What really happened in Notting Hill...

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It’s not our Europe they’re arguing over

HEATH tells us we’re in the Market. We’re wanted. It’s gonna be great. There are stil one or two unpleasant details to be sorted out. Not, mind you the steep rise in food prices predicted by the pundits. That is happening now. Nor the increase in workers’ taxes mentioned with European unemployment still rising. But even then, we are not even mentioning the wages and living standards of the West which are in sharp contrast with Europe’s. Nor even the amount we’ll have to pay into the common European funds. The British workers will be conned into paying.

What worries Heath is “New Zealand butter”, code name for the lower middle-class Tory ranks who are terrified at the thought of losing even more money to the Common Market. They are still afraid of being a “fair” and kin’ happen to produce it”.

It is a “Commonwealth map”, code for the old, Imperial plantation and trading businesses which haven’t yet shifted fully into new products and new markets.

The facts are that neither must be allowed to queer Heath’s pitch. The big moment has come. German business has just bursted into its French partners by floating the Mark. Now is the time for Heath to press his advantage of being still up with French capital and declared the mass strikes of 1968 against the grand of Europe. If he fudges it, Germany will lose few pickings.

It’s a crude view of an historic mission, but not quite as crude as the opposition to it. Speaking on the Common Market last weekend, Labour’s Peter Shore shot that the majority of the countries that were coalesced by the Common Market, or harbouring the same, is a “terrorists”, the one hand, he said, entry would sever Britain’s “many ties with the vast Asian Commonwealth (what price a Labour Party), opposed this demand. In France, unlike Britain, there are three different union federations. The biggest, the CGT, led by Communist Party member, made a point of saying that it will only take part in any negotiations with which most militant workers have bolted.

But its leaders accept the view that socialism can be achieved “peacefully” by: (a) collaborating with left wing politicians who accept the present organisation of society. At the same time they use threats and even physical violence against revolutionary milita

When the lockout notices were posted, the CGT’s Communist leaders made it clear that they opposed any attempts at unlimited strike action or an occupation of the factories. At the giant Billancourt plant, for instance, when the issue was raised at a meeting of the CGT, the General Secretary called for a leaflet of Robert Caron’s book and later went over for an occupation.

The movement did special and stopped the most important factories. Workers in France want to fight, even if leaders who claim to be “revolutionaries” and “Communists” refuse to take the lead.

Much of the credit for the successes against the movement is due to the initiative taken by revolutionary unions. But usually the attitude of CGT leaders has forced them to work in other, mostly militant organisations, and to try to turn the local factory groups into militant centres.

Their successes in doing so, and in getting a following among ordinary workers, proved very important. At the Billancourt works much of the initiative for the struggle came from revolutionaries, particularly from supporters of the paper Laute Ovriers (Workers’ Struggle), in the key sections 73, 73.1 and 74.

Here the workers elected democratic strike committees, which the unions had opposed. They were able to create a mood in the factory that led to the shutting down of a CGT boss at Renault’s Flins, when he tried to get workers to accept a poor compromise last week.

Walters’ compromise has been accepted by another secret ballot of the unions at the Le Mans plant. It provides for consider-

Inflation

WHEN BARRER and his razor boys say that inflation comes from wage rises, they have a point. But they don’t leave it at that. They go on to say that inflation also comes from wage rises, that it must come from wage rises, and so on from an arguable fact to an article.

The facts are that prices in the shops rose twice as fast as wages last year and that at least half of all workers are worse off than 12 months ago in spite of higher wage increases.

Prices by the formula for the facts they distort. They make them. They have decided to get rid of housing subsidies almost everywhere over the past two years. Average council house rents are now up by two-thirds in the next three years, by £1.50 a week at present price.

There is a better known, decreed higher insurance payments, higher health bills, higher transport charges, higher food bills. These are also prices. They are raising faster than most others, yet only the widest families will have as much left over as they have in other times. Another set of facts suggests what to do about it. In the 11 months to April this year, there have been 46 major wage settlements. Eleven of these started under the concept or going by the simple large increase of 20 per cent or more in other than the CGT.

The message is clear enough. Aim high or the Tories will price us into taking a cut in real wages. Aim high, for inflation is now world wide and prices will go up whether we push them out.

In the last few months we haven’t pushed them nearly hard enough. They have risen nonetheless, and faster than before. The Tories have taken advantage of people’s shame at the Government’s failure and their attack on wages. They have announced cuts in social security. They will use it to cut prices, to cut wages, to cut jobs.

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TWO PEOPLE Dreamwatch is the name of a TV programme, something that concerns a lot of the truth that is not, otherwise, exaggerated. But reports this week from Denver, Colorado, indicate that the real life situation is much worse than my own view. And it is not simply a matter of workers.

Radioactive waste from uranium on processing mills is turning up in building materials, the stuff used to build houses, hospitals and schools.

This is happening in at least three areas of Western Colorado. It is thought that it might be going on in seven other states; Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Texas, South Dakota and Washington.

Already 2700 buildings in Colorado alone are known to have been constructed with materials containing uranium "mill tailings".

At one time this dangerous stuff was given away for free to builders who used it to make a smooth, cheap and extraordinarily inexpensive form of a secret ballot.

Causes cancer

"The mill tailings" produce a gas called Radon which cannot be seen or smelled. This gas sneaks through concrete and enters the air in human beings' lungs. It is known as the very least—least cancer. Possibly for nobody has been killed by exposure to the houses known to have been built with the material, although one family in Grand Junction, Colorado, was told to stay out.

This deadly situation has only been discovered in the last few years. Reports are coming in from the Colorado Department of Health official who accidentally found it was used in construction and who knew that uranium mines in the Colorado River basin were prone to die rather young due to contact with radon.

Use of the material has been banned. Unfortunately people will probably just be left to continue the irradiative "wonder" of it all.
FIGHT TO SAVE STEEL TOWN

10,000 march to stop sackings at plant that makes £1m profit a year

by George Martin, Workers Industry Correspondent

‘DOWN IN THE SOUTH, HEATH GOES YACHTING, HERE IN THE NORTH, WE ARE LEFT ROTTING!’ These were the words on a banner carried when nearly 10,000 steel workers and their families marched through the single main street of Irlam Friday in protest against the British Steel Corporation to close the town’s steelworks.

Since the closure of the big Co-op shop works three years ago and since the redundancies at the gas works, Irlam has become totally dependent on the nearby general steel and wire works, which employs nearly 4500 men. The town lies half way between Manchester and Warrington, both areas where redundancies in the steel industry have already created serious unemployment.

The local bus services have been re-organised and high fares and infrequent services will make it very hard for the workers of Irlam to seek work in an area where the steelworks creates new job shortages each month.

The march, a decent sized and good-attended affair, blocked the main road for miles outside the edge of the town. It ended with a rally at the Irlam park, where the local chairman of the union pleaded for support from the Manchester District.

The central union speaker was Fred Lee, MP for the division, who expressed his interest in the matter, given the by the management for the closure in the area. ‘If you’re £1m a year profit, he said, and a large force of people, the proposals that will be put to you will be measured in pounds and shillings.

Irlam has had this stirring cry when he was a minister in the Labour government, whose policies made tens of thousands of workers redundant in Irlam and several other towns, stirring before the interests of men, women and children.

He also said, to refer to the private steel trading consortium of Schwartz and Co, which is proposing to buy a controlling interest in the works. ‘If Schwartz can do it, why can’t BSC make a go of it?’ he asked.

He also stated that he and the union leaders would try to hold Lord Melchett, Chairmen of BSC, to his statement that he would consider any constructive alternative proposals from the union as a means of keeping the works open.

Private diplomacy

Jack Sweeney of the Engineering Union, the chairman of the Action Committee, which has decided to organise the march, said on this point that his committee is also conducting diplomacy in private from now on. He said, ‘If we have to march more marches, they could not conduct all of the campaigns in public, in working out the tactics for us to go to the BSC of England and by Melchett and his Tory overlord, John Davies.

Irlam workers are entitled to ask whether this is the best way to mount a campaign. It leaves open the possibility of the ability to conduct a productive deal, which might hinder marketing and, in order to extend the life of the plant a few months or years.

Would the employees and their families turn out faithfully on marches with such a possibility in view? These marches I spoke to bitterly denied that they would accept this.

A meeting in the evening called by the Manchester Council of Action Workers of the Trade Unions, speeches in support of the Irlam workers campaign was made by steel workers from Teesside and the Rotherham area. A proposal to call a mass meeting in Irlam to set up a properly elected Action Committee, which would be required to report back on all the details of the negotiations to the workers concerned, was accepted without opposition by a group of Irlam employees.

This was seen as a step towards co-ordinating the rank and file in the steel industry on a national basis, to fight the wave of sackings announced throughout the industry. Such a move is urgent as the main union leaders concerned (BRASKA) seem to have accepted redundancy as an inevitable part of steel workers’ life.

First round

To those who the interests of the management in having control of a profitable fix amenity take priority over the interests of their own members in gaining job security.

The fight against the Irlam steel works closure will require support from all steel workers. It could very well become the first round in a campaign to restore to steel workers control over their own unions as a step to gaining socialist control over the steel industry.

With the world’s poor desperately needing steel, a change in priorities that puts men before profits is vital.

‘A pint, please – and could I see your union card...?’

WHEN SOCIALISTS and trade unionists call in a pub, it’s usually for a bit of peace and quiet. They think that the class struggle has stopped outside the door. But Irlam, Leeds convene has been invading the aloofness of the rejoicing of the workers, and has shown that exploitation exists behind every doors, and that the street is the rockbottom pay of the bar staff at any time.

The man concerned is Marcin Croker, General and Municipal Workers’ Convention (foothills) of Leeds (part of the giant GULAM group). Croker has been acting as an unofficial GMUW organiser in his spare time.

The obstacles faced by any union trying to organise the pubs are tremendous. The wages in the pub business are higher than those in the Residential Establishments Wages Council are a ridiculous £6.85 (pence, now £5.85) per hour according to the February TUC figures of minimum basic rates for a 40 hour week, the pubs were last in 128 sectors of British industry.

These wages are just over half the basic recommended by the TUC– £16.50.

The General and Municipal’s man behind the bar, Martin Croker, has

NPC

by Vince Hall

had plenty of experience in the field. He worked for British Transport Hotels for 16 years where the Railwaymen’s Union organised the workers. The trouble was, said Martin, that the union covered wages levels from £15 per week down to a lowly £10.

After leaving BT, Martin went to Mooschome’s, a well known sweat shop in Leeds, where he helped to get to the nearly 100 percent membership of today. While doing GMUW work, he got in touch with pub workers who asked him to try to help them.

Both feet

He decided to jump in with both feet, knowing that other unions had failed before. The first attempt to unionise six months ago failed disastrously when a large proportion of the 10 local managers were sacked.

The second attempt is now in full swing and looks like succeeding. Membership is approaching the 200 mark and some of the blokes are determined to win or bust.

With Transport Workers Union members on the delivery wagons is helping the situation with a few hints of slow deliveries being dropped in certain publicans’ eyes.

Appropriately denominated draymen have helped the TGWU unionise some of the pubs in the Newcastle area, enrolling members for their own union. Many managers are still acting like 19th century bosses. One man noted 200 union cards and burnt them. The union is going to make sure he pays retribution in full.

One way readers of Socialist Worker can help is by making a few discreet enquiries in your local. But remember that a landlord can scratch you from his pub without giving any reason.

One important factor is whether staff have a contract of employment. If they haven’t, check how many have been sacked recently. Conditions come high on the list of priorities of the union.

Does your gorgeous husband have a statutory break or get a meal during working hours or does that tired smile come from not getting a recognised day off or any work at double time?

So if you want to be as big a man as the beer ads echo you up to be, get in there and show your solidarity, businesses and sisters, as well as empty glasses.

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New Tory threat to grab benefits of workers on strike

Workers in Britain had to fight long and hard to achieve even the limited protection from insecurity that is built into the welfare state. A number of these gains come under attack with the new Tory Bill now going through parliament.

The Bill will reduce the money which men on strike can get as a supplementary benefit. But in addition it abolishes all payments of national insurance benefits for the first three days of unemployment, sickness or industrial injury.

At present these benefits are not paid for the first three days if the period of strike work lasts less than two weeks. But money for the first three days is paid retroactively as soon as a person has been off work for more than two weeks. It is this last rule the Tories are now trying to get rid of.

The Bill might work in law so that once a man is out of work he will not be allowed to go back to work.

And if this is the case the present position will be, in effect, that if he is not working he is not allowed to go back to work.

The Labour Party do not seem greatly concerned. Only six Labour Party MPs turned up when the Bill was debated in the Commons on 26 April. The Tory Minister responsible, Sir Keith Joseph, had little difficulty in sandbagging the opposition.
NORTHERN IRELAND's Ombudsman Mr Justice Curran, appointed to investigate citizens' complaints against authority, has reported after 18 months in office that in only two out of 41 cases accepted for investigation could he establish evidence of racial or sectarian discrimination. Yet thousands of people burned curse forms in protest against the selective operation of the law. Lawyers have met to co-ordinate opposition to discrimination in the judicial system.

The Ombudsman made his report in protest against selective arrests. The Civil Rights Association is compiling a dossier of cases of discriminatory judgment against Catholics and republicans. A motion from the left-tinged People's Democracy movement to the CRA calling for the resignation of Justice Curran was defeated at a conference on 9 May.

Discrimination is still an issue, and a reality in Northern Ireland. Take Curran's recent judgment on the case of George Miller, for instance.

Miller was charged with possessing three hand-guns and 54 rounds of ammunition which he had in his car. Witnesses said that they had seen three men in "TRA-type combat jackets" get into his car.

Miller gave evidence that his car had been searched and that the firearms had been planted. Curran asked him his religion and on hearing that he was a Protestant, he said that he was unlikely to be 'associating with these IRA types'.

It is, of course, extremely unlike that members of the IRA would move around protesting dressed wearing identifiable clothes.

An example of illegal discrimination which has been taking place for the past few weeks is that of the man sentenced to one year's imprisonment for shouting 'Up the IRA' at a public meeting. He had been taking part in an Orange march and shouted anti-Catholic and pro-Unionist Volunteer songs, an action perfectly legal.

They had been left to their own devices by the police. When one slogan was shouted in response, six police closed in on the man.

'Stop killing!' they shouted, 'we can't have this sort of thing'. They took the man to a police station three minutes' walk from his parents' home, but they were not told of any charge. They only saw him in court at his arrest, and after he had been convicted.

Some cases have been widely publicised. In the vast majority of cases, evidence and judgment are quite summary, and many are convinced without hearing the charges or the evidence.

15-year-old and 16-year-olds are frequently given sentences within 12 hours of arrest, and in an order to prevent the family from seeing the order, for legal and psychiatric reasons, it is quite common for the judge to impose the sentence without the family even being present when the case is heard, the work is done off the record.

Weak point

These cases in supplementary benefit certainly mean more hardship for men on strike—and for their families. The Social Security Bill is designed to weaken the ability of strikers to fight back against social forces.

Since the government has done all it can to leave the social security system as strong as possible, then we have not enough evidence of what supplementary benefit improves the quality of life of the workers employed by them.

A further point that is worth considering is that the Supplementary Benefit was imposed on the workers without the consent of the workers. This is a serious breach of human rights. The Social Security Bill is designed to strengthen the Social Security Act of 1914.

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BrADFORD left unites to fight threat from the racialists

THE DEEPENING CRISIS facing the employing class and their party has been dramatically reflected in Bradford's municipal election results. Failing to control prices, the party of big business now finds its electoral support among the shopkeepers, some landlords, and the few local employers who have only Labour but also behind backwoodsmen and fascists: the Powellites, Monday Clubbers and Nazis like the National Front.

As Bradford's Tory leader put it, on hearing that Labour had won 15 out of 19 seats and had a 10,000 majority in the votes cast. Most came from the traditional Tory social base but included many confused and disillusioned workers.

Helped by the Sunday Telegraph and Argus, the Yorkshire Post and Yorkshire Televisor, the centre of publicity in an otherwise unworthy election run-up was the battle of the small groups, which were widely distributed. It contained the now familiar mixture of drug, race, bars and the merits of the issue. The militants, won that battle - in many cases, at their own, on fixed in-committments to the electorate. In their jobs.

For example, the YCL was able to introduce a new group of workers who are now doing the jobs of more than 14,000 unemployed.

Hold to ransom

It is particularly ironic that the employers and their government should come up in Bradford. Recently a Parliamentary Select Committee on industrial relations had been established. The Committee heard from a variety of witnesses, many of whom are members of the National Front and the Tory Party.

The employers and their government are now trying to control the wages and terms of employment of workers, who are being driven into poverty by their policies.

In their jobs, too, white and black employers are fighting back against the class policies of the government.

Change at snails pace

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A deep depression over Arizona...

CRINMALS and the violence they use have always been favourite subjects for American films. Neatly cut, most of these films have dealt with the Mafia and the war of attrition fought against it in the streets of Chicago and New York.

They have become banal and stereotyped, depending for their appeal upon a combination of more savage, gratuitous violence. Then a few years ago came Bonnie and Clyde to attack and breakdown these stereotypes. Roger Corman's Bloody Mama is equally shocking in the same mould. The subject is again rural America in the period of the Depression and the gangsters that made such a time productive.

This time it is the Arizona Barker gang and the film is a fairly serious attempt to re-establish the relationships between Ma Barker and her four sons.

Banal dialogue

As a film, Bloody Mama is in fact, the most banal of its type. It does not attempt even a semi-serious analysis in depth. Corman has chosen to leave the actual psychology of Ma basically a moralistic woman who loves her sons too much. Hermann is a slowly-fading madman, Arliss a gun-shopping, drink-affected, an alcoholic. Corman's characters are so stereotyped that even the most banal dialogue ever heard in the history of film can be captured in this film.

And this is unfortunate, because there are some very serious qualifications that middle-class America enshrined in the myth of the great, pure, all-American mother. The twists and turns of the plot, the various elements of private life, public causes and public leaders that form the base and crux of the relationships between Ma Barker and her sons are all captured in the same, rather pedestrian way.

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The complex, impersonal violence of a system that produces such tragedies as the Depression is contrasted with matched by the spasmatic, uncontrolled aggression of the gang. Rest of all, it is shown to have more of a quality than middle-class America enshrined in the myth of the great, pure, all-American mother.

American myth

The tough, hard-boiled Middle American has qualities that middle-class America enshrined in the myth of the great, pure, all-American woman. We twist and turn in the plot, the various elements of private life, public causes and public leaders that form the base and crux of the relationships between Ma Barker and her sons, which are all captured in the same, rather pedestrian way.

It is in this overall shallowness of treatment that bloody Mama fails and not in its treatment of violence, as many reviewers have suggested. Violence, whether private or social, is never independent of society itself and both Corman's crude psychology and the crime-filled world to which the bloodshed in Bloody Mama seem equally inappropriate and unconvincing.

Martin Tomkinson

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ONE reviewer said of last Thursday's BBC1 play, The Rank and File, that he couldn't believe things went on in British industry. I sympathised with him. When real life breaks through the pages of a familiar daily drama prescribed by the trivial and spreading advertising moguls, it is a rude shock. For the first time in 40 years.

This was the real face of British industry. Deeply and ably, with a certain pathos, the drama of the 850th phrases of the commentators, the three-hour clichés about 'wildcat' strikes and their damage to the 'national interest'. Jim Allen and Jack Palance each directed a play that recorded what actually happened, the more impressive for 75% rate and brilliant minutes a group of workers were allowed to put their case, their hopes of being hectoring and bullied by belligerent reporters.

Transformed

It was more than a 'play'. Allen and Louche briefly transformed the medium, giving us a glimpse of what 'wildcat' could be if turned from a dream box remote from most people's experience, a dynamic weapon for expression and change.

The strike was last year's explo
dispute at Pickfords' game works in St Helens. Using a deliberate documentary style, the play expressed the anger and frustration of the workers at their atrocious pay, the callousness of the management, and the ineffectiveness of the union officials to improve the situation.

The workers decided to act themselves. A mass meeting voted for strike action, kicked out the union officials and put the direction of the strike in the hands of their own elected 'rank and file' committee. When the developed plans were coordinated, there were clashes with police and shortstop, a campaign of leaflet distribution, a petition and public meeting and appeal by press and television and argument by political and trade union leaders, blackening strikes to a suspicious deal with the management.

Atmosphere

Linking each developing episode, there were the atmospherics at the head-quarter meetings of the rank and file committee, the atmosphere of the real strike last year and I was staggers to see that it could be captured so accurately in the atmosphere of the production.

Instead of the cardboard cut-out's of 'honest' and 'subversive' directors and producers, who here were working men struggling to make a good thing, fighting to thrust out the direction of a strike and the future of employment and livelihoods of the workers they represented. Here was a vital clash between the reformist pattern laid down for the workers—lobbying the Labour MPs, calling in the TUC and the need to go beyond that pattern and insist on the support and action of other sections of the rank and file of the unions.

Illusions

Because Louche and Allen did not deal with the situation in the factories, their mistakes were not ignored. Moreover, their attitude is an illusion in the TUC. They sought their own protection and went back to work, faces harrased and pensions and cruel financial penalties.

Of course, there were weaknesses in the political scenes that did not capture the atmosphere of the picket line and an uncovring postscript about Pickfords is not very relevant. But they cannot detract from what is a really fine piece of writing, acting, direction combined to allow the Solved Majority to be shown what things to come.

David East

COTTONS COLUMN

ASSUMING you can hardly wait to fly the Atlantic in the Concord in a plane powered by the Rolls Royce RB211 engine, you might like to know that the latest cost of the engine, to be shared by France and Britain, is £585,000 while the additional development cost of the RB211, over and above the £47 million already invested by the government, will be £130 million. The taxpayers will also have to bear the cost of the production costs of the RB211 with the price of £50 million that Lockheed agreed to pay. The excess is thought to be about £50 million. Book your seats now.

WALKER stable boy

London Borough of Waltham Forest have put an immediate ban on their Tory predecessors' policy of setting off council houses. Excellent. But will the Labour men take action against those of their councillors who have just bought their own council houses and deprived three families on the waiting list of somewhere to live?

From London

THE CONTINUING SAGA of Peter Walker's new home. New readers start here: perinah, likeable Environmental Minister Peter 'everyone should be a teacher' is about to buy a £100,000 house, Martin Court, near Dutton in Womersetshire. Among other notable features of the visit from a medieval prison in the grounds.

But even rich and powerful Tory Ministers have to go through the normal channels of democracy. Peter Walker wants to convert part of the house into bedrooms, bathrooms and playrooms for visiting Ministry officials. He has applied for planning permission to the local council who are said to be favourably inclined to his appeal. The appropriate planning committee is now making up a given grocer, a retired civil servant and a housewife.

But why bother to change the house? The area up for redesign is a stable. Just the thing for visiting Tories. Change the nosetubes from time to time and they'll feel thoroughly at home.

Frontal assault

If you have pondered over the declarng standards of the Daily Mirror wondered why it had dropped a drastically reduced many of the more thoughtful and analytical features introduced in recent years, and returned to gristy pix and sensation, ponder no more. Circulation figures for 1970 show that the Mirror's sales dropped by some 700,000 copies, while Rupert 'first with the nudes' Murdoch's Sun put on circulation by 700,000 copies.

Future developments of both papers don't bacl thinking about.
‘Nazi tactics’ by Hul bosses

HULL: 400 Transport Union workers at Armstrong Patents, the world’s leading producer of car shock absorbers, voted last week to end their 10-day strike for a £7.50 increase. The management used “Nazi Rally” tactics to get the workers back. Londoners called for a return to work, deriding the strikers at their mass meeting. The strike was stopped when Engineering Union members walked off their jobs in disgust. One worker said, "we are more like Nazi Germany than Hull." The bosses also threatened mass redundancies, even though profits are at an all-time record. A misleading report in the local paper implied falsely that shop stewards had called for the workers to return to work. The strike continues, as is the situation in other Armstrong workers in preparation for the next round in the struggle.

BIG RUSH TO REGISTER

BY KEY RIGHT-WING UIONS

EMPLOYERS CALL FOR NEW WAGE FREEZE

by SW Reporter

A CALL for a new incomes policy has come from the boss of the Confederation of British Industry, the employers’ ‘trade union’. Writing in the first issue of the CBI’s new magazine, CBI News, Mr. Campbell Adam, the Director General, says that if the level of wage settlements could be driven down then the unions would probably be forced to accept an incomes policy.

He adds: “If the dangers are better understood and if the level of settlements shows a distinct fall, the time will be close when the two sides of industry can sit together and see whether there is an advantage to be gained from an incomes policy.”

Next chairman

Adamson has no excuse for his article on wanting to hold down wages. He admits that this must be done because “with the profits position as serious as it is...we cannot take the short-term, easy way out.”

In another article in the magazine, Mr. Len Noz, who is widely tipped as the next chairman of the Confederation of British Industry, also explained why the Tories’ Industrial Relations Bill was crucial to the employers’ argument on wages and why it has emerged as the ‘favourable’ for the well-paid job held recently by Group Woodcock.

Debate over housing

Labour MP’s motion to discuss “Tory policies on housing”, in the morning, received 2 July, leading to the evening’s debate.

BENNETTE DEVILL NP and Roger Waterland raise “a point of order, Thursday 13th June”, 6:00pm, Westminster Hall, Westminster, rather by Tony Benn.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS publish a leaflet on the perils of the US in the Middle East, under the title: “The orbiters’ war”. By Tony Benn.

BLACK-POWER TELLS MERCY TALKS DODGE ISSUE

by Steve Emmis

LIVERPOOL 8 is the area that contains the majority of the black population of Merseyside. It is one of the worst slums in the country.

Unemployment is high, especially among the black and half-caste groups. The police have always intimidated the population and recently they have been in almost inextricable limits.

In late April, a police inspector acting as a liaison officer went to a meeting at a Black community centre.

The meeting was to discuss the victimisation of many black people.

A few days later, 11 young blacks were arrested. It is thought that there had been a meeting at the time of this article.

In spite of this, a meeting was held last Sunday, organised jointly by the Merseyside Council and the Liverpool police went ahead. For the police, this was an excellent public relations stunt, with their hand-picked “friendly bottlebogs”.

The police had one black officer, a “well-dressed, well-dressed, well-dressed, and well-dressed” with the same three letters of the alphabet.

The question came up: “if the Black community believes in races against each other, what is the purpose of the meetings? We are encouraged by the unions that want to and will register.”

A FULL EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT

The TUC is now registered in its pamphlet against the government’s anti-trade union laws. The TUC will not cooperate with the government in any form. This means that the TUC will not cooperate with the government in any form.

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Call for defence groups against race attacks

A national conference on the rights of the black community held at Palace Park, last weekend, attracted more than 500 people, mainly blacks but including some white socialists.

The aim of the conference was to prepare black people to fight back against the current racist offensive. The conference was held by the TUC Immigration Bill and the Secretary of the TUC. An exhibition of photographs at the conference showed black victims of bomb attacks and attacks by racists and fascists.

Speaking at the conference, one speaker said that the fight against racism involved a fight against capitalism and in the current situation defence groups were important. The conference agreed to a call for the setting of up defence groups and delegations offered to train black people in self-defence.

Other speakers said that the International Race Relations Bill was anti-black and was part of a general offensive by the Tories against workers in Britain. Particularly black workers.

The Department of Employment sent a letter to the Minister of State requesting that the government release their plans for the future of the country. The government had promised to settle the dispute. It is not known if the government will release their plans for the future of the country. The government had promised to settle the dispute. It is not known if the government will release their plans for the future of the country.