascists had set the fire.

When 20 members of the BUF went, but the victims in hospital on 11 January one was attacked by a dog and then 20 were arrested on police from Ladywell Police Station.

At the Inquest meeting the message was that black people must organise to defend their communities.

The BUF called for black and white unity among all oppressed working people. They will not be intimidated by violence and will continue their struggle against racism, poverty, police harassment and all exploitation.

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what we stand for

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in the indus province of Uttar Pradesh the peasants live in between one harvest and another waiting for the pickings from the dung of cattle. A day of such work might yield a few handfuls of food and make the difference between life and death.

In the countries of South East Asia, where three-quarters of the people live and work on the land, the landlord and moneylender often take up to two-thirds of the crop from the farmers who are reduced to the level of serfdom. The typical landholding might be of three to five acres worked by one family entirely by hand without the benefit of modern machinery and producing a third of the original crop for sale. In many countries, much of the best land is kept for producing crops for export - as much as a quarter in Indonesia and two-thirds in Malaysia and Ceylon. Most of this will be owned by foreign companies, for whose profit the local people work as labourers on the large estates.

In South East Asia the peasant spends more than half his income on food, but his average daily diet is only just over 2000 calories, compared to the 5000 calories or more of food a day that we use. Theincrease in the price of rice, rubber and tea is like a snowball on the a simple peasant's back. The price of rice and rubber has not kept pace with the price of rice, rubber and tea is like a snowball on the a simple peasant's back. The price of rice and rubber has not kept pace with the increase of the price of raw materials and cheap labour. Every trick of force and fraud, divide and rule, has been invented to keep them down. The colonial and imperial foreign aid is used to keep their economies tied to ours and to prop up the big multinationals. The large scale agriculture is much greater in profits can flow into the pockets of a handful of the big monopolies. If their raw materials are no longer used in the local economies, their economies and people are also used up. The small world occasions when the exploitation patterns are broken against this system, imperialism has used mass violence to keep them in place.

From Cromwell's Irish massacres and slave revolts in the continuing但是, the history of imperialism proves what Karl Marx wrote 100 years ago: capitalism came into the world covered with blood and will only go out the same way.

Robbery of India

The wealth that started the industrial revolution in Britain was derived from Africa and Asia through the slave trade and the robbery of India. When native industries had been destroyed, the people confined to agriculture and their systems reduced, their countries were turned into markets for British goods and sources for raw materials. In the second half of the 19th century the fabulous wealth drained off Britain each year from the Indian people alone is estimated at £15.5 million a year in the years of the famine, worth 12 times or more of our present private savings, as the result of the robbery of a few great robber powers.

Malaya: British troops flogged whole villages away from a rubber plantation.
USM: ing and Harbing world

by the workers
aimed at keeping the workers from being exploited by the employers. The struggles of the workers have led to an increase in the awareness of the need for a change in the system.

by STEPHEN MARKS

- Special Survey

- Vicious Circle

So their dependence on one or two crops like coffee, sugar or cocoa, for which the world price still drops, is increased.

In 1965, 44 per cent of all American foreign aid to Latin America went to pay interest on past debts. In Latin America today those debt repayments are exceeding 80 per cent of the aid, which is tied to the receiving governments. But the debt burden grows faster than the exports. And the debt burden grows faster than the exports. Any industrial goods such countries may buy to export are kept out of the advanced countries by tariffs. Most industry is foreign-owned by companies which deliberately do not export it back to their own countries. From 1950 to 1965 American investors in the third world took out three times as much in profits as they put in and the value of their assets increased.

Imperialism is the working-out of the logic of capitalism on a world scale. The struggle against it is a single world-wide struggle. Every victory of the exploited peoples in Vietnam, Latin America or India, weakens the common enemy.

That enemy can only be finally defeated in its centres of strength and the productive forces that can build the socialist alternative to capitalism have been concentrated by the robbery of the rest of the world.

But the struggle can start anywhere and win victories anywhere. Political power may more easily be won where the enemy is weakest. No one but the working class in the exploited countries can lead a fight to the finish against imperialism.

The middle class is too closely tied up with the system and the vast mass of peasants, though they are capable of fighting to the end, can only do so under the leadership of the working class.

Exploitation is world-wide. So must the struggle be against it.

Workers' power cannot last indefinitely in a poor isolated backward country (nor in an isolated advanced country for that matter). But a workers' government in any part of the world can help immensely the overthrow of capitalism by the workers of other countries.

For us in Britain the central point to learn is twofold:

- First, every victory of the oppressed and exploited nations is a victory for us by striking at our common enemy.
- And every victory of imperialism over the peoples it robs strengthens the power of capital.

It is not possible to fight the employer at home without also opposing his robbery and murder abroad.

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IN ITALY the situation looked even more menacing in the eyes of Washington. Whereas in France the Socialist Party had taken a resolutely anti-Communist line at the price of losing most of its radical nuclei, the Italian Communist Party in 1946 made a pact of unity with the Communists. In 1948 it looked as though the Socialists - Communist platform might triumph in the first Italian General Election. Before this threat every political move to ensure its defeat was determined.

The Church refused absolute union, saying that this would make voters in the South and the Centre proper turn to the Communists. The Christian Democrats won the elections comfortably. But it was a narrow victory, and it was felt that there was no such dangerous unity of the working class as was feared.

A Social Democratic split of the Socialist Party, led by Sgarzetti, had already split, but the unions were still united. In a period of fascism had meant that Italian trade union did not for a long time have the same traditions as the French. In 1970, the General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) had been founded as a body uniting Communist, Socialist, Republican, and even Christian Democrats. After its split from the union by the Communist and Socialists, the CGIL united under the name of the CNT.

A Christian Democrat, broad- way in October 1948 was follow-

red by a Republican and Social Catholic split in May 1949. The second group split again, part of it forming with the Popular Democrats.

By 1959 Italy had three fed-

eral domination - CGIL (Socialist, Com-

nunist), UIL (Socialist, Democratic)

and CTIL (Socialist, Repu-

blican). The Socialist and Catholic -

union had again shown itself stronger. The employers eagerly follow-

ed up the split. For example, a

Union refused to negotiate with CGIL, and a strike was called to operate with the other unions.

RESTRIC

T CISP (Club for the protection of a perfect union) was formed. It was pledged to support Communist Democratic elec-

tional candidates, even those from the regime in which they opposed trade union principles.

In 1948 its leader Pastore wrote: 'It is impossible to negotiate, since it  ____1____ contradiction between the interests of the workers and the desire to make Italy a'continental power' by the national capitalists.

Restrictions in France and Italy, with their mass Communist parties, that the split has had most dramatic effects, the results of this split have been all round the world.

The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), founded in 1945 in the immediate post-war period, was split in 1949. Activists of the Communist (WFTU), founding a new federation under the leadership of Labour had been too anti-Communist to support the first plan, and the British TUC.

Side-effects in Britain included the building on Communists holding office in the TGWU (1949) and the de-registration of various trade unions.

From then on, there were two world federations - the WFTU (now largely Communist dominated) with most of its unions in Eastern Europe) and the International Confederation of Christian Trade Unions, founded in 1929.

The effects were particularly severe in Africa and Latin America where the labour movements were in an early stage of development. Independent trade unions in France and Italy, and the Spanish Communist TUC, were not able to maintain such as assistance.

Instead the trade unions in their countries became a cold, war battleground, with authentic trade union finding it difficult to get head above water.

Elsewhere the TUC could be more easily undermined. Thus in 1947, General MacArthur was able to dissolve the TUC.

In Greece, Irving Brown of the AFL played a key role in getting the unions tied up under state control and the split-off unions' job was made easiest by the fact that some of their criticisms of the Communist Party were extreme.

The 1960s have seen some changes in the patterns of European trade unionism. Communist and non-Communist unions now co-operate quite frequently.

Partly this stems from the consensus of the ranking and file of all unions for unity, but partly also from the fact that there is growing pressure from the State to involve the unions in co-operation with economic planning and incomes policy. For example, the French CGT has recently been awarded state subsidies equal to those given to the non-Communist unions.

It would be wrong, therefore, to regard unity as an answer to all problems. British workers with a long history of a united TUC are too well aware that unity is no guarantee against betrayal.

That real employers and managers from the squallory of 'spills' politicians and businessmen and a 1947-50 this - European workers will have to see through the lies of the ALF and the TUC, who have misled them over the years and are now in control, based on struggle and socialist principles.

French workers took the first steps in the first May 1948 — it will not be the last.

At one time the fight for the right to vote was the central issue and many thought it would be a realisation of the American model of the franchise. In 1928, O'Brien, the charter leader, believed: 'Universal suffrage means a complete mastery, by all the people, over all the laws, and institutions in the country'.

Socialism would place the schools, health and welfare, in the hands of the people, whether they could understand anything. The condition is that the mass of the people have a true sense of the world and, in particular, that the working class as a whole realize what it is, what it is not, and what it can do for itself. In other words, it is not only necessary to understand the objective interests and looks at society through the spectacles of ruling class ideology, of 'national interest' and the rest.

The state of affairs cannot be changed simply by education and propaganda, necessary as these are. It can only be changed by actual struggle that actual struggle for institutional change which produces self-education. In Marx words, 'The consciousness of the changing circumstances and of human activity can only be understood only revolutionarily.'
Pop goes the great music festival

AFTER an enormously lucrative run in the West End, Woodstock is at last on view all over the country. It is a three hour long film showing what happened at the famous open-air American music extravaganza - the people, the music, and the reactions of the local inhabitants.

Apart from the fact that the film badly needs cutting (three hours is a long time for most people, even if the enthusiasm), there is little one could quarrel with in the film's content. The music is beautiful, the photography sharp and imaginative and the interviews are interesting and always relevant.

Woodstock communicates the explosive excitement of the original event amazingly well. The audience in the cinema shots, clap their hands and jump about, generally getting into the atmosphere of the whole thing.

Same way

When it comes to the significance of the whole event. Over and over again people in the film say things like 'This is the start of something really new' and 'America will never be the same after this'. Indeed, America and the Vietnam war have been linked in the public mind in the same way as before. The Woodstock footage is exactly one more step along the road to the final total alienation of the youth of America from their elders and superiors.

Its significance should not be underestimated but it is also true that in view of Woodstock's superb performance we are forced to ask ourselves if people are essentially evil and, if they get together in large numbers, They fight, steal each other's possessions, commit murder, and in uniform called policemen to keep them manageable.

As a whole, we are concerned to show that men can live together, at peace with one another and that this is the only way men can live. Woodstock was an example of this. It was not a revolution or anything of the sort, but it was an answer to the pessimistic individualists who argue that men have to be kept apart and fight each other. The sad thing about Woodstock was that it did and could only have lasted three days. On the Monday morning people had to climb back into the rat race.

Not enough

Wasn't there any music? Well, as America since has shown only too clearly that this kind of festival is not enough on its own. Repression in all its many facets has forced young people either to become politicised or to drop out totally and to go and grow wheat and marijuana in New Mexico.

Capitalist society will not fall apart but that is apart from thousands of people live together and have a good time for three days. The Woodstock phenomenon.

For people who are socialists, these facts are pretty obvious. They should draw at least two main conclusions from the importance as far as its possible in our bureaucratic society, to live our ideas here and now. In this context the whole Woodstock phenomenon, the fact that it actually took place, is an important and should be appreciated as such.

Martin Tomkinson

VORSTER: black Jackie stamped 'Made in the Crown Colony of Hong Kong'.

The campaign was launched by a handful of typists at the Coit Ventilation Factory in Surbiton, Surrey, who offered to work overtime without pay to help the 'national interest'.

Amble down to Surbiton today to find how the jolly little typists are doing and you would be told a rude shock. Most of them have emigrated.

Dropped a brick

LATEST example of the appalling hypocrisy that is rampant. A bloke of luxury flats was built in a high-class suburb of Johannesburg. It was a "whites only" area, of course, and, to the horror of Vorster's government, it was discovered that all the workers employed on the site were black.

That is illegal in South Africa and it began to look as if the luxury flats would remain half-built. The property developer who owned them was anxious about his profits and he searched the apartheid Labour Code. The outcome is that work is progressing again - but with a difference. Painters are no longer using paint brushes - they're putting on paint with old rags. Bricklayers are using shovels instead of trowels, plasterers are using pieces of wood and electricians are making do with penknives instead of screwdrivers.

The reason? The Labour Code only bans skilled black workers from working in white areas.

VAT 71

The Common Market, we are often told, is a manifestation of the new streamlined capitalism. Old-fashioned national barriers are allegedly being swept away. But suppose a citizen of Luxembourg does and his family wants him cremated. The nearest crematorium is in Strasbourg - where the French government will exact Value-Added Tax for "a service rendered to a private individual".

When the ashes come home to Luxemburg, more VAT - this time for "work given to a foreign company with reimportation of the finished product".

USEFUL figures to wave in the face of the next person who gives on behalf of Leftist attacks damaging the economy the number of working days lost through 80 times the average number of days lost through strikes in the five years 1965-69

INTERESTING to see the unblased reporting by both channels of Sunday's dramatic demonstration. Out of the hundreds of different banners and signs that appeared on the march, ITN singled out a Communist Party student banner with a large hammer and sickle.

The camera closed in on that one banner for the duration of the report. If ended with the information that 'slogans in Trafalgar Square were Labour MPs Michael Foot and Judith Hart'.

That could be described as a loss of perspective in the truth. Of all the speakers, M Foot and Mrs Hart received the least praise from the crowd, who were bored by the platitudes of two representatives of a party which is precious little for individual liberties when it is in office.

Then over to BBC for its report. Looking at the camera, which was focused on the same Communist banner and the reporter told us that 'among speakers in Trafalgar Square were Labour MPs Michael Foot and Judith Hart.'

Here is a beautiful example of distortion: select one banner to suggest that a march was entirely composed of leftists, when there were others only those speakers who are 'personalities' even if they had nothing of great importance to say. That's responsible television journalism for you.

I caught up with the adventures of Dr Who for the first time for several years on Saturday. I imagine that it still commands a sizeable audience or it would have been chopped after its 10 year run. But what kind of audience is it?

Fantasy

Years ago, Dr Who was clearly defined as children's entertainment. The old space traveller flipped about the time scale, now in the future and now in the past, and, as an unashamed fantasy, frightened no one.

But that, if you'll pardon the pun, is all in the past. The stories now seem to be set firmly in the present day and reality of the scenario and the possibility that the events could happen might be an unperking effect on young viewers.

What has happened to Dr Who is quite easy to understand: the programme is a victim of its own success. At the least of its run, the programme is about as popular as an advert on television.

The current adventure treats the well-worn path of aliens trying to take over Earth. The villainous Doctor comes to the rescue through his ability to bring plastic objects to life, including very nasty dolls that shake their victims to death.

There is a lot of semi-scientific justice in the situation. Dr Who explained the properties of the dolls as "quasi-organic matter". But surprisingly, my six-year-old son was completely unimpressed. If anyone is interested in making his gate, the other half looking pretty. I am sufficiently interested to watch again this Saturday. But will he let me?

London Weekend has a much better chance of turning in a good programme on Sunday afternoon called Catwaste. The hero is a band that has fallen out in Britain in the 1970s. In 1967 it was a household name in the same sort of media that we are familiar with and in the same place that the programme is being made by an alarm clock.

Catwaste asks what is function is and told that it is in charge of when to get up, when to go to bed and "And do you obey it?" he asks unbelievably.

David East
Building boss defies call to take back sacked men by Gerry Bold

ST HELENS - A lock-out at Rowlinson's building site is now in its 15th week. The bitter dispute began when all 400 men at the site were sacked after joining last October's demonstration in support of 200 sacked Pilkington glassworkers.

The industry's National Dispute Panel has twice ordered the firm to take the men back. But the gates stay shut.

The site will only re-open, says Rowlinson, without two of the strikers and after a cut in the bonus system has been agreed by the men.

Bricklayers' steward Peter Lymnells said: 'We can never accept those conditions and they know it. This is the old system of working out. We have taken every possible channel with them. We have won every point and we are still out of work. How can you beat a system like that?'

Behind Rowlinson's stands the big boss of St Helens - Pilkington's. Since the giant monopolised 'public' in the end of last year, the management has been determined to re-establish firm discipline throughout the company town.

Intimate workers

Two hundred redundancies have just been announced at Sheet Works, the largest plant in the town. This is ideally intended to intimate workers throughout the group.

The announcement of the redundancies followed a second warning by the company that productivity deal and up-grade by the company will be made only for the GMWU.

Rowlinson's site stands opposite Sheet Works. Milliner boss Rowlinson, who opened the dispute last January, when his striking men, was prevented from doing so in St Helens town centre.

In the present political atmosphere, Rowlinson felt safe to act and go to the limits in dealing with his workforce. The old-fashioned industry that high profits come before good wages.

Cerry Cagney, chairman of the Pilkington rank and file committee, has pointed out that in his interview with him in one January issue, the only mention to socialist organisations that he called for was to fight against the planned redundancies.

The strike ultimately means the question of the re-establishment of the strike at the site.

STOCKPORT'S main public meeting at The Station Hotel, 219 London Road, London, York, York: 8pm, Tuesday 30 January. GMWU public meeting.


TEACHERS and the educational question. CIC and the National Union of Teachers in Bath, Jockey's Field, Theatres Rd, W12. 9pm, Monday 25 January, 8pm.


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Press lies over Ulster 'terror'

by Eamonn McCann

THE TORY PRESS lies about the fighting in Belfast. The lie is deliberate.

 Tories are trying to create a climate of opinion in which murder by soldiers and impression without trial will only encourage the people to keep to the streets.

Every journalist hack churns out the same tales hour after hour.

The people in the streets are dopes, imposter and manipulated by a tiny handful of landlords.

Socialists know that there is no need to look for hidden hands. An samplobo/ryrate that in some areas approaches 50 per cent, a rotten educational system, corruption of the courts, the offensive arrogance of the army in quiet times, animal brutality when troubles ensue, the legal oppression of republican politics. These are reason enough for riot.

The reform so far enacted have not changed the bleak life of a Ballymurphy or Bidealine man. But he has changed.
The Socialists have been in power for two years have given him a glimpse of some small measure of the thing.

The lack of any alternative leadership shows itself not in that the Catholic kids, especially in Belfast, has been dismantled, it must be clearer to the community here than anywhere that Ulster must move more quickly to head off the dangers inherent in this system.

Showdown over NMD

This 50 workers in the modern South Works received a letter proposing MDW at the universal rate of £1 an hour. One paragraph of this letter read: 'If you do not sign to work normally, this will be taken as showing that you agree with the proposal. If not, consult your supervisor who will make you for you to be transferred to the transitional labour pool.'

This no choller. The pool rate would be 50p per week. £1 an

week less and the permanence of the people.

At a mass meeting of both North and South workers at MDW, a letter signed saying it would be possible. The MDW Works had accepted the proposed MDW.

At the meeting the three trade union officials, then being called an immediate stoppage against the imposition of MDW. It is clear to the South Works men to return to work "as pieceworkers."

This meant it was up to each worker and his family to face the facts up to the get-through friction. At first there were few who were to accept the company's proposals but by Friday all willing.

This policy was in clear contrast to what had been the deal. The management tried the same tactic as 165 workers at Sheet Works, the biggest factory plant. The mass meeting of workers from the factory decided to accept MDW but at the same time pledging that their earnings would go to support the pools of factory pieceworkers.

Leyland wants to abolish piecework and introduce MDW because it hopes to spend more in the systematic work study and flexibility.

Impending MDW at Cowley is tormenting the workers at. Although only a minority of the Morris workers are in the South Works, the whole plant is the key element in the whole £73 million tie-up.

In time it will handle only the new model - the ADA 20 - but also most of the other mass produced vehicles assembled at Cowley. South Workers will slowly affect more and more.

At the moment most of Morris's work is done at Cowley, the South Works and Austin are not covered by the MDW proposals. But the company clearly intends to spread the scheme to this plant as well.

All of the major components of MDW into the North Works and the next door Car Safety Works will be affected by two decisions that have been taken.

The first time comes time before a MDW system begins to show its worth.

The second time is another case factor not on MDW at all but where the house itself is being reduced. The full implication of the system will be avoided.

By this, we are trying to make that "it's just that bad" the management will try to come to the aid of the workers.

The South Works workers now have the maximum pressure of fighting the MDW scheme.

The Cowley's events contain lessons for all British Leyland workers. Slowly but surely the mass movement is spreading outward Cowley to the other plants in the company and elsewhere in the city.

In these struggles take the lessons of the workers to meet, exchange views and build a fighting policy.