THE TAKEOVER of the Upper Clyde Shipyard is now in its second week. It is a vital struggle. The Tories have deliberately "bunched" UCS in order to please their shipbuilding friends and add to the present appalling level of unemployment.

They hope that by acts such as this together with the backing of the Industrial Relations Act that wages will be driven down, militancy curbed and the trade unions weakened. It is, therefore, a struggle which affects every trade unionist in Britain.

The Tory proposals in UCS are savage. Two of the four yards are to be closed and at least 6000 workers sacked. It is estimated that more than 10,000 other workers who supply UCS will also become unemployed.

Conference

Unemployment in and around Glasgow is already 10 percent and if the sacrifices occur, the figure will increase to 15 percent. The first shipyard shop stewards met and decided to support the UCS workers in their fight against unemployment. They agreed to hold a huge all-Scotland demonstration on 18 August and pledged themselves to give financial aid.

This tremendous movement can save UCS and defeat the Tories. To do so, however, requires a much more militant programme than is being fought for at present.

The current work in progress in the yards has many dangers, as does the continuing boasting about productivity. Firstly, the work in the yards might really mean as people working themselves out of a job, and secondly, it has been "instructed" that productivity must be achieved.

This previous redundancies in UCS. In 1969 for example 3000 workers were sacked. It will not be impossible to utilise the yards for producing something about productivity or planning for work that will defeat the menace of unemployment.

The only force that can do that is the strength of power and organisation of the working class. That is why the yards must be occupied and workers' homes.

The C30 million worth of unfinished ships needs to be pressed into service by the UCS workers. If the work-in continues and morale is maintained, the value of this asset will decline.

On Friday the 1st the work-in will be announced. If the work-in continues after this date there will be serious problems.

Sit - down

The UCS shop stewards have said that the 400 should be sacked, report for work as usual and that other workers will pay their wages. Then other workers will be paying the men to work themselves out of a job. The shipyard shop stewards will have worked for nothing.

This is a serious matter. Occupation of the yards is necessary. It should, of course, be co-ordinated by daily meetings. Unfortunately there has been a serious absence of meetings so far.

But no matter how the occupation proceeds, the point remains. The white collar workers must rally to their support. The point is:

1. Financial aid to the UCS fighting fund.
2. Resolution of support to UCS and for 18 August demonstration.
3. The French UCG and the British shipyard call a day-long general strike on 16 August in support of the UCS workers and against unemployment.
4. The occupation of other factories that are threatened with closure.

MANY readers of Socialist Worker can only have a vague idea of what unemployment means, especially if a few are even nowadays in the argument that everything else can be done in the extreme circumstances of Northern Ireland. After all, neither have been killed, bombings have taken place, properly destroyed.

But the Faulkner/Heath workers are not concerned with the lives of soldiers. They lose more sleep over the loss of tax to the system.

But who are the terrorists in present incarcerated in army camps? When dragged out of his home at 3am, John Barney, who was a constituent and friend of mine, was engaged in his last a terrorist's activity than looking after his four year old daughter while his wife worked on night shift.

At 4am the distraught mother finally discovered the whereabouts of her husband, but not her husband. The army does not have a forwarding address when raising working-class homes and inferring four-year-olds.

Newry smoulders in flames by 50 years of political repression, unemployment and state terrorism.

Derry can best be described as the belly of a people contaminated like dirt on the symbol of its oppression. They must not workers but the army of British imperialism.

The responsibility for every stone, every fire bomb, every death lies, the shoulders of the four men who last week in Downing Street, Heath, Peter Carrington, Brian Faulkner and General Turbott.

Stop Internment! British Troops out of Ireland! RALLY at Speakers' Corner, 2pm 15th August ALL London 15 members must attend

AN APPEAL FROM BERNADETTE DEVLIN

We cannot be intimidated and we will resist this last visible act of oppression as we have resisted all others in the past. We cannot do it on our own.

Our only friends are our fellow working class in Britain. You must come to our aid. Organise, educate, act. And if for no other reason than ours, bring the government down.

It is not your government, it is not your army, it is your class which is under attack in Northern Ireland.

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Tories and Army unleash Belfast terror

The British government has shown that it is even more repressive than those in South Africa to safeguard its rule in Northern Ireland.

And the press, which normally cannot say anything in its private publication 'From Home', has given it near unanimous approval.

300 men have been imprisoned. They face after serving to the workers will not get the opportunity of even a rigged trial. They will be treated as if they were criminals and kept in jail to keep them for some time in prison for years, rather than months.

The press has given no indulgence to previous actions of the loyalist society, the Ulster Volunteer Force, or any other loyalist society. It has written that it is a just act against indiscriminate murder of the innocent.

Two years ago the homes of ordinary working-class people in Falls Road and other areas of Belfast were attacked by loyalist violence. The government of the Republic has been negligent in the conduct of the big N Ireland Orange Order.

This has been a police action in which not a single loyalist has been hurt. A young child was killed in a bullet from the British army's flying machine gun. In Derry a man called Devlin died after being beaten to death by the police in his own home.

Every newspaper reporter and every government minister in Belfast knows that this is a police action. The people of N Ireland have been put on trial for such 'indiscriminate murder', let alone being interned without being charged.

Protect

Instead the authorities have sent men who in their speeches and their actions have been absolutely against the action of the British government.

The leaders of both wings of the IRA have said that it is that by which they will use arms to protect the republicans. It is that by which they are absolutely against attacks by republicans against the Protestant people.

Contrast this with the behaviour of the British Army. Look at the figures for three nights. Last night three civilians from the republican section of the population for every soldier.

On Monday night British soldiers were rampaging through the ordinary working-class streets of the Lower Falls, breaking windows, kicking down doors and generally causing the destruction. They sentenced one young boy, pat a gun against his head and fired a rubber bullet at him at point blank range.

What is at stake is the continuing attempt of the ruling class of Britain to keep control of a country of Ireland. They can only do so by hacking into the mass of the population and destroying the most elementary civil rights. And their rule, therefore, is the enemy of the workers of the north, whether Catholic or Protestant, and the army of unemployment.

The political nature of the repression is further shown by the act of arresting people who protest. None can do anything to the workers who protest. This is a socialist minority. DerryDevlin is a socialist minority. She has been sent to jail.

In Belfast a number of well-known trade union leaders and representatives of the Workers Rights Association, Ivan Barr, have suffered the same. I know very well that the British government is not only a socialist minority. She has been sent to jail.

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The sordid record of Wedgwood Benn

by PAUL FOOT

Since more than one newspaper commentator has tipped Anthony Wedgwood Benn as the Labour politician who will be the next party leader, many socialists may like to know where he stands on various issues.

The following glossary may be of some assistance:

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Oppose Intemperance

The continued existence of the Northern Ireland state depends upon the use of crude force and the enforcement of religious bigotry. That is the position behind the government's revulsion to imprisonment without trial.

Two years ago the British government was forced to promise reforms to deal with the worst effects of discrimination. These reforms never meant much to the mass of Catholic workers who were still facing massive unemployment and bad housing. And they enraged the sectarian elements from the Orange Order who had previously run the state. The result is that the Northern Ireland government has so little support that it is doubtful if it could win an election.

The arrest of the former attempt by the government to win support from the bigots and at the same time to knock the stuffing out of the sectarian element, by enacting a law against sectarianism.

Every socialist and trade unionist in Britain must oppose the use of such dictatorial and oppressive measures by the Tories of London and Belfast as they try to smash opposition to their rule.

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Oz: turning point for the underground?

Dave Widdery (one of Oz's new editors)

The VIOLENT scenes that erupted at the Oz edition party in London last night are part of a growing trend that is likely to take on an even more serious form as the political environment becomes more hostile.

The late 1960s saw a wave of political violence in many countries, and this was accompanied by a rise in opposition to the Vietnam War. The same pattern is now emerging in Europe and the United States.

The Oz party was a small gathering of around 150 people, who were mostly friends of the editors. They had come together to mark the publication of the magazine, which is known for its radical views on social and political issues.

The violence that broke out at the party mirrored a growing sense of frustration among young people, who feel that their voices are not being heard. The Oz editors have been trying to move beyond the merely political aspects of the magazine, and to focus on issues such as art, culture, and personal freedom.

Concorde

Concorde is the biggest wants of money in the history of British aerospace. Its development cost is estimated to be £20 billion, and it is being built for the British aerospace company BAE Systems and its makers, the British Aerospace Corporation.

It will be, if it flies, an environmental disaster. Mr Benn is one hundred per cent in favour of the Concorde. Roll's Royce RB21

This engine is intended for the Triton jet which will fly between Australian cities.

It has bankrupted Rolls-Royce and its workers have been left in the lurch by the tax payer who has already forked out some £1 billion. It is a disaster and waste on a grand scale. Mr Benn is one hundred per cent in favour of the Concorde.

In its present state, the Labour Party is under the leadership of Anthony Wedgwood Benn, who is a British socialist politician and a member of the Labour Party.
INSIDE THE SHEPPARDS

by Roger Rosewell

IN 1853 a shipyard was opened on Tredwyl, Newport, which would be eventually shut down. It was they who met and admitted me—not any policemen or magistrates.

As I was shown around the grey and wet yard of the Clydebank Division of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, I felt the determined mood of those workers to fight the Tory-imposed sackings.

For years foremen have swaggered authoritatively about. Their discipline has dominated the yard. Now they have almost vanished. In the whole three hours that I spent in UCS I only counted four foremen—and one was confused in walking in an alleyway.

SHOCKED

There is a quiet feeling of resistance among the workers. They know that a battle is raging and most of them are ready for it.

The picket declaration that the pay of the four UCS yards is to be closed and 6000 workers are to be sacked.

Unemployment in and around Glasgow is at a crisis point, a serious situation as an improvement. Redundancies are announced daily. Workers are being ripped by the despair and misery of unemployment.

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FASCISM came about in Italy, Germany and Spain because the ruling classes of those countries could no longer maintain themselves in power without completely smashing workers' organisations.

For the sake of the economic crisis and such was the dislocation of the mass of people that profits could not be kept up while the workers still had some means of self-defence.

In Britain in the 1930s the ruling classes could not maintain themselves in power without completely smashing workers' organisations.

The fascist government worked through its armed forces, its spies, its economic policies, its propaganda and its mass rallies to break the workers' resistance.

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Food - new Tory means test fraud test

WHEN the Tories pushed up school meal charges and cut free school milk they tried to sugar the pill.

They claimed that their new Family Income Supplement would be a completely novel and effective way

How thin the layer of sugar is, is seen when the scheme came into effect. Only 77 per cent of those thought to be entitled to the income supplement are getting it.

There is no question that this is because people are not yet aware of their rights. The scheme will improve as a result of further publicity campaigns.

But a close look at the government's own figures would seem to cast doubts on such statements. To get the benefit you have to pass through a rigorous means test.

Many people are just not prepared to suffer all the indignity and bother associated with a return to the methods of the thirties. The means test is no mere formality. So far more than half those entitled to receive the scheme have had their claims rejected,-23,302 as against 13,152 who have been successful.

A few examples from London show the measures with which the applications are treated.

A young workman in a full 40 hour week is rejected automatically. A young woman brings up children on their own get £2 a week, no matter how great their need.

Even men who do a full week's work are having their claims dismissed.

The social security offices are inflexible and will not even permit workers to use their over-time to put up their pay.

It seems clear that the government is not only failing to grow.

In West London last week a carter with ten children refused aid on the ground that the children were not living with him—be he paying other people - to look after them.

It is quite clear that the new scheme will, as far as we can see, do nothing to deal with the problem of poverty resulting from low wages.

The problem of low wages will largely depend on workers' ability to push up their basic levels.

The scheme has exposed one aspect of the problem, that the local government department has been set up to deal with claims from civil servants for a rise in wages.

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CASH

FACISM now takes on the job of trying to force down living standards. That is why it has to resort to mass force, and anti-labour policies.

This is not the same as fascism as a means of solving its problems.

The reason is that while the capitalist class controls the working class by using the means in certain right circumstances.

It does not measure up to the middle age workers as an instrument of its movement.

We are determined to do something rather different—to put pressure on the section leaders to do what they can to stop the movement from going down.

The situation is not of any benefit to the workers.

The extension of racism among workers shows a steady increase in the movement.

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business fail to solve its problems by using its present tactics, it will change them. If the council can suggest a new, more realistic alternative.}

Although British big business did not do as well as its competitors, it was able to afford to most of its employees.

Profits and wages rose simultaneously.

The employers relied upon right-wing trade union leaders to stop the workers demanding too much.

This situation is beginning to change.

by Chris Harman

CONCLUDING FASCISM

BUSINESS'S KNUCKLEDUSTER

Fascism grows when people, particularly

Daves, needless to say, didn't dare visit the yard.

The next day Wilson turned up. Only about 100 workers bothered to watch his arrival at the yard and even fewer exerted themselves to appeal.

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CLOUDY

Workers will not go on striking for ever to defend their wages against inflation. Eventually they will get fed up and will make their mark.

The government can only deal with them by forcing them down below their basic level.

This has been shown in the large strikes among previously non-revolutionary sections of workers such as the dockers as well as in the one-day strikes among the civil servants.

If the working class movement allows itself to be deceived and demoralised then fascist groups could really begin to flourish.

The growth of fascism in the working class is still slow. The problem is that it can be spread by socialists who are demoralised.

The fact is that it is a significant step in the struggle against fascism.

So far, there has been a substantial growth against fascism in the working class.

And people are tending to realise the true nature of the government's policy for a weapon to fail.

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Steelmen demand full rise
by ROB CLAY

THE National Union of Blast furnace workers have won a victory in their strike for a 4.6 per cent pay offer from the British Steel Corporation.

The union's general secretary, Mr. Heaton, struck this week that he was prepared for a 'long strike', if that was the way the steel workers wanted to play it.

The offer of a 4.6 per cent was recently accepted by BISKA'T, the main steel union, and the craft unions. The fact that the Blast furnace workers are on a strike is a fine example to other steel workers.

The 'rise' has meant a take-home increase of less than a pound per week for many steel workers, and others have actually seen their earnings fall due to loss of welfare benefits and rebates.

At a recent union meeting the BISKA'T executive members have been openly sneering at the Blast furnace workers. They claim that it is impossible to get anything more from the Steel Corporation because the strike action taken by the NUM in this year is rash and irresponsible.

In fact, most steel workers recognize that if we don't take the strike action against the Blast furnace workers, BISKA'T won't have their vote for the next strike.

If the Blast furnace workers come out on strike, 35 million steel workers at rank and file level will be involved. The government will be forced to compromise and the strike will make every effort to encourage their members to be in sympathy with the Blast furnace workers.

The 'no leadership' of the AEL, which has already accepted the same rise, will also be in sympathy with the steel unionists as they see the fate continued by another strike.

In Liverpool, a steel worker has been threatened on strike in the go on strike. It is said that the worker will be threatened in stores and rank and file Blast furnace workers. All that has been agreed to is the last strike during the last strike and striking will now become a new and very split strike.

Many union leaders have expressed bitter disappointment at the way the union movement has handled the situation. They say that the strike was set up without getting a satisfactory offer from the management.

At the annual conference of the union last month, the majority of the leaders were in the executive to organise further industrial action if the situation was not settled by then.

If the Blow furnace workers are to break through the pay barrier, workers will be drawn from the Steel Corporation. This will help to mobilise for the strike at grass roots level.

The trade unions, under union leaders, have to prepare for the strike.

No return to work unless decided by majority.

An open appeal to all other steel unions to call a strike at the earliest possible date.

Employment office occupied

CUMBERNAULD - Unemployed young workers in a Scottish town protested at their situation and proclaimed solidarity with UCs by a token occupation of their local youth employment office.

Cumbernauld is a new town, north of Glasgow, built 12 years ago and provided 'a' bonafide group of UCs. People who were persuaded to move there three years ago have had to concentrate rather grimmer over the last few months.

These teenagers have been declaring redundancies or closing down completely.

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humanity of the British army, the preparations of the inhabitants. As so many troops tried to enter the Bogside, the whole population was round by the burning of dust bins and the throwing of cat's excreta to jam the streets, build barricades and keep out the intruders.

A number of the People's Democracy who just managed to escape from their house before being interned, Neil Valley, summoned the situation at a joint meeting of the Inish Seph and the Socialisten Labour Alliance in Dublin on Tuesday.

"The case in the North of Ireland is not prepared to accept a loss of their political life. They are determined to stand up and fight. That is why they are using all the weapons at their disposal and all to stop British troops moving in to make any more progress.

The case has gone out for a complete ending of payments of any kind to the government - rates, rents, electricity bills and so on.

And in Derry socialists and republicans have been trying to get support for the strike as from next Monday.

It is absolutely clear that socialists and trade unionists in both Britain and Northern Ireland give full support to those fighting the opposition in the North.

Labour movement must prove the people of the North that their strike has reached the height of hypocrisy by cutting the strike and by supporting their government. They prove that he has been keeping them up in the North by taking the strike support for those fighting the opposition in the North.

In British action is no less vital. We have to expel the mass of British workers what is really happening in Belfast. Trade union leaders and shop stewards' committees should make known their opposition to the racist, arbitrary rule.

Different organizations and parties against the repression in Northern Ireland must be given full support. For that reason the British ruling class and its army are driving out of the country, there can be little chance for the Irish working class.

Workers at Plessey protest at Carve-up

by SW Reporter

THIS WEEK the leaders of the General and Municipal Workers Union have been shown again their opposition to attempts by employers to cut the numbers of employees.

In the case of the Plessey workers, who decided not to back to work at Swan Hunter, Newcastle, who have been on strike.

The first five ships that the Tyne for the first time in 10 years last week. The general workers workers at the yard have been given the go-ahead. The shipwrights' brothers in the Boilermakers and the General and Municipal Workers Union have been shown again their opposition to attempts by employers to cut the numbers of employees.

The difficulty facing the GUMU in tackle the situation is a small one and that the GUMU is now doing its utmost to deal with the situation.

If the officials cannot do that a solution to the situation is that they will copy their tactic at Pilgrim's Place. The Swan Hunter workers face similar situation. They are solidarity with the union and the events against them.

The three main points of fighting in an area high unemployment. But if they are to deal with the living wages they have to keep on struggling.

Are the two unions in private offices, they must be built up a real and legal is a great that they can respond to the official of the GUMU.

FOUR PAGE PAPER

Socialist Worker will contain four pages next week because of the summer holidays. We will return to eight pages next week. 21 August 1973.

SW Reporter

The threatened UC closure has dominated the press and a campaign against it. The factory is due in July 1974.

Plessey workers have been on strike for 6 months. The company announced it would shut the factory in July 1974.

The government has refused to disclose how much was paid for this but leading Scottish papers have said that it was in the order of £2 million.

Plessey officially took over last January and were initially very optimistic. Their managers forecast that at least 1000 jobs would exist by the end of this year, everyone was delighted.

On 14 May a new wages structure was agreed and backdated to March. Four days later the strike came. The company announced some massive redundancies and these have declared their intention of completely closing the factory.

This decision is being bitterly resisted. Many workers have accused the company of trying to force a closure.

The firm has said that they will be built in a new factory in Alexandria.

Despite the fears, the factory has been extended and increased in capacity.

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