Phone-tapping—is there a secret police conspiracy against union activists?

WHILE THE TORY PRESS continues to screech about 'red agitators' and agents of Moscow, Socialist Worker has discovered a real, genuine conspiracy against members of the trade union movement.

Clear-cut evidence has been given to us that the police are tapping the phone of a member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. He is a typical local, unpaid officer of the union, so typical that the only possible conclusion is that such sinister secret police methods against trade unionists are widespread.

Alan Watts is a member of the District Committee of the AUEW in Enfield, north London. He is a shop steward in a local factory. He is also a member of the International Socialists. Throughout Britain, in the AUEW alone, there are thousands of union activists like Alan Watts, members of the Labour Party, the Communist Party, left-wing political organizations, and so on.

BACKGROUND

Last week, Mr Watts, wife, daughter, and son-in-law phoned our office and spoke to one of the Socialist Worker research team members. They talked to another socialist going on a mission in the background. They wanted to have a 'second line' but when they paused to listen they were startled to hear their own voices.

They were listened to an earlier part of the same conversation. Clearly, a police recording device had gone wrong and had started to play back the phone call before it had finished. Mr Watts told us he was convinced that his phone was being tapped consistently by the police and his union activities, closely monitored by Special Branch.

POLICE DOSSIER?

'There is nothing extraordinary about that,' he said. 'There are trade union activists like me in every union in the country.' Are their phones being tapped as well? Is there a massive police drive against trade union militants and officials in existence? If so, what is its information used for? Is it supposed to the government, its employers to help draw up a "blacklist" of militants, or even to sighting officials within the trade union movement itself?

Phone tapping is illegal and is in breach of all accepted ideas of 'natural justice'. Police can only legally obtain permission to tap a phone if they make an application to a magistrate. Few such applications are ever made.

Yet there is little doubt that a

Harold Heath goes to the sea...

SW Reporter

BRIGHTON—The Labour Party conference on Monday agreed to support the executive's resolution on the Common Market. Thanks to the late vote, the party leaders will remain free to oppose the Tory terms of entry without opposing entry itself if they form a government.

This was the outcome of the National Executive Committee's meeting at the weekend, and it was general agreement demonstrating the government's unity and calling for a 'no' campaign among British people can be heard, was considered a:... anti-Markel campaign. And there is...'<p align="center">Opening for the Executive, Denis Healey painted a picture of the grim implications of Common Market entry for the officially working people of this country.

He was not afraid of reducing this grim matter of historical importance to the police of comedy, he said. He was to get delegates thinking about their interests and their country and the Executive's attempt to interfere with their votes. It was left to James Callaghan to remind the delegates that Mrs. Heath's relationship could be in no sense all that important to at least a highly skilled team of balancers.

Busted off agenda

Labour would insist on renegotiating the terms of entry, he said. The party would not accept anything less than a settlement, and all other member countries must support the British position. On Tuesday, in an hour-long speech, William Hadow, a retired civil servant, spoke of the cost of joining, and the removal of the free milk for overseas workers, as an example of the sort of calling the ballot by the government.
CONVERTING LABOUR: WHERE TRIBUNE GOES WRONG

by ANTHONY ARBLASTER

TODAY IN BRITAIN there are almost certainly more socialists outside the Labour Party than there are inside it. Some of them belong to groups like the International Socialists. All of these groups are probably growing--IS certainly is.

But there are also a good many socialists who remain unattacked, though not necessarily inactive. Many of them, like myself, are ex-members of the Labour Party. Why?

Way back we cut ourselves off from what is still the professionalized Socialist movement--the Labour Party--in the early stages of the fifties (though we did use and still do use the Socialist label). But we tell you, though, that the leadership of the Labour Left, preaching its simple, monotonous message as socialists, assumed they could still convert us. We, wrongly, tried to convert them to become members of a united socialist party.

Last time was "disappointing", but this time will be the same:

This is the basic message of Tribune, and it is written for you for four years, and the truth is that many of the old Labour left, unsurprisingly, have still not heeded the message of Tribune--as Jones and Scardino did in the Ford strike earlier this year.

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The reduction in the number of members of the Labour Left, which is a revolutionary socialist organisation, seems to have little impact on the way the Labour Left is operating. It has no impact on our attempts to convince the Labour Left of the need for revolution.

This is the way forward. It is far more likely that the Labour Left will resist any attempts to defeat it than that the Labour Left will resist any attempts to defeat it.

TRIBUNE doesn't work

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LAST YEAR 556 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AT WORK

Research seems to suggest that it is much cheaper to have an accident and pay for it than to take expensive precautions.

American dockers fight profit-hungry ports bosses by ROBERT BATTLE

Reprinted from Workers' Power, the newspaper of the International Socialist Union,

FIFTEEN THOUSAND Pacific Coast longshoremen went on strike in 24 ports since 1st July—were joined on 1st October by 12,000 East Coast dockers in the first nationwide strike since 1934.

The strike signals a new era on the docks—reversing a 20-year-old policy of cooperation between the Pacific Maritime Association on the West Coast and Harry Bridges, President of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union of the East.

For 10 years, PMA and ILWU (throughout about 300,000 in the waterfront) have been growing a bitterness and frustration among longshoremen who see their wages and working conditions steadily deteriorating.

The strike, which has been going on for about 50 weeks now, is expected to be the longest strike of all time.

The second-class dockers are estimated to be about 80 per cent. of all dock workers.

At the same time, workers productivity and employers profits have skyrocketed. Continuous education has produced a profit-making machine that has increased its production at the expense of the workers. The workers have been losing their jobs and their wages.

The leaders of the various local unions have been working secretly to organise the workers in the waterfront. It is estimated that there are about 2,000 dockers involved in the strike.

The strike is a victory for the workers in the waterfront who have been fighting for justice and a better life. The strike has shown that the workers can fight and win against the bosses.

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THE TORY SCARES about Russian diplomats paying agitators and stirring up strikes are only the latest in a long line of slanders stretching back to 1924 and the biggest red scare of them all—the Zinoviev letter.

The story of the Zinoviev letter has been told to the British Communist Party by Grigory Zinoviev—President of the Communist International. Among other things, it instructed the party to make preparations for a ‘British Red Army’ and to set up Communist cells in the forces.

It was discovered a few days before the General Election of October 1924, and it was used to whip up hysteria against Ramsey MacDonald’s Labour Government—and to ensure a Tory win at the polls.

The letter was a fake, the product of a conscious conspiracy. But for anyone who thinks that the British employing class is somehow fair or open in its dealings, the story shows why and why the conspiracy happened may come as a shock.

In 1924, the Russian revolution was only seven years old. The Labour Government in Britain might happen in Britain set share-buying in a panic to bring down the government and Menion and William Churchill stamping the country precious and docile.

They had good reasons to be nervous. The working class had been organised as it had never been organised before, wages were met with long and bitter strikes. A Labour Government had taken office for the first time.

PACKED UP

And even though that government spent its time threatening strikes with ‘disputes’ and unemployment, it represented nothing to the workers if the Labour Government failed to satisfy the working man what might they turn to instead?

When Ramsey MacDonald moved into Downing Street, he found at least one well-known Tory packed up the foreign office and made for the coast before the Bolsheviks closed the channel ports.

And there were others who did not go. An international communist organisation called The Association of British Creditors of Russia had met and set out to get a fair contract payment for nationalised industries in Russia.

The association viewed Mac- donald’s trade negotiations with Moscow with alarm as they did not believe that any peace treaty with Russia. One of the leaders of the Association was Sir John Detering, who is suspected of being a German spy. But he and his colleagues were put to work evicting Russia in 1924.

The struggle for socialism is the central struggle of our time. Worker’s power and a world based on human solidarity on the increasing men’s power over nature, with the abolition of the power of man over man, is certainly worth fighting for.

It is no use just talking about it. In a century ago Karl Marx wrote ‘The philosophers have merely interpreted the world. The point is to change it. If you want to help change the world and build communism, join us.’

THE OLD AGE PENSION was raised to £6 a week last month. This leaves it still £2 a week below the official poverty line, known as the Harris poverty line. The government announced that the basic state pension is to be increased next year, well below the Harris poverty line. This is a Tory plan that is to be accepted by everyone unless they are one of the few who are on either an employer’s scheme or a state pension scheme.

For those on the Harris poverty line, it is a cut in income and a reduction in the number of people who can afford to save. For those who are on a state pension, it is a cut in living standards.

GREATERS AND COUNTY

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Wobbly look at Joe the Wobbly

AT JOE HILL'S funeral procession in Chicago, 30,000 people marched, and a news reporter asked, 'What kind of man is this whose death is celebrated with songs of revolt, and who has as little power to govern any prince or potentate?'

Unfortunately we never find the answer to that question in the new film JOE HILL (Academy Two). Because the answer can only come through an understanding of the role of the International Workers of the World—the Wobblies—the revolutionary trade union movement Joe Hill was part of and took his inspiration from.

The film doesn’t attempt to do this. Instead, it is a series of sometimes clever, half-fleeted anecdotes about what a nice guy and a hero Joe was. As almost an aside, we find that he happened to like workers.

Intense struggle

But the period in which Joe Hill lived, the beginning of the 20th century, was a time of intense class struggle in America. The son of the boss was vicious—once the mass of workers and their families at Ludlow.

The working-class response involved three weeks of thousands of workers in militant struggle... Lawmen, Batistes, Brawlers, are only a few of the many strikes which came to mind.

This was the landscape of the closing American frontier. And, in fact, Joe Hill was a dedicated union organiser who took part in the strikes and was arrested in a union organising drive at the United Construction Company and is believed to have been framed by the copper trust.

Sentimental hero

None of this, material for a great film about Joe Hill and the Wobblies, comes through. The movie appeals to our sentimentality feelings about the hero, completely divorced from the film. Joe Hill always maintained that the value and the worth of any man, was not to be measured by his wealth.

The Wobblies portrayed in the film are more the mood of a student meeting than from of tough and dedicated working class men and women.

Joe Hill, as he said, 'Don't monger, organise.' In that, Joe Widerberg, the director, did not get anything quite right.

An endless amount of the movie is taken up by an off-screen marked with Joe Hill’s last days in jail and execution. But little effort is made to show the work pictures the poverty of foreign immigrants coming to the 'land of plenty' in sensitively handled. These scenes, particularly those using the present day New York, cowboys and the like, have quite an impact.

It is surprising that the director of Adelmen ‘31, which in spite of its deficiencies shows some understanding of working-class men and women in struggle, completely misses the boat with Joe Hill.

Exciting period

The beginning of the 20th century in the United States was an exciting period in American working-class history and the Wobblies played an important part in it. If Widerberg had 'told it like it was' he could have made a very fine movie. But to say, his polices got the way.

British, who are presenting the film in Britain, do not yet know whether the film will go on general release. It depends on how much business it does in the West End. Widerberg’s previous film Adelmen ‘31 was available only to very restricted audiences and the same fate seems likely for this.

In our area, bombard your local cinema with requests to contact Brian Gifford, Broadwick House, Broadwick Street, London W1 (073-697 8676).

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Women in the Reserve scheme will contribute at the same rate as men (2% for each $1 of income), but because women retire at 60, and live longer than men they are to be given much lower pensions.

Wobblies in Reserve Scheme Women’s Average Earnings for $10.00 $20.00 $30.00 $50.00 $70.00 $100.00

PAYING INTO SCHEME 10.00 20.00 30.00 40.00 50.00 70.00

HAPPY DAYS

No tax relief is allowed on contributions made into the Reserve Scheme, though, in respect of contributions to an occupational scheme will continue to get all the advantage of tax exemption.

But the Benefit Scheme will be run on a strictly commercial basis and its funds will be invested in the Stock Exchange and in government securities. No guarantee is given that Reserve scheme will produce a capital sum to cover the sums contributed. However, whatever dividends and capital gains are made by the Reserve Fund, investments will be used to improve the money value of pensions paid, and contribute to the effects of rising prices.

The proposed Reserve Pension scheme means happy days in the Stock Exchange. Each year the fund will have an extra $25 million to invest.

It is expected that the total size of the Reserve Fund will build up to a staggering $150 million. Share prices will be driven sky high by the extra demand for shares which the fund will generate.

The government section it’s a neat trick to make ‘part of the pension of seven million workers depend on the continued profitability of the capitalist system.

Our demand must be that the Labour Party undertake here and now that when they next form a government, the Torn’s schemes will be promptly wound up. And that all state pensions will be immediately raised to the level of a living income. And that the cost will be met by higher taxation of the rich.

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Death of I.P. Hughes - the revolutionary who never lost heart...  

L. P. HUGHES, who made a great contribution to the working-class movement of Ireland, never lost his sense of humour despite the fact that he lived through some of the worst years of British occupation. He was born in 1847 and died in 1922. Hughes was a member of the Independent Labour Party and later joined the Labour Party. He was a prominent figure in the trade union movement and was a strong supporter of syndicalism. He was a close friend of James Connolly and was active in the Irish Republican Brotherhood. 

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The North: Toreys fan the flames of intolerance  

CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS  

IRELAND'S HISTORY OF REPRESION  

JAMES WALKER  

In the North of Ireland, the Protestant-dominated government has used a variety of tactics to prevent the growth of the nationalist movement. These have included the use of paramilitary groups, such as the Ulster Volunteer Force, and the establishment of internment camps. The government has also been accused of using force against peaceful demonstrators. 

The enemy  

It was not only Catholics who suffered. Carson, the Unionist leader, made it clear that the labour movement was also the enemy. In a speech, he said, "We are facing not only the Christian people, but all sorts of insolent methods and organised bands of violence."

Belfast 12: an anti-home rule demonstration, Union Jacks flying at the statue of Queen Victoria. 

The political polarization of society and the use of force against peaceful demonstrators has led to a situation in which the government and the security forces are seen as the main enemies by many people in the North of Ireland. This has led to a situation in which the government and the security forces are seen as the main enemies by many people in the North of Ireland.

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MORE LETTERS
Fine words by Flynn—how about action?

PAUL FOOTT's report on the TUC conference (13 September) showed how the hypocrisy and false patriotism that is now exposed by their attitude to the SOGAT resolution. No one should make the mistake of assuming from this however that SOGAT is in any way a model of the sort of union that rank and file militants are fighting against.

Vincent Flynn has won considerable support on the left for his demand that union officials should be expelled from the TUC. Yet these brave words should be contradicted with his attitude to the centres of action within his own union.

In Manchester, SOGAT is a bureaucratic, right-wing organisation which goes to considerable lengths to protect itself against any criticism of its activities. At the meeting of militants who was victimised and sacked several months ago is still not back to work—received little help from the branch office. Last year its regional secretary and a member of the policy committee and an estimated £20,000 legal bill as a result of the Bradford episode—was prevented from leaving by the local officials of the union, had to take legal action to get his union card back.

Why is this? One reason is that the union's belief that national officers should be kicked out—and who has taken no action against Manchester SOGAT except to ensure that some of them are no longer in the Union? How truly socialist is this? How many people have not been given positions to exploit elsewhere? Let the branch executives for the local officials, and show him the evidence. Flynn's militancy at the TUC should not be allowed to obscure the struggle for rank and file control and a genuine union of the workers in the trade union—GEORGE DYEKS, BRIAN WHITE, Manchester Rank, Life and Health Union.

The General Secretary of SOGAT does not have the constitutional authority to remove a branch secretary—EDITOR.

Maintain solidarity

SOCIALIST WORKER's demands on the Glasgow miners' strike was quite correct. The LCS must be removed from the centre of the struggle.

Yet our second demand is that 'unofficial' miners should not be expelled. In many cases LCS miners already sacked should go to Preston's help and defend the factory against any attempted police action.

Surely union militants who have broken solidarity but should continue to struggle to win support for an occupation which is a legitimate trade union demand. It is up to all the miners in the area to win the battle for Preston's and help defend the workers there from police action—DAVE LISTER, London SW5.

Provos' blind alley

ALTHOUGH Socialist articles on Northern Ireland recently have been presenting a clear socialist perspective not to be found elsewhere in the press, your reference to Northern Ireland recently has rather a snotty tone.

To call the Provisionals a despising reaction to a long history of oppression by British capitalism is fair enough. However we need to go beyond more academic interpretation of the objective factors which have given rise to the Provisionals. The people of Ulster do have a history, as do the British people. The Provisionals are a reaction to the conflict of these two traditions. We need a more balanced interpretation of the Provisionals' role.

It is going to be even more difficult to explain to some of the Provisional activists why they are being subjected to the same sort of actions and emotions as those to which Protestant workers are subjected. You can hardly be expected to explain to the Provisional activists to explain the dynamics of their actions at the same time as trying to show how they have been temporarily broken through by a series of defeats. It is very clear that Catholic and Protestant workers must join together in opposing these British imperialist policies.

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Fielding and Graham are the two men whose work and courage have been long misunderstood. This book is a record of their lives and work and a reminder of the enormous debt which the working class owes to them.

HUGH IN FULL CRY

EX-CERTIFICATE

PRAISE where praise is due—have we not been known to be critical of engineering union president Hugh Scallon, but let us get on with the set. This week for a remark that we would have liked to make.

When the unexpected Lord George-Brown reached the mark at the Labour Party conference to intervene in the Common Market debate, he introduced himself 'Brown, ex-Beja, ex-Office'. Yes! Scallon's remark to Labour: 'And ex-societies'.

Imperial

OUR FRIENDLY POLICE force is limbering up for the Immigration Bill to become law. The Bill forces the notorious 'patrol' class designed to keep out black immigrants who have no native-born relations in Britain. According to Police, the number of police who have evidence of arrest in the new legislation seem 'satisfied' because the burden is thrown on the suspected person to prove that he is a peasant or entitled to exemption. Sounds suspiciously like a reversal of British justice—immigrants will be assumed guilty until they prove themselves innocent.

THREE BOBBINS are being used to tempt the government into going on for another year. The Bobbins are going to have fun.

Red trails down in Fleet St.

ONE THING you can say about a good old spy scare is that it takes people's minds off unpleasant things of life—having no home, no freedom, no vote, no health, no progress.

And the Tory press has lapped up the cabaret spooked by the Foreign Office this past week with relish. It's all been about this unlikely partnership, has pushed the unemployed, Ucr, and the Commons in the dark of the night.

The Daily Express has wallowed in its 'exclusive' revelations with all the old confused self-justification of the forties and fifties, and the same old creature popular press has shared in the spy fear.

Only the Guardian, which by Friday had reverted to its own ideological squawk, seemed to sense that the press was in fact being taken for a ride.

It led with a preview of the Labour Party conference agreement that calls for legislation on press control. As if there was any story on British Rail's five-year programme to axe 5600 workshop staff—13000 without a year. Despite the Times

Hypnotised

The Times had either of these stories. Perhaps it was too soon to return to the bread-and-butter stuff of people and jobs. Or the paper may have been hypnotised by the cabaret spy story of its own importance.

Reflecting that elite band of men and women who are any other listed in Who's Who, the Times revealed that there are 14,000 of them than any other national or Sunday newspaper, the 'little' people's paper is the Daily Telegraph, and perhaps the choice is the Financial Times.

Certainly no longer obsessed with the Times standing among the rich and famous, how can they buy a copy of the survey for £2—subscriptions to the guard ones.

But worry that most disappointing feature of the past week was the Times Sunday Weekly on Friday. It is clearly doomed from the outset to be nothing but a Sunday policy sheet, brief of real news and weak on features.

Bulbled

A preview of the party conference underlined the 'frenzied' of the new paper's independent approach. But I wonder if we did not already know from the outside political columns, and attempted to conceal what we did know.

Nationalisation readers were aware of the drop in readership of the conference. The Common Market? 'Most of the fire has gone down', or 'the Market issue', the paper bulbled. Unfortunately the campaign was without a much more interesting conclusions of a pay rise and a raving of the Press Association. Sounds suspiciously like a reversal of British justice—immigrants will be assumed guilty until they prove themselves innocent.

Ron Knowles
Compromise opens door to defeat on jobs
TORIES DEMAND SURRENDER BY DE DE STEWARDS

Mangrove 9 - victims of police harassing

The trial of the 'Mangrove Nine' opened at the Old Bailey this week. The first day was taken up by the defendants' demand that they should be tried by a black jury. The public and the state view the trial as an important event. They want to ensure that a black political leadership is not picked up and that black people are not used as scapegoats against police intimidation and repression.

The Mangrove was a restaurant in Notting Hill, a newly developed area, closed twice by white residents. The police conducted raids in Notting Hill on 24 and 25 May. The restaurant was deliberately destroyed when the police were called in.

The Mangrove restaurant in All Saints Road: a popular venue for black artists and musicians. The police conducted raids on a number of black clubs in the area.

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Jimmy Reid - pledge of increased productivity

Shop floor leader sacked by union on trumped-up charge

by George Kelly

Glasgow - Trade Minister John Davies' blunt dressing down of Trade Union 'compromise or all the yards may shut' should prove to workers at Upper Clyde Shipbuilders that the more their shop stewards hanggle with the employers the greater is the risk of losing their fight for jobs.

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The new Tory party treasurer gave some vague promises about 'looking into the possibility of selling off the Scotstoun and Clydebank yards' as well as announcing that they would give more money to the workers' union. On Saturday John Davies announced that there was no chance of the Board of Trade selling off the workers' union.

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Newly elected Labour MP John Brown of Glasgow's12th constituency said that there was no hope for John Brown's 1973 General Election campaign. 'If we take over the Government and Labour, the workers' union will be nationalised,' he said.

NOTICES

ALL MEMBERS are invited to attend a meeting of the Socialist Worker's Management Committee on Saturday 13 October at 10.30am at the Hotel Stewards. The meeting will be held in the Bar of the Hotel Stewards.