**Return to the sender**

**SACK THREAT TO WEMBLEY ENGINEERS**

WE'RE sending 'em back — that was the attitude of workers at Stanmore Engineering, Wembley, this week when they received dismissal notices by recorded delivery post. They have been occupying the factory in support of a pay claim and were instructed to leave the works on Friday by a court order. Now they have been told by post of their dismissal because management has decided to close the plant and move the machinery.

Picture: MIKE COHEN (Full report page 11)

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Russian police arrest anti-Stalinist critic

RUSSIAN police arrested Pyotr Yakir, a well-known critic of the regime, last week. Yakir is the son of General Yakir, who was shot in 1937, and was himself deported at the age of 14 as a member of the family of an "enemy of the people" and spent 17 years in a prison camp. He has been associated with the opposition publication "Connection" of Comrade Yurchenko, a former human rights group. He has continued his opposition work through numerous meetings with officials and from the prison. In January, Yakir told police that only respect for his father prevented him being arrested.

Yakir's various articles and statements have been described as "irresponsible" by the authorities. In a statement in 1962, he commented that the Russian authorities are still not honest. "For some reason there is not enough objectivity to permit telling the truth about the major political leaders of the first decade of power. It would be a step, after all, in not violating the proper bounds of party discussion, to say honestly of various persons that they did not organize terrorist actions, did not engage in espionage, and did not break prison gates into fragments..."

"But the great Civil War Review of the People's Commissar for National Minorities, I. V. Stalin, remain, with us to this day, alongside the mentioned terrorist activities of the Red People's Commissar for the Armed Forces and Chaiman of the Revolutionary Council, I. D. Trotsky..." Yakir's arrest came in the same week as the circulation in Moscow of a leaflet denouncing poverty in Romania. It says: "The working people of the socialist countries have achieved their high living standards and ample political freedom through struggle, through the tested and tried way of strike and demonstration."

African students expelled from South Africa's University of the North have been told to report on a deadline of 22 of their leaders, among them students who were following a protest by the African National Congress. Police dispersed a demonstration of students at the University of the North, at Pretoria, on July 15, and fired tear gas. The 10 school kids were arrested at the protest. The students at the Rand University High in Pretoria had already been arrested, but they had refused to leave the university after the police arrested them. The students who were arrested were to be transferred to the University of the North. The students were to be transferred to the University of the North.

The Guardian (4 June) reported that Shirley Bassey, New Zealand's appointed director of the Communist Party central committee, slugged a man at a Toronto International Film Festival who had occupied a factory in the city.

The justification, apparently, is that the man's present treatment to the condition of a woman and her rights. What is the treatment of the working people, to the condition of a woman and her rights? What is the treatment of the working people, to the condition of a woman and her rights?

A white South African who volunteered to live for four weeks on the world's lowest-paid men's wages has returned to his job.

The teenager, who was paid $1 a week, had been living in a distressed area of the city.

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Army

Another factor in favour of the Italian establishment is the close and vital relationship between the military and the government. The Italian military has been a key player in the country's political and social life. The Italian military has long been involved in political decisions, including in the country's post-war constitution, which gave the military significant powers. The Italian military has been a key player in the country's political and social life. The Italian military has long been involved in political decisions, including in the country's post-war constitution, which gave the military significant powers.

Arab guerrilla groups still in disarray

The left in the Middle East suffered a severe setback on October 7 with the collapse of the guerrilla war by the PLO. The PLO leadership had been so thorough that it seemed that all the political and military momentum of the past decade had come to an end. But such a new movement will be very difficult. The PLO, with its 75,000 members, has learnt some important lessons. It has learnt that the PLO's own organization is not a political political group. PLO's are a political group.
The swindle of incomes policy

HOW would you like a £50 a week increase? Not a wage of £50, an INCREASE of £50. That is what Mr Richard Marsh of British Rail, Mr Derek Ezra of the Coal Board and the rest of the bosses of dead tax—another highly inflationary measures and judges like Sir John Donaldson of the NIRC, got last week.

But had you might have thought. But the top bureaucrats' union, the Institute of Professional Civil Servants, is not at all pleased. It thinks the increase is pretty miserable if not downright

Incredible as it may seem, they have a point—provided you think in terms of government pay increase norms. The increase (£1.500 per year) is 18 per cent, but since there was no increase in 1970 or 1971 this averages 6 per cent a year, which is a very poor increase with inflation at its present rate.

All of which points to the inequity—the swindle—of incomes policies under capitalism. Suppose the norm for pay rises is fixed at 10 per cent—an inequity that we all know. A worker drawing £20 a week has a maximum fixed for his increase of £2 a week. At getting £43 odd per week—that's the rate now drawn by the average Party politician Mr Marsh—has his maximum increase fixed at £41 a week. It is an obvious enough point when you think about it, but very many workers to this day don't know it and take it on every possible occasion. An incomes policy under capitalism necessarily and inevitably increases inequality.

And any incomes policy under capitalism hits the lower paid workers most of all. That is what Wilson's incomes policy did, that is what the incomes policies Heath is now trying to foist on to the country. Where incomes are very unequal, as they are inequitably under capitalism, an incomes policy does not freeze inequality, it increases inequality.

All right, say many workers, but what about taxes? Most of the companies paying the highest tax rates, therefore the top incomes, get away with the highest tax rates, which is not just, according to the government's own figures.

More favourable

In February 1970, the government publication Economic Trends showed a table showing the proportion of income paid in tax on earned income from £11 a week to £150 a week and over. It showed that a man with a wife and two children (including family allowances) paid 34 per cent of income—on average taxes. Of course, there is no point in taking this as a general statement, but it is a fair indication of the amount of money which is paid in tax on earned income. The proportion of income paid in tax on earned income is not a constant figure, but it is likely to increase, as the government itself states. This is because the government is trying to raise more money from taxes, and this is being done by increasing the rate of income tax. The result is that more money is being taken from the pockets of workers, and this is making their lives more difficult.

Cpl punishment

LANCE-CORPORAL Albert William Sole, serving in Northern Ireland with the 1st Battalion The King's Regiment was on leave in Blackburn when he was caught with a stolen car and a stolen bank card. He was arrested on suspicion of theft and possession of stolen goods.

Nice work if you can get it department: Legal fees of all kinds since the Industrial Relations Court came into effect amount to something in the region of £200,000.

And a bill going through parliament will increase pensions for a prime minister from £4000 a year to £7500 (an 87.5 per cent increase), a Lord Chancellor from £1500 to £3000 (100 per cent) and a Speaker from £2000 to £3500 (75 per cent).

Memo to ambitious readers: you only have to hold these offices for one day to qualify for the full pension.

On spec

A COUNCIL tenant in Hemel Hempstead is clearly impressed by the Totnes green-light policies for land and housing speculators. He agreed to buy a pair of high-rise terraced houses from the Hemel Hempstead Council in March for £6150.

Two weeks later he advertised it for sale in the local paper—at £11,400. He stood to make a £1000 profit, with out laying out a penny, for the deal with the council had not been finalised and he hadn't paid the original £6150.
LIVELEISER LETTERS ON THE LEFT

The big thinking point...

We must make very sure not to let these "environmentalists" dictate fertility programmes for their own purposes. At this moment I strongly suspect that many immigrant and working-class women in England are being granted abortions only with compulsory sterilisation at the same time (which is also medically unsound). Worse, I suspect many poor and black here and elsewhere are being sterilised without their consent or their consent not being obtained.

These "environmentalists" imply that it is the poor who are producing too many children and that that population-control is a contribution to the environmental disaster. They fail to note that poverty and inadequate housing will be solved by population control.

This is not a contradiction. Many very rich people who support and fund these "environmentalists" provide themselves with the very convenient to their ends. It is not to the advantage of the rich to see the world's populations controlled. Why should commercial and/or governmental control of fertility be any more acceptable to the poor people and especially, black people.

A RIGHT TO A LIFE

SHORTAGE of space prevents me going fully into the problems when a child is a poor child, not a child. However, very briefly, I believe that...

From the moment a baby is born it is an individual. It is a being to be loved, hurt, happy, contented. Although it is very important to decide whether a baby will be allowed to die or not, it is very important to think of the baby with the ability to think, move and breathe, although of course it is dependent on other people to satisfy its basic needs.

For me, a human being is something with consciousness, however weak it may be, and also, that the rights the baby has, is to be born, is in the womb whether a black anti-abortion demonstration may be going on.

It was a case of choice between the life of the mother and unborn child then perhaps one could have some sympathy with the practice but Wendy Henry justifies it as "...a woman's right to choose; the woman's right to choose" which is a very narrow concept. But are we now so narrow that we say that women should have the right to choose their own bodies, not that businesses and politicians can dictate their own profits. NANCY HELLERBRAND, London NW1.

Filling

AS ONE WHO is growing rapidly conscious of the rightlessness of the socialists and some women's groups, I am on an article on abortion, Chatelaine and in this issue.

Human life is sacred and it is unfair to us to ask: Is that the way to a better society? But I think there is no way to a better society when the only thing that is under serious threat is the right to life.

This shameful treatment handed out to women is not just a crime against the law, it is a crime against the women who have to work on the streets in order to keep their children. I feel that the law that has been passed is a joke. The law is a joke. VALERIE CLARK, London NS.

Prevention

WHILE I agree with free abortions I feel that the government is doing something unproven practices that stopping contraception and sending women to family planning clinics and advice centers.

Both Ellen Reynolds and Gloria Steinhauer, in their book, "Women in a position of control.

The last point is that I am not an abortionist. I have had two abortions. In each case I realized that only with my second pregnancy was there a real threat to my life. If I had not been a nurse, and I was not a nurse at the time, I would have gone on the life of my life and my baby. I was one of the lucky ones who managed to escape together enough money to ensure that two people didn't starve. This is right is of the life itself, rich or poor, more or less progressive. WENDY HENRY, Manchester 20.

Now a word from the ABS

The 'arguments' put forward by Carter White and the Greens (Herbert West, 15 May) are, if anything, part of the 11,000 plus BBC staff and the vast majority of the media's and its worth. The government was not a word from the ABS.

Forced

YOUR excellent article on abortion missed one important point. Under socialism, abortion would be freely available and on demand, it would hardly ever be done from its basic ingredients.

DONALD MAC AILMIGH

Northampton

Fleet Street at all sea on floating GUNE!

RON KNOWLES' EYE ON THE PRESS

with a leader which laid blame for the pound's plight on the "threat of a Sterling Bloc". He, however, overlooked the fact that Great Britain is a net importer of raw materials and that it is highly likely that the pound will continue to fluctuate against the dollar unless sterling is allowed to rise rather than to fall. RON KNOWLES, Eye on the Press.

Tenants need strong links

Tenant rights are not enough

I was present at the Lieutenant Committee for the Defence Union's Constitution Conference on 10 June and your report (17 June) gave an impression of extreme delicacy in the approach to this subject. While correctly accentuating the positive nature of the discussion held by the delegates in pointing out the basic failures of the conference, the politics behind the conference were not exposed.

While appreciating the dangers of this "new" era to be secular, I think it would have been in order to point out what had been missing from both the Lieutenant Committee's "declaration" and the vast amount of the conference was revolutionary politics.

The call from one of the delegates to learn the lessons of the Minority Movement and to set up a "solemn" trading union to consider the matter was precisely that it would tend to be a minority within the wider movement. This criticism is strengthened by the fact that the conference dominated by the minority was actually dominated by the most that was representative with the vast masses of the movement and the movement to be so.

Labour and trade unionists were present and were keen to be released from the politics and not have to be in the minority. They were not in the minority in the Labour Party, or the Labour movement, nor were they going to be in the minority in the trade union movement.

The committee set out to be a national body and the bulk of the Labour movement were never in that body and the Labour movement were not included. This was a problem in the conference.

Tenants need strong links

TOM BRADDOCK’S letter (17 June) criticises the National Council for Tenants for their involvement in the fight against world capitalism. To me, this is a misapprehension of the rôle of the World Council of Trade Unionists and the Council for Tenants.

These are two national bodies and one of the reasons for trying to form them is to facilitate the fight against world capitalism. It is vital that these two national bodies should be seen as a means of bringing together the tenants of the world and to use this body as a means of bringing together the tenants of the world and to use this body as a means of bringing together the tenants of the world and to use this body as a means of bringing together the tenants of the world and to use this body as a means of bringing together the tenants of the world.

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A cease-fire by the IRA, the possible release of more interned men, and a new voting system in elections—could this mean a hope for peace in Northern Ireland? Social Worker’s Irish correspondent sounds a warning note, pointing to the underlying repression of the Six Counties state and the fact that Whitelaw, the current Home Secretary, is without a real political identity...

TERROR
This meant that about one in ten of all Protestant men had a gun and a uniform at home, and was paid a small daily retainer to recruit, to organize, and to use the Orange Order as a real political force. The Orange Order, now a mass stratum of Protestant life, has an estimated membership of 300,000...
WHAT HAPPENS IF THE TORIES FALL

Industrial militancy, rampant price increases, mounting hostility to the 'Fair Rents' scheme and now the threat of a major economic crisis—all this raises the real possibility that the Tory government could be forced from office this year. And that means the return of a Labour government. In this important article, the editor of International Socialism, our quarterly magazine, demolishes the idea that such a government could be won to 'socialist' policies and stresses the need for workers to build and maintain their own independent organisations.

KICK OUT THE Tories?

All right, but what is your alternative? Isn't it true that Labour will put over much the same policies as the Tories?

A very common answer given by many on the left, including Tribune and the Communist Party, is 'fight for the return of a Labour government pledged to socialist policies'.

Now one thing is quite certain. In the present circumstances kicking out the Tories does indeed mean the return of another Labour government.

There is no other possibility in the immediate future. A socialist alternative capable of fighting for power in the here and now has yet to be built.

In this situation, it is easy to see the appeal of a Labour government with 'socialist policies'.

There are a number of things wrong with the idea. First of all, 'socialist policies' can mean all sorts of things.

One is that Labour will put over much the same policies as the Tories?

Michael Foot is all for it. Harold Wilson will certainly agree with it, if it becomes popular.

And even Roy Jenkins will subscribe to it if a little pressure is put on him.

After all, Ramsey MacDonald, Clement Attlee and Hugh Gaitskell have all, in their time, protested that they were for socialism.

To be of any value at all, a fight to commit the Labour Party to new policies has to be concerned with specific and concrete policies.

Value

Secondly, these policies need to be about things which really and visibly concern millions of working people—about housing and rents, about welfare, about inflation and wages and living standards, about health and education. Socialists need to remember that the vast majority of people approach political questions on a bread and butter basis.

There is more value in a fight in the unions to force the Labour Party to adopt some quite limited proposals which are in line with traditional Labour thinking—for example, a return to a universal and free health service—than to adopt generalities about 'socialism'.

Of course if we believed that Labour could deliver what it promised the case would be different. We do not believe in any such thing.

Failure

Every one of the six Labour governments that have held office in Britain have been concerned to keep capitalism going. While most workers perhaps would not express it in these words, they understand the fact well enough.

What the bulk of Labour voters have expected from the party is a number of reforms which would be to the advantage of working people. They have not expected—and do not expect Labour to turn society upside down so that the humble and meek inherit the earth.

They have expected Labour to tilt the balance away from the interests of the rich and towards the interests of ordinary working people.

So long as Labour could do this, or appear to do it in the eyes of its supporters, they were reasonably content with the party.

Now the really important thing about the experience of the Wilson government is that it failed to deliver. Instead it pioneered many of the policies of the Heath government.

It attacked the social services, it re-introduced 'selectivity'—the very 'Means Test' system the party was pledged above all to abolish for all time.

It introduced a wage freeze. It gave away hundreds of millions of pounds to big business and increased taxation for the working class.

It run down house building and brought in the concept of 'Fair Rents' that the Tories are now exploiting. It tried to bring in an Industrial Relations Act very similar to the one the Tories got through.

In short it tilted the balance away from the interests of working people and towards the interests of the rich.

Then why on earth do we want another Labour government? Do we think it will be different?
Panic in high places as sterling comes under the hammer

DIRE WARNINGS about the threat to sterling last week showed that the City has fallen into the trap that they set themselves when they came to power two years ago. They have in ways failed to solve their problems that have beset British big business for the past 10 years and more.

The only consolation is that our government before them could not solve these differences, and so a Labour government follows them, it is likely to just be as unsuccessful.

The need to expand the economy was repeatedly stressed by the 1964 economic report. Yet the only way industry, it was pointed out, had an appalling growth was compared to that of similar others, that had, then all sorts of goods would be available for the mass of the population without any fear for hard or Labour in power found things quite different. When they tried to expand overall industrial production by more than a small amount, in 1964 and then again in 1966, they were rapidly faced with massive balance of payments crises.

The reaction of Labour ministers to these was to argue that imports had to be cut out the socialist aspects that are strong enough to replace it.

To this end they imposed a wage freeze, spending restrictions to improve the welfare services, and pushed up the prices of goods. Finally, they devised the social insurance to raise the price of imports and so food prices, in the national interest.

From the beginning of 1969 a freeze on wages has been to prevent the government from anything without any previous traditions of that kind. Previously the government had resisted the idea of wage controls by the workers' leaders to hold their members' wages down in order to improve the balance of payments. But in cooperation Wilson and Castell the question of the price of the pound is a case of when the dollar rose, they saw that the unions' was £1.50 Labour of the Labour Party depends in the last analysis on the trade unions and the workers who are fed by the workers' leaders if in such a way that the workers are the pound.

In a desperate attempt to prevent the pound from falling, the government is now offering to pay £200 millions of pounds in imports and tax refund. Even so, calculations by the Institute of Economic Research do not expect export prices of more than 35 per cent. Only two thirds of the £200 millions of £200 millions that the British government has been paid out in foreign exchange.

Yet this miserable growth rate puts the pound right into the middle of a balance of payments crisis. The pound cannot be allowed to fall. Even if they are not controlled by the government, they will make such controls would take place late.

About a year ago they began to shift their ideas on the ideas under which the economy expansion would take place late.

They felt they could do so safely as the defeat of the postal workers was evidence of the workers' leaders to accept lower wages and work for a growth of capital expansion.
Victory and defeat

BY MAY 1958 the Algerian National Liberation Front (FLN) had been fighting for three and a half years. In purely military terms they were still nowhere near victory. But the war had brought the French state into deep difficulties.

Since the Second World War parliamentary democracy in France had staggered from crisis to crisis. The existence of several political parties, reflecting the fragmentation of the political class, meant that governments scarcely ever lasted more than a few months.

The government formed by Pierre Pflimlin in the spring of 1958 lasted until the end of the war. The last months of the 1958 incident after incident revealed the declining authority of the government. In February French bombers, pursuing FLN guerrillas, crossed the Tunisian border and bombed the village of Sakkett, killing 49 people. In July and August the government was sharply attacked by both right and left.

In March a thousand Parisian policemen held a demonstrative march outside the National Assembly building.

For a month, from mid-April to mid-May, it was impossible to form a government at all. And on the very day a government was at last formed, there was a rebellion in Algiers.

The FLN and European settlers demonstrated and established a “Committee for the Defence of Algeria” refusing to accept the authority of the Paris government.

CORRUPT

Among the leaders of the revolt were General Salan, who had bitterly opposed the FLN guerrilla network in Algeria the previous year, and General Leclerc, who had served as a special envoy to the French-Indochinese war, and had led the negotiations over the Indochinese opera and the French-Spanish conflict.

Civilians were massacred. Pro-FLN demonstrations in Paris resulted in the deaths of more than 50,000 unarmed civilians, and the number of wounded was over 30,000.

The only force on the left able to make any significant impact on the pétain regime was the FLN.

De Gaulle became prime minister on 4 June 1958. He called a referendum to prepare a new constitution. He had been brought to power by those whose disgust was for “mettre à la France” support of the FLN, but the phrase had never been fully realised.

In fact De Gaulle was the direct agent of the big French capitalists, the men who realised that today France could exploit Algeria economically without direct political rule, and that the war was necessary for French capitalism.

De Gaulle was slow and meek. French public opinion fought a negotiated peace, but many workers were weeks later. It was clear that the FLN was not to be a puppet of the French.

The war continued, and the FLN continued to grow, to organise, to plan. The guerra fighters of the Algerian people were constantly increasing, and the FLN was fighting for independence.

FLN was fighting. The leadership, recognising their military weakness, even to the French on to a democratic basis.

But the Algerian workers and peasants were still confronted with the brutal realities of French power—forests of villages were destroyed by napalm, millions were interned and tortured. The FLN left at least 140,000 dead during the war.

On 14 May 1962 the FLN went on to the offensive. It renewed the struggle in the towns of Algeria, and in October they decided to bring the Algerian workers in Paris into the fight.

A mass demonstration of at least 30,000 met the most savage police repression. Twelve thousand were arrested and interned in various sporting stadiums, and at least 50 were killed in the River Seine and drowned.

THE WORKING CLASS carried the main burden of the Algerian liberation struggle.

Algerian workers suffered an died by the thousand. But this did not make the liberation movement a working-class movement, let alone a socialist movement.

There was, in fact, no independent revolutionary socialist organisation in the Algerian struggle. The Algerian Communist Party, in the years of its study, sent its members into the FLN.

The few revolutionary socialists done enough to play any part in the fight. Too much the same as the FLN, the FLN fought to transform itself into a political party which would have a programme of its own, of its own.

In fact the FLN was nothing of the sort. It did not give its own trade union organisation only a minor place in the struggle, but it used physical violence and terror against workers’ organisations under the influence of its rival the MNA (Algerian National Movement).

These incidents were used by the MNA as representing a revolutionary socialist alternative were equally mischievous.

Certainly the MNA had a good base among Algerian workers in France, and the rhetoric it adopted was often more socialist-sounding. The MNA did address appeals to the French working class, but in fact the pressure of violence against the FLN workers it could not be treated as a serious threat.

Here was a lack of a wave of these incidents, it was a lack of a class position, a lack of a democratic mass movement, a lack of a socialist movement.

The working-class movement, a lack of a class movement, a lack of a socialist movement.

The FLN had grown in size and power, and the FLN had grown in the number of its members. The French government was in a desperate position.

In February 1962 a mass anti-war demonstration was called in Paris. de Gaulle, in order not to appear in a way that was never sure of what it was doing, refused to take part in the demonstration.

The French government had decided that it could afford to go out of Algeria. But the European settlers, mostly small traders and landowners, could not afford to go out of Algeria. They were determined to negotiate a settlement with the FLN, the European settlers and their allies in the army turned to desperate violence. Violence in Algeria, which had won in April 1960 was followed by a military rebellion in 1961.

AFTER THE FAILURE of the 1961 army revolt the extreme right took its last gamble. The OAS (Secret Army Organisation) was formed and embarked on a campaign of terror bombing and assassination in France and Algeria.

Among its leaders was General Salan, who on the eve of the day it was formed, called de Gaulle’s government to power, saying: “We shall march together up the Champs-Elysees, covered in flowers.”

In February 1962 a mass anti-fascist demonstration was called in Paris. de Gaulle, in order not to appear in a way that was never sure of what it was doing, refused to take part in the demonstration.

In March de Gaulle signed the Evian agreements which gave Algeria its independence. The European settlers launched into a final frenzy of desperation. European women burnt derelict rundown Arab children in the streets.

But the OAS was smashed, and the FLN took over the war-weary country.

CULT

The courage and devotion of the Algerian people had won the independence of their country. For a while Algerian ‘socialism’ became the latest rival among the petty left from abroad.

But in fact the social revolution that Algeria needed had yet to begin. Algeria faced independence with two million unemployed and more than four million others without means of subsistence.

The new regime claimed it was following socialist policies. In particular it set up a state-owned and led to the new workers’ self-management in agriculture and a small section of industry received much publicity, and was said to be a form of workers’ control.

In fact the workers’ councils that existed had limited power. The directors of enterprises retained substantial rights, and seasonal workers, a large section of the Algerian labour force, were not allowed to participate. The FLN smashed opposition at the Algerian trade unions and mannens them with loyal government supporters.

Such was the demoralisation of the Algerian people that when, in 1965, Ben Bella, FLN leader, was overthrown by a military coup, hardly anyone seemed to notice, let alone fight for him. The Algerian working class still has a revolution to make.

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In a public world dominated by competition and ambition, the family offers a private retreat, a world of the kids, of love and protectiveness.

For the child, it is the place where he or she first learns the rules of the world. And that little boy must play with guns and little girls with dolls, that boys can’t be classy and girls can’t be tomboys.

For the father, still automatically seen as the head of the family, the home is the only place where he is still in charge and his wife and children must be a credit to him, or what would the country think?

Strains
For the housewives who never leave it, it can be a slow hell of boredom and unloved labour. Their Westabas commercial that puts their mother’s role in society all too clearly. Against easy pictures of glowing fireplaces faces a mother is three to give:

‘Grace to her girl children. Braverness in her boys and strength in her man.

And for only 26 or 40 happy well cared for Westabas kids are brought into casualty departments as battered babies. Kids, usually under three years old, who have, in the words of the Ministry of Health ‘received non-accidental violence at the hands of an adult’.

The mythical happy families in the ads just can’t match up to the strains of the real world of overcrowded houses, shift work, and low wages. Most families still get by, struggling. But in some the pent-up frustrations explode into physical violence.

Hinged
It has taken the Women’s Liberation Movement to pose the question of the family back into the centre of socialist concern. Originally Marx and Engels, who automatically assumed that the family would disappear after a socialist revolution, tried to anchor marriage and the family in this society in the balance of social classes.

The key question of the male-dominated society.

Both Marx and Engels hated the hypocrisy of Victorian men who divided women into wives and prostitutes, the first maintained for social reasons and the second for erotic needs. Love, which Marx described as ‘the experience which really teaches man to believe in the objective world outside himself,’ was still and continually distorted by cash... or lack of it.

Modern marriages in Women’s Liberation have continued to see the family as necessary for capitalism and mainly responsible for the oppression of women.

Within the home it obliges them to work round the clock, without pay or strikes. The sexual division of labour is so ingrained that most people assume that a woman’s life will be spent looking after the children and feeding and caring for the male breadwinner.

Housewives just have to accept that their life will be devoted to somebody else’s happiness. They must live their lives through their children at second hand.

A wife’s economic dependence on her husband means that she has to accept petty tyrannies and assumed superiority even if she realises that he is just taking out on her the strain of his work. But if she manages to get a job, she is constantly discriminated against because of her position in the family. Forced to accept ‘pin-money’ wages, the lowest jobs and the loneliest conditions.

And if she has no husband, the slyly wicked societies of society’s concern the anonymity of motherhood are transformed into contempt for ‘unmarried mothers,’ and she has to hire herself out to work. And even if she is a high rent, noisy parkers from the Social Security and the continual threat of prison and children being ‘taken care of’.

Deny
An especially destructive myth, unconsciously accepted by too many socialists, is that child-rearing has to be woman’s work. This argument has its origins in the ideas of Freud, who was first to draw attention to the importance of mother-child relationships and who emphasised the importance of the first years of a child’s life in moulding its personality.

From this discovery it was deduced that the mother needed, biologically, to stay with her child for at least the first five years of its life. After the Second World War many child psychologists encouraged the rise in juvenile crime on motherless conditions.

From John Bowlby to Evelyn Home it became usual to warn that a neglectful mother was perpetuated by her deprived child becoming a neglectful child as well. But the response is that they almost completely deny the father’s role in child-rearing except when he pops up as a substitute when the real mum goes out to bingo.

She asks the obvious question... why has no one got in touch and bothered about maternal deprivation, the damage done to kids who only glimpse their father as he comes home from necessity over the road and they are going to be.

She shows how biased and shadowy Bowlby’s evidence is, how he assumes as ‘natural’ a child’s strong attachment to its mother, a child’s yearning for love and affection and a child’s constant need for understanding and guidance. But this is no more ‘natural’ than any other love behav-

ING IN THE LEGAL BLIND ALLEY

THE most fascinating aspect of ATV’s Latest Law was - a special which the company established the programme with - it was subtitled One Man’s View of the Law and, just to rub the point in, preceded by a useful statement that the views of Benedict Kirshner were his own and not necessarily shared by ATV.

Will this start an interesting new trend? There’s now a mini-barrel broadcast by the RT’s Edward Heath on devolution. We would like to point out that we’re not trying to say that anyone is really larder than the values of the pound in your pocket has not changed if he is expressing a purely personal point of view.

It would have been interesting, of course. Such worthiness is shown only when somebody suggests voices sensibly articulated, palatable, prejudiced walls of the ‘constable.

After the previous programme, the introduction to the programme was a disappointment. Introduced by the correspondent that British law is class law, a system developed to support the owners of land and the powerful minority.

But many of his criticisms emerged as a short, bald assertion without factual support. And the cut from a very clear analysis of judges to a shot of a scene in the courtroom was odd. It’s including Lord Haldane, the assumption that they’re a funny assemblage rather than a danger.

A review of the police harassment of the Quaye family in South London should have left no one in doubt as to the way the police bend the laws to suit themselves, and are not liable for any physical bodies to black people.

David East
WALKHAMSTOW IS FIGHTING BACK 57,000 new homes for Haringey, Neasden & West Putney NUTS & RAGS (incl. meals) Ross Wydall, Chair Church, Haringey Council of Labour Law 21 July, 6pm

DAYS OFF SCHOOL, DAYS OF REBELLION

WHAT'S ON

MEETINGS

FINDSBURY PARK Anti-Racist Meeting London, Fri 12 July, 8pm, St Matthew's Church, Caledonian Road, N7, London NW1. 60p. Moz, jazz, music.

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TORY RENT ROBBERY AND HOW TO FIGHT IT

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IT WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT that led Robert Mark, the new commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, to call for important changes in the conduct of trials and pre-trial police investigations.

Despite the title of his talk to the Royal Society of Medicine: "The disease of crime—punishment or treatment," there was no time for speculation or analysis. It was a direct attempt to prepare public opinion for the coming report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee.

This body, set up eight years ago, is now ready to issue a draft proposal, a bill which the government can be expected to enact without much alteration.

The report will come out in favour of certain fundamental changes in the whole machinery of police investigation of suspects.

As a result certain basic civil rights will be well on the way to disappearing without a debate of the kind that has been appointed guardians of all our freedoms, the press and the people.

He is also after abolishing of the rules that seek to bar all complaints of police regarding innocent persons. Any one is innocent until PROVED guilty. But in practice it is difficult for the state to prove guilt in some cases. Half the defendants who are proved innocent are acquitted. And, he adds, the police know that this is the only way to protect against the fate of those who are really guilty.

Convinced

Therefore the only way the law needs to give the police a hand to get these people off the streets. The best copper, are the main reason that our prisons have become bulging, are the broken with the ingred site values of our social system.

Mark's speech made it look like a plan to make the police more efficient. It doesn't look like a plan to get the police to 6500 defendants in 1970.

The people who put up through British courts, and nine out of ten convicted.

So let's get this learning into 6500 suicides, murder, thefts, and then urban guerrillas who prefer the bomb to the bullet, the entire judicial process needs to be altered.

In conclusion that the police do not obey by righted rules. They do get evidence used that was secured by putting from a suspect contacting a solicitor, but, he suggests, should, for the sake of all of us, the police who do not sustain if only the system were charged.

There would be little point in preventing anyone from contacting a solicitor if he had not to it. There would be no need for the police to prevent someone

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GLASGOW—After 31 weeks on strike, the 40 workers at the Charles McNell engineering works, Kincair Park, took it last week.

The men, members of the Rollermakers Society and the Engineering Union, came out on strike in February when the management closed their plant to save money on wages.

The men have already won a £2 that had been in negotiation for more than a year.

While workers at the strikers and told by post that they were not dis-

The firm is claiming that it is having to close the factory because it is being over-run by the workers' unofficial orders. In fact the main customer, Zeith Carbide Co., is run by the same directors as Stannem Engineering Ltd.

Once the workers were out of the factory, the company took the chance to rent the dies to its other factory in Delford, Leisham and Staverton.

But it seems unlikely that the company will be able to rent the dies to their other factory—after all it made £500,000 profit last year. The company said that in a few months they will be able to re-employ some of those made redundant, but not on their own terms, destroying the influence of the union.

BLACKING

The position of local union officials during the strike has been far from satisfactory. Although they gave the financial support to the occupation, they were not prepared to hold pickets since the occupation was ended.

So although the morale of the strikers has been kept up by effective picketing on Saturday, when the dies were moved.

The national union official advised stewards not to organise the blacking of the dies to the Labour Party's national conference.

The management did not consult the union's rank and file about the relocation. The AUEW district is giving the occupation full backing.

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Victory for the dockers!

LONDON DOCKERS have chalked up a complete victory in the container jobs war. Management at the Chebah Farms depot in Stratford—home of the man and the Ironclad Crew—and on the jetty from three stewards—has agreed that 30 Port of London Authority dockers will go on to register docked labour. This is the first agreement that the dockers who are now employed at Chebah Farms should be involved in the present worker run-throughs, underlining the fact that the dockers' fight was for management, not fellow workers. By their militant picketing, the dockers had shown the world that they are not afraid to use their strength and that they can win.

The British Steel Corporation claims that the strike is over an industrial dispute. But in fact it began when management deliberately and provocatively broke a three-year agreement that all shift managers would be jointly recruited by the trade union, most of the dockers were not involved in the walkout. The walkout has been orchestrated by the United Kingdom Transport and General Workers' Union, which is not concerned with the dockers' union in any way. The dockers have decided to run a blockade on unregistered container depots on the River Thames, and on Ferber's Dock on the River Medway.

The dockers' campaign is a powerful example of how workers can use their strength to win against the bosses.

Print unions back workers' takeover at colour works

LONDON-A hundred and fifty workers took over Brent Colour Printing in the Old Kent Road, South East London, last Wednesday to stop its closure after a surprise announcement by the management that the firm was going into voluntary liquidation. Hundreds of print workers from different firms attended a mass meeting outside the factory on Friday, which was told the occupation would go on until the jobs were saved.

These are the print unions involved: SOGAT, NATSOFA and BLADE. They have already promised support for the workers in the strike, and the workforce is absolutely solid. Gordon Norton, deputy mother of the Chapel (shop steward) for SOGAT, said that the 130 workers would not fight for management. "We believe that the print unions are a good place to look for support."

The workers at Brent Colour Printing have taken a very important stand, and the trade unions have been willing to support them. But the workers at other colour works need to be aware of this.

The strike at Brent Colour Printing shows that the print unions can do a lot for workers, but they need to be more active in supporting workers' struggles.

Shop stewards lead fight to defend union rights

TWO HUNDRED people, mostly local shop stewards, came to a meeting in the hall of the Brent Colour Printing factory last Wednesday to set up a local Labour Com- mittee for the Defence of Trade Unions. Speakers included leading militants Walter Cunningham, the local dockers' steward who attended at the request of the Industrial Relations Committee, and the TGWU's national executive. The meeting was called to discuss the situation at the factory, where the management has been trying to stop the workers from forming a union.

The meeting decided unanimously to set up a Labour Committee based on the TGWU and other trade unions, and to support the workers' struggle against the management.

The workers at Brent Colour Printing have a lot of experience in fighting for their rights, and they need to be supported by the print unions.

Strikers seal off shipyard

GREENOCK-750 engineering workers at the Clydebank shipyard have been striking for weeks, and against the miserable settlement offered by management for the waterfront at the Thomson and Westland shipyard at Govan. The workers are taking a stand against the management, and the TGWU is supporting them.

Greenock is a workers' city, and the workers are fighting for their rights.

The strike is a powerful example of how workers can use their strength to win against the bosses.

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