Workers vote to occupy UCS as bosses and Tories threaten to gum Glasgow into a city without jobs

by PETER BAIN: Glasgow

The decision by workers at Upper Clyde Shipbuilders to occupy the yard was the result of years of frustration for the workers and a recognition of the desperate job situation on Clydeside. If one man is laid off or any attempt made to close part of UCS then the occupation will begin. The yard workers have overwhelmingly supported this proposal from the joint shop stewards’ committee.

If necessary shifts will be organised to occupy the yard 24 hours a day. As the British Steel Corporation has already cut off supplies, lay offs are expected this week. When this happens shop stewards will allocate work and control the work flow. In the event of threatened closure then according to Jimmy Airlie, the UCS convener, the liquidator may have a problem getting in.

The immediate reason for UCS’s request for £6 million is their struggle to maintain production. They are not the only yard to suffer from the company’s policy. UCS’s suppliers have gone through the same problems.

John Davies, the Minister for Industry, has stated that when offering security to owners he had to take into consideration UCS’s ability to complete the orders. He was not convinced of the company’s viability and so refused to underwrite the ship owners demands.

But as usual the press and television have ignored the real roots of the crisis. The Clyde shipyards were owned and controlled by companies which had promised workers their jobs were a matter of pursuit of profit and a matter of control of the means of production. The workers are the most important force in any shipbuilding yard and the rights of the workers are at stake.

With the rebuilding of Japanese and German yards after the war, the Clyde bosses’ failure to invest and the high cost of living ## strangle the shipyard. This strangle of closure followed throughout the last year.

Compensation

Even when the newly-founded UCS received its first shipbuilding industry grant, giant turbines were only £11 million out of £25 million was needed to make the yard viable. The remainder was divided among the old companies as compensation for future orders that they might have got or for good will that they had built up and sold orders.

Since then the company’s workforce has been cut by 10,500 plus 3000 workers who left with the Yarrow breakaway. According to UCS’s Managing Director, Kenneth Douglas, the steel workers’ productivity has increased by 51%.

These measures have been achieved by the company by means of conditions that are not in the interests of the workers. 10% of the wages of the workers are paid by months when they are laid off. It is claimed that the workers are not idle. The workers then have to find additional employment. The workers have to be paid for the time they are laid off. The company has not paid any of the workers who have not worked.

This is a struggle for the workers to maintain their jobs and not to have to pay for the time they are laid off.

The Workers’ Struggle must now be allowed to be used by the company’s management to promote their own ends. Some of the people who are living on the company have themselves attacked the UCS workers or controlled our actions.

The yard workers occupation should be granted. If they can prove the occupation to demands for no redundancies, work starting without loss of pay, and the nationalization of the company under workers’ control then the Clydeside labour movement might launch a campaign of the type of which this country has not seen for many years.

A SECTION of the Clydeside delegation that visited Downing Street on Wednesday to lobby the Prime Minister. Later, workers complained that Heath had shown no understanding or sympathy with their plight. One steward said: ‘They have to take the troops out of the Bogside in Northern Ireland to get us out of the yards.’

One year of Tory offensive

The Labour Party leaders are guaranteeing this policy, but they had no alternative when they were in office. They have no alternative when they are in power.

The government has been making noises about the need to rearm. 80% of the nation’s armed forces are now employed in the civil service. The government is making noises about the need to rearm. 80% of the nation’s armed forces are now employed in the civil service.

No more productivity deals that involve a reduction in the work force. Reduce the working week to 35 hours without loss of pay.

Five days work or five days pay.

Work-sharing instead of redundancies.

A complete overtime in any company that declares redundancies in any case of its factories.

No nationalisation under workers’ control and without compensation of any firm that picks up any of its factories.

BENGAL: THE GUILTY MEN...

NOWHERE in the world since the last war has there been such misery and horror as that of being experienced by the people of East Bengal. Ten of thousands have been systematically murdered by the West Pakistan troops. Five and a half million have fled in terror across the border into India, many dying of cholera on the way.

As they wandered desperately into India in such a plight that they see the city with the worst slums anywhere in the world, Calcutta, as a paradise to be reached, the nightmare they leave behind is only just beginning.

For the devastation caused by the West Pakistan army is beyond to means a reduced rice harvest. And that could mean death through starvation for another five million people.

All the great powers have made fine speeches about their sympathy with the suffering of Bengal, except for the Chinese, who continue to give only the weapons he needs for his range of terror. Yet the holocaust of Bengal is not an accident.

The military group that runs West Pakistan and has been keeping devastation on Bengal had its power and influence fostered deliberately by the British and US governments in the 1950s and early 1960s.

More recently, Yahya has got his pawns from China. But Britain and the US, even today, to pour more money into the pockets of his friends in the West Pakistan ruling class.

If the Western powers were to stop this hand-outs to the rich of Pakistan they could force Yahya to withdraw from Bengal immediately.

The regime in Pakistan, like so many of the reactionary and murderous regimes throughout the world, has been sustained in power for many years by our own rulers, especially in India. Stakes of the responsibility for Yahya’s barbarous behaviour must be laid on the shoulders of Westminster.
The General Strike in South Africa has been one of the most important events in recent weeks. This is not just because of the strike itself, but because the way in which the government and workers have responded to it. The government has been forced to act, and the workers have been able to make their voices heard.

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PAY-FIGHT AHEAD FOR MINERS

Anger in the pits as productivity soars and wages stagnate

MICK MCGAHEY'S failure to win the Presidency of the National Union of Mineworkers is a setback for the miners in the industry. McGahey, President of the Scottish Mineworkers and a prominent member of the Communist Party, was one of the leading militants in the coal strike. In his election campaign he pledged himself to spearhead the crucial struggle on wages and conditions this autumn.

His election would have shifted the balance of power in the union from the executive to the rank and file, and he would have proved to be a severe test of the Left leadership's willingness to make their post-election actions match their pre-election words.

Many miners will remember that in his election manifesto of 1967, Lawrence Daly, called, among other things, for 'guerilla strikes' in the fight for a 'fair deal' for miners.

But in both the 1969 and 1970 struggles, Daly, by his NUM General Secretary, tried to prevent the spread of such actions—in spite of the fact that more than 50 per cent of the miners showed in a secret ballot in 1970 that they were prepared for a fight with the Coal Board and more than 100,000 miners took strike action, the biggest spontaneous action since 1926.

Preparing for battle

The result of the presidential vote is disappointing, but 92,000 votes cast for a Left-wing candidate shows clearly that despite the sell-out and disillusionment of last October, a large number of miners are preparing for a further battle this year. Discontent and anger are still widespread.

And will not the miners be discontented. Last year's pay rise was the biggest ever but it has already been gobbled up by rocketing prices.

This makes the current Yorkshire Area demand for £35 for face workers, £25 for underground and £26 for surface, very realistic.

In addition, three areas, North West, West and North Eastern Yorkshire, are pressing for financial compensation for the damage caused by the three and four shift system. It is disgraceful that such unprofitable work, which is dramatically increasing miners' productivity, is so stingy on financial reward and holidays.

Absolute minimum

Fifty weeks of the year, working beneath the ground in an appalling conditions, deserves better than two miners weeks annual holiday—plus seven rest days. Four weeks should be the absolute minimum on official channels.

In the City

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In the City

Breaking up—profitiers' love affair with new 'black gold'

OIL is such a profitable commodity that it is nicknamed 'black gold' and expression could be applied equally to Britain's latest technological miracle—carbon fibres.

Growing from the soil and yet a fraction of the weight, the specifications not only exceed the most advanced aerospace company's dreams.

Here is one to beat the world's most advanced aerospace company's dreams. Here is one to beat the world's most advanced aerospace company's dreams.

Even the fact that you could buy almost a ton of steel for the price of 4lb of carbon fibres did not dampen their enthusiasm. One day, they reckoned, the price would come down as sharply as gold.

Progress admittedly has been slow. Poor Roy's struggle to produce steel in carbon fibre fan blades after it found that the impact of a bird caused the blades to fail.

But interest has been growing, particularly among the world's aircraft companies. And in the case of Rolls Royce, a recent visit to the factory was a revelation, for the research work is in keeping with the original ideas of Toffler's and Harvey's.

Once an obscure tax-exempt company, the firm moved into carbon fibres and caught the imagination of the City. Profits, for the last six years, have been at the level of £50,000, seven years ago, suggest £300,000 last year and are now heading for the £500,000 mark.

Abrupt end

But trouble, I fear, is heading for those capital-pioneers of the new technology. Two physicists at the Atomic Energy Research establishment published a technical paper in the British Journal of Physics that showed how the carbon fibre structure, find it rather difficult to come up with a breakthrough, as the workers are faced with the non-stop calendering and automation requirements, which are painfully slow.

The paper has caused some considerable alarm among the companies in the field. In June, they are trying to find some way of either speeding up the paper's conclusion or getting round the problem.

The only conclusion is that there has been a lack of attention in this particular area, which has a lot of potential. The workers are being asked to do more with less and are being given more responsibility.
The eat and swill brigade have a laugh at the unemployed

Palm greasing: The off-the-cuff remark that Julian Amery never (officially) said

They're always eating, the employers, expense accounts, lunches here, lunches there. And they belong to employers' federations which have local eating sessions, regional eating sessions, and once a year the great dinner. The competition is idle to get to that one and many are the sadder men who are not invited. After the annual eating, the chairman speaks. After him they have a man from the government of the day, and then a low loud some noble

saying, it he adds a bit off the cuff, "They know how to grease the right palms," says the Minister for Housing and Construction. More laughter, a little embarrassment. Gone over the menu and the table design. He asks to show him the food. He was too hard, the able journalists are only there to record political parts of the speeches for next morning's papers. The report is the result that all there is to know about political speeches is in the papers.

Julian Amery sits down to kind of laughter.

One journalist can take no more. He cuts out and into the same Park Lane where Julian Amery laughed at the body of the king by saying, he would have done the same thing. Much laughter and applause. It is hard to say who has the best story; with the dish doon and rare wine.

He told me his story in the future would be told to him by those who have操纵ed his revolution of a corrupt ruling class.

After considerable efforts we obtained a transcript of the speech from which all above the speeches are taken. As is usual, a film of official shorthand writers had been hired to cover the live event, and cover it did. But Julian Amery's remark about "palm greasing" does not appear in that transcript.

Hoots of laughter

Mr Julian Amery, the Minister for Housing and Construction speaks first proposing a resolution the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors.

"I have lived in Hampshire and in the Dorset, he says about the Dorchester, the site regularly since he was a young man. He recalls the day during the war when he was there with that great and fiery social Lady Canadell."

"I remember when I walked with her down Park Lane one summer evening, to a lovely dinner party. Did the lady and I, I heard, he says. I had it out, and said, "I've eaten nothing for two days."

"She said, 'That is very wrong, my dear man. You must try to you must force yourself'."

The audience hoots with laughter at this crack, including the union representatives there. Jim Lewis of the General and Municipal Workers. Class hatred, some call it.

Unemployment is nearly 600,000, the highest figure since 1949, Amery tells his joke, 150,000 of the unemployed are from the building and civil engineering industry.

Giggle in private

Julian Amery pushes on, makes another crack. "Your prosecution is increasingly involved in police work," he says. Again the hoots of laughter as the audience begins to get a bit weary. Amery is clearly a bit nervous, he is doing, he is, he should be, if you want to help us change the world and build socialism, join us.

In short, he adds an off the cuff. "They know how to grease the right palms," says the Minister for Housing and Construction. More laughter, a little embarrassment. Gone over the menu and the table design. He asks to show him the food. He was too hard, the able journalists are only there to record political parts of the speeches for next morning's papers. The report is the result that all there is to know about political speeches is in the papers.
In 1927 the Trades Union Congress called a Special Conference of all affiliated unions to consider the General Council on the miner's case in May 1926.

The strike (or as the TUC preferred to call it, the 'sane and organized fight against the employers') had been protracted and difficult. The miners were determined to secure a better deal, and the strike lasted for 12 months, during which time the men were on strike and many of them had to be supported by their families.

The TUC General Council was divided on the issue. Some members believed that the strike was an interference with the free will of the miners, while others felt that the miners had a right to strike for better wages and conditions.

In the end, the TUC General Council voted to support the miners and recommended that the strike be continued. However, the strike was eventually called off in February 1928, after the miners had achieved a 20% wage increase.

The TUC also played a role in the Labour Party's election victory in 1929, and the miners' strike helped to galvanize support for the TUC's policies and programs.

In the years that followed, the TUC continued to be a strong advocate for the rights of workers, and it played a key role in the development of the trade union movement in Britain.
Facts not enough to control the Tories.

The massive swing against the Tories in the 1970 General Election was a severe shock to the depth of feeling against rapidly rising prices and unemployment, which has resulted in the new pamphlet "is a timely addition to the movement against the Tory Government. It contains useful facts that effectively expose the government's policy of blaming workers for all the problems of the economy. The increase in prices is shown to be a result of Tory policies, not the workers' fault.

The government campaign to restrict wages has been very effective, but the Tories and their method of operation, the political or social imperatives they face, are a disappointment. We are told who is to blame, but we lack the necessary questions of Why and What should be done to rectify them.

Answer

We are told that lack of economic growth is the reason why expansion of the economy is the solution to the problem. This is true, but social analysis would show the worldwide exploitation of workers and the need to confront the problems of overproduction, trade conflicts and declining profit rates.

Stress makes workers pay for efficiency. They have to work longer hours, receive lower wages, and the result is unemployment, poverty, and crime.

The effects of the 1970s are still visible, with a massive increase in crime, and the government is forced to defend itself by increasing the prison population.

In the absence of such an analysis, the Tories are left with the same old repertoire, and the need for change is not visible.

The failure to see the effect of the changes in the economy is the reason for the failure of our political leaders to see the need for change.

The people who work are the ones who are suffering, and the government is not taking any action to help them.

Meanwhile, the people are struggling to make ends meet, and the government is not paying any attention to their needs.

The Cumbria character is very much that of Harold Wilson would do. The Labour government's policy of "not being down on the unions" and "not being afraid of the Tories" is a complete failure.
A great peg for a cheap novel

IT is the role of great literature to honestly reflect the state of society and the writer's view in artistic form. The tensions, divisions, values and emotions of the particular epoch are the raw material out of which a novelist makes his art.

Times of great revolutionary change present the writer with numerous opportunities and with the greatest challenge of all—to portray a complex and rapid transformation.

In this text it is evidently an event of great interest when a major American prize of national significance, a novel centred around the May events of 1968 when the whole French capital was consumed with an angry and violent struggle for freedom. The novel is written by a young American, Jean Batten, and is from the viewpoint of an expatriate American, James Harrison.

Favourite standby

Hartley watches the unfolding revolutions, and reviews a work and somewhat condescending sympathy until it enravishes on that favourite old standby of English society, the generation gap. The medium Jones uses is an affair, sexually voracious Black American women and hard-boiled businessmen, whom his best friend, Gallagher, Gallagher's wife and his son.

The result is a farce. On the one hand is a nation rebelling, questioning its values. On the other hand, leaders and former social institutions are acting as though nothing is happening.

This is all that May 1968 seems to signify. In the context of the universal struggle between father and son for the future. That is the way it always has been and that's the way it's always going to be, folks.

In the end, the reader is left with the narry satisfaction that the work simply is a piece of gross opportunism. The magnificent struggles of the French workers and students have been used as a pale and implausible artificial backdrop against which Jones paints a very thin, totally conventional story.

The result is an abortion which cannot even be saved by the fairly well-written dialogue, a result of the occupied Sorbonne and Odeon with which Jones destroys the hero's March of May. While the book is from Here to Eternity he has a true grasp of his material and a limit of his own limitations. His latest book illustrates the pitfalls that even a knowledgeable and competent writer can fall into when using material he does not understand and has no real enthusiasm for.

The flowering of hope that accompanied the uprisings of May 1968 deserves a far better literary chronicler than this and it is to be hoped that we will get a work before long.

Martin Tomkinson

BERNADETTE DEVLIN has the happy knack of speeding the establishment of any country she visits. A Congressional hearing in Washington last week condemned the disastrous J. Edgar Hoover, boss of the FBI, about her visit to the United States earlier this year. Said 'tread up as I can': Hoover. 'I do not know why the State Department granted the visa for her to come over here, but it did, she has been in the country collecting large sums of money for her cause in Northern Ireland. She speaks in a very woolen manner.' And John Rooney, chairman of the House Appropriations Sub-committee, told the sad tale of what happened to a police spy assigned to one of Bernadette's meetings: 'She spoke so eloquently with regard to Angela Davis and Bobby Seale that my friend Mike Dowd, who used to be assigned here in Congress by the metropolitan police, had a heart attack and died listening to her.' Organizers of Bernadette's meetings in Britain are thought to be demanding maximum police attendance from now on.

It may be totally unconnected with Chinese government support for Yehya Khan and Mrs Bandaranaike, but at least one London bookshop is selling out posters of Chairman Mao at half price. Red hands have less pulling power than red thoughts.

Up in arms

GUERRILLA warfare comes to deepest Essex. Residents of the village of Fingringhoe and the nearby town of Colchester have got an unexpected taste of British Army tactics in Northern Ireland.

Fingringhooes were startled to find the village plastered with IRA posters declaring: 'Dooms now and bring your weapons to us' and rallying against the 'imperial fascist dogs' at

Bernie Cornfeld has insured his life through the company for £10 million. He's either expecting social revolution or he thanks Bernie wasn't too impressed with that advice.

APARTHEID spells fat profits for all coca-cos. British Petroleum has invested £5 million in South Africa's BP's newly appointed SA executive Dennis Bevin made it clear that at the end of 1969 investment in South Africa, South Africa and the former protectorates was valued at £50 million and the group has been investing an average of £17 million annually in the area. Mike adds that in 1969 BP sales in the area came to £246 million and rose strongly in 1970.

From the heart

THE LAW versus the poor. A home- less family who squatted in empty council property in Southwark, south London, were dragged before the court. They pleaded necessity.

Dismissing the plea, Lord Denning said: 'When a man who is starving enters a house and takes food in order to keep himself alive, our English law does not admit the defence of necessity. It holds him guilty of larceny.'

The reason is because, if hunger were once allowed to be an excuse for stealing, it would open a way through which all kinds of disorder and lawlessness would pass. So here, if homelessness were once admitted as a defence to trespass no one's house would be safe. Necessity would open a door which no man could shut.

'So the Courts must for the sake of law and order take a firm stand. They must refuse to admit the plea of necessity to the hungry and home- less and trust that their distress will be relieved by the charitable and the good. So far as these courts are concerned, we must, in the interest of law and order itself, uphold the title to these properties.'

DENNIS POTTIER has, on balance, given me more pleasure over the years than any other film I know. He is a true film dramatist. His Stand Up, Nigel Barton and Vote, Vote, Vote for Nigel Barton remain two of the great landmarks in telly drama and he has the ability, rare among "left-wing" writers, to underscore his contributors with a very real and genuine passion. But the feeling of having a television critic actually watching the play with us and writing his review of it is the end.

Clarence Hubbard, the central character, is a courageous Woop! reporter of the thirties and forties on a rural and small town daily paper. Lock in the style and attitudes of his day of course, but he is a realistic and sympathetic whole, his young colleagues with his reminiscences. Aware of his last day in journalism begins with him looking his wife in a cupboard and ends with his death. It has been a most illuminating book. Telegraphic expressions of the office. The typography and other clues to Hubbard's office are openly contemptuous of him. Nobody else writes like that and even if you recall his 'great stories'—the escaped dog and the one-armed, legless table tennis player. The flashbacks show what Hubbard is telephoning his scope to the paper were a marvellous evocation of a style and form.

The message, or the point or the truth—it what you like, was that the younger journalists, despite all the youthful enthusiasm, were prisoners on the same treadmill. Only those who appeared too were writing their truth, careful not to offend the advertisers, chewing the same centred on sex and titillation rather than love.

We may no longer suffer head winds but the 'Woop Paper' and 'Who will save this dog?' but now we have at last the chance to demand the services of advertisers by people cursive about the intelligence and understanding of the readers.

House viewing journalists were not so carried away with Potter's alter ego's sitting in a newspaper office to miss the warning that Hubbard's life-shawls for them, for.

Special praise for Bill Maynard at Hubbard. I hope we will see the one-time famous comedian again in worthwhile television drama.

MEANWHILE, back among the froth, Paul Temple has been given the Hogarth Prize again by the BBC barons. As I have been rather slowly and silently I won't mention it, but let me say that the first of the new run (last Wednesday, BWC1) was excellent, excellent, thanks to the injection of some decent scriptwriting. The action is real acting as distinct from the usual studio sound stages with the occasional musical sound as a Special Spurn.

What a real talent to give us the music of a real and proper man. Wonderful, funny, backed by a real feeling for the life he does.

Kenneth Griffith as a smarmy, double dealing politician. His voice was wonderfully funny, backed by the sound of the orchestra. A real special for the Smurfs.

If we must have froth, let it be froth.

David East
Ford men walk out to back steward

By Steve Emms

LIVERPOOL—1300 Ford workers walked out of the Halewood site on Monday when their shop steward was sacked. The Print, Trim and Assembly plant has been at a standstill since then.

Behind the dispute lies the mounting management conflict over the shop floor. Halewood, governed by Capri—popular cars until recently rebranded as Ford Capri—was one of the last of the Halewood factories to leave the plant floor when the last round of redundancies was announced.

Now the Halewood workers are demanding reinstatement of the sacked stewards. Orders are down, the productivity figures are half empty and management have stepped up the sting in an effort to('+endl)

The union organization runs like a military operation, with discipline and obedience. Every member is expected to be on time and at work, with a minimum of absenteeism. Meetings are timed to the minute, and decisions are announced without explanation or debate.

On Monday he was called to the shop steward's office and told that his position was under review. He was not given a reason and was not allowed to attend. He was informed that he had been terminated for gross misconduct.

Despite the national strike, the local union branch failed to support the strike. The reasons were given as a lack of communication and lack of organization. The local union branch was not consulted on the decision to go on strike and was not involved in the planning process.

On Tuesday, the union bosses called a meeting with the shop stewards to discuss the situation. The meeting was not well attended and the union bosses were not prepared to negotiate.

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Back from Transmissions

A mass meeting on Wednesday, organized by the Transmission plant at Halewood, was held to discuss the sack of local union steward John Dillon. The support from the local plant could bring victory swiftly, unless the management is prepared to face a real crisis.

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IPC journalists vote to strike

SW Reporter

NEARLY 1500 magazine journalists employed by the International Publish-
ing Corporation—the Mirror group—voted on Monday to strike for 27 days

in support of a pay claim. It was the highest profile pay claim in the history of the National Union of Journalists and Times. It included the entire IPC magazines staff.

The original NUJ claim was for £465 a year all round to give a new qualified minimum of £2500. In the last Friday the NUJ reduced the claim to £150, then to £364 but there was still an unacceptable gap with IPC's "final" offer of £375.

Secret plan

The mass meeting voted by 999 to 50 to go ahead with the strike. Celtic Father (convener) of IPC Chapels, Exeter, was one of the speakers who came to dig at the Industrial Relations Bill: "If we are forced to hold a ballot, do they think 16:00 would have filled them in?"

The NUJ has a secret plan of action to put pressure on IPC's and make them more profitable. But IPC has denied reports that they were courting the favour of the unions from profits—in other words, a lack of sympathy.

After the mass meeting, the 4900 strong NUJ of magazine journalists of the union voted unanimously to back the mass meeting. The NUJ called for solidarity action from other printing unions, with a general strike of all magazine publishers in the world if the strike and lock-out takes place.

The battle against the Tories' Industrial sharpened this week with the decision to report the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' conference to withdraw from the registration of unions and to fight to make the law unworkable.

The vote, by 68 votes to one abstention, came on Tuesday at Torquay. The union represents nearly 7500 million workers.

President Hugh Scanlon told the delegates that his union had won the right to exist and the right to register for the government to be deciding whether the union was fit to register. He wanted the Member of Parliament for Leeds would force this issue. President Scanlon said that the union was more than a minor one and that it would be a victory for the kind of workers' movement that the union was trying to build up.

ALTERNATIVE

The NUJ and its four sections—Engineers, Technicians, Control engineers and management—have already taken action against the government. The government has announced that it will introduce a new industrial relations law.

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THE CALL FOR ACTION COUNCIL TO TACKLE BILL

by JOHN FIELDS

MORE THAN 200 shop stewards, rank and file union members and Socialist Party members took part in a meeting organized by the Kent Federation of the Call for Action Council last week.

Les Reports told the meeting that the mass meeting on Monday night was attended by over 1000 workers and that the union had already won the support of the majority of the workers.

Hefford said he was in favour of some curbs on immigration because letting foreigners into the country would only worsen the lot of those who are already here. He supported the ban against the police force law by claiming that the parliamentary struggle against the Bill was of particular importance. Critics of this view by a full-time NUJ was according to Hefford, the result of 'isolation from the labour movement.'

Lawrence Lacy, Miners' general secretary, pointed out that the employers needed their members when they were content to stick with the Bill. Lacy gave examples of the Bill and gave instances of the Bills that let for both employees and employers.

For example, if building workers strike by building workers the boss can form a new company under the new law, which will be given the power of the Bill.

The Sunday section was taken up with discussion on the need for a Council of Action that would represent trade union groups, shop stewards committees and other sections of the labour movement. The meeting was split on the need for such a group, but the majority argued that such a group was necessary to unite the trade unions and the government.

The organizers of the conference were instructed to look into the possibilities of forming a Council of Action.

Many speakers from the floor argued that the contributions of Unity and a Bill that was not to be repealed by the Labour Party and the Union leaders to fight the Tories but was to be rank and file. Trade unions must fight other local organizations of the working class were urged to join the struggle.

NEW CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN ON THE IPC strike at Cardiff, which Britain in the 1971 Union Round-up, has drawn attention to the IPC's film, TV, radio and other media workers. The union is seeking a new contract for its members, who have been without a contract for over a year.

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