Army given go-ahead to step up repression and bloodshed

THE BRITISH ARMY has been given a free hand to smash by any means the resistance to imperialism in Northern Ireland. Every British soldier now understands clearly that he can shoot to kill at whoever strays into his sights, that his military supervisors will lie in their teeth to protect him and that the relevant ministers in the House of Commons will repeat it again as often as they are asked.

On Monday in the Commons Lord Balniel stood up to answer questions from Bernadette Devlin and in true Tory time-honoured fashion there followed a chorus of roundly-uttered 'I am satisfied'. The current escalation in Derry was triggered by the killing last Thursday of Seamus Cusack and George Beattie.

The only reporter present when Cusack was killed in the early hours of the morning was Neil McCartney of the Irish Times. Seamus Cusack was shot by a British soldier at practically point blank range, not 50 yards from where I stood in Bogside on Wednesday night. He started neither rifle nor petrol bomb nor stone, but was in fact bending down to pick up an object from the ground.

Within a few hours the Army authorities in Derry had picked up their story. Cusack, they said, had been carrying a rifle and was about to fire it.

The British press gladly seized on this and spread it all over the place. The Times was typical: 'An Army marksman fired at a man carrying a rifle after he had been warned in the Shan St area.'

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It was the same with George Beattie. Numerous eyewitnesses have testified that he was shot while running away and that he had thrown no bombs. But the Army lie was headlines as fact by the national papers.

These are the lies that Balniel endorsed on behalf of the Tory government. It is clear from this that the Tories have begun to abandon the attempt to balance between the two communities in Northern Ireland. Their attempts to draw together Catholic and Protestant moderates into a civilised commonwealth regime have failed. They have instead chosen to solve the economic problems by first of all ignoring all reference to the national question, then forced them now to revert to their oldest and most tried weap-on—repressive violence.

In Northern Ireland the powerful forces of the two parties forcing the Social Democratic and Labour Party—which less than a fortnight ago was eagerly grabbing minor parliamentary positions from Prime Minister Brian Faulkner—to threaten to withdraw completely from the Stormont parliament.

by EAMONN McCANN

But the continuing absence of a viable socialist presence in areas like the Bogside has allowed much of the militancy of the people to be focused in behind the Provisional IRA. What is necessary is not just the removal of the British Army.

By tragic irony, last Thursday when Seamus Cusack and George Beattie were being killed in Bogside, Martin O'Leary, aged 20, was being buried in Cork in the South.

He was killed by an explosion at the Tipperary mines of Mopul Ltd, where miners were fighting a struggle for a pay rise and new and more successful battle against a reactionary management. His death reminds us that the struggle in Ireland is not just a struggle between England and Ireland. It is a struggle between British imperialism and its allies, foreign and native, and the Irish working class, which is a significantly different thing.

ENCOURAGE

While exposing the lies of the Tory press and politicians and supporting those bearing the brunt of the repression, we should encourage left republicans and other revolutionaries urgently to come together in order to give the embattled communities leadership both politically and militarily can lead to the defeat of the imperial power.

In Britain it is necessary also to expose the opportunistic manoeuvres of the Labour Party.

Last Monday when Lord Balniel sat down it was George Thompson, the Labour MP for Dundee East, who sprang to his feet to express his intense anger that our soldiers, who are trying to save Northern Ireland from a bloodbath, should not be the kind of provocative action they do face.

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Rents: blueprint to soak council tenants

THE TORIES' new rent proposals, announced on Tuesday, are yet another attempt to slash the living standards of millions of working people. They are in the same category as the welfare cuts, the increase in health charges and the raising of school meal prices.

The great majority of council tenants can confidently look forward to a 50p rent rise every year for the next three years—in addition to increases they had to pay in previous years.

The Tories have tried to sugar the pill. They claim that those 'unable to afford the rise' will get a rebate. What they don't say is that in order to qualify for a rebate, tenants will have to undergo the indignity of the means test.

Not do they mention the fact that the amount the government front offices exist for the better-off sections of the population that are not able to pay. This is the tax relief given to people who are buying houses on mortgages.

Such relief exists for the government considerably more than the £200 million a year spent on council house subsidies. The government is abolishing subsidies for what it calls 'well-to-do' council tenants—a man with a wife and two children earning the average industrial wage. But it is doing nothing to touch the subsidy to well-to-do mortgage holders.

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Yet this year, despite rising rents, 50,000 fewer houses were built than four years ago. Meanwhile 85p out of every pound collected in rent in London has gone in interest charges to money lenders.

And of course nobody is talking about cutting the subsidy which ordinary working people in council houses pay to these lenders.

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Better-paid workers will pay more to subsidise those prepared to go through a means test. The middle class gets off scot free.

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Ireland: clear the troops out now!

The MURDER by British soldiers of two civilians in Derry last week has put Northern Ireland back into the headlines. It has demonstrated once again that British imperialism can no longer be trusted in Ireland.

Control of Northern Ireland by British big business was based for generations upon systematically encouraging religious bigotry among the working class and supporting the use of physical force and terror. The counter-revolutionary forces were intrinsically superior to Catholics. And to give some reality to such feelings, a whole history of discrimination against Catholics in Ireland and in favour of Protestants, when it came to laws or services. Such marginal privileges made it possible for Protestant workers to forget their own menaces, and to unite against the Orange lads and Union Jacks of their rulers.

Such techniques meant that it was relatively easy for the landowners and industrialists to loot the Six Counties of the north-east of the rest of Ireland when it gained independence in the 1920s. The result was that Britain kept control of Northern Ireland, while the southern states never had the resources to achieve real economic independence.

Wherever the Catholics of the North protested against discrimination, British government forces used the most tyrannical Protestant bigots to terrify them into submission.

Unarmed moderation

But the government did not feel able to treat the Civil Rights movement that began three years ago in the same way. For British big business now owns most of the resources of the southern states of Ireland. The political activities there might be upset if it were to permit the Northern Catholics to be too vociferously represented. And so it started preaching 'moderation' to the rulers of the North. Reformers to end some aspects of discrimination were promised.

They who control the Orange Order and the Unionist Party were outraged. The whole basis for their power was threatened. They were backed by many ordinary Protestant workers who feared that unemployment would be reduced if their marginal privileges over the Catholics were done away with.

But the reforms have not really helped the Catholic section of the working class either. Small Catholics cannot make a living as they are exploited by unemployment—already twice the British level. Resources that could be used to improve conditions continue to flow abroad as the owners search for bigger profits.

Such a situation cannot be ended until the wealth of Northern Ireland is shared with the Catholics. This will mean a revolution in which the British are fighting for an end to British control.

It seems our friends in the US and the troops stand a British ruling class with interests in both North and South Ireland. Nor do they understand the need for united action by the whole working class, north and south of the Border, if that ruling class and its Irish hangers-on are to be thrown out.

But this must be no doubt on whose side socialists in this country stand. Our first duty is to make sure that they are in power. Even if we do not always agree with the political ideas of its leaders or have criticisms of some of their tactics. And we have to be clear that the only way to end the history of violence and bloodshed in Ireland is to force the British government to withdraw its troops.

RIGHT-WING LABOUR CARRIES ON IN ANTI-TORY MOOD

The PROPAGANDA offensive by the press and the government over the 'Common Market is not having the desired effect. So strong is the anti-Tory feeling in the labour movement that even hardened right-wingers like Denis Healey and Anthony Crosland feel compelled to make concessions to it. They do not want to be seen by the man who made it possible for Heath's government to survive the Commons vote on entry in October.

But such moves create dangers for the Left. Already some people are urging us to return to the 'Common Market of the problem we faced were the Common Market, Tribune and the Communist Party, for example, are both behaving as if we can solve all our difficulties by merely maintaining an independent capitalism Britain.

Only one measure

We oppose the Common Market because we believe that the problems facing the world can be solved by a programme of enrichment of the working class and of development of the socialist revolution. Capitalist attempts like the Common Market to solve such problems can only operate at the expense of working people. But the Common Market means the continuation of welfare cuts, anti-union laws, racism—which will be used against workers even more than in the past.

The likelihood is that right-wing Labour leaders will make nationalistic noises about the Market in order to avoid having to commit themselves to action on these other issues. They hope to return to government on the crest of popular revulsion against Tory policies without having undertaken to reverse such policies. And their task is made easier by the way in which much of the Left is tying itself to the party and is not in a position to lead a national political movement to ensure a People's Charter.

We cannot have a link with the Tory government. We must support the Left in all their struggles, and we must hold the Labour Party to account if they do not ensure a People's Charter.

Warmongers

IN OUR work for a truly socialist society we support those who struggle for peace in Vietnam, Ireland and elsewhere, the following facts. With regard to the terrible tragedy now being inflicted on Bangladesh, it is important to remember that this warmongering Tory government is responsible for the background of this Montreal against an immeasurably worse crime.

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Workers need a new party to lead struggle for a socialist society

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has agreed not to register when the Industrial Relations Bill becomes law. What will the workers do if this bill is passed?

The Industrial Relations Bill is one of the most vicious and odious pieces of anti-working class legislation since the Combination Laws. It seeks to destroy basic trade union rights established out of generations of struggle and to render the trade unions docile, pliant tools of the employers and their state.

It is an unforgivable attempt to solve the inherent crisis of the system at the expense of the working class. It poses a direct threat to the working class state. It has been carefully drafted to ensure that the de-registrations are serious in the interests of the unions.

I wish to stress therefore, right at the outset, that serious though the consequences may be, they will be, if faced with resistance, with the determination of the workers to prevent it, more than met and they will be fought.

The Trade Unionists Bill and its unions and its officials will be liable for damages and fines. The force of the AmendmentBill and its unions, and its officials will be liable for damages and fines, to the extent of almost any industrial action they undertake.

All militants will be under attack whether their unions are registered or not. Whether they stick or whether they stick will be open to question, and it may well be, with thesystem in its present state, that the unions are already saying in private, that if they register the employers will grant them bargaining units or, if they do not, will take the Bill against them under the Bill, and they can therefore increase their membership at the expense of the workers, and the workers, and the workers.

We need not fear that the Bill will not work. The Bill represents some of the most powerful and unscrupulous employers in British society. In the Bill, they are not, and they do not want to see the workers and the workers subordinate to the interests of their employers.

Politically, the Bill represents the interests of the working class.

As the conflict between the workers and the employers will be open. We are working not only in the interests of the workers, but those of our own workers in the community of the nation, and the nation of the House of Lords at the time of the sanctions and the strikes.

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Also expected to be those who are even less honest, who will use every means of subterfuge in order to protect his interests, and the existing system of industrial action will be fixed, and the workers will not want to see the workers and the workers subordinate to the interests of their employers.

What do they do if this bill is not taken for the Tories to take the union?

The Tories want to take the Bill on, and it is up to the workers to fight, for it is a much longer, protracted battle, and it is in the interests of the workers. As it is, the workers, the workers will not want to see the workers subordinate to the interests of their employers.

As this occurs, the broader trend of action is the struggle for the worker, which is to be protected and the workers will not want to see the workers subordinate to the interests of their employers.

What do you think militants at local level should be doing to fight the Bill?

The militants should be working at the highest levels for maximum action against the Bill. The Bill is to be seen as a psychological attack to make us feel weak and drive us into apathy. It is they and not we who are weak. History stands on our side.

The fact that they are drawn to these measures underlines their desperation. So that they are, and they are not a mark of the party, which has a history of using these tools of the working class. The Bill is the determination to use the tool of the working class. The Bill will give us the opportunity of working for the working class.

This power was amply demonstrated on March 1 and 15. All their high-capacity, electronically-controlled equipment stood idle. Many of the workers, who were interested in the production process, the human being, were involved. Even the seemingly invincible Fleet Street unions did not escape the Bill, and it is true that the invaders of the unions have not been able to maintain a large organization. The Bill is a clear indication of the political and economic action of the working class. We are not in the position of the workers to prevent the Bill. But our struggle is for the working class.

The workers should act on the Bill and refuse to sell their services to the landlords. The Bill is to be seen as a psychological attack to make us feel weak and drive us into apathy. It is they and not we who are weak. History stands on our side.

The Tries to Upper Clyde Shipyards threaten the jobs of thousands of workers. How do you think this can be fought?

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Says MIKE COOLEY, president of DATA (Technical and Supplementary section of the AEW)

Great power and cohesion exist in the British trade union movement, but the movement, by its very nature, cannot operate defensively around the rights and standards already gained. It is not, however, in its nature to mount an offensive on the whole system, to destroy it and to lead the struggle for socialism. For this, we need a political party, a Marxist Leninist Party. An in-depth discussion of this will have to be carried out by the whole working class.

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Mike Cooley was talking to Roger Rosewell

Too modest

It would be to imply the class in a real sense of history, and the power of the class in this era in which oppressed people all over the world are organizing and liberating themselves, if the Vietnamese could do it, so can we in Britain.

The fact is that up to now we have been too modest and too fearful in our demands and aspirations. This reserve on the part of the working class was condemned by James Connolly, the greatest trade union and revolutionary leader that Britain has produced. He said in his poem, the Moderate.

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Labour's role

Anyone who attempts to operate capital at this historical stage of deepening crisis will have no alternative but to take these measures. It matters not whether it be Tweddlewood Wilson or Tweddlewood Heselden. This crisis did not just start since the Tories came to power. Labour was forced to introduce anti-trade union legislation. Labour introduced pre-election charges. Labour created Winterbottom and laid the basis for mass unemployment. Labour sought to cover the Commons.

To ask how the government can be defeated seems to me to be something of a non-question. What we should be asking is how to defeat capitalism. The Left in Britain is weak. What do you think is necessary to build a socialist movement capable of removing the capitalist system?
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THE EC is a shame-faced recognition that the old capitalist framework is now incapable of harnessing the potential of the new technology for the good of the mass of the people.

British capitalism is undergoing the cruellest expression of both self-destruction and starving to death at the same time—suffering from lack of markets and starving for lack of finance. A "united Europe" offers giant new markets to exploit and new capital resources to feed on.

It might be hard for a class that less than 50 years ago believed itself to be the world’s leading power to now admit that it is very close to going under. But profit speaks louder than words. The rate of returns on investment in British industry has plunged from some 20 per cent in 1954 to 10.9 per cent in 1969.

VAST

The Rolls-Royce Tornado demonstrated how close to wind the industrial establishment had to call in the order for the KB-111.

The necessary outlay on research and development which goes into the manufacture of the paper-thin profit margins was incapable of sustaining the investment. A national-based economy such as Britain does not have the profit to produce the latest engines and aircrafts at a rate of profit required.

Over the past 10 years, the British chemical industry has slipp- ed from second to fourth place in the world. At home, the indus- tries which have been most hurt have the skill and the capital to compete with the rest of the world. The international standard is set by companies who have taken a market place which the British economy has totally changed the rules of the capitalistic game.

For instance, it took 112 years from the invention of photography to someone putting it to commercial use in 1839. The telephone had to wait for 26 years (1892-83). The forerunner of the TV was 35 years (1897-1932). The airship was 69 years (1920-1989). The atom bomb was 69 years (1920-1989). The transistor was 48 years (1948-1996). The printed circuits was 50 years (1938-1988).

British employers are not in a position to meet the challenge of technological revolution and the situation is going to get worse.

The Tory government, in a bid to purchase before it is too late, are trying to set up a parallel technology to stop the tide of the new technology. One such measure is the National Computer Centre.

ENTRY INTO THE COMMON MARKET IS THE POLICY OF THE RULING CLASS. TONY POLAN'S THREAT IS NOT IN THE LEAST COMICAL.

The Tory government, the government of both the big banks and the extreme right wing of the Labour movement, has lined up on the pro-entry side.

In the short-term, the old left and most of the centre of the working class is looking to the left of the National Front, Enoch Powell and a gang of very nasty small business elements, plus

the Deaverpress group. The BBC is being used to suppress opposition to those who are supporting the sitting of the Commons, the Immigration Bill, mass unemployment and the rest of the Tory offensive.

"WHY NOT?"...
The Market is a bosses’ market. European workers must unite to fight the menace

The Europeans can’t-yet, French and German industrialists have been complaining that the Americans who have really exploited the advantages of the EEC. In the years 1961 to 1969 ‘25 per cent of the turnover across frontiers of member countries of the EEC have been instigated by firms from outside, mainly American and British.

There have been important European successes for example, in the car industry. (Ago-Gavrilic, German-Dutch, aircraft, 

But it is not nearly enough.

VITAL

In fact, a likely next step, particularly if Britain joins, is the formation of a European Economic Community along the same lines as the Labour government’s proposed “re-organisation of industry”. A new, multi-national state will be created, with the people of the United States as the backbone, to undermine the Ranks, the ACIM and the public utility. It is a stage in the development of the concept of the EEC as a political and economic union.

The EEC is the Common Market to do away with the existing economic barriers and initiate the international organisation and planning of economic resources based on a socially progressive and democratically accountable basis. It will be a means of imperialist consolidation and the means of imperialist control over the whole of Europe.

WEAK

The USA promises to spend $25,000 million on research and development a year. The cost of productivity investment on the basis of this is not enough to make a strong European capitalism go weak at the knees. The Americans can do it. The big five US corporations have an annual turnover equal to the gross national product of Italy.

The CBI calculated that the relationship between the cost of investment developing it into a commercial proposition and building the factories and moving the advertising to produce and sell it, is in the ratio of 1:10:100.

The UK is a completely backward country in industrial restructuring. It is a country that has been left behind by the rest of the world. It is a country that is still dependent on the world market for its existence. It is a country that is still dependent on the world market for its existence.

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TOUGH

The British has been the West Indies accused of fixed price for sugar. That was a policy as long as the fixed price was lower than the current market price. But over the past few years the terms of trade have shifted sharply against new materials, and Britain has found herself paying more than the world market price for its sugar.

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ACTION

Cross-border links between workers in the same production and industry will be vital. The trade unions must work with their demands, be prepared to defend common gains, and organise collective action in order to obtain well-defined objectives, commonly agreed upon and applicable throughout the Community. A British demand must be international negotiations to get international collective agreements and prevent the employers taking advantage of the weakness of organisations in one country to undermine the strength of work in another.

Internationalism has never been the property of the house, and this is certainly the case in the EEC. The EEC is the result of a policy of a system of international co-operation on the basis of economic and political co-operation. The working class of Europe is the only means of controlling real capital and preventing the EEC from developing into a stronger form of capitalism.
CONCESSIONS

The ruling class was forced to change its policies. In the years of economic boom, the capitalists had made numerous concessions to the workers' organizations, which allowed workers to keep the workers under the thumb of modern labor laws and trade unions.

But now it had to withdraw the concessions. Such actions, it knew, could force even the most conservative sections of workers to take action. And so it had to find some new means of keeping them in order, even if it meant destroying the workers' most elementary forms of organization.

In the boom period the Nazi Party had been a minor business factor. Hitler realized it got no more than 2½ per cent of the vote.

But millions of middle-class people were attracted to the National Socialists because they felt that they lost both their jobs, their small businesses, and their future. Hitler promised them that he would transform Germany into an agricultural country, free from foreign domination, and they would soon be free of foreign domination.

In his speeches he raged against both the "burgesses" and the "bourgeoisie," the rich and the poor. They wanted to keep Germany as it was. They wanted war and they were willing to sacrifice everything for it.

Hitler knew that the Nazis had a majority in the fact less than 20 per cent of German households could vote for them, and that the Nazi Party was not a political force to be reckoned with.

The middle-class turned towards Hitler as an escape route. Their resentment against the "bourgeoisie" could be worked out by smashing up Jewish owned businesses.

DILEMMA

When such concessions were withdrawn and the Nazis were paid to attack workers' organizations, the workers were completely at a loss to know what to do. Their leaders, although not yet prepared to support a revolution, were preparing to listen to radical attacks on the very people they wanted to help.

If the Communist leaders had made proposals about this to the Social Democratic organizations—for instance for joint actions to destroy the party, the workers leaders would have faced a major dilemma. Either they would have to agree to such weak or the forces used by big business against them could be used by the workers.
What's a good film doing at the Jacey?

The issue of the censorship of artistic material (both written and visual) is under public scrutiny at the moment with the trial of OZ magazine and the Little Red School Book. At the same time, the worthy Lord Longford has initiated a one-man anti-sex and obscenity in the cinema.

In this situation, Gabriel Axel's film Danish Blue (Jacey, Piccadilly) is a timely reminder of sanity and non-bizarre. The film was made in 1967 before the Danish authorities virtually abolished censorship and Danish Film Board's refusal to fund the film that laughed the censor out of Denmark.

The story of the film is quite simple - to show by a judicious mixture of humour and lamentation just how stupid censorship is. This is done by treating the problem and celebration of sexual passion in the art of all races and all civilisations at all times.

Farical

This is contrasted with contemporary attitudes held by authority - the idea of being able to portray certain parts of the body but not others and the farical rules about not being allowed to show pubic hairs.

Axel's case is overwhelming and it is unlikely that any readers of Socialist Worker will need this film to convince them of the stupidity and injustice of censorship. He partly undermines the problem of violence and sex, though he does make the important point that if the censor's wish is to prevent people from being degraded he could very easily take a closer look at the violence of the weapon which spews itself out daily on our television screens.

Irony

When I saw the film, the cinema was crowded, but among the audience there were only two women. Almost every man was alone and nearly every one had his statutory copy of the Evening News or Standard to pass the time of his face when the lights went up.

This is the final irony - that a film satirising censorship and attacking the 'dirty book specialists' which contains inevitable nudity is forced to be shown in the kind of place which is a direct result of the censorship.

But Danish Blue performs a very useful function in puncturing the sanctimonious and boring myths about censorship. It also makes the vital and often overlooked point that there are very few obstacles that can compare with the cruel and humiliating loneliness that capitalism as a system imposes on so many people.

Martin Tomkinson

The Tories are to hand off parts of the gas industry.

Fatman lobbying

There has been a complete press blackout on events in Rhodesia, in spite of frantic efforts by the Tories to reach a sell-off settlement with Smith and his kick-the-kaffir benchmen. The blackout is not unconnected with the fact that the Fatman's bean counter is Lord Goodman, chairman of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, an organisation thought to have some influence over the content of the millionaires press.

In fact, during Fatman's trip to Salisbury, Africans staged several courageous demonstrations against Smith, all of them ignored by the press here. 125 African school students from Bulawayo marched into Salisbury with doggers reading 'stop working for three white pigs', 'Rhodesia is a police state', 'around South Africa' and 'people's liberation, a free Zimbabwe of death'. Students arrested under the law in question were sentenced to six strokes of the cane.

On another demo, 150 African students from University College, Salisbury were arrested within sight of Fatman's office. It is understood that his Lordship did not cable Fleet Street with the hot news.

Stout baching

Meanwhile further south in the principality, a South Wales Labour Party decided to have a debate on the Common Market. Workers were unable to attend, but the comrades obtained tape recordings of Roy Jenkins and Peter Shore.

The audience seemed unimpressed by Jenkins' diatribe in favour of entry. But Shore was on the boil with his little England defence of national pride, sovereignty and the memory of Owen Glendower.

At the end of his peroration, the audience rose on masse and applauded the tape recorder.

Gut laugh

Dr Christian Barnard was boasting to an English surgeon that he could now transplant several human parts from one body to another with a guarantee that within six months the patient would be back at work.

'That's nothing,' said the chap from Harley Street. 'We transplanted a whole human being from Beasley to Westminster and within nine months 800,000 were out of work.'
GKN COMBINE LAUNCHES STOPSTEWARDS

Strikers out 11 weeks act to stop blacklegging by ASTMS

CUMBERNAULD: The 11-weeks-old strike of AUEW members at Burroughs' office machines factory took a new turn this week when pickets tried to stop blacklegs entering the works.

The workers were supervisors in the Association of Supervisors, Technical and Manual Staffs, who had been carrying out inventory and stock-checking duties performed normally by the striking workers.

On Monday, a group of supervisors at the ASTMS office in Glasgow forced the union to issue instructions to the supervisors to stop blacklegging, with overtime, which had been going on for two weeks.

The men went out to the streets in April when they expected a final pay offer of £1.37 over two years. £1.37 for the first year was to offer any national engineering pay award.

The strike, Burroughs UK, who recorded £11m profits last year, made 500 workers redundant at the Cumbernauld factory, making a total labour loss of £500,000 so far. The strike also impacts Burbrooks' other plant at Strathtawe and is expected to continue at least August.

2000 supporters of Civil Rights in Northern Ireland marched to a rally in Trafalgar Square on Sunday to hear Bernadette Devlin and other speakers

SW Industrial Reporter

GKN Combine launches stopstewards

Rail union to boycott the Bill

by John Field

LEADERS of the National Union of Railwaymen have decided that the union will cancel its entry on the final provisional register on the day that the Industrial Relations Bill becomes the Royal Assent.

The NUR has also decided to accept other IUC recommendations, including a financial incentive to negotiate with the Industrial Tribunal and the Compensation of Unjustified Dismissal. The decision will also have the effect of reducing the number of new agreements that should be signed.

This decision may be seen as controversial by some quarters, but could also find itself in the NUR leadership.

Lost members

But if the closed shop is abolished, the NUR will stand to lose a lot of its members. It would also lose its position as one in national importance, and it has yet to negotiate with the Railways Board (although ASLEF and the RUPR are recognized). It has also lost its position as a national trade union.

The NUR's decision against nationalization is not the result of a sudden realization of its leadership. It is a sign that Greene and the leaders of the NUR are actually trying to use the IRB as a means of keeping their union alive, by the end of 1989.

It is now up to rank and file members to determine the struggle against the IRB, and to keep on the leadership on a right to the workers and union democracy that the NUR leadership has not recognized.

IC1 STEWARDS HEAR OF SACKINGS THREAT

The IC1 Northern Shop Stewards' Committee in Manchester last Friday, held a meeting to discuss the possibility of sacking some of the strikers who have been blacklegging the pickets. The Committee members are aware of the potential 'shaming of labour' that blacklegging of pickets who have been blacklegging the pickets.

There is no doubt that 'improved' workers and their employers are not affected under the SSA productivity deal, only recently ratified by the Central Arbitration Commission.

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Bullet Men unite to stop victimisation

NOTICES

SW Reporter

WORKERS at the Lewisham, south London, factory of Elliott Automation, part of the GEC/Comex group, have teamed up with fellow union members at Greenwich, Rochdale and other places to resist victimisation.

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Breakdown in key talks on Coventry agreement

TALKS on the employers' move to end the Coventry Tool Room Agreements have ended in deadlock at the York Conference of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. A failure to agree has been confirmed.

The agreement has meant that up to 1200 skilled and ancillary workers get a monthly wage increase based on the average earnings for the Coventry area. The tool rate now stands at £9.25 per hour.

The tool men have been operating an overtime ban and work to rule for the last four weeks in defiance of their agreement.

Production has been seriously affected at several major factories, both Clydeport and Standard-Trust have been forced to lay-off workers in the past week.

A major maintenance of new plant has been delayed which could considerably reduce long term efficiency and working life. Work on safety modifications to the American version of the Coventry model, and the No. 1 plant in Coventry, has been affected so much that it will have to be moved to another site because if it won't work.

The tool men and stonewards and convention will decide on future action this week. Further strike action is expected within 24 hours of the meeting, which will take place after the Coventry holiday fortnight which began this weekend.