It's their crisis—we must demand:

**NOT A PENNY OFF OUR WAGE**

**THE TORY GOVERNMENT has declared** a lock-out of all industrial workers for nearly half the working week. Heath tells us that the cuts are necessary to deal with the national crisis. Look at the facts:

The lock-outs will cost £400 million a week in lost production. The extra money needed to pay the miners' full claim is £2 million a week.

**BY THE EDITOR**

Every week of the lock-out, Heath is prepared to sacrifice £398 million of the country's wealth rather than pay the miners what they deserve. He hopes that the miners will be forced back on overtime by the anger of their fellow workers. Then he plans to attack all other workers with wage claims in the pipeline. Already his big business paymasters are telling us that Phase Three is 'too generous'.

Make no mistake: if Heath wins his battle against the miners, he will win against us all. That's why the miners and the train drivers need the support of every other worker in the land.

That is why all other workers with pay claims—especially the engineers—must press their claim with immediate strike action.

Don't be misled by Heath's attempts to hold us all responsible for the energy crisis. We didn't cause it.

Big business forced successive governments to close down half the coal industry and half the railway system since the war. Big business wasted hundreds of tons of oil in the interests of quick profits in the motor car industry.

Big business wants to pay a quarter of a million miners a hundred times less than one year's untaxed profits of a handful of property tycoons.

**It's their crisis. Let them pay for it. They can afford to.**

**In 1972, the bosses of British industry made £1000 profit for every worker. In the first six months of this year, profits rose by 46 per cent. The increase in profits in that six months alone would be enough to give all British workers two days' pay a week for 14 weeks.**

That's why we insist: FIVE DAYS WORK, OR FIVE DAYS' PAY—NOT A PENNY OFF THE WEEKLY WAGE. No speed-up. All overtime at overtime rates.

**MOVEMENT**

If the bosses reply by shutting down the factories, OCCUPY THEM. Don't let them complete their orders by shifting machinery or equipment out of factories.

The workers, if they had the power, could solve the power crisis.

They would cut out luxury transport, company cars, executive jets, Royal yachts. They would cut private cars in cities almost to nothing, pay the miners, power engineers and railwaymen decent wages and create a free public transport system.

Before we can do any of these things, we have to remove the wealthy two per cent who control 80 per cent of British industry.

We can start to build a movement strong enough to do that by fighting with everything we've got against the New Year attacks of the Tories and their paymasters on our wages and living standards.

**SOLIDARITY WITH THE MINERS AND THE COMMEM.**

**FIVE DAYS' WORK OR FIVE DAYS' PAY**

**AGAINST ALL REDUNDANCIES**

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**Shrewsbury verdicts**

SOCIALIST WORKER had to go to press before the full and final outcome of Shrewsbury trial was known. By Tuesday night two of the defendants, John Carpinter and Ken O'Shea, had been cleared on the conspiracy charge. The jury had not brought in their verdicts on the other four: John Lywood, Des Warren, Ricky Tumbrina and John McKee.

All six men were found guilty of unlawful assembly. In all, 124 of them were cleared on the affray charges, John Lywood, John Carpinter, Des Warren and Ken O'Shea were found guilty on this vote. We urge all our readers to keep their families on Shrewsbury and to prepare for legal action if they see maintenance orders imposed. See also, our recently published booklet for more information on the final outcome and any sentences can be obtained from IS local office on 01-739 1878.

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**Workers occupy threatened factory**

HERE are some of the 300 workers occupying the Maccleden Controls thermostat factory in Glasgow. The parent company, the giant ITT, has threatened to move out machinery as the first possible step towards complete closure. The workers—two-thirds of them women—are maintaining a round-the-clock occupation. FULL STORY: page 14.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Socialist Worker will not appear next week. We are conserving our energy—not the Tories—for the major battles in the New Year. We wish all our readers a very happy holiday. Get into fighting trim: we will be back with the next issue dated 5 January.
It's the eat-and-profit crisis

WHEN anyone mentions the oil crisis in the boardrooms of ESSO, BP or Shell, consolation is offered that there is a government plan. For the great oil crisis is as much the creation of the oil companies' propaganda machine as anything else.

A study published by the Royal Institute of International Affairs and the Financial Times reveals that in the last six months, the price of oil has increased by 40 per cent on top of what they were at this time last year.

And hardly a week goes by when a new oil refinery or a new pipeline is not scheduled. There is in fact queues of tanker calls waiting to enter the Channel.

The tugmen employed by the Cory Group] Transocean, at a meeting in Aberdeen last week, made it clear that they have never worked harder in their lives. They are turning round 30 per cent more tanker calls than they were before the oil crisis began. The total is now so large that they are now in place to do over a basic scheme for sea freight services operating, they have no difficulty in choosing the loadings they want.

To the council of the Electricity Council the problem is one of maintaining supplies to industry whatever the effects on homes and hospitals.

As in the last power industry dispute and the

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1972 miners' strike, we are being treated to a shock of old people dying of cold and of hospitals cut off by power shortages. The press will lay the responsibility for this at the door of the power engineers, the miners and engine drivers.

But the facts are quite different. Neither the Electricity Council, the people with the responsibility to provide power nor the government, could not control the oil price and so the cuts. When 75 per cent of the boilers in power stations were off following shortages of spare parts, it was the government who took the decision to cut and its plan is still in operation. The government is the one to blame. It has been the council of the Electricity Council's plan to cut.

The secret document is dated 17 September 1973, in it the Electricity Council outlines the regulations to be used to reduce the regions in carrying out power cuts. The circular was sent to the main beneficiaries—the Confederation of British Industry.

The scheme for disconnections is called the 'Soldier plan'. Cuts, according to the document, will be worse than during the 1972 miners' strike.

It stresses that use of the plan has been one of the major public relations problems.

There will be no discrimination for days of the week and disconnec-
tions will be bad on Sundays and weekdays.

Industry will be shelled as far as possible from cut areas. Some continuous process industries will be given sep-
rate emergency feeds to maintain power. This cannot be ensured by any plan.

All industrial consumers will be notified of the timing of cuts during the week. Every hour will see only one of the phases of the grid closed down.

Liquor stores will not be regarded as industrial premises. The South Eastern Electricity Board has made this clear in stark official prose: 'Hospital premises are not included in the list of excluded premises [excepted from cuts] are not classed as industrial consumers ... and this will ensure that Directions [notice of cut areas] are not sent to hospitals.'

The guilty men are not the power stations, the miners and the railways but in the Tory government.

Shrewsbury rally: big crowd digs deep

Rally speakers (left to right): Gerry Kelly, chairman Jim Nichol, Tony Cliff and Laurie Flynn

MORE THAN 900 trade unionists and socialists crowded into London's Seymour Hall on Monday night for the Socialist Worker rally in support of the Shrewsbury 24—the building workers facing conspiracy trials.

After listening to speeches on the political significance of the trials from Gerry Kelly, one of the Birmingham Five building workers recently acquitted on a conspiracy charge, TUC national executive member Tony Cliff and Socialist Worker reporter Laurie Flynn, the big audience dug deep and raised more than £400 for the families of the building workers.

Together with the proceeds from the sale of tickets, the money so far raised for the Shrewsbury 24 by the rally stands at £840—with more donations still coming in. This magnificent response will be a great boost for the building workers' families, who have suffered great hardship during the trial.

As well as the speakers, the rally starred socialist entertainers Jake Thackray and The Comicon, a band of tough and funny sketches. The Comicon pilloried the 'law and order' gibberish of the building workers, responsible for thousands of deaths and injuries every year.

It was a memorable occasion, underlining the growing feeling of solidarity in the working-class movement towards all sections in struggle and under attack. Pictures: CHRIS DAVIES (Report)

Folk singer Jake Thackray

The Comicon: pillorying the bosses' 'law and order'.

Busmen ready for battle

LONDON: Important bus operators are preparing to offer, in the event of any public strike, a free bus service to encourage people to enjoy the January sales. The offer is for Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and is expected to generate a considerable amount of goodwill.

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THE IMMEDIATE economic crisis, the threat of massive short-time working and redundancies, is a conscious, deliberate act of policy by the government.

As The Economist put it: 'The Prime Minister's aim on Thursday (in his television speech) was toحيل السؤال إلى الأثاث.'

In order to try to beat the miners, Heath and his government have formed a catastrophic drop in industrial output. They are prepared, literally, to cripple the economy for a time to gain this end. So much for their accusations of 'wrecking', 'sabotage' and 'blackmail' against the miners. Their 'wrecking' workers and blackmailer is called Edward Heath.

But why do they go to these lengths? There is no profit at the heart of the government's threats. They are desperately hoping that the NUM executive will cave in rather than face a real dock strike. But since the war, the recession will squeeze profits hard. To keep up profits as fast as possible they mean to reduce real wages in 1974.

Their calculation takes into account the fact that price inflation, now running at over 10 per cent a year, will presumably rise up to 30 per cent in the next three months. This is inevitable because of price increases in the manufacturing sector and in agriculture.

The mining industry makes it clear that it is prepared to work for a programme that will unite Britain and ensure that everyone buckles down to work for himself and his family, and working for Britain.

By using the language of socialism, or capitalism, or that for that matter, any Tory could agree with them. As a matter of fact most of us have no choice at this point but to agree that work for ourselves and our families. How else can we come to terms with this terrible state of affairs?

The small point that less than 10 per cent of the 'nation' owns more than 50 per cent of the country somehow escapes Harold Wilson.

Of course he goes through the routine babbling of the Ministers and speakers, a trick that even Anthony Barber has now borrowed. But no notion of the enormity of this small minority of the capitalist class and its influence on the government, above all the notion of the sheer extent of the poverty and privation which is the root cause of our problems.

The Labour Party wants to exchange two 25 per cent share in the assets of the miners in key Pocher parts of South Africa - such as BSC and Leaf - with the miners and to move to a new system. These have been BSC workers and leaflets have been distributed to miners and workers in BSC. Every BSC branch, trade union and socialist group in BSC should invite miners to a meeting to discuss this matter. Any miner should be addressed by miners.

Miners' cash goes to money lenders

IF DEREK EZRA, chairman of the National Coal Board, can take a moment off from shooting the miners, he might try to find out how several of the system that he and the Tories profit from and defend. They are not the doctors. They are part of the disease. Our course is clear.

Support the miners

Smash Stage Three

Kick out the Tories

Production for use and not for profit.

Defend

Knowing these things, his advice to workers is to give up the only weapon they have at the present moment, the weapon of industrial action to defend being standard. Not a word about the need to fight for work or full pay when the government enforced lay-offs begin in January.

I suppose we ought to be grateful that the 'spirit of Dunkirk' was not conjured up yet again, and that Wilson did not suggest we should be 'fighting Britain' movement.

Otherwise the verdict must be that the Wilson programme is only the left face of Heath's Tory policy.

Wilson: empty phrases

Ted Heath

-saboteur in chief

by Duncan Hallas
Martial law after police kill two at workers’ protest

by Francis Day

A STATE of emergency was declared last month in the three southern provinces of Peru by the military government of General Velasco. The crisis had been brought about by a protest against the removal of the government’s assumption of power and the arrest of opposition leaders. The protest, which was sparked by the arrest of the workers of the state-owned national petroleum company, quickly escalated into a nationwide movement of civil unrest.

The Woodford Company, which owned the oil wells of the US-based International Petroleum Company, declared martial law in the province of Puno. The state police went on strike, and there were widespread disturbances throughout the country.

The government sent in troops to suppress the protests, leading to widespread violence and deaths. The military deployed tanks and helicopters to quell the unrest, and there were reports of summary executions and other human rights abuses.

The United Nations expressed concern about the situation and called for a peaceful resolution. The US government, a major investor in Peru, also warned that it would consider withdrawing its investments if the situation continued to deteriorate.

In the wake of the crisis, the government announced plans to bring in new international consultants to help reform the country’s economy and governance. However, the opposition remained skeptical of these efforts, calling for a genuine transition to democracy and civilian rule.
The risks of making a million

CHRISTMAS advice to an aspiring capitalist. Make one of the following: Bio, biol-coke pens, Tampax, or those fishing warning lights that local authorities use around piers. Because the companies making these are some of the most profitable government companies in the land and should be able to weather an economic crisis or two without ending up on the bread line.

Bio Bio is owned by a French-American corporation—a device used to hide the owner's real identity. Bio Bio was formed in 1964 by a man called Henry George Martin to sell pens under the Bio trade mark—so you thought Bio and Bic pens were different did you? Although Martin has made millions out of the company, he doesn't seem too keen to stay in the country that has helped him to millenariandom. He was last reported living in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His shareholding in the company—around 40 per cent—is now registered in the name of Nomura Bank Nominees.

The remainder of the shares are held by the Brazilian Bio, of Cisalpina, as these lucky people—who between them own a company worth more than £7 million—bank in the Argentinian and French sun, the workers are not so lucky. He has 222 workers in Britain, paid an average £32 a week.

Last year Bio's pre-tax profits were £1 million and you don't have to be a mathematical genius to work out that each worker is producing £43 profit on average. In other words, every week the workers receive less in wages than the company takes in profit from their labour.

T H Rog Morton

NO, NO NAZI

A MEMBER of the long-established Arab community of Tynside rang me last week to complain about the activities of the National Front in the area, in particular their poisonous posters. For, her, and for others who want to know about the Front's politics, I am happy to print this informal photograph of the National Front's activities: an interview for Tynside, Gordon Strickland (right) and a friend.

The photo was taken some years ago when Strickland was a leading member of Britain's Nazi (National Socialist) Movement.

On 31 November this year, Strickland wrote to the Newcastle Journal protesting that the National Front's politics is not interested in violent but 'accepts free speech as one of the basic rights in a well-run democracy.'

Exclaimed Mr Strickland: 'We are a party of law and order and object to the rigours of communist fascist ideologies which now seem acceptable to some students.'

ONE law for the company director

THE following two cases were heard in London courts on 7 December.

ONE: Peter Spanton, described as a 'company director' from Enfield, pleaded guilty at North London Crown Court to dishonestly handling a large quantity of turkeys worth £2,000.

After Spanton had been found guilty, it was revealed that he had four previous convictions, one of them for stealing meat. He told the court: 'I really mean it when I say I'll never do it again.' He was fined £400 and given a suspended six-month prison sentence.

TWO: Franklin Allen, 26, unemployed, and Frank Dee, 17, unemployed, were found guilty at Marbleborough Street Magistrates Court of shoplifting and pickpocketing. Police officers (and no one else) said the lads had been 'fooling about with chips' to steal from a woman's handbag in Oxford Street. They had not stolen anything but had 'behaved suspiciously.'

Allen had six previous convictions. Dee had three.

After the usual bombastic lecture from the magistrate, Allen was sent to prison for three months, and Dee to a further six months for three months. WITH: On the subject of law and order, many readers will be delighted to hear that the law has at last caught up with Stickleby and Kent, the estate agents, whose name is almost as hated in North London as that of Prebble, also estate agents.

On 2 December George Derek Prebble increased his low estate by £2,000, and, instead of Stickleby and Kent, was found guilty of not returning £2,000 worth of plaster and dry rot which had covered the walls of Stickleby and Kent's 'new' Electric House, Gospel Oak.

The council had served notice on Siemens to do the work in May, but a reduction in the working em- beed. He was fined £20, with £10 costs.

Dick off the boyle

DEEREFTER I have to report on a savage faction fight among the staff of the magazine Korneret, which is described in the current issue of the ad-man's bible Campaign as "a 50-year-old battle" between a "left-wing German" and "a right-wing Englishman." It combines Marxism with censorship.

Staff members of the paper complained that its Communist politics clashed awkwardly with the company's practice of the "portraits." Publisher Alan O'Farrell, in a letter to the German Communist Party, said: "I see no better way to sell Marx." Rob Holman, editor, closed with the words: £450,000. It's a matter of a few months.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"AMERICANS place more confidence in their government than in the police, press, church, Congress or the White House..." —International Herald Tribune

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AMBULANCEMEN: THE RANK AND FILE ARE DOING THE WORK

I'm an ambulance driver, and I'm up tonight to tell you to think about the fact that we're doing the work in Scotland.

Here, unlike the rest of the country, the ambulance service is the responsibility of the Secretary of State for Scotland - wages are negotiated nationally. The wages are low and so the staff are short and operate above the level of the country.

Several Scottish ambulance authorities have been in dispute with the Public Employers and Health Services Unions, the result is that the service is operating at a rate below the level of the country.

The union has been in dispute with the Public and Health Services Unions for the last two years, and has not been able to negotiate an agreement.

There are many ambulance drivers who have decided to leave the profession because they are not being treated fairly.

In the long term, this will have a serious impact on the service, as there will be fewer drivers available to carry out the work.

The government needs to take action to address this issue, and to ensure that ambulance drivers are treated fairly and paid a decent wage.

Duty-one word that means a great deal

I'd like to draw your attention to the fact that your work is of great importance to the country. You are providing a vital service to the public, and your work is appreciated by many people.

In a time of crisis, your dedication and commitment to your job is essential. You are helping to keep people safe and healthy, and you are doing an important job.

The government should be paying you a fair wage, and providing you with the necessary resources to carry out your work effectively.

Roger Kline's CAN

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A letter to a Durham miner

"I hear you're holding the country to ransom...again"

Dear Reuben,

Two months out of Durham and I'm longing to return. Warmth and sincerity, knowing people care, are the balm to a Londoner (not to say good ale). I suppose it's that thing they call 'community'.

I see even the papers write nothing about the lack of community in the city, but I take little comfort from this. They never mention that it began and endures in the villages because of the pit-safety legislation. They forget that the pit-folk had to stick together because nothing came from the owners when the men and their families were washed down pit to leave invalids, widows, wives and children to starve.

And it was only the unselfish solidarity of the people that led to survival against Londoners and their aristocratic friends. They wanted nothing to do with miners once the pit had exhausted their health. That's our 'community' the press envoy so much.

But there are other reasons I want to be home. I've been hearing a lot about you holding the country to ransom—again. You're even threatening the constitution—again.

The way the papers read I've been thinking maybe we're all back in the 1920s. It is the same old story, isn't it? Greedy miners jeopardising the country. If you only go on strike you'll lose your jobs and keep hewing you'll get the rewards when the economy booms again.

And by the way, one of today's papers says you get £43 a week. The 'offer' will mean you get near £30. In that case you'd better tell me why they're making such a fuss about the miners asking for a scale of £35-£40-£45. I know they wouldn't mind that though, 'cos you know, Reuben, they're only interested in the general good. I mean, the press aren't on the side of the loco, are they?

Anyway, to get back to the news, I remember that same old story that's never been far away. Pitmen have asked for more money. Those lords that made so many fortunes out of Durham's pits in the 19th century and are now trying to stars they're being bankrupt if they gave up with that. Of course, they always wanted to, but it was in your interest that they didn't.

Look around Durham for full- time of their promises.

Oh, now I know what you'll be saying. Reuben. You be asking when have the capitalists made 'bargains' to you?

Now I know they've always been rich—when even the miners' kids were eating bread and dripping and smiling through the dirty ashes, but after all you and I don't understand these things do we? I mean you're only an ignorant pitman. It's your job to dig coal and leave the experts to run the stock exchange.

Surely you believe they'll stop after you if only the miners stop causing industrial unrest. It's so bad for thriving investment.

But of course you don't trust the Tories. I admit I've seen none go hungry. And surely there's something wrong when in the same breath they tell miners to tighten their belts and announce record profits in 1972 with the top 800 companies averaging more than 30 per cent increases.

To tell you the truth I'm thinking to think the papers aren't so unbiased. They've always had the same line on the miners, giving sympathy, but never supporting your claims.

I see nothing in Durham that has radically altered the condition of the working class. You pitmen are still struggling, still coughing up dust, still dying prematurely, there's still terrible depression.

To tell you the truth I agree with that miner from Bearpark who reckons Durham's finished. Capitalism has had all about it can grab out of it and now to hell with all the people who have to remain. I'm thinking the owners didn't really have your interests at heart.

But the question is what are we going to do about this mess? They've battered us so often that we don't know which way to turn.

Labour's been no different: they started the mad space of redundancies.

Labour is no good. They sometimes talk about socialism but nationalisation was no change. It was only meant to make capitalism work more efficiently. What we need most is a rebirth of real socialism. That'll mean workers power and an attack on the ruling class instead of incorporating union bureaucrats into the NCB machine.

The first step forward that must be to smash this phoney Phase Three. With the present crisis the only answer the Tories have is that the workers must make sacrifices.

That's why the miners are fighting. They're in struggle because they know that asking people who take home less than £30 a week to keep quiet when rents and food prices are rocketing is bloody nonsense. The pitmen know that. Phase Three won't be followed by 'fair shares for all', but a leap in profits and advance to the next phase.

And the other unions must get behind the miners because if the pitmen go down it'll mean a defeat for all other workers. It'll be a repeat of 1926 with the workers, the led by the miners, having to ball out capitalism.

Yes, Reuben, I realise what I'm asking. I know too many socialists talk ghastly about striking and forget how hard the day-to-day struggle is. It is rough to exist with no pay and a family to feed, rent and hire purchase to meet, to face the humilation of welfare, to confront vicious opposition on the picket line.

But what else is there? The miners have to fight or go down. It's as simple as that.

The only way forward for Durham is a victory over the Tories. What we need is another A J Cook because he was right when he said a fight was inevitable, and someone has got to win.

The miners lost in 1926, but by 1972 they've come to realise that wage gains are only the first round in the campaign. They enter this dispute fully aware that it is a political struggle and that they'll have to stand firm for socialism. Whatever the press and television profess, have they changed that much from the 'Miners' Ladeguard'? 'Union miners, stand together. Do not heed the bosses' tale. Keep your heads upon your wages. And your eyes upon the scale'.

Yours

Frank Webster
The Crisis: a veteran fighter looks at how the well-off are tightening their belts in the ‘national crisis’.

Margaret Ryan, a 71-year-old pensioner down to Oxford Street and Bond Street in London's West End to see how the upper classes are adjusting to the 'national crisis'.

Margaret moved to North London in the late 40s. Born in Lancashire she has been fighting against this system all her life.

Now she, like thousands of others, lives on the government's idea of a decent pension.

In fact she's 'lucky' compared to many others. She gets £12 a week, which includes a special allowance for her arthritis.

She lives in a new council flat in Highbury.

I went on the housing list back in 1954. In 1970 I was living in a room in North London, with no heat or light. I was rehoused in 1971 in a flats-infested room in Highgate.

She is a fighter, and went on fighting. She pitched a tent on the steps of the town hall until she got a decent flat.

For the flat she pays a rent of £3.95. It is centrally heated—or was.

When I got the first bill for £37 I turned it off, and it hasn't been on since. I use an ordinary electric fire now.

Jumble

'I can use a kettle for my hot water bottle and that's it. There are no open grates so I can't go and collect any wood for a fire.

'After bills I'm left with about £7 for food and clothes. Once a week I go to a supermarket.

'I don't have any money for luxuries, and "concessions" for old people like small tins are no use. Most pensioners do what I do—buy a larger tin and make it last over two days.'

For Margaret the luxuries of the West End are just items on display, not to be bought. Her shopping expeditions take her no further than the local Tesco or jumble sales.

Her experiences of the West End are limited to when she worked there. 'I was in Selfridges back in 1964, when I was demonstrating pressure cookers.'

As she points out old people do go to the big stores, but not to shop.

'They go to walk round and keep warm, to take advantage of the heating. But of course those who are inactive can't even do that.'

Walking down Bond Street we took a look at some of the jewellers. 'I don't have any jewellery, apart from this bangle I wear on my coat—that cost five bob at Woolworth's years ago, I don't know how much it would cost now. And I don't have a watch, although I used to have one years ago.'

She won't be buying one at this shop, where the watch she's looking at start at £24. 'There are clocks of course. Those on the lower shelf start at around £24.'

Nice pair of shoes? You can have them made to measure at this Bond Street Store. Margaret's were cheaper.

'I bought mine at a jumble sale for a shilling. Although I do have a pair of suede boots. You have to have some warm footwear for the winter.'

We look at some men's shoes, there are some 'shoes' some for £24. 'I reckon these must be the ones that Heath boys—measured of course.' We pass a furrier with a good line in fur coats £199. Margaret likes her coat too. 'It's well made and has lasted—I bought it for five bob in 1967—once again at a jumble sale.'

In a lot of the shops there are no prices at all. 'They don't stoop to pricing things, money is no object round here,' she pointed out. 'There are two worlds in this country. One is what we all know, where we live, and the other you find down here, in the West End of London.'

ARNOLD'S XWORD

ACROSS
1. Rat pits for a change, at the celebrations.
7. See Korky the Cat here.
8. Better than Sardines for instant energy.
9. Comedians fear the last of these.
11. To date upon.
13. President of revoler misnamed the 'Peacekeeper'.
14. A 'gull' and Muriel are discussed.
15 and 23. Soul singer who sat on the dock of the bay.
16. You have one—like a book.
22. One has pointed ears, the other a jowl.

DOWN
2. 'Keep the... Flying' (novel by George Orwell).
3. Little children must not eat.
4. Cormwell had one.
6. That's a thought!
9. Leading member of Zionist terrorist gang.
10. Old boot put in charge of government defence against the great Charlot demonstrations.
12. Uncle Tom, for instance.
15. 25.4mm.
20. 'Of... and Men' (novel by John Steinbeck).

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Story: Nigel Fountain
REGGIE CALLS FOR TEAM SPIRIT...

LAST SUNDAY, the BBC radio programme The World This Weekend invited Mr Reginald Maudling, former Home Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to comment on the crisis.

For five dreary minutes, Mr Maudling abused the miners for their "ruthless" and "vicious" ban on overtime. He went on to say that all of us could get round the crisis if we showed the necessary team spirit.

No reference was made to the court case currently being heard in Leeds, in which Mr Maudling's former employer, John Poulson, is standing trial on a number of corruption charges.

Last week a statement made by Poulson about his architectural practice, which is now bankrupt, was read out in court.

In it, Poulson described how Maudling and his layabout son joined the board of two Poulson companies in 1965 and 1967. Martin Maudling, the son, was paid £6000 a year for doing next to nothing. Reggie got rather more.

The statement described a visit which Poulson made to Saudi Arabia to see the country's chief medical director, who happened by chance to be a brother-in-law of King Faisal. Poulson—helped by Maudling—eventually got the contract to design a special £7 million hospital for the King of Saudi Arabia.

The hospital was to be used exclusively by the King, his family, his harem and his very close friends. It was, the King had discovered, cheaper to build a new hospital than to keep flying his wives and relations for treatment at the London Clinic, London's most expensive private hospital.

Before Poulson left for his trip, according to his statement, Maudling asked him to take with him three brown parcels.

According to Poulson, Maudling said: "These will make me not a millionaire, but a billionaire."

The leaflets, Poulson disclosed in his statement, were brochures for the Real Estate Fund of America, an "offshore property fund" which had been founded by one of the world's leading swindlers, Jerome Hoffman. Hoffman is at the moment in an American prison finishing his sentence for a mortgage fraud.

The only reason the Real Estate Fund of America got off the ground was the association with it of various "famous" politicians who wanted to become billionaires. Among these was Maudling, who became the Fund's first president.

He was forced to resign as president after a couple of months, but he clung on to 50,000 shares which had been given him by Hoffman, and which Hoffman valued at more than £250,000.

After the statement was read out in court, Maudling said through his solicitors that he was powerless to reply to allegations made in open court. So he would be doing nothing.

In the meantime, radio and television producers who want a man to speak up for the decent, sacrificing spirit of the ordinary British worker can always call on Reginald Maudling, the man who wanted to be as rich as his Tory Cabinet colleagues, but never made it.

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Harry Wicks was a revolutionary socialist for as long as he can remember. A founder member of the Communist Party in 1920 and, with the Stalinist denunciation of the CP, a founder member of the British Left Trotskyist Opposition. Now a member of the International Socialists, Harry is still enthusiastically dedicated to building a party that can achieve socialism. He wrote with Stan O'Casey's JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

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For your Christmas buying, your summer reading, or your New Year's reading, here are some of the books Socialist Workers Party members, inspired, were inspired by... and hated during 1973.

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Rosa Luxemburg: Paul Frischl, Pluto Press £1.50. 'If you are one of the many people with not much time for reading, and not much money for books—try this one. It is crammed full of the history, traditions and inspirations of our movement. And it is a joy to read.' Valerie Clarke

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Days on Battersea’s Irish Island—and a West End night out

OVER the hump of Dogs Home Bridge, Battersea, towards Nine Elms, there was an area known as Irish Island. There, reding, suffering from the notice writing in the windows and the lecturing from the barricades, was tenements and rows of houses where Battersea’s Irish population lived and worked.

This area was one of the strongest bastions of militancy in London. It was these people that made possible the election of Saklatvala, the Indian Pacifist Commune deputys to parliament as early as 1922.

When the time of the Black and Tan terror, I learned from an old rail- wayman, the aspirations and struggles of the Irish workers for an Irish Republic. He told the story of the socialist woman, Charlotte Despard, who way back silent at Battersea, on Irish Island a settlement that became the basis of the trade of the Battersea meeting a place for Irish social evening, a centre where the St Joseph’s boys met and began their union music.

Down from that centre flowed the ideas of class solidarity, Irish independence and socialism.

At the height of the civil war in Ireland in 1921, the British and Irish war was at its peak, the idea of the solidarity of the Irish and British trade unionists became the clearest expression. An unofficial strike by the North Wall Dublin branch by the National Union of Railways, refused to unload munitions and supplies for the army and Black and Tan. This resulted in the NIR executive urging the calling of a special conference by the TUC to discuss the strike.

The conference, when it met, was flooded by the delegation of Irish land and the withdrawal of the British workers. The feeling against the British government policy was echoed all through the labour movement everywhere that swept aside sectarian barriers.

At that time Sian Fein in this country was unable to stage formidable and imposing demonstrations. I remember one such demo. It was connected with the hunger strike in Brixton Prison of Terence MacSwiney, a Republican militant and Mayor of Cork.

His hunger strike lasted 74 days and was to end only with his murder by the government. His hunger strike, Muraty MacSwiney evoked a passionate protest from the working people. From the tenements of Irish land, from the trade union branches of South London, the workers poured on to the assembly ground of Clapham Common for a great protest meeting and a march to Brixton Prison.

Outside the prison a vast crowd stood, and white and black, men and girls clutching their rosaries, their heads bowed in silent prayer, steady the poles of their framed banners. Cables and Protests, socialists and trade unionists, working men and women, their hearts beating in unison, that all in all it was the Irish republican on the other side of the sea. And it was all we had. It was all we need be, to die for the ideal of an Irish Island.

Some four or five years later, after the Free State was established and the War of Independence was over, a young woman called Joyce Elizabeth Dally, the Captain’s daughter. With his echo, news seemed to say something profoundly yet had a delightful, almost musical warmth and spontaneity.

Then there was Jerry, he was Mary’s first love. We have all met chaps like him. He was young, eager, a ‘dope-podeller’, determined to make a way for himself, to get on in the unions, to get a good job. Yet when the crunch came, despite all his declarations of undying love for Mary, at the last he couldn’t get out of the door fast enough.

On one occasion Juno met Old Michael Doyle, she had been out of tenement and offered her a shawl to protect her from the cold. At the end of the play of the Boyles she not only spoke of her grief, but of the agonising dilemma of life at the moment of the birth of the Free State.

Her son, Johnny’s old buddy, had been the leader in the ambush that had killed her neighbour’s son, who had been a soldier of the Free State forces. ‘At, now, here’s the two out and women, standing on each side of the scales of arm, boys, he be the heavier of our boy’s darlin’ sons.’

Coming out of the theatre that evening, impressed by the acting and the finely drawn characteristics of the characters, observed the wealthy theatre patrons, hauling their own cars, taxi and the odd ‘growler’, I wondered what they thought of it.

To me it reinforced my already formed socialist opinion that in the struggle for Connolly’s Irish Republic, or social change in this or any other country, it is the workers, the tenements, who are the motive force.

Only too often in history, when victory had been within grasp, it had been snatched away through treachery. The only promise that has served the interest of the ruling classes. ‘If you win not only the contest. We need the victories of our opposition fighters, but even the scientific programme of the socialist revolution. Unemployed Struggles 1919-22 edited by A H. Symons, P. Publishers £3.50. ‘Join me in raising your voice in unison with the rest of that generation of unemployed leaders.’ Hannah Orwell

The General Strike: Christopher Harman-Hart-Davis £3.50. ‘The trade union leaders of 1926 were as left wing, if not more so, than any of the leaders of today. But today’s leaders, they did not see and do not see the struggle and the activities of their unions within capitalist society and the smashing of that society. The only way to do it. Instead they saw the essential task of the General Strike was that their strength gradually, forcing more and more concessions from the government and in the meantime to enable themselves to become more powerful and get more prestige.’ Chris Harman.
**The Year of the Torturer World in Action TV 10.30pm Tuesday**

It is said one school of Russian analysis is a collection of matresses and blankets from any bed, so as to prepare their bodies for the inevitable bare backboards of a Traist prison cell.

Today socialists in a growing number of countries must face the fact that the anti-communist lobbies, not just the torturer, Preparation now consists of facing live body, face to face, behind, front, and nights in momentous positions in such become model states. The victims of torture filled by World in Action were terrified by their own weakness, the terror that they might give in, name names just to have the pain stop. After two days of torture in a Brazilian torture centre, a Dominica priest began to sharpen a fil bill in his cell, and start telling every evil about torture. He knew it would sharpen even if the pain of the prisoner next door who had been worse treated and had his testicles cut.

He wanted to kill himself in case he might betray people—who would then be tortured for the story. General Massu, brought into Algeria as one of the French para-troopers, specifically to use torture in Algeria, was interrogated, was interviewed in his government office. His enthusiasm for political interrogation had been exaggerated, but he insisted.

Right-wing 'counter-insurgency' expert Richard Clutterbuck was very good at finding real torture very much here old man, he said. Money and doesn't work half the time. Gives the army charges and runs down.
Airport workers turn off the GAS

by DAVID BEECHAM

WHY WE STAND FOR

The International Socialist is a democratic organisation whose membership is open to all who accept its main principles and who are willing to pay contributions and to work in one of its organisations.

We believe in independent working-class action for the abolition of capitalism and its replacement by a classless society with production for use and not for profit.

We work in the mass organisations of the working class and are firmly committed to the development of a revolutionary party.

Capitalism is international. The giant firms have investments throughout the world and own allegiances except to themselves and the economic systems they maintain.

In Europe, the Common Market has been formed for the sole purpose of increasing the trade and employment of the larger multi-national firms.

The international power of capitalism can only be overcome by international action by the working class.

A single socialist state cannot exist side by side with capitalist states unless workers of other countries actively come to its aid by extending the socialist revolution.

In addition to building a revolutionary socialist organisation in this country, we also believe in the necessity of forming a world revolutionary socialist international independent of any particular nation or group of nations throughout the world.

We believe in the necessity to unite socialist theory with the day-to-day struggles of working people and therefore support all genuine demands that tend to improve the position and self-confidence of the working class.

We fight

For rank and file control of the trade unions and the removal of the entire of full-time officials.

Against secret negotiations. We believe that all settlements should be agreed by both sides as openly as possible.

For 100 per cent trade unionism and the defence of shop stewards.

Against all anti-trade union legislation.

For close relations with the trade union movement and with other socialist organisations.

For an end to fraud and financial corruption.

LATE last month Hull dockers became the second group of dockers to accept a pay deal within the Tory government’s Phase Three. The offer was a mere 1 per cent, given as a prolonged period before tax and deductions, never mind the rising cost of living. The victory should be a beacon to other dockers in the country. The victory over the TUC at full employment is a victory for all workers.

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DAVE PEERS, national secretary of IS, issued the following call to all 15 IS members on Monday:

During the next few weeks millions of workers will be involved in struggles against employers. Two key struggles - those of the miners and the miners and railwaymen are approaching the crunch in their battle with the government. No section of the working class will be immune from the effects of the crisis.

This is a situation which presents IS with an unprecedented challenge. It demands a maximum response from our organisation at every level. Every IS branch and every member must take the lead in encouraging workers to gear up their level of activity and turn this into a period of mass recruitment.

Meetings should be organised at factory gates, on the housing estates, at the docks where there are mass lock-outs anywhere where there are workers gathered together.

Socialist Worker should be the spearhead of this drive. Every branch should increase their order for the paper, every member - no matter how long he or she has been in IS - must take extra copies to sell in their place of work, and sympathisers should be asked to take extra copies.

As a matter of urgency, branches and districts should call special meetings to organise these activities.

Above all, we should attempt to win workers in struggle to IS on the basis that IS is a fighting organisation which can give a lead in this situation. The offensive by the Tories needs to be answered by a counter-offensive by the workers, and an effective counter-offensive requires the political leadership of a revolutionary party. Building the party - putting the thrust forward - and there has never been a time when the circumstances were so favourable for us to accomplish this task.

International Socialists start crisis campaign

Even before IS national secretary Dave Peers issued his call, IS branches all over the country had swung into action.

In Birmingham, a special emergency meeting was called for all members in the district. In response, the local IS members, led by Chris Harman, from the IS executive, spoke out. The meeting was called by WILLIAM WILLIAMS, IS Birmingham organiser, out of the crisis and situation in the area.

In brief

MERSEYSIDE - More than 100 people attended a meeting in the Strand Hotel, Liverpool, to hear Tony Baines, a member of the national IS branch.

Last Friday the Merseyside District of IS held a district social, attended by IS members, family and friends. Brian Owen, from the Hill Tribe, who was released from prison that day, was the guest of honour.

IPSWICH - More than 50 people attended a public meeting organised by Ipswich IS and heard Paul Foot speak about the Atom bomb and how to solve it. Six people joined IS at the meeting.

SOUTHWALES - Sales of Socialist Worker in the pubs were heavily boosted last week's feature on the miners at Mortons Colliery. The lodge committee at Mortons ordered and sold 100 copies. 45 were sold at Cynheidre and 75 in other places. Merthyr, Caernarvon and Bridgend.

SHEFFIELD - IS members are maintaining a high level of copies of Socialist Worker a week. The branch is carrying out a poster campaign and increasing paper sales on estates and factories and steel works. After the Christmas holidays a series of public meetings are planned.

TEESSIDE - A successful day school, attended by 25 members, heard Duncan Hallas speak on the present crisis. IS members were invited to a public meeting on "Whose Crisis?" Artur Affleck led.

LEEDS - The IS district committee sponsored a banner last Saturday to raise funds for IS organisation in the area. The banner, which was organised by Sheila Parks and Linda Burnage, was attended by more than 1000 people during the day, and raised £41 which all expenses had been paid.

MORNING STAR REFUSES RALLY ADVERT

THE Morning Star is forever coming up in the refusal of government departments to give it advertisements. Yesterday, the Socialist Worker is surprised to report that the Star has turned down £24 of good advertising. As a result, the Star has decided to publish the second issue of "Whose Crisis?" - an article which the Star has turned down.

THE Morning Star is a matter of your organisation and the Morning Star, a matter of your organisation.

WHAT'S ON

WALTHAM FOREST IS public meeting St John's Church St John's Road E9 9TA, 7.30pm tonight. Speakers: John Colwyn, Bob Perry, figure from Herts. Nicky Perry from Chesham, 08/1.

WALTHAM FOREST IS demonstration: 3 days work for 9 days pay. 9-11am Saturday 12th December; loaded, £100, 2-3pm; rally and speakers.

WALTHAM FOREST IS party day: Saturday 26 January, watch this space for details!

CENTRAL LONDON IS district: Deadly Commitment - A discussion evening with Jim and Steve (US) 7.30pm, £1, 12A Charlotte St, 11.15pm, £2. Full details later.

LONDON IS EPTU Fratton School, 8.30pm, £1, 181 Euston Road NW1 3ST. Full details later.

NORTH LONDON IS New Year Social: 8-9pm, 30 December, 969 High Road, Wood Green N22 6RH. Full details later.

I CIVIL SERVANTS STRONGLY A reduct of public services to IS. The full details of this meeting will be given later.

NOTICES

DEWSBURY IS Christmas Rally: Winning the War against the Budgets. (With Bob Perry). £1, 7.30pm, £2, 9.30pm, £3. Proceeds to IS.

ECONOMISTS WANTED, building, or in any other field of work. Publications Committee (formerly EPIC) 105 Lordship Lane, London N4. 8.30pm, £1, 10pm, £2. Full details later.

POSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS of Lenin wanted for distribution. IS North West, Contact. £1, £2, £3.

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FULL MEMBERSHIP registration. All IS members should rejoin their organisation by January 15. Contact branch secretaries for details and 1974 membership cards.

XWORD ANSWERS

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF TWICKENHAM EAST WARD Labour Party, Elmo Entache, has resigned and joined IS in a statement published by local papers, he argues the Labour Party is ready to sacrifice its socialist image and working-class supporters to middle-class tendencies and professional politicians, he suspects, of doing a deal with the Liberals, but incapable of backing socialist phrases with necessary action, such as land nationalisation to defeat property speculators.

In IS, he says, it is joining an organisation pledged to socialist planning under workers control, internationalism, and struggle against all Tory attacks on trade unions and workers living standards.
GLASGOW—More than 600 trade unionists and socialists braved the rain and snow on Saturday to demonstrate against Phase Three and the Industrial Relations Act in solidarity with the miners, powerworkers, railmen and ambulance men now fighting it.

Mike McGahay, Scottish miners' president warned Heath at the meeting that ended the march, 'You can have no coal and Phase Three, or you can have coal and no Phase Three—but you can't have both.'

By Steve Jefferys

GLASGOW—600 marchers blocked the Prime Minister's visit to Glasgow on Saturday afternoon in protest against Phase Three. The march was organized by the Scottish TUC and Community Party members, James Milne, assistant general secretary of the Scottish TUC, and John Reid, secretary of Glasgow Trades Council.

As the demonstration was assembling, Reidford moved to the teargas on a march where nearly 100 marchers were briefly behind the banners of the International Marxist Group and the National Miners' Group.

The unity of the demonstrators was marred by an ugly piece of provocation conducted in the name of the Scottish TUC by two Community Party members, James Milne, assistant general secretary of the Scottish TUC, and John Reidford, secretary of Glasgow Trades Council.

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LONDON—The Educational Interchange Council, a registered charity, with connections with the TUC, has taken a step to police its ties with its employees in ASTMS who are now in their second week of a strike for recognition.

General-secretary Trevor Randall-Davis has totally refused to recognize the union even though the Department of Employment in his letter of 27th December, 1974, told the union what it wants.

Randall-Davis has brought his wife and sister-in-law into the office in Russell Square in a vain attempt to keep it working. The rubbish collection has been blacked out, the Post Office engineers won't cross the pickets and the mail is not being delivered.

The staff of the printers next door, who only recently failed in their recognition battle, have been providing coffee and support for the pickets.

The union members were not told when the decision about recognition was held over from the October meeting of the Council until March, but they insisted on staying out until they get what they are asking for.

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Black workers

COVENTRY—63 black workers, members of the Transport Union, are in the thick of a fight to establish a strong trade union at Coventry Art Cottages. They have been sacked following a strike in protest against the victimization of a fellow worker.

This follows an overtime ban in support of a claim for an improved shift system, leading to a cut in basic pay, and an increase in the number of hours worked.

The overtime ban had been signed by 66-hour working week for 650. Labourers have been getting £6 per hour.

Three-quarters of the workforce is made up of black women, organized, all the date-cleaning, furnishing, and foundry workers—yet the workers committee is not backing the strikers and 170 workers are breaking pickets, using the same tactics as they used in striking against their trade union in 1972, and have used racist tactics to weaken trade unionism.

GLASGOW—600 teachers at a mass meeting agreed to strike on Monday, January 6 and work to rule from then on. They will refuse to teach primary school children who are not old enough to learn the six-week, 60-hour working week for a 500. Labourers have been getting £6 per hour.

Executive amendments to formal strike and the militancy were overwhelmingly defeated.

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Last week the Glasgow executive, against its will, called the meeting and the 500 refused to attend. Despite repeated warnings they held it in the same place as the previous one—where there has been an active shop stewards—then they used the meeting as a pretext to call the meeting off.

Amid scenes of great confusion they pulled the platform. Despite the attempts of the executive members to pull out microphones, Russell and the teacher speakers succeeded inMove notes of no confidence in the executive and demanded that the next meeting should be accompanied by a call to work.

After most teachers had dispersed it was discovered that the executive was holding an impromptu press conference. Without any notice of the meeting almost all of the 160 teachers remaining mounted a militant picket to ensure that the executive did not operate them. They demanded a lead in a real fight for education.

The office holders refused to either open the headquarters or doors to address the membership in the picket and actually began to run away.

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by workers against the bosses and their system

Slaves only, says boss

WEST LONDON—Pavlina Guttermann, management, four weeks after looking out more than 100 Asian workers for complaining about a bonus scheme that delayed terms for the factory’s re-opening.

More than half the workers to be asked. The work load set up, 80 to 100, introduction of uncontrolled work study, avoidance of the legal advice and no negotiated legal agreements. Transcript from Adam Khan. "The management wants a slaves supply as a condition for re-opening. The TGWU have declared an official strike. The company, in the temporary, has asked some workers to work for NOTHING every weekend for a year to help out a bit. The Indo-Pakistani war is used by management to split workers from the two minorities.

Managing director H. P. Vogel has threatened militants that it would be hard for them to stay in the country. "Tell your wife and I’ll see you in court," he added to one. White workers get similar treatment. Support from local engineering plants and the Asian community committees and physical must be called on. Further careful demonstration by Southall must take place.

In consistent and mass support of Adam Khan, in the TGWU, 203 North Green Street, London NW1.

Overtime ban not enough to win claim, say engineers’ delegates

by Glynn Carver

MANCHESTER—Within hours of Heath’s crisis broadcast, a national meeting of 200 delegates from engineering shop stewards meeting to discuss the next step in the fight for the engineers’ claim.

The clearance of the port and the introduction of British Leyland’s Lanchester factories, opened the meeting by stressing that the employer’s offer was still an insult and that the last battle was far from being taken up against it. He said the government’s policy was one of autocracy and that the nation’s management was concerned and this meant that "politics must be incorporated into this campaign.

Reference to the critics hadn’t gone home. The rally was a demonstration and a protest by speakers called for an overtime ban at the Boeing factory in the weeks.

Ron Williams, a Communist Party militant, speaking for the Stockport, AUWE district committee, said: "To those who say what’s the use of an overtime ban when there’s a three-day week, I say I believe the four-day week when it’s over.

It was led to Gordon Way, an Electronics Union branch president. A steward at the Monkbridge Forge and a member of the National Executive, to spell out why an overtime ban in engineering could never be for the workers. An overtime ban in the fast

Ambulance men agree

LONDON—Ambulance men who have been working emergency services only for the last three weeks and the eight-day strike, renewed to normal working hours after four. The Greater London Council offered them a £2.32 rise plus 25p per hour. They accepted an hour and an interim award of £2 as a last resort.

This was accepted after union full-time officials, including the leader of the Greater London ambulancemen’s conference, Tom McKell, public employed union shop steward at Bramley ambulance station, told Socialist Worker after the decision: "It was going on so we had to prevent Christmas with threats of a total wage freeze. I personally feel that we were sold down the river.

AMBULANCE—A meeting of ambulancemen from all over West London were given special invitation to continue their strike. Last week the management withdrew their offer and instead of a £2.50 rise of national and men refused to work. "(shifting’s harder now than it’s ever been before. Men were sent home, the rest went out.

"The man will now not be paid over Christmas and months are especially after Messages of support and donations to West Riding Ambulancemen, NUPE strike committee, at St. George’s House, Bradford Road, Tingley, near Leeds, Yorkshire.

FIRST, for Edward Heath and the millionaire press, the good news. Most of Britain’s train drivers would prefer not to be working to multi million dollars. In the last 12 months, some of the drivers’ pay scales, Lew explains:

In an annual conference in Edinburgh in May, 1971, the union adopted a policy of fighting for no differentials in pay.

"But after 33 meetings with the British Railways Board since 1971, no progress on re-structuring has been made in their patience has run out.

Why do we want re-structuring? We have drivers on several different rates of pay. A strike on the London Underground, for instance, might pick up £70 or £80 a week because of mileage payments. But another driver working on a branch line might get less than half that, even though he has the same responsibilities.

The re-structure began to help the industrial action up and to include a national strike in support of the rail workers.

P. F. Martin, an AUWE steward at the TEC, said: "We want to get the full claim, joint action at every level with the miners, local organisation committees and the NUPE, absolute non-co-operation with the three-week strike.

The declaration produced the organiser’s confidence. In the last three weeks, there’s been a lot of experience on what the line can do now and we’ve had about 250 of them.

Harry McCleary, a convenor of East Scotland’s Shop Stewards, pointed out that they had not been accurate because of the present circumstances. He appealed to delegates to show real militancy with the miners by refusing to cooperate on the three-week end of the strike.

The declaration calls for:

ONE: A massive lobby of the recall AUWE national conference on Thursday.

TWO: The recall of the TUC to delegate its power to the miners and train drivers.

THREE: The AUWE committee to give a positive lead to the whole confused

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The Tory three-day week lockout policy is an attempt to deprive the miners of the sympathy of the working-class masses. By putting pressure on the leaders of the TUC and the major trade unions, if the TUC can be frightened by the prospect of a miners' lockout, they will put pressure and strengthen the right wing on the NUM executive.

It is in this light that the tactical of the NUM's leaders needs to be judged. A sensible leadership varies its tactics to meet the challenge of its opponents. The NUM's leaders have been over-cautious. They have been too much on the defensive and have failed to exploit the situation. The miners are clearly the strongest union in the country and they should take the initiative. A miners' lockout would be a powerful weapon in the miners' fight for a better deal. The NUM executive cannot afford to ignore this threat.

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Polish and American coal is already expensive. By the time the NUM's lockout process is in full swing, the price of coal will have increased further. This will be a clear threat to the NUM's plans. The NUM's leaders need to take a hard line and be prepared to fight for a better deal.

The NUM's leaders must be prepared to fight for a miners' lockout, and be prepared to be isolated by the TUC. The NUM's leaders must be prepared to take a stand and be ready to fight for a better deal for the miners.