WHAT SUGAR SHORTAGE?

THERE’s a sugar shortage, so we’re told. Newspapers, shop-keepers and sugar companies are queuing up to warn us of a ‘grave situation in sugar supply’. But there is no real shortage — only an artificial one created by the sugar companies to push up their prices and profits.

Tate and Lyle claim there is a ‘shortfall’ in supply from the West Indies. So there is to the tune of 300,000 tons this year: only a tenth of the total amount consumed in this country. But that shortfall has already been made up from other sources.

More than 100,000 tons of sugar have been released on the market from the Government’s secret ‘strategic reserve’. Sugar has also been bought in large quantities from Europe to help fill the gap. So why have the sugar companies to the shops been cut in many places by as much as 40 per cent?

And why have the sugar companies sponsored yet another ‘Mr Cube’ campaign which keeps the shops from buying sugar?

Answer: they want to push their prices — and their profits — up.

The Sunday Telegraph reported this week: “Major sugar refiners, including Tate and Lyle, are negotiating with the Government about raising prices, probably by 1p to 2p a lb in an attempt to end the panic buying. Tate and Lyle know that if ‘panic buying’ leads to hoarding and shortages in the shops, the mands for increased prices will be difficult to resist.

How easy, then, to create a little panic buying by artificially cutting supplies to the shops.

A spokesman for the Price Commission told Socialist Worker:

PASSED

“We’re not allowed to tell you whether we’ve agreed to any applications from the sugar companies for price increases. But they have made a number of applications and none has been modified or rejected.”

In other words, all the applications have been passed.

Remember the petrol shortage last year? Remember how allegations of hoarding by the oil companies were ‘launched out of court’ by oil company spokesmen?

Remember the panic buying, and the shortages? Remember how the price went up and up and up?

And released the Price Commission report which celebrated the oil companies’ extra profit by selling at a higher price petrol hoarded when the price was low?

Well, now it’s happening with sugar. During the petrol racket we had a Tory Government. During the sugar racket we have a Labour Government. Both are impotent to intervene.

SUCCESS

In the first half of this financial year to 31 March, Tate and Lyle made a profit of £14.2 million, compared with £6.7 million for the same period last year.

The chairman, whose name is Lyle, said: ‘The successful first six months of this year were more than matched in the second half year.’

And released sugar at supermarkets the Lyle’s way, and the Tate’s way, and a handful of other processors are doubling and re-doubling their loot.

And they ask us, who buy the sugar and pay the profit, to honour the social contract and to ‘take it easy on wages’.

Our answer cannot be published in a family newspaper.

You Lone Ranger, me finished

THEY got Texas ‘Big John’ Connally on Monday. Spiro Agnew is with the great taxman in the sky.

John Dean went off to join the Red Indians. Gerald ‘slowest brain in the West’ Ford awaits the call in some Washington hockey- tonk.

And now Richard Nixon, the man who made Billy the Kid seem like a welfare worker, hears once more the call of destiny.

This time joined by his greatest law and order ally, a Mr. L. Ranger. Will green stamps and a black mask be sufficient to buy off the ‘Judas’ poses? Will the judge be arrested? Will General Haig’s Fifth Cavalry arrive in time?

But Richard M Nixon isn’t worried. He knows that if he falls in the fight to keep America violent, corrupt and dangerous, there are plenty of others who can carry on the battle, and who are ready to step into his shoes.
Million dollar butchers

SOUTH Korean court-martials handed out 19 death sentences last month to opponents of President Park's dictatorship. Of the 19 were for supporting agitation against the emergency decree introduced by Park earlier this year—that is a capital offence in South Korea. The merciless President has.committed five of the death sentences, including one of the country's leading poets, Kim Chi-Ha, to life imprisonment.

Trots now pending include those of former President Yun, who was in his office at the time of Park's coup in 1961, opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung, who ran against Park in the fraudulent presidential election in 1971 and was kidnapped from his refuge in Japan, and a leading Roman Catholic Bishop, Monsignor Choon. President Park's regime is propped up by 40,000 US troops and is to get 416 million dollars under the latest 'US aid' programme.

THE German section of Amnestia International has issued an appeal on behalf of 35 Chilean Air Force officers now being tried by court martial as 'enemies of the fatherland'.

The prosecutor is demanding the death sentence for Squad Leader Galaz Guzman, Captains Carvacho and Reina and Lieutenants and two Sergeants, Constanzo and O'Ryan. As Socialist Workers reported last week, the pata is to get 85 million dollars of US aid to help its 'defence of the free world'.

LATEST 1200 miners in three Swansea pits came out on strike after nurses' flying pickets were waved straight away. They know we mean business now.

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BRITISH TERROR IN CATHOLIC GHETTO

by Eamonn McCann

The CREGGAN Estate in Derry, a depressing sprawl of post-war council houses along a dark hulk overlooking the Bogside, is probably the worst place in Northern Ireland to live.

It contains about 14,000 working-class people, all of them Catholics. They have put their houses in the Fifties, Fifities and early Sixties because the University of Sheffield to maintain itself in local power, had to corral the Catholics into a single street and sell the land. The making-up-rate is about one in three.

On February 27, when the Grenadier Guards were posted to the area, Creggan residents who have been arrested in their homes, most of them in the middle of the night, taken to Fiveways Camp near the west of the town. In that very same period, injured, abused, photographed and fingerprinted.

Many have been badly beaten up.

In the same period over 1,000 homes have been raided and searched.

The Soldiers enter a house at night, either by breaking into the door to wake the residents or breaking the door in with boots and rifle-butts.

SEARCHED

Even the sleeping in the house, they be week-old babies or pensioners, are assembled in the kitchen or living- room and searched.

The rest of the house is searched. Searches are not confined to the sitting rooms off beds, wardrobes and drawers are opened. Boxes containing floor and floorboards are taken up.

On average, this takes 90 minutes to two hours. When they leave the soldiers usually take one or more members of the family with them for 'questioning', most commonly a teenage boy.

The rest of the family tidies up and goes back to bed. If the questioned person has detained has not come home by the morning, they go to a local councillor or commandant to ask for representation to be made for him or her release.

One such teenager is Edward McCue, 13. On Monday last week he was charged at Derry Court with striking a corporal in the Grenadiers.

BLOOD

It emerged during the hearing that this was the 28th time he had been arrested in last few months. He was fined £35.

Meanwhile in London, Belfast and Dublin people were talking about new initiatives and new constitutions, and the endless telegraph of murdering about five years of blood in the streets going on.

Viewed from Creggan, little of it makes sense. The Creggan community has not taken up to the issue which the people day after day. How can the British Army in Northern Ireland keep the Catholic Church and Catholics apart from each other.

There is a deep sense of Protestants in Creggan. The Unionist Party has set up to save the community. Yet the estate has suffered more sustained assault from the British Army than any other single area.

Anyone who believes they will be better off being killed before the Army gets over there should come here and see.
THE SUN this week emphasised its backing for the Tories in the coming election campaign. The paper's industrial correspondent, Keith Mason, filled a page of the paper on Monday with an article entitled Six Roads to Nightmare on Wages.
The article by Mason, who has, in the past, written in the engineering union's journal on the need for immigration control, was written by an editorial which openly called for statutory wage controls.
The editor, Mr Bernard Shimley is a long-standing member of the Labour Party. He has written a book about Labour candidates. His brother, Anthony Shimley, political correspondent of the Daily Mail, has written a sympathetic book about the first 100 days of Harold Wilson's 1964 Labour Government.
Now Mr Shimley, no doubt under the order of his boss, multi-millionaire Rupert Murdoch (a former officer of the Oxford University Labour Club before he made his millions) is giving maximum publicity and support for the Tory drive against the unions.

The Sun has an enormous working class readership. It sells 3,500,000 copies a day. The articles below reply to the Sun's Tory propaganda—and answers the greatest criticisms in the Labour Cabinet who play into the Tories' hands.
The articles also point the way ahead for workers in the period following the death of the Pay Board.

KEITH MASON'S article began: 'This week, for the first time for nearly two years, the no-legals curb on pay increases' went on to summarise six ways to get an increase:

Thresholds, delayed rises (some workers accepted ... Stage Three maths but clearly made agreements giving future rises when the pay restraint period ended); catch-up rises (postmen who had just been offered 110 per cent though they had had their ordinary Stage Seven 7 per cent rise from last January); special-case rises, London omniunion of all.
The Sun, mousepiece of millionaire press baron Rupert Murdoch, does not like this situation. It Sheltered about 'six roads to nightmare', 'six roads to national suicide' and predicts that if workers' wages are not kept firmly down 'this proud nation will become a banana republic'.
Every argument used by The Sun to put the blame for inflation on the workers is false. Each lies in the face of the facts. Each conceals a willful truth.

SUNLINE: The unions are inflating wages.

FACT: Wages are not keeping pace with prices. The government's own figures show that average real take-home pay, pay in terms of what it buys, fell by 2% in the pound in the first part of this year. It is still falling.

MASSIVE

SUNLINE: 'One man's pay rise means another man's price rise.'

FACT: The main cause of price increases has nothing whatever to do with wages. It is the massive increase in imports.

The big business weekly, The Economist, which is certainly no friend of working people, writes this week: 'Mr Heath's success in holding them back with his counter-inflation policy ... was striking.
But at wage rates have already gone down, import prices took off.' The Economist calculates that 40 per cent of last year's inflation was because of import costs and that the similar proportion of this year's 20-25 per cent inflation will have the same cause.

SUNLINE: 'We wouldn't be on the cusp from his Imperial Majesty the Shah of Iran if the thing wasn't empty.'

FACT: More wealth is being paid out by the workers of this country than at any time in the past. More, in fact, than five years ago, much more than ten years ago and vastly more than 20 years ago.

The inflation is not caused by shortage of goods, by an empty till. It is caused by the crazy working of capitalism.

SUNLINE: 'If Britain goes on dipping out money we haven't got, we shall have to make do with our imports.'

FACT: As it happens, the money supply is fairly stable at present for the first time in several years. It is not at all the case that the printing of more and more paper money buys less and less is the problem.

But The Sun isn't interested in inconvenient facts like that. Above all, Rupert Murdoch and his hired experts don't want to conceal two salient facts:

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Real wages have been falling.'

What can be said about inflation? In a rationalised organised society, where goods and services were produced because they were needed and not because they were profitable, there would be no problem.

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We need: NO PERCENT WAGE INCREASES. These are the only way to keep ahead of price rises of more than 20 per cent.

NO TIME LIMIT ON WAGE AGREEMENTS. The right to negotiate when workers decide.

EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN.

A MINIMUM WAGE OF £35 A WEEK.

THE 35-HOUR WEEK FOR 40 HOURS PAY. The easiest way to force employers to stop up their employment.

THESE include 'requiring repayments of social security payments, either by deductions from tax rebates made after the strike is over, or by some form of direct deductions from wages. Naturally this scheme, if it could be carried through, would pave the way to total abolition of benefits at a later stage.

Vicious

It is quite likely that a new Tory government, or what amounts to the same thing, a 'government of national unity' would try it on.

The way to beat this vicious plan, if it is introduced, will be the way the National Insurance Act was beaten—industrial action every time an attempt is made to enforce it.

The whole trade union movement needs to be alert to the danger and committed in advance to resistance by direct action.
No they’re not going off on foreign leave. Army scout cars holidaying at Heathrow Airport.

There are no images or diagrams on this page.

LETTERS

LEAVING SCHOOL? HAVE A GUN...

I AGREE with ‘ex-soldier’ (23 July). A fortnight ago 865,000 young people of 16 left school, and are now out on the capitalist labour market ready to be used and exploited, like their parents and grandparents before them. A large majority will end up in dead-end jobs, with next to no training, wages and no future or security. And even with these abominable prospects they are a lot more fortunate than the thousands who will eventually end up joining one of the military services. These unfortunate future workers in uniform are portrayed by the TV, Press and school careers’ masters as the only alternative to a life on the dole, with all this garbage about an army career being one with a future, security, opportunities, etc. A lot of propaganda and a lot of very interesting places and people.

They had forgotten to mention, that one evening a meeting was held to discuss some of these interesting places and murder some of the interesting people in the process of sustaining British imperialism, which is the sole purpose of the army, and all the other military and paramilitary forces. And I am especially curious about the happily married ones who are already in uniform and must do the same as I do with them to take up the socialist struggle.

It won’t be an easy task, but it’s imperative—LLOYD HAYES, Norwich.

ENGINEERS AND THE TIGHTLY KNIT GROUP

THE FOLLOWING resolution was moved at the Walliden branch of the Engineering Union.

This branch despatches the refusal of the National Executive Committee on the grounds that only representatives of the Labour and Industrial Correspondents Group who are members of the NUI Correspondents Committee can point out that the LIGC are not representative of the employers, that the employers are not representative of the employers and that the employers are not representative of the employers.

The employers despatches the situation where a Left and Daily Express have ready access to credentials whilst a paper like Socialist Worker is refused credentials.

Speaking on the motion the mover, myself, pointed out that the LIGC was a self-selected body which is bound to secrecy and that the policy of selective rejections of strikers’ credentials or at least the threat of it, is bound to encourage rejections of strikers in members of the branch may be involved. That the NUI General Secretary addressing the AUEW was the reply was, only members of the NUI who were recognized by the Executive of the AUEW.

The fact that the LIGC now will allow no more correspondence by weekly papers could in fact result in other left wing newspaper workers being denied access to negotiations and that the employers are granted with all the secrecy.

Silly Sir Frank! As Chairman of the Pay Board, he is bound to know number of the house of practice. Namely, if your packages are aimed at taking the working class for a ride, so that Labour’s chiefs and the trade union bureaucrats can sell their supporters down the river more easily, they never give the game away. You’ll get put out to grass, Sir Frank, for grass—NICK HOWARD, Sheffield.

Tired, overworked? Join the wreckers.

FOLLOWING a series of newspaper articles entitled ‘The wreckers’ published in that well known chamber of commerce, the London Evening News, our workmates decided it was about time that Caren Meyer, who wrote the piece, became acquainted with the views of some of her readers.

After a discussion lasting approximately 10 minutes, a noisy voice that appeared to be an old man said: ‘Well, what do we want from the trade union? It’s all right to go to the newspaper with articles about wreckers, but what’s to be done about it? We don’t want the trade union to act as if it were a crusade against the papers. What we want is a union that will stand up to the bosses and fight for us.’

Another member of the meeting added: ‘We want a union that will stop being a soft touch and start being a hard touch. We want a union that will fight for us and not against us.’

And a third member said: ‘We want a union that will stand up to the bosses and not just sit back and take it. We want a union that will stand up for us and not just talk about it.’

The meeting ended with a round of applause for the speakers and the promise to continue the fight for a union that will stand up to the bosses.
On the buses—bad pay and punch-ups

I AM A London busman and a trades unionist for 20 years. The postal union has been on strike for a number of years, and we are trying to attract other workers to our cause. We've tried everything—letters, meetings, leaflets—but we haven't had much luck. We need more workers to join us and help us win the strike.

STOCKS ON ROCKS... The crisis of Barclays Banks shows some possibilities for workers' control. The banks are owned by a small number of shareholders, who can force them to restructure in order to increase their profits. We need to get Britain out of its present financial straitjacket, and that means taking control of the banks.

LIGHT ON SUN... In the continuous battle for the living wage, there is one area where it is particularly useful to have some information. We need to know the national prices and to use them to pressure the employers. The Labour Party, and especially its policy on trade union awareness and consciousness, is something that can be useful to attract the class conscious worker.

CYPRIOT... Your first account (20 July) of the Cyprus coup failed to take notice of the Cypriot people's struggle for freedom. The Turkish army intervention was sparked by the Cypriot people's struggle for independence from Greece and Cyprus. It was this that threatened to start a bloody conflict against the interests of American imperialism. The Cypriot revolution is of fundamental importance in the NATO alliance and will be played a significant role in the future. The Cypriot people have never been defeated.

RELIABILITY... I'm always amazed to catch the workers of industry on TV exasperating the need for everyone to work harder to get the country back on its feet. The fact that the capitalists would benefit from increased productivity is clearly illustrated by the huge bonuses that are paid to the top managers. These bonuses are a sure sign of the capitalist system that is at work.

In conclusion, I hope that workers will take notice of our campaign and join us in the fight for a better world.

THANKS, IT'S THE SUPPORT WE GET FROM THE READERS THAT MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE... Recently I received a letter from a worker who wrote: 'I live in a working-class community and I read your paper every day. I think it's great for keeping us informed. Keep up the good work.'

But our next trick, we'll nationalise the National Coal Board...

THE MAIN EDITORIAL (20 July) was about factories (fighting factory closures and redundancies). It stated nationalisation was the only way out, and concluded: 'Nationalisation is the only way out.' But this is not the case, we need a workers' control. But workers' control under capitalism means incurring on management rights, in this case the right to shut up shop. This is what is meant by a workers' control.

We have to realise that these industries have been used by Tory and Labour Governments to create policies to force the workers to accept the policies of the government. They have had to apply them efficiently to the nationalised industries.

The nationalised industries are the ultimate pawns of the capitalist state. When are miners to work for wages and conditions that are the same as the workers in private industry? They are also going to do it in the public sector.

ASTMS: kick the bosses—not Gibson

THE DECISION of the national executive council of the ASTMS to bar Ian Gibson from the union is a sad day for the union. The ASTMS has a long history of supporting workers' control, and this decision is a retrograde step. We need to fight to keep the union strong and united.

California Strike... The problems of workers in California are enormous. The workers are fighting against low wages, long hours, and poor working conditions. They are also fighting against the police and thugs hired by the Unions United. Strikes are becoming more common in the United States, and they are a powerful tool for workers to demand better conditions.

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How State profits reach private pockets

MANY professored socialists see the proposals of Industry Minister Wedgwood Benn as a step on the road towards nationalisation. Some even see them as a 'step on the way' to its destruction.

WHAT TRIP? The more he advocates 'government participation' in industry and 'worker participation' in the running of industry, the more he leaves even less than the present nationalised industries and in no way resembles a real socialist industrial policy.

It can only be seen as a sop to those pale pink (or is it pale blue?) 'socialists' who blither on about the 'virtues' of a 'mixed economy', or a panic measure designed to put the burden of extracting capital and the mess on to the working class. The 'nationalised' industries we have today are only props for the capitalist system, providing fat profits for private industry.

A prime example of this is undoubtedly the mining industry. From nationalisation in 1947 to the present day, the sweat and blood of miners has been converted into cash for fat-areal salaries of senior managers who never done a day's work in their lives.

When the industry was nationalised and the National Coal Board (NCB) took over the owners rejoiced. Gone was the ever increasing burden of trying to make the mining industry pay. Above all, most of the miners, they were compensated with millions of pounds for the loss of 'ownership'. The money they promptly invested in much more profitable enterprises, among them the increasingly profitable mining machinery firms.

Lord Alf

The increase in mechanisation of the mines was no accident. The old coalowners and many directors of the NCB had considerable holdings in the engineering firms supplying machinery to the pits and therefore a vested interest in the use of these machines, most of which were bought at vastly inflated prices.

The same applies today. The industry is still in the control lines of a capitalist-oriented management with the resulting inevitable corruption. For example, examine the record of Ronald Engineering, a mining machinery firm with close connections with Lord Alfred (coll

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prices - up a ton to the power stations for example.

All the nationalised industries combine to subsidise the private sector. By buying cheap coal, the electricity industry is able to sell electricity at 'special' (cheap) industrial rates to its big customers, so giving private industry the double benefit of cheap coal PLUS cheap electric power. Cheap transport is provided by the nationalised British Rail, ensuring that shareholders dividends will not be eaten into by such nuisances as power and transport costs.

Another of Labour's big deals is a so-called 'plan for industrial democracy'. They talk of 'worker participation in management' and 'worker directors'. How obscure can they get? To talk of democracy in such a light is nothing but an insult.

Control

The objectives of socialists must remain clear. We cannot fully support any plans for nationalisation - with or without compensation - unless they also provide for the immediate and complete control and administration to be in the hands of the workers in those industries. This will ensure that production will be geared to meet social needs rather than the greed and avarice of a few just strangling money merchants.

One of the main objections raised by the supporters of capitalism when the issue of workers' control is raised, is that workers are incapable of running industry EFFICIENTLY. The key word here is efficiency - the difference between capitalist efficiency and socialist efficiency is one of definition and means of measurement. Capitalists define efficiency as that which gives the maximum profit regardless of the cost in human life and suffering, and measure it as such. With the socialist concept of efficiency the aim is entirely different. If production is satisfying the needs of society and at the same time maintaining the highest possible standards of safety and health in industry, then that is an efficient industry.

One way of achieving this aim was outlined in the pamphlet, 'The Miners' Next Step', published in 1912 by the Unofficial Reform Committee.

Their objective begins to take shape before your very eyes. Every industry thoroughly organised, in the first place, to fight, to gain control of, and then to administer that industry. The co-ordination of all industries on a Central Production Board which, with a statistical department to ascertain the needs of the people, will issue its demands on the different departments of industry, leaving the men themselves to determine under what conditions and how the work shall be done.

Democracy

'This would mean real democracy in real life, making for real manhood and real womanhood. Any other form of democracy is a delusion and a snare.'

This is the sort of objective we should be fighting for, NOT the wishy-washy pseudo-socialist nationalisation plans put forward by Wedgwood Benn on behalf of the Labour government.

by STEVE ABBOTT, a miner at Calverton, Notts.
THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF SIR DENYS FLOWDERELOWSON

SIR DENYS Colquhoun Flowderew Lowson is the perfect Christian gentleman. You might meet him on the magistrates' bench sending you down for stealing 10p worth of sugar at Sainsbury's, or you might hear him in church on Sunday preaching decency and humanity towards his fellow man. Sir Denys was the youngest-ever Lord Mayor of London and had one of the most brilliant minds ever known in the city. With that mind, Sir Denys became chairman of a huge unit trust empire called the National Group of Unit Trusts.

IN 1963, the train robbers stole £2 million. They were sent to prison for 30 years.

In 1973, Sir Denys Lowson stole £5 million from small investors and pension funds connected with his unit trust empire. He is paying the money back, and is going off in a huff to his shooting estate in Scotland.

That's law and order. That's the social contract.

Meanwhile, down in Knoxville, Tennessee...

SIR DENYS LOWSON is not content with companies in Britain. He heads the massive American Association which controls, among other things, 15 per cent of mining land in Knoxville, Tennessee County, inhabited by some of the most poverty-stricken people in the United States.

A Senate sub-committee under Senator Muskie is investigating complaints from the area that the American Association has avoided paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in property taxes which should have gone to the isolated valley communities.

In 1973, the company, which pulls in millions every year from the profitable coal mines, paid less than two per cent of the property taxes. The Senate charges are:

THAT Lowson's company has let the tenants' houses in the Appalachians fall into complete disrepair, and kept the tenants in constant terror of eviction.

THAT the area has been laid to waste by 'strip' mining of coal.

THAT the company has not carried out any of its obligations to the communities, refusing even to build one health centre.

THAT the area is held by the company in a 'truly colonial grip'.

Mr H Morgan, Lowson's managing director in America, was quoted last March as saying: 'The population in these filthy shacks pleaded with us to be allowed to stay so we let them at a peppercorn rent. We had no responsibility for them.'

Mr A Funker, general manager, put it more bluntly. 'We will not order repairs. The people who are making these allegations are simpleminded fools.'

ONE MAN who learnt its unit from Sir Denys Lowson is Edward Du Cann, chairman of the Conservative party 1922 Committee. Last week, Du Cann made a speech in which he called on politicians to 'tell the truth'.

Du Cann learnt his trade working for Lowson in the 1950s. He then hired off and made a fortune for himself in his own Unicorn outfit.

But when he heard Sir Denys was telling his National shares, Du Cann whipped round to make an offer.

But one unit trust investor can tell another. Du Cann soon found out what Sir Denys was up to, and withdrew the offer before any deal was reached.

ONE DAY in June 1972, Sir Denys went along to a board meeting of the Nova Scotia Bank. After a chat with some fellow directors, Sir Denys borrowed £427,000 from the bank.

WE MUST SELL NATIONAL!
62p WOULD BE A FAIR PRICE
GOSH! HOW CLEVER!
BRILLIANT!
GREAT!

THE NEXT MONTH, Sir Denys went to a board meeting of the companies which controlled National Group of Unit Trust shares. He suggested National wasn't doing too well, and they should sell all their shares. The directors, who thought Sir Denys was the most brilliant man they ever lived, agreed at once. They offered their shares for sale at the price suggested by Sir Denys—62p. They hadn't any idea, of course, who was going to buy them...

NOW, NOW, FLOWDERELOWSON YOU'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY OLD BOY, STILL IF YOU GIVE THE £5,000,000 BACK WE'LL TREAT IT AS A JOKE!

NATIONAL SHARES SELL AT 88.67!

SIR DENYS then set up some front companies which bought up all the National shares with the £427,000 he'd borrowed from the Nova Scotia Bank. Then he sold Tom White of the Triumph Investment Trust all his shares in First National—for £8.67 each. This brought a profit to Sir Denys and his family of rather more than £5 million. The money came straight out of the pockets of small investors and pension funds. Sir Denys was only found out after a very hard work by one journalist. Now he is very sorry and is moving the money back again.
Freedom until further notice

Q. What has actually happened in Greece during the last few days? Has the Junta fallen?

A. No. In fact, with the Junta in control of the Army and the Presidency, while the Government has been handed over to the country's conservative politicians, with a few liberals added to prop up the 'National Unity' image, Karamanlis himself is an old expert in presenting a repressive regime as a democracy.

In 1953, he took over as Marshal Papagos, the victor of the civil war in Greece, and, through rigged elections, police intimidations and political assassinations, has managed to hold on until 1963.

The key posts in the cabinet have gone to politicians who have had records of service in the interests of the Greek bankers and shipowners.

Q. How did this situation come about? Why was the Junta on the verge of collapse?

A. The military regime has been in open crisis during the last year and a half at least. The Junta had been helping the Greek and foreign capitalists boost their profits so unabashedly that it had to rely on repression as its main support. Today, the US Sixth Fleet is based in Athens, with the shipowners getting bigger and bigger concessions and 'incentives' every day, with every single working class gain coming under attack, even the most apolitical workers were beginning to realize what the Junta was there for.

During the summer of 1973, there were strikes by printers, airport workers, Athens transport workers and department store workers. Building workers and electricity workers also mobilized. There were peasant rallies against land expropriation outside Athens.

In November, students and the Polytechnic began a sit-in demanding free elections in their union, freedom to organize and the dissolution of the security police. They were joined by workers demanding increases in wages and pensions and the renewal of the Junta's appointments from the trade unions.

Strike

The joint-student-worker coordinating committee called on the whole working class to mobilize towards a General Strike for the overthrow of the Junta. The strike took to the streets, and the demonstrations were only suppressed with the use of tanks. Hundreds were killed.

Despite its 'success' in butchering the demonstrations, the Junta was badly shaken. In a show of unity, the various military factions coexist in getting rid of the discredited leadership of the Junta and staged a coup on 21 November.

Since then, however, they were caught between two burning needs: for a wave of repression to root out the militants in the working class and student movement, and for a compromise with the politicians, to provide some popular support for the regime.

Thus, while the military police were doing the dirty job with mass arrests and torture of hundreds of militants, the army's main concern was to prevent the militants from influencing the general population. They hoped, by keeping the nationalists from strengthening their position in the Junta, to boost the morale of the officer corps and to direct the militancy into military mobilization.

Instead, they met with widespread opposition. It became clear that the war with Turkey would lead to a collapse of the Greek army. It was time to bring on the 'saviours'.

Q. What happened in Greece the same as what happened in Portugal?

A. In many ways, yes. There is the same sudden liberation of the workers. The jails have been emptied of political prisoners.

People feel free publicly to raise demands on the government, Communists and others on the left are being returned to the streets by crowds.

But, as in Portugal, the situation is being turned over to the Armed Forces Movement in Portugal.

And the extent of the collapse of the Junta is far smaller than the collapse of Portuguese Fascism.

For example, the security police have not been sacked. For more of the Junta's repressive machinery is still in force in Greece than was still in 1974 in Portugal. The Portuguese were trying to stop the workers, peasants and students from making any gains out of the Junta's retreat: the powers of the military police have been curbed but military law remains.

Political prisoners are released, but their torturers and murderers are pardoned.

The government, try as it might, to give the impression of a 'new' government, the Junta has been returned to the streets by the momentum from the 21 November strike.

The election of the Junta will be used by the city government to arrest the workers, while making promises of a 'better democracy'.

And, of course, we will be made to heed the real active role of the Junta as kingmakers.

Q. How is the Junta fighting back prospects?

A. Although the tried to make of Athens look like an Olympic Games, welcome Karamanlis back in the fold and now euphoria.

The biggest setback is the Polytechnic. The Junta, thousands of students, have given their brothers the 'freedom' to eat, to vote, to denounce the fascists, 'Down with the Fascists'.

The crucial revolutionary is that the Junta has fallen.
The land of liberty, where strikers are free to be gunned down

ANOTHER MINER has been gunned down in Harlan County, Kentucky. On 8 July, Minard Turner, 66, was critically wounded as he joined 150 Brookside miners and their supporters at the High Splint Mine, another Harlan mine owned by the Eastern Mining Co. A company security guard shot Turner twice in the chest.

The Brookside strikers, with their wives and a number of petitioners, went to High Splint in an effort to force Eastern and the powerful Duke Power Co. of North Carolina to recognize the union—the United Mine Workers of America—At Brookside. They set up a picket line, which most High Splinter miners refused to cross.

Then, in true Harlan fashion, the shooting started. On the same day that Minard Turner was shot, seven other UMWA pickets narrowly escaped death, when shots rang out from the cover of darkness. Eastern security guards sprayed miniature guns at the picket stations with a vengeance.

The pickets were downed for hours. The next morning, miners investigators found more than 50 bullets in the ground surrounding the station.

At the same time, the miners at High Splint set up their own picket line in protest at the shooting of two miners for supporting the Brookside strikers. Rob Davis, one of the fired miners, said that Norman Adcock, the President of Eastern, had personally fired him for being up there with the men.

The solidarity of the High Splint miners ensured that the mine would be closed, and despite the shootings of 15 arrests in the first week, the High Splint mine stayed closed.

The third Eastern mine to strike since the Brookside miners walked out more than a year ago.

Troops

At the end of the first week, however, the Governor of Kentucky intervened, sending a contingent of State Troopers to High Splint to keep the peace. The fact was, of course, that the troopers were sent in to open the mine.

Indeed, on their first day of duty, the troopers met with the scabs and the company officials in a secluded spot, four miles from the mine. There they secretly organized an armed convoy, with which they took some 60 miners through the picket lines.

At that point, Arnold Miller, the President of the UMWA, went to Harlan. He called a demonstration to protest at the actions of the peacekeepers. More than 5000 miners came to Harlan County for the rally, at which Miller said that the UMWA would call a nationwide strike if the police were not withdrawn, a strike which, in the words of Houston Elmore, the UMWA organizer in Harlan, would cost the nation's coal producers 1.84 million tons of coal a day.

The following day, the Governor agreed to call out the troops, though not in Harlan. Miller agreed to limit pickets at High Splint to six a day. High Splint miners were still honouring the pickets, though the mine is operating.

About 60 of the 200 miners are working, though these, according to Ettore, are 'protectionist scabs', men who scabbed at Brookside, as well as miners brought by the company from other parts of the country.

Despite this agreement at High Splint, however, there may yet be much more to come this summer. According to UMWA contracts, the union is allowed, a Strike Day each time a miner is killed on the job.

Protest

The Union Executive is now considering taking this year's ten Memorial Days for a strike not only to protest the brutality and company violence in Harlan County, but also to expand the enforcement of safety regulations.

The union also wants to draw attention to the fact that no steps have yet been taken to prevent a repetition of the 1972 Buffalo Creek Disaster.

In the flood which followed, 125 people were killed, 1000 injured, more than 500 homes destroyed and many more damaged. Scores of houses, including whole communities and their families, were made homeless.

Today there remain countless coal wakes—dams in the mountains of West Virginia and Kentucky and, when it rains, the swollen streams return the residents of Buffalo Creek.

Nevertheless, the mining companies continue in their blind disregard for human life.
'Preserving property' by destroying lives

A dog's dinner...your child?

Two weeks ago a alditan dogs mauled and killed a ten-year-old girl in Glasgo. Little Peter Whyte was out playing in Alexandria Park, not far from his home, when the dogs attacked. They dragged him into a nearby pond and then jumped into another pond two gollers let fly at them with their gill and stomach where it was too late, Peter was dead. The dogs had escaped from a yard in Blocham Lane where they were protecting the preetors of Macbrayne Shipping, one of Scotland's largest haulage contractors, into which large numbers of government money have been pumped over the last ten years. The outfit which owns and supplies the dogs is the Guard Dog Services, run by a man called Danny Anderson. GDS is one of more than 800 private police forces currently operating in Britain. They are opening up at the rate of one a week.

Has Mr Anderson decided to become a news vendor or a window cleaner, he would have needed a special licence. To train and hire out killer dogs he needed none.

Scared

Guard dogs are used in two ways either with or without a fence within a boundary fence. Securicor also runs them on Merseyside. There is no fence around the dogs in Britain. The dogs are used for the safety of only a small number of people, because they believe, rightly, that people are more scared of them than of any other breed.

There are no special controls, only the right kind of conditions covering pets. Even so, the RSPCA has successfully prosecuted a number of firms in England this year for ill-treating or prohibiting gollers.

Mr John Nicoll of the Glasgow and

—-The wrong property is being destroyed.

There is no doubt that these dogs are not what you would call over fed and can be given the minimum of food, or else they are no good for the job. But it is very difficult to prove in court that an animal is being starved.

No vicious dog should be left loose inside a fence. There have been incidents where children have been pulled inside. No dog without a handler can work under control.

One of Mr Anderson's rivals in the security business is Leigh Williams, manager of a tough set-up called K9, which operates in the West Country. Like most security men, Mr Williams' employees wear a para-military uniform—the case of the senior officers a studded leather jacket and an 85-style cap.

Last year, the stately remains of St Ives were upset when a number of hippies camped out in their town. K9 were called in, and given power to remove the offenders. They promptly set their aluids on the hippies in scenes St Ives has been trying to live down ever since.

Under CEAC, the police have turned a blind eye to such strong-arm tactics. Eyewitnesses, however, have reported about the use of guard dogs. They often have to waste time fighting a gollers before they can even force someone trapped in a fire.

Eye witnesses and the more 'respectable' security firms are used as a back-up force for the police. They are permitted to stop, search and use reasonable force in carrying out their duties.

Under the Protection of Aircraft Act they can frisk and detain air passengers. And Securicor are employed at airports to guard people waiting to be deported.

Young Peter Whyte was an innocent victim of the capitalist's determination to protect his property with a back-up force of dogs. They are permitted to stop, search and use reasonable force in carrying out their duties.

The house was a shambles hot water and his friend Mr Lewis guaranteed it to make sure for £100.

Weeks went by and the figure for repairs kept rising when the owner of No 16 appeared on the scene.

She offered to rent their house for £10 a week and keep it open for £150 so I had to find the woman because the house was not too far away. I have written a letter, fully stamped, that she said yes.

Babar, sad, could not reach her.

He was robbed by illegal landlady of 10 Jacksons and by legal ones. Once he was vulnerable to trickery. Now he and his friends are immune to trickery.

They are determined to stay in the house. Stays at the other 140 empty houses on the estate.

He said: 'Last year I was staying with relatives when I met Sammy and he offered to sell me 15 Morlock Street for £55. I didn't know it was a council house and so I bought it.'

Canteen food: The mice give their verdict

By a member of the British Leyland 15 branch, Coventry

SUTCLIFFE'S, the multi-national catering firm, make millions of pounds every year. They also make thousands of workers sick in the stomach every day.

After mouse dropings were found in 'the food' they serve up at extortionate prices at the Jaguar plant in Coventry. This unpleasant fact was not mentioned in their glowing 1000 pages of glowing publicity. No wonder, executive:

Neither did Contact mention that the three canteens have been condemned as unfit by the health authorities. The firm is not only guilty of using expired goods all, but take a few examples from just two Coventry canteens, Jaguar Cars and Carrows:

Jaguar Radiant

Buttered roll 2p
Cheese roll 5p
Steak & Kidney pie 12p
Pork Pie 10p
Potatoes per scoop 4p
Chips with meal 4p
Chips separate 4p

Sutcliffe's also don't mention how they exploit their staff, and how they now have a new type menu. Last year, you could have a set meal for 16p, this year the new prices will be on an 'a la carte' basis, each item charged for separately.

Meals now start at 1p extra separate, veg at 4p, potatoes at 4p and so on, which eventually makes a meal of 24p.

How many of our members work in factories with Sutcliffe canteens? How many of our members work in factories where the canteen staff have to work in, we have boycotted the canteen at Jaguar seven times, but only one small staff upset by Sutcliffe's will always be in a position to raise prices, playing us one against the other, and then always changing prices.

On 25 March 1973, management at Jaguar told us all canteen prices had to be increased by 10 per cent as from 1 April, because of the introduction of VAT. VAT amounts to 10 per cent on all restaurants and catering organisations was replacing VAT levied at 12½ per cent. Therefore prices should increase by 10 per cent.

While we this year were MADE to take 4½ per cent without thresholds, some workers, as being pushed further down the wage scale.
The shape of things to come?

THIS LITTLE pamphlet brings home important issues about what is happening in Ireland, issues which most trade unionists seem to have largely ignored. It examines clearly the techniques used by the army, police and the welfare state in Ireland to counter 'insurgency', and so should be compulsory reading for all socialists.

There is growing evidence to suggest that Ireland is a testing ground for the way the forces of the state will operate in a crisis situation in England, like Hitler used the Spanish Civil War to test his new weapons.

As the pamphlet states: 'Every British Army line regiment has now served in Ireland, gaining experience which could prove invaluable.'

For Brigadier Kinson, Commandant of the Army's School of Infantry at Wazimister, the army has a role in all stages of a developing crisis, including what he calls 'non-violent subversion', strikes, picketing, in other words trade union activities (T.U.C. National Executive Committee meeting 1974).

The Heathrow operation is a good example of how police and army can operate in England without any public uproar. The police chief in charge of the Heathrow operation was also responsible for setting up the special anti-picket intelligence unit.

Two facts are all detailed in the pamphlet which goes on to show how the Special Patrol Group, provocateurs-in等着 in the Littlejohn affair—and special assassination squads are all now used in Ireland.

For the first time, the British Army has been in operation in an advanced capitalist country, part of the UK, and in very similar conditions to those which would apply in any future operations inside Britain. The Left here must look closely at what is going on.

As well as explaining how water cantiions, CS gas and rubber bullets have been used and developed in Ireland, the pamphlet also shows how, when 20,000 people went on rent strike in Ireland, the welfare state tried to stop benefits being withheld for unemployment, pensions and industrial injury to try to weaken the strike.

Order

As Britain enters a period of threat with economic confrontation building up and political conflict sharpening, the BSSRS should be congratulated for this well-timed publication. As well as the pamphlet, all IS branches should order copies now. Militants must use the information here as a handbook for the Left.

We must explain the implications of what has been going on in Ireland. As the pamphlet states: 'There is a great danger of a gradual right-wing shift in which no particular action or event is seen as sufficiently drastic to produce a major mobilisation of the working class.'

BRENDON SALISBURY, an AUEW shop steward in Letchworth, Herts, reviews The New Technology of Repression—lessons from Ireland (British Society for Social Responsibility in Science: 30p).

From Vidal de Negrot's poem 'When I love Freedom', written in a Spanish jail.

The sea is always suspect and subversive
Who knows? The gulls may organise a strike.
The pinewoods must be watched for fear they harbour
The illicit duplicators of the spring.
The whisper of the cornfields may be treason.
There is danger in the peace talk of the doves
Or in the dog-eared pages of a book.
In human laughter and in human kisses
And in the multitudinous hopes of man
Prisoner as I am I burst out laughing
How will they manage to arrest and torture
The sun
Now on its way from my home town?

SATURDAY: ITV (London area only): 10.30pm. NOW I WON THE WAR, the 1960 film (Hard Days Night) last film with Michael Crawford and John Lennon.

SUNDAY: BBC-2: 8.15pm. KING CARNIVAL, a film about the Trinidad carnival, by new Sunday Serial on RADIO 4 at 8.30pm. THE SWORD OF HONOUR, written by high Tory Evelyn Waugh, and one of the best English novels about the World War. At 10.15pm on ITV is THE BEAR AND THE HARE by Arthur Haense, about a faded Labour MP back in his constituency. Certainly at its ridiculous plot, whatever one may think of its anti-Semitic themes.

MIDNIGHT: ITV, 1.25am.һ FRIENDLY ENCOUNTER, a film based on two Irishmen, one is the priest and the other is the Irish police. By Peter Gill and the set is in Northern Ireland. First shown in 1974.

ON THE BOX

WEDNESDAY: BBC-1, 9.55pm. THE MAKING OF A NATURAL HISTORY FILM is said be excellent.

THURSDAY: BBC-2, 9.55pm. THE SHIP OF GOOD WISHES is a film about the transatlantic voyages of the stowaways of the 500 Communists who arrived in 1948. The nearest thing to a decent film ever made by Julie Andrews is THE AMERICANIZATION OF EMILY set in World War Two at 5.25pm on BBC-2.

FRIDAY: BBC-1, 7.50pm. British documentary maker Humphrey Jennings who died in 1950 is profiled in HEART OF BRITAIN. The Italian film THE JEWISH WIDOW is shown. BBC-2 at 9.55pm same channel.
The man who thinks inquiries will get rid of this...

NO SOONER had hospital workers at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in London taken action against the treatment of private patients last month, than NUPE general secretary Alan Fisher was on the television denouncing the menace of private hospital treatment.

Now this is all very nice, but rather puzzling. Hospital workers, for example, are assured by Fisher that his scheme has had little support. For 18 months, when they imposed a ban on the rich queue-jumpers themselves, they got no support from Alan Fisher — who wanted to leave the matter to Labour Party conference resolutions.

There was no paragraph in the union’s newspaper, not even when theatre porters at St Mary’s Hospital were threatened with the sack. The silence continued while workers at St Thomas’ Hospital in London started banning private patients a few months later.

When the 300 doctors in the North East took action, NUPE’s position was made clear by press officer Bernard Dix. ‘It’s pretty for any one union to take on the private system. Any long-term plan to end this private business, which is loathed by the unions, must be co-ordinated to be effective. Everybody must keep in line,’ he said.

Dix’s statement was in fact backfiring in the campaign between NUPE and COHSE, the Health Service Employers’ Union, to recruit most members in the nurses’ dispute. Little did Dix know that his boss Allen Fisher would do a complete turn-about before the week was out — such was his desperation to catch up with COHSE’s recruiting figures.

Before the nurses’ dispute exploded both unions were running level with 70,000 nursing members. But COHSE, by initiating militant action, caught the imagination of nurses around the country and had Membership rising by 50% over NUPE, which was still under 14,000, winning the recruitment stakes.

NUPE played the ‘moderate’ game as the basic principle of its campaign leaflet argued: ‘NUPE is not prepared to be dragged into an all-out battle of any kind.’ COHSE leaders, on the other hand had called for a full-scale attack. NUPE were taken through the traditional democratic trade union process. It was not to be decided by a handful of COHSE leaders.

Instead the decision was to be taken by a few NUPE leaders. But the approach didn’t attract the recruits.

Then COHSE called off its action on the promise of an interim pay award while the Halsebury Inquiry into nurses’ pay was delayed and as Fisher saw it the two unions were in almost identical terms. There was a chance to restore prestige and do something about past recruitment figures. He hesitated on the private patients issue.

Five and a half days of negotiations and a great many TV appearances later he could again see himself as the saviour of the Health Service — except, of course, that it had not been saved.

The 1800 Stanlow strikers were left high and dry. Yet 700 voted the next day to continue the strike. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution strongly disapproving of the strike action and demanding that he be brought in front of the TGWU executive to explain his behaviour.

Errin Twig, senior shop steward at Stanlow and delegate to the Shell National Committee, summed it up: ‘We could have beaten the economic power of Shell with the support of other locations. The role of the full-time officials made it impossible to get this support. This could have been a great victory. The reason it wasn’t took of lack of fight in the rank and file, but the antics of full-time officials at national level.

Without the knockdown the strikers gained the confidence to flex their muscles when they saw Shell’s gigantic profits and realised what a fraud the social contract is. The power of these workers is potential rather than actual. Rather than their existing confidence and organisation, it’s opposition which has been building for years.

But Shell workers still have their power. The stewards must swallow the bitter taste of disappointment, and build on the strength of their movement. With this movement behind us, we can carry on the fight.'
THE REPORT can be used in the fight to improve wages, despite its distortions and contradictions.

The Daily Mirror reported that David Cameron described the Pay Board as "a body that workers in Inner London need the £400 a year awarded to them." It seems that the Pay Board should be described this way for all London workers.

We were astonished to learn that London Weighting should be paid to everyone in the public sector, including public transport workers. This is not the case. The City Council of Personnel Management to say "it is neither socially nor economically acceptable to attract additional labour to London as its transport facilities are seen as overcrowded and must be treated at a premium." We would have liked to have had a report on London Weighting at the same time as the Board's report. We are working on a new report on London Weighting that will be published next month.

What you're not allowed

WE ARE told workers in London suffer from extra stress. The Inner London Executive has estimated that the average worker in London would be £200 a year for the rest of London. This ridiculous distinction can only be allowed by all London workers demanding more pay. The London Weighting Board recommended a £400 a year for those working in Inner London and £200 for the rest of London. This ridiculous distinction can only be allowed by all London workers demanding more pay. The four mile limit, the Civil Service definition of a house, is an example of how the Government has failed to address the problems of inner London.

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LOGIC

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SHARING

TRAVEL: If you work in Hackney, you are entitled to £65 a year. If you work in Newham, Hackney, you are entitled to £75. To explain this, it might be useful to know that there is a cost of a house in Newham or Hackney and the cost of a house in Newham or Hackney is only about £50.

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SIX PEOPLE have been arrested in what seems to be a concerted effort to disrupt the left-wing paper vendors at the railway stations.

For some time, sellers have been harried outside the Victoria Centre Shopping Mall. But, recently, it was confined to various railway stations and to keep moving or to stay well away.

But now people selling Socialist Worker have been arrested for obstructing the highway.

Thirty minutes before a sergeant and then an inspector told them they had to clear the place. There was some shouting and leaving when the papers were bundled into an van, taken to the police station and charged.

The defence of EEFU passed a resolution calling on矫直的马拉巴尔人 to take action against this attack on freedom of expression and the press.

A public meeting was called and decided to support the stand against this intimidation by continuing to sell papers at the same spot, where a group of people had been arrested.

A MASSIVE strike by Indian railway workers - a fight for trade union rights by Black South African workers - British workers' struggle against low pay - are all important issues. They are all part of the struggle for workers in Britain.

This was Nigel Harris's theme at Sunday's half-past-five school organized by Finsbury Park 15 and attended by 40 people.

Tony Clifford pointed out that it was no coincidence that the attacks were under attack from the ruling class. For ISL, Clifford argued, can draw on the support of a small but important number of workers. By attacking Socialist Worker, the law attacks this determined group of workers.

Clifford concluded by speaking of the special struggle of black workers. In North London they are particularly exploited.

Clifford then stressed the need to organise at work and in the unions.

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Union diplomacy under fire... in the NUT, and in ASTMS

EDWARD Britton, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, claimed last Saturday that "any indication that an "Official Secret" is absolutely nonsense."

"This is to say that it is a fact that the NUT is an "Official Secret" and that no-one will know anything about it.

"The problem is that the NUT's position is that it is not an "Official Secret" and that no-one will know anything about it.

"If the NUT is not an "Official Secret" then it is simply a question of how to ensure that the NUT's position is not reflected in the NUT's activities.

"But if it is an "Official Secret" then it is obviously a question of whether the NUT's activities are being made public or not.

Mark Young, the former leading supporter of the Cannon leadership in the FEPTU and more recently in the case of democracy in the union, has left the union.

"He gave as his reason for leaving the NUT that he was no longer able to support the Cannon leadership and that he felt that the Cannon leadership was not fulfilling its promise to the members.

"Mark Young is a man of principle and has always been willing to stand up for what he believes in. He is a man who is not afraid to speak out and who is willing to take a stand on issues that he feels are important.

Welders fight on - without AUEW

EDINBURGH - A group of welders at the Parsons Peebles engineering plant have now been fighting for over a year.

The dispute is over payment for welding work, and the welders at Parsons Peebles are demanding a 10% increase in wages, which has not been forthcoming.

Welders who have handled the dispute have come under a lot of criticism. They didn't go out of their way to fight the decision of the Ministry of Defence, and in fact made every effort to reach a compromise.

"The welders were told that they should accept the decision of the Ministry of Defence, and they did so.

Later, the Ministry of Defence offered to increase the welders' wages by 5%, but the welders refused to accept this offer.

"The welders were told that they should accept the 5% increase, but they refused to do so.

Instead, the welders formed a union and started fighting for a 10% increase.

The Ministry of Defence then took the welders to court, and the welders were awarded a 10% increase.

"The welders were given a 10% increase, but they were still not satisfied.

"They were told that they should accept the 10% increase, but they refused to do so.

Instead, they formed a new union and continued to fight for a 10% increase.

This is a case of workers fighting for their rights, and not accepting the decisions of the Ministry of Defence.

"The welders are an example of workers who are not afraid to stand up for what they believe in, and who are willing to fight for their rights.

Busmen's one-day strikes

DERBY - Corporation busmen have launched a series of one-day strikes in protest at a £4-a-week pay rise and better conditions.

The management refused to make an offer, and Brother Roy Hurl, the area organiser of North Derby TGWU, was called in.

At a meeting last Tuesday, Brother Roy claimed that the £4 increase was out of the question because the Corporation couldn't afford it. Several rallies asked about a £2 increase they were apparently too small at the time.

"The Corporation has offered £4 but thought that this could not go on,

"He took legal proceedings to force an election of the General Workmen's Union, but the union was defeated by a narrow margin.

"Brother Roy said that in the event of the strike, he would call for a rally to be held at the town hall, followed by a march to the bus depot, where the workers would be expected to demand better conditions.

"Busmen's one-day strikes
GLASGOW: The young workers at Barr and Stroud's are keeping up their picketing during the works' lock-out. They are determined to turn back lorries delivering new equipment. And they are setting up a fighting fund to finance their struggle—which is over the payment of the threshold. The employers, unless the JIC moves, would enable them to impose their limits of £2.80 on all the workers.

Smallman, chairman of the junior workers' committee, told Socialist Worker that amongst the 100-plus strikers was good, but morale was floundering. Another striker, Donnie McLeod, who is a member of the JIC junior workers' committee in Scotland, said: "This dispute should be supported by everyone, especially young workers."

Their struggle for deputizing management has got away with this type of deal. Young workers cannot win by themselves. But unless we show how determined we are to win, our cause will always be the first to be dropped. We have a whole range of查明 we must pursue—the full rate at 18, reprieve for younger workers, full voting rights, equal pay for girls."

Jim Haggan, T&AGU Youth Depute to Glasgow Trades Council Executive, said: "We can't accept the employers' offer. We will stand by the young workers' committee in Scotland, and will not accept the employers' offer."

Danto and many others of support to the strikers at Barr and Stroud's on the last day of the picketing, Glasgow G17 BHN.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

THE International Socialists are a revolutionary socialist organisation open to all who accept its main principles and who are willing to work to achieve them. These principles are:

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION

We believe that socialism can only be achieved by the independent action of the working class.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORMISM

We believe in overthrowing capitalism, not patching it up or gradually trying to change it. We therefore support all struggles of workers against capitalism and fight to break the hold of reformist ideas and leaders.

THE CAPITALIST STATE

The state machine is a weapon of capitalist class rule and therefore must be smashed. The present parliament, army, police and judges cannot simply be overthrown and used by the working class. There is, therefore, no parliamentary road to socialism. The working-class revolution needs an entirely different kind of state—a workers' state, based on councils of workplace delegates.

WORK IN THE MASS ORGANISATIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS

We believe in working in the mass organisations of the working class, particularly the trade unions, and fighting for rank and file control of them.

INTERNATIONALISM

We believe in internationalism. We practise for solidarity with workers in other countries, oppose racism and imperialism, and fully support the struggles of all oppressed peoples. We are opposed to all forms of colonialism.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation either in the face of national isolation or international isolation. Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist but state capitalist. We support the workers' struggle in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling class.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To achieve a socialist society the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party and all the other struggles of the International Socialists is directed to the building of such a party by fighting for a programme of political and industrial demands that can strengthen the self-confidence and organisation and socialist consciousness of the working class.

WE ARE

For rank and file control of the trade unions and the regular election of all national officers. No secret meetings of officials. All meetings to be voted on by mass meetings.

For 100 per cent trade unionism. Against all nationalisation and blacklisting. Against anti-trade union laws or curbs on the right to strike and on effective picketing.

Against propaganda or efficiency deals. Against any form of incomes policy under capitalism.

Against unemployment, redundancies and lay-offs. Instead we demand five days work or five days pay, and 100 hours' work for 36-hour day. For nationalisation without compensation under workers' control.

For a militant trade union unity, joint shop stewards committees at plant and combine level.

Docks back X-ray workers

by Adrian Sugar

North-East:-With the full support of the docksers on the Tees, hospital radiographers are stepping up their fight for better pay and conditions.

Dockers heard speeches last week from local nurses and radiographers and promised to strike for half a shift on Tuesday and every week until their demands are accepted.

More than 200 North East radiographers met on Monday and voted unanimously to continue the strike into its third week. There is pressure from radiographers in the North West and in South Wales to join the strike.

The vote preceded the national executive of the radiographers' union—ASTMS—to give general pay, which has so far been withheld.

Strategy

The NEC, while opposing one-day token stoppages, is sticking to a strategy of strikes key hospitals. Members in the North East support the opposition to token stoppages but want to see regionally, regional strikes or a national strike.

All attempts to break the strike have been defeated. At the new North Tees General Hospital, Stockton, students and part-timers were tricked into working.

Mass pickets on Monday of all the region's radiographers closed off all supplies into and out of the hospital's four gates. The management threw in the towel. They withdrew all the students, and promised no victimisation. The part-timers decided to join the strike.

Our members have shown the way to gain union recognition for the National Health Service and to end low pay. With the announcement that the Halsbury re-announcements on nurses' pay won't be published for at least six months, the battle takes on a greater urgency.

HALSURYST: and any interim rise until then—the size of the rise will only be as big as our militancy.

The day of action called by the NUPE North East Nurses Advisory Committee last week received only limited support. Nurses and radiographers from Shields, Darlington and Ayditch took action and were joined by Civil and Public Services Association members from Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland.

Nurses are waiting for the Halsbury report due out on September 16. NUPE must not be allowed to sell out in declared intention of fighting for an interim payment if its award is made by 23 August.

Driving for Victory

WEEDONSHIPS, Staffs.—The two-week unofficial strike by TGWU drivers at Cooper Transport has been backed by effective picketing. Senior Steward Stan Priest believes Coopers are making a stand to prevent what could be an important victory for TGWU drivers in the North Midlands. Letters of support and collection to Stan Priest, c/o Strike Fund Committee, District Office, TGWU, Berry St, Wolverhampton.

£400—Now let's get it together!

by Steve Ludlam

THE £400 PAY BONANZA headlines following the Pay Board Report have made London Weighting a bigger issue in hospitals than ever Phase Three was. By contrast, the silence from NUPE head office has been deafening, with not a word on the "woning" luracy.

Since our claim went unanswered last November, we've had only one circular—a copy of Len Murray's, don't think this

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Act now to stop the fascists

The British Government wants to ensure the "sovereignty" of its two vast bases in Cyprus at Episkopi, near Limassol, and at Dhekelia, near Larnaca.

The new Greek Government wants to show it can be a 'phased' withdrawal of troops without a commitment from any Great Power to remove all its troops forever. On the contrary, despite the Geneva agreement, Turkish troops will stay in Kyrenia. The Greek National Guard which overthrew the elected Cyprus Government last month will not be withdraw. Above all, the British 'sovereignty bases' will remain.

So there is no solution while Greek, Turkish and British armies remain on the island. We must argue with every means available in Britain, working class movement for the immediate removal of the British from Cyprus, especially British troops. NOW.

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Lord Justice Widgery gave judgement on Monday on appeals by two members of the Union of Socialists, Jeromey Mesley and Philip Sheridan, against conviction and sentences for conspiracy to rob.

The two men told the court they had been led by a self-confessed police provocateur into a plot to commit a robbery. This man, Kenneth Lennon, had done a deal with the police and gone free while they were convicted on his evidence.

Lord Justice Widgery said their ten-year jail sentences had to stand. They had not established that Lennon was a 'true provocateur'. He was just a spy and, said Widgery, it was 'quite legitimate for the police to use spies in the fight against terrorism'.

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**TERRORISTS**

His attitude was somewhat different ten days earlier when he heard an appeal from two genuine and quite unrepentant terrorists, Miss Valerie McGraw and her brother Brian McGraw, at the Bow Street Magistrates Court, London E1.

Miss McGraw arrived to encourage him to pay up. She was accompanied by two hefty men, including her stepfather, Brian McGraw, her brother Brian McGraw, at the Bow Street Magistrates Court, London E1.

The inquest received some pubh..