THE giant state-owned French Renault car combine remains closed as 97,000 workers continue their strike. Workers at the main plant at Billancourt, near Paris, are still occupying the factory.

The dispute began at the Le Mans factory when management refused to pay a summer bonus on the grounds that it is only payable if there are no strikes. The shut-down at Le Mans led to lay-offs throughout the combine and sympathy strikes and occupations.


**UNEMPLOYMENT GROWS UP THE ATTACK**

THE TORY onslaught on working people is gathering pace. This week has seen yet another sharp increase in unemployment, now at its highest level for 30 years.

But unemployment means more than figures. It is about human beings, about the Annie d'Asnières, about the Industrial Relations Act of Tory and Labour governments to 'shackle' industry and throw more than 400,000 on the dole to boost the profits of the tiny few who own and control industry.

Whole areas of Britain are being turned into wastelands as industry shrivels down and moves elsewhere in the name of the 'national interest'.

According to the bossed press, the government has had some success in convincing people that strikes and wage demands are responsible for the intolerable level of unemployment. If the papers are right—and the local council results suggest they are not—the government has got away with the biggest confidence trick since the Nazis perfected their pre-war black machine.

**Forced to pay**

While the employers say in public, their real policy is deliberately to create unemployment as part of their overall drive against the wages and working conditions of ordinary working people. As always, it is the workers who are forced to pay for the unplanned chaos of the capitalist system and the results are bitter and huge profits for the few.

'The Tories are the party of big business. Their aim is to help the bosses modernise industry. They want to increase profits in order to pay their dividends to the shareholders at home and abroad and, in particular, the giant monopoly corporations such as the Comet Motor Car Corporation.

Such a policy demands a ruthless drive to cut wages and organisations. Unemployment is a weapon against those with jobs to make them think twice before putting in a wage claim in case they join the dole queue.

The Industrial Relations Bill, soon to be law, is designed to cripple the unions at time of strongest point—millions of manual workers. The Immigration Bill is also part of this offensive. A country racist measure aimed at driving black workers from white work and housing immigrants who take part in union activity with the threat of repatriation.

Even in the home, the attack on working families goes on. Increased charges for social services cut further into workers' incomes, intensified by rising rents, fares and galloping prices.

Even children do not escape the Tory attack. The abolition of free school milk and increased meal charges, and many thousands will be open to discussion for meal charges such as the recent attacks in East London and Glasgow. The Tory savings are even being demanded. Charges for entry to museums—something considered unnecessary when the country was much poorer a century ago.

The Tory attack on wages and on the organised working class goes on. Workers must defend their trade union rights by fighting the Industrial Relations Bill now and when it becomes law. Rush and file trade unionists must campaign for policies of total non-co-operation with the laws and a refusal to register under the Act.
The need for a real socialist alternative

The Trouncing of the Tories in last week's council elections is one of the most remarkable rejections of a political party in modern British history. The Tories may have been sending new councillors to the town hall but they were expressing their dislike and even hatred of the Whitehall government and its policies of unemployment, rising prices, anti-social landlordism and privatisation.

However hard the Tories and the press pundits may try to write off the significance of the results, the swing against the Tories is almost unprecedented. Usually the council elections a year after a general election have a low vote and show support for the new government. This time the vote was the highest since the war in the city, town after town, the local representatives of business, profit and the landlords were swept from office.

The crisis affecting British capitalism has caused a more volatile political atmosphere. Voters are no longer prepared to give a new government 'the benefit of the doubt' or 'time to play itself in'. Working-class voters, in more towns, would cut the links with capital and help to defeat the Tories only temporarily their conditions.

In the local elections in January, the Labour government and the SNP not only held the two seats they won at the by-election but were also helped by the Liberal Democrats. That is obviously the same working-class that helped bring down the Labour government and are now voting Labour to express their resentment against the Tories.

The superfluous response of the 'experts' that voters have short memories is true; but only because, in the last 60 years, the Labour government has forgotten the six years of freeze, squeeze, rising unemployment and prices and attempted anti-unions that were the hallmarks of the Wilson regime.

Under the Tories, however, their promises and initial bursts of radical activity, have also jacked up rents and cut social services as savagely as their Tory opponents.

Harsh reality

The real reason for the way in which voters work has nothing to do with short memories but with harsh reality: the lack of an alternative.

Many workers correctly see a difference between the two parties. The Tories are the heirs of the policies of the rich, powerful and privileged ruthlessly pursuing policies against the interests of working people. The Labour government, although the party of the trade unions, has been able to sustain its support for capitalism by offering some reforms.

But because it is committed to maintaining the present system, which essentially means the right of 7 per cent. of the population to own 80 per cent. of the country's wealth, Labour has and will always end up dancing to the tune played by that 7 per cent. of the country's wealth.

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Fighting elections can never be the main strategy of a genuine socialist party. Of course, in the struggle for a new society, a revolutionary movement will use every legal weapon to push forward the struggle to build a new society. We need to provide unity in the battle with the employers and their state and that argues for revolutionary politics and the need for total change through workers' councils and the building of socialist parties.

The Tories have been routed in the town halls. We outline suggestions on page one for action to force new Labour councillors to carry out their pledges. We need to support the struggles of the landlords, that is important, but it is not a substitute for the main struggle: to build a mass socialist party that will pose as a meaningful alternative, not by offering slightly better reforms than Labour but by offering the possibility of working people, by their own collective action, taking control and running a truly democratic, planned society that meets the needs of all instead of those of profit.
New get-tough policy is preparation for Tony anti-union laws

The Daily Mail recently planted a reporter in Vauxhall's at Luton to "discover" what went on in the car industry. The Mail and the other papers have used the clichés like "industrial anxiety", "wildcat strikes", "wreckers" which are regularly parroted for the titilation of the City gent on his way to work. The truth is very different. The Mail has lost the plot. To understand why it is necessary to look beyond the nonsense put out by Fleet Street. Socialist Worker asked Colin Beadle, a worker at Vauxhall for his views.

I work in the Dagenham Paint Trim and Assembly plant (PTA) of the Ford Motor Company. Two weighted counts since I was made redundant.

The job I was doing simply dried up. Someone, somewhere decided that it was no longer required. This left a lot of jobs being "rationalised" out of existence in Dagenham right now. So, along with several other 'redundant' men, I was told to report to "new" jobs where a slight shift in the job we were employed to do. The only way of either working in the new job or going on the dole was to report for work. If, for one month, we refused to work and took up our uisings with the employers, and for the following month simply went at work, we could lose the job we had. I decided to continue with the job for the first month. For the second month I was made redundant. I see the whole affair as being a race to the bottom.

The job itself is very mechanised. You do the work like a machine and you are treated like a machine. If, for instance, the job is too hard for you, you can't get yourself unadjusted to do the job for quite a while.

DOWNTURN

The conditions vary from plant to plant in the Body Plant but generally very nearly with a bit of metal shining through it. In the assembly plant it is a bit quicker, more skilled, more fast, at the moment, 68p an hour. Motions have been made about the invisible downturn in militancy after the strikes in the Autoline. People have their favour. Petty, irritating things are happening nowadays.

For instance, no one can approach the Superintendents Office at all before the clock. Supervisors have been told to watch the clocks to make sure everyone is on time.

Another sinister thing is going on. However, many jobs in the plant are discontinued. A labour surplus is being created.

Production is being stepped up at the same time. The dangers of working ourselves out of a job are too apparent.

DEMORALISE

In Dagenham these moves have been part of the more systematic campaign to demoralise the workers. The 'workers' who have made the long campaign by the company to utilise the Industrial Relations Act (as it will soon be) to intimidate trade union activists can now be seen. There is now a 100 per cent union membership in Dagenham. Many workers in this plant had their insurance scheme and not as a worker where each member has a part to play.

Only a few members regularly attend. It is the general belief that the same time shop floor meetings have ended. Issues raised on the shop floor are seen to be irrelevant. The steward is thought of as 'the union' by many people. It is not the case that people are apathetic but that the union structure is not in keeping with the times.

Ford's Dagenham plant: management are taking advantage of downturn in militancy

by a Halwood Shop Steward

FORD'S management at the Halwood, Liverpool, plant has tightened control since the end of the strike. The tougher attitude led to meetings last week between shop stewards and Industrial Relations Officers where the union was made aware that spotters spent out the procedure for dealing with grievances.

Unless a worker immediately follows the instructions of the shop steward he will be told to desist and try to use the facilities of his shop steward. And if the worker does not follow instruction he has 15 minutes to change his mind before he is suspended and 'escorted' from the premises.

The HRD said that management had come from higher management that unless Halwood became 'efficient' and by efficient, they mean absolute control by the supervisors they mean that the supervisors would be in charge of Halwood and this is no coincidence as Halwood was the first plant out on strike over the 1971 National Steel Strike.

The only way to combat the employers' offensive is by solidarity and unity and more participation by the workers in decisions affecting their livelihood. Shop stewards must be backed by every section in any action they take.

Ford have lost no time in preparing the labour force for the Industrial Relations Bill. Workers received a new-style pay slip last week with a new section called 'treatment of earnings.' A corrigendum explained that this section referred to money stopped because of a court order.

It could refer to maintenance orders, but it could also be a preparation for deducting fines imposed by an industrial court or tribunal once the Bill becomes law.

CLEAN ROUND THE BEND...

by A. J. M.

MESERSEY CONSUMERS, always given a raw deal by their local morning and evening newspapers, have been sold short again by the Liverpool Echo.

The Consumer Council was about to be axed when Echo feature writer John Perkins and pretty lady Warsaw noticed some anomalies in supermarket specials offers.

They found, for example, that five supermarket chains were selling exactly the same goods, but at levying ludicrously different prices at shops within a few hundred yards of each other. Further investigations revealed that more than 20 per cent of goods ranging from tea to toothpaste were overpriced.

In addition to the consumer, the community was misled as well. Consumer thought it was an equal to price consumers of the cheap goods with cheap goods. In addition to the many thousands of shoppers who desperately want to save money, as well as a large number of people who were Duped.

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In 1961 a £300,000 contract was placed with John Mowlem for renovating Number 10 Downing Street. The job was finished in 1965 and by the time it came to settling up the bill for the job, John Mowlem extracted nearly £3 million for the pleasure of doing it.

Strangely enough this 600 per cent leap in costs was not due to the massive wages of the 50 or so building workers on the job. They didn't get massive wages. No way! It was due to inflation.

It was due to deliberate and flagrant waste. Gangs of men were regularly employed to build a wall, then knock it down to build a garage, and then knock that one down to build a friend's house. No newspaper has ever printed this story.

A special government commission into the construction costs of the new Whitehall buildings outside Mansion House reported in August last year that it should not cost more than £127 million. At that figure it was going to cost 600 per cent more than that. The committee said that the new Whitehall buildings were quite uneconomic and that the whole scheme should be abandoned.

These are but two examples of a fundamental feature of our society, which quite systematically wastes our efforts, our resources and our lives, condensing the vast majority of the nation's population to squatter at the same time as it pours resources into arms, welfare agencies and expensive handouts that should be demolished.

A vicious circle goes hand in hand with this wasteful contempt for those who produce the means of life. Only last week a report was published which showed that 80 per cent of the welfare benefits failed to reach the disabled. This means our society encourages people to work on single common with children in poverty to do if men live with and lose their children and who have earnings that should be taken into account when the Social Security calculates allowances.

Between September 1968 and February 1969, £1,000 was spent on cleaning a worker's wages alone on Manchester, whereas the cleaners' basic pay was £75. For the workers, £1,000 is a basic income for two weeks. The workers, for this pay, work directly from the stockpiled incoherence of the British steelmakers since the war.

At Ravenhill in Scotland, 3,000 workers are paid as little as £25 a week. The workers, for this pay, work directly from the stockpiled incoherence of the British steelmakers since the war.

The motor car: dead and dying, the countryside, alive and it snarls road and pollutes the atmosphere.

Shambles

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Macheter: £230,000 spent on rent

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Madness

The first new offers for the BSC they had to pay out on the plan for the new car were £15 million. All the offers would be re-negotiated and a new plan would be drawn up. The new plan would be drawn up by a group of experts from the outside world and build the car for the company.

Millions spent on waste

On every litre of petrol, 4p of tax is spent on roads. This is not enough to cover the cost of the roads, but it is enough to cover the cost of the roads.

It has been shown that free public transport is both cheaper and more efficient. This is why thousands of people are now planning to change to public transport.

At Cwmllynfell, Newport, there is another pit, its lodge secretary

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ELECTRICIANS: FIGHT FOR UNION CONTROL BY THE MEMBERS

WHAT are the problems facing militants in the electricians' union? And Family Union? And Flashlight, the publication of the General Secretary and President, and General Secretary 10 years ago?

We've seen two major developments in the union. One is the setting up of a centralised bureaucracy determined to destroy any democratic rights in the rank and file may have had.

The executive will try to crush any independent rank and file activity—what they call 'unofficial' and 'unconstitutional action.'

We've seen the gradual removal of all rank and file control such as the appeals committee elected by the members, the area committees and the election of local and national officers.

On the other hand, we've seen the growth of a rank and file movement determined to overcome the control of the present executive. The members around the paper Flashlight are determined to bring about democratic changes in the EETU.

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APATHY

We want a change in structure in which the members will be involved in the decisions that affect them. The present executive makes policies that are against the interests of the rank and file.

Frank Capelli asks of the executive, 'What does the death of Cannon mean?' This is a question we should all be asking. Does the death of Cannon change the situation?

There were six Flashlight candidates who ran in the recent election.

They did well, but talking to the members today it seems there is still a lot of work to be done. The voting returned in the last elections was done in the same manner as the previous election and the results of the election will be announced. The members are happy and encouraged. They feel that they have a chance to win and they have a chance to change the situation.

Let's all understand that an apathetic union means a bad union and our task is to build a union in which the rank and file get the benefits they deserve.

The present executive do not support our right to struggle. In fact, we have seen them expel many leading EETU members in the last year.

ILLEGAL

In the Braidwater court case, a High Court judge ruled that 30 to 40 members had been expelled illegally against union rules and Cannon, although disrupted with the court, had to take some legal action.

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A High Court judge ruled recently that because the EETU is a union, the workers have the right to picket the Left in the election addresses of all candidates and that Cannon was expelled for taking their own union leaders to court is always sound but we understand the need.

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Many members believe the union's problem is that the executive are not democratic.

We say to those members, the executive will try to crush any independent rank and file activity—what they call 'unofficial' and 'unconstitutional action.'

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YOU CAN'T CHANGE human nature.

It is a 'very common' and a very true one. Can a leopard change his spots or the Ethiopian his skin? asked the bible writers and his answer was, 'There is no new thing under the sun.' No real change in society is possible because human nature, the very essence of man, is to be resistant and workers who obey.

Older! Conservative voting working men and women will sometimes tell you that 'they'-The Trotters'-are 'breed to rule'. They don't realise that human beings have a mental picture of upper class men and women being examined by experts on breeding for physical and mental qualities and then carelessly mated like mares and stallions to produce the best bloodstock. Still, somehow, or other, superior types are produced. 'Bredting tells', as they say.

As to the rest of us, because we are stupid, greedy, selfish and short-sighted, we are not really capable of running society in a democratic, collective fashion.

So today's allegedly 'most people don't believe in such rubbish!' As a matter of fact, the accredited experts in these matters, the sociologists, prefer a very similar doctrine to that of the priests they have replaced as learned spokesmen for the ruling classes.

The Trotters' will not fight them—and masses us. The elites will inevitably always rule. Political change can indeed take place because there is competition between rival groups of elites and one lot, the 'outs', can sometimes turn the tables on the 'ins'.

This is why there are sometimes revolts and why a parliamentary system of government has been established to compete for votes and power in what is called a 'pluralist society'.

Does human nature stop us changing the world?

'Man's nature," wrote Robert Owen, is made for him, not by him." It is a one-sided statement but it points to a very important truth. We are, in large part, what the society we grow up in makes us. Robinson Crusoe was not just any man in a desert island. His society, a century old middle-class Englishman with all the values of society, has made him write to his time, class and country. Man was a product of human society because he was brought up in it."

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Icy waste of time...

SOMETIMES in the near future, Mexico is in the throes of revolution. American imperialism has predictably intervened and the US itself has, in the course of combatting growing opposition to the war and civil strife within its own borders, become fascist.

This is the premise of ICE, which has the unenviable task of following The Battle of Algiers at the other offensive. The revolutionaries lead by the aged and unemployed leaders of the Mexican People's Revolutionary Party (PRM) are the main protagonists.

The film centres around urban revolutionaries preparing for a spring offensive. The revolutionary leadership consists of half a dozen women, half a dozen men and a vicar. Blacks, Spanish-speaking peoples and in fact the whole of Mexico are referred to occasionally in passing but are never seen to take part in any of the proceedings.

Curious

This is hardly surprising given the behaviour of the people who do take part. Workers, black or white, are very unlikely to join with people who behave as strangely as the ICE revolutionaries. They talk to stone walls, converse with one another in a peculiar language, round up residents in blocks of flats at gunpoint to listen to their boring lectures and watch their curious propaganda films.

They hide their guns in business card files of pottery clay and generally act as if they have no revolution at all. The revolutionary headquarters looking for a deal and had to take part in the revolution by playing the part of their own pot.

The fact that the only film about urban revolutionaries in modern America doesn't stop it being the worst. Running for two hours 20 minutes, it can be seen for free on a shoestring budget. Nor can the use of non-actors be blamed for the unconvincing vageis, at times incomprehensible conversations and activities that go on.

Survived

One gets the feeling the people who do take part only see films that use non-actors and couldn't muster a proper argument to defend their ignorant impression about them.

One leading revolutionary who has just returned from the battle with the security police whose girl companion is supposed to be in prison has asked why he is so uptight. Both comrades in this scene behave as if the hero had lost his afro wig at the dry cleaner.

The only thing that kept most people to the boring end was the belief that this was a reference to the bizarre sequence in Eisenstein's Alexander Nevsky and that the ICE would open up to engulf the entire city. But Eugene St John of Lake Superior to the resounding applause of the predominantly socialist audience.

Ross Fritchard

True blue

WE live in hard times, so the bosses

WHILE Watney's shout about the Red Revolution is in beer, there has been a quiet blue counter-revolution at one working-class drinking establishment, namely Ruxley Towers, grand headquarters of the General and Municipal Workers' Union at Fisher in the heart of the Surrey stockbroker belt.

Ruxley Towers has a social club in its grounds and Lord Jack Cooper, general penman, has allowed the local gilting fraternity to use the club in the evenings. Trouble is, once you give the middle class an inch, they want several bloody miles. A group of shop stewards on a training course at Ruxley Towers, have, naturally enough, asked their militant thirst in the club. But this strong working-class presence has outraged the local pin-up brigade. They have lodged a complaint about the stewards' behaviour with the management.

The middle-classes have been told to smartly disappear, and their own business or quietly get stuffed? Well, it is the GMU, after all, and they have their own traditional way of solving disputes between workers and employers.

Ruxley Towers social club is now closed to visiting revolutionaries.

JOKE going round America about Ralph Nader, the consumer watchdog, was seen in Laurie Flynn's feature on waste this week: asks that Nader complained bitterly to General Motors that the car he was driving of theirs rolled over.

Back comes the bland reply from GM: 'Of course it rolled over—it wanted you to scratch itsummy'.

NADER: second time

and their press office at is every day. Money is tight, profit margins are narrow and wage increases hit the national interest below the belt.

That is the public image. In private, there is a lot of loopy floating around, used by business to look after its own interests. Latest company returns show no slackening in the boot being lapped off to the Tory Party and subsidy other pictorial outfits that exist to smooth the path of the profiteers.

General Accident insurance company gave £5,000,000 last year to British United Industrialists, a front organisation that distributes funds to 'anti-nationalisation' bodies, including the Tory Party. And Legal and General Assurance gave £500,000 to BUI and £1,000,000 to the Economic League. It is a small price to pay for the insurance firms, who know that the Tories were able to take action to prevent policyholders against collapsing firms. But that sort of money is small beer. Reckitt and Coleman, a true blue firm in every respect, gave BUI a colossal £20,000 last year, plus £500 aitone for the Economic League and Aims of Industry and £50 direct to the Tories.

Tate and Lyle were not so shy of giving a substantial donation opening to the Tories. Heath and co got £15,776 from the sugar barons last year. £10,000 went to Aims of Industry, £6,250 to BUI and £1,575 to the Economic League.

Gravy train

OF COURSE life won't be worse for British low-paid workers in the common market...

JUST when you begin to think of sending the television back to the rental shop and joining the local almshouse society, up pop two programmes that grab you by the short and curlees and reaffirm your faith in the medium.

Last week there was the fine and memorable offerings, 24 Hours, which quickly made up to its nickname of 24 Bored, gave out a rare treat at the screening of the Columbia Broadcasting System's documentary, The Selling of the Pentagon.

A CBS reporter had decided to get inside the building, to meet the military headquarters, to probe and interview the unknown machine which the Pentagon has lost all control over, to figure out how much money to bend the nation's mind about the need for war, the communique threat and the peacemakers intentions of the American rulers.

This week it was outraged at the result, and, using pliable mountains in the government, right up as far (or as low) as Spiron Agnew, attempted to get the show banned. But the CBS bosses, fighting for their independence, let the boss in frug their heels in and the programme went out.

And riveting stuff it was, too. CBS showed Warren and RFK's arms full of dollars are used every year to put on displays and exhibitions glorifying war and producing propaganda films that would make the last Senator McCarthy spin in his grave with pleasure.

Most of the films are so unpublishable as to be laughable but apparently are big hits among the Silent Majority in the Midwest. My favourite one was called The Great Jack Webb of Dragnet fame. It showed the usual farce, gun-fu and marching into one small town, where the poor people are strictly caved in, with the exception of our heroine.

He goes home to find his daughter leaving to join the communist party, thus becoming a member of a decaying bourgeois class,' she stabs him in the back and is dragged off to prison camp. Fanny, he looked like a witch.

All this justifies the invasion of Vietnam, the use of napalm and napalm and napalm and napalm of all villages of people. From the decaying bourgeois class, BUI say. 'We were making a documentary on unemployment called Love on the Dole. Harold Williamson went to the North East, to towns like South Shields, in the winter, to track down the unemployed, to see what they are doing.'

Williamson is a brilliant, unobtrusive interviewer. He took three couples, a married engineer and his wife, a boy and girl who had married in spite of both being members of the skilled and an engaged pair who preferred to wait until something turned up. Williamson drew from the engineer, a skilled man without qualifications, a heart rending condemnation of a world that is run by a class that is devoted to monthly figures in the climbing graph of unemployment.

We found people were losing all hope, too. All the people interviewed were turning to drink and not be beaten down by the continued hopelessness of their position.

We went to press before Thurman Lowrie's play The Rank and File. Review next week. It is a splendid and amusing new classic script by the playwrights, Guy de Maupassant's Bel Ami. David East
Jackson covers up for collapse of post office strike

Tony Bywater and Dick Wigham

[[Editorial Note: Omissions of full names and positions of individuals involved in the strike.]]

CO. DURHAM: Four weeks ago management at Courtaulds, Spenneymoor, prefer to call the 158 supervisory workers ‘redundant’ because they went on official strike, rather than draw free speech. The working group of advisory of the union, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

Employers in the area are confident that the government’s determination and the attitude of trade unionists fighting for just demands.

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The strike was not the result of a single issue but a combination of factors that have been building up for some time. The strike was the culmination of a series of complaints and grievances that had not been addressed by management.

Pay battle at car parts firm

HULL: 800 members of the Transport Workers’ Union at Armstrong Patents at Hull and Beverley have been on strike for 10 days in support of a £5.50 pay claim. Armstrong are the world’s leading producers of shock absorbers.

The firm has told the strikers that they can’t return to work until they return to work. But at the same time the making money” section of the Observer has been telling investors about the record Armstrong profits that use a dead cat for next year. In the same article, managing director Mr. Harry Hooper was described as a “sاذ hand” at squeezing more and more out of the same pint pot.” It’s a short time before the workers who fill the pint pot get more money for doing it.

This year’s profits will be £2,000,000. Next year’s profits will probably rise to £2,500,000.

Your pay claim is made up for the effect of reducing prices. It has been in the pipeline since January. The TUC has supported the strike throughout the negotiations. When the Armstrong management failed to cough up, the action decided to support the strike.

Armstrong has just landed a £1m contract for the Morris Morris. They are the sole suppliers of suspension units to Ford. They are expanding internationally, especially in the US. It is obvious to all workers that they can pay up.

Two things are new for the workers to win:

- The TUC must demand the strike.
- The UMW must demand the strike.

The full plan of the union is to be announced on the strike.

Fulham power station workers have angrily rejected the proposal productivity ‘lead-out’ scheme. The proposal, a result of the negotiations, is that nearly half of the present jobs at the station will disappear by 1973.

In return they have been promised wage increases of between £4 and £16 per week. A TUC member said the wages were too small to be acceptable. The union leaders have adopted the agreement on the dovecot.

The chairmen of the works committee, Peter Shillington, told the workers: “We have said that the national unemployment situation this productivity scheme is a big plus. On the union card is a threat which says we will advance the cause of all workers. This is one of the threats by.

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