JOBS: IS YOURS NEXT TO GO?

THE JUMP in unemployment is the biggest for July-August since 1948. 90,000 more workers lost their jobs—double the usual figure.

Next month's figures will be worse. The 3000 cut out of work because of the Court Line collapse and the 700 redundancies announced last week by Robertsons Jam are only the start. Firm after firm is making plans to cut jobs.

We're in for a grim winter. The bosses are preparing an attempt to solve the economic crisis the way they solved the crisis of the 1930s—with massive unemployment. The Labour Party and the TUC, those great defenders of the working class, are pretending it isn't going to happen.

Employment Secretary Michael Foot tells us there will be no attempt to seek economic salvation through high unemployment. The TUC says in its latest report: "It is still unclear whether the recent increase in unemployment is the beginning of a strong upward trend or not."

But the bosses, the people who decide whether you're going to have a job or not, are clear enough. The London Business School forecasts a million out of work by winter 1975-76. The Economist heads its latest survey "Towards two million unemployed". All the economic forecasts are unanimous in predicting a strong upward trend in unemployment.

Unemployment is written into the small print of the Social Contract. That's what the TUC and the Labour Party, in the run up to a general election, are desperately trying to hide.

For the TUC General Council to admit the facts would be to admit that the Social Contract is a fraud. That TUC policy disarms the working class in the face of the crisis.

The TUC chiefs are terrified of the truth. The last thing they want is to have to fight unemployment or anything else.

On inflation, the Report clutches at straws. "There are however now...

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The day we humiliated the Front

The racist group of the National Front thought they would have a field day in Leicester last Saturday. They intended to march through Highfields, where many of the black workers they hate so much have to live.

But they didn't get their field day. The calling of a counter-demonstration forced the police to tell them to march elsewhere. That was the first victory.

The counter-demon was itself the second victory. A magnificent 5000-strong demonstration denouncing racism and calling for determined working-class action against fascism marched through Highfields.

Where the Front did march, working-class socialists were also out in force. They mocked the Front and their fascism, p copy stepping and giving the Nazi salute.

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WE GAVE THEM HEIL!

PICTURES: Christopher Davies (Report)

EVEN the police estimated that there were 6000 on the march against the National Front and against racism in Leicester on Saturday. Leicester Radio, whose correspondent counted the marchers, put it at 6000. Everyone agreed that the International Socialists contingent was more than half the demonstration.

A huge crowd gathered in Spinney Hill Park before the march for the IS rally and meeting. Darshana Tomkinson, from the IS anti-racism sub-committee, spoke in English and Gujarati: "We can't just go home. We know what rashidis like Amin can do. If the National Front is allowed to grow, we are supposed to jump into the sea. We've got to live here, and we have to fight for the right to live without being hounded by cranks and hooligans."

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Les Kay, a Blackburn busman, spoke of the growth of the National Front's influence in his town and industry, and how, if socialists stand up to the fascists and argue against their ideas at our places of work, their influence can be cut down, as it has been in Blackburn. The march, which quickly grew to more than 3000 people, gave an enthusiastic reception to Safdar Azar, Transport and General Workers' Union branch secretary at Bournville Products, Leicester, where 145 Asian workers have been locked out for claiming a pay rise.

"We have been locked out but we won't be intimidated by management," he said. "We need the support of all trade unions and we need the united support of the community. We can't afford split among workers; whatever their colour." John Deacon, who chaired the meeting for IS, called for a massive collection for the Barrington workers. After expression, this raised £101.

THWARTED

In a fine speech, Duncan Hallas for the IS executive, traced the rise of the National Front. He said that the organisation for the demonstration had achieved an "important victory" even before it set off. The intention of the National Front to congregate outside the Imperial Typewriters factory and indulge in an intimidating march through the immigrant areas had been thwarted by the counter-demonstration.

Now socialists are marching through the Asian areas, past Imperial Typewriters, while the Front were being corralled into a tiny recreation ground and a 200-yd march at the other end of the town.

When we marched back into the park at the end of the march, we were rejoined by a band of 60 singing IS members who had gone to picket the Front demonstration. That evening, the Leicester IS branch held a further meeting on "Fascism and how to fight it." About 100 people came to the meeting, including a number of the young community workers and had been inspired by the success in Leicester. The meeting was opened by the IS branch secretary, David Barber, who read out an appeal by the IS International to all members for contributions from several white shop stewards in rank and file trade union militants.

"It's time people got it straight. If we don't fight this thing now, it could grow, possibly as much as it did in Germany," Stuart Ferguson, chairman, Junior Works Committee, Bourn, Stroud, Glasgow.

"I'm here because they are directly opposed to the working class. All their practice about being pro-British isn't on with me. Their fight is against the working class," Terry Gallacher, shop steward. British Leyland Tractors and Transmissions, and Birmingham East AUEW district committee member.

"Four of us have come from the paint, tram and assembly stewards committee because we wanted to show our solidarity with the workers of Leicester and the strikers at Imperial typewriters. Some of the National Front people want to split the working class in order to smash it, and we have to get out and show them where we stand," Brian Atkinson, shop steward, Ford, Halewood, Liverpool.

Some of the 2500 IS marchers listen to Duncan Hallas, of the IS executive, speaking in Spinney Hill Park.

LEFT and ABOVE: Some of the scores of people from Leicester's Asian community who joined the march in opposition to the National Front and its racist policies.

Speakers at the IS meeting before the march. Top: Safdar Azar, TGWU branch secretary at Barringtons, Leicester, recently the scene of a lock-out. Centre: Les Kay, TGWU busman, Blackburn. Bottom: Darshana Tomkinson, speaking for the IS anti-racism sub-committee.
**THE Tory Party and Sir Timothy Kitson, best friend and parliamentary private secretary to Edward Heath, the party leader, have got themselves in a terrible state over Court Line, even to the extent of lying openly.**

Last week Les Wrigglesworth, Labour MP for Thornton, on Teneeside, questioned the relationship of his shipbuilding constituency to Court Line. He referred to the fact that Sir John Ritblat was long as last February, that Sir John Rees, who is managing director of a shipbuilding consultancy firm, is a director of Court Line International, which is part of the Court Line Group.

The Tory Party promptly denied in an official statement that A & P Appledore was a subsidiary of Court Line. The statement was widely accepted, but only a few months ago, when Court Line’s shipbuilding interests were nationalised, A & P Appledore International was said always to have been a subsidiary of Court Line.

For although ‘only’ two-fifths of the shares of the shipyard are held directly by Court Line, another fifth are owned by a mysterious company called Shipbuilding Services, whose board consists of seven men, two of whom are on Court Line’s board (and, (right) again, Sir John Ritblat.)

In assessing the shipyard’s economic health, the Labour Research Department, which is responsible for the ‘Tories lying over Court Line?’ report, was unable to persuade the shipyard to co-operate.

**Why are the Tories lying over Court Line?**

by Socialist Worker reporter

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the waves of A & P Appledore International to some of the biggest ships in the world.

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**NORTHERN IRELAND’S STRUGGLE IN THE DARK**

by Eamonn McCann, Newry, Sunday.

NERY is a town with a sign warning of no settlement in the dispute between the British and Provo in the area. The main street is deserted of the town’s lighting. They have cut the electricity supply from a command post in the town, which has been shot and burned, so as to give night foot patrols cover of darkness. Cars travelling through the town have to seek cover in order to turn the lights out. The Provisionals want control of the town’s electricity supply.

A car was attacked on Friday 2 August when a 24-year-old man was shot dead by a rule the British held control of lighting they would

**Sixteen: The age of torture**

AMIETY INTERNATIONAL this week launched another aspect of the Chilena junta’s reign of terror against workingclass people.

Their statement on the treatment of prisoners and political prisoners in Chilena, 40 verified cases of young political prisoners being tortured has been ignored by the General and his personnel.

Among the cases documented is that of 16-year-old schoolboy who has been in the hands of the men of law and order since May this year. He is in the Ten Armes prison in Santiago. But he has also been taken on several trips to one of the junta’s many torture camps, at 38 London Street, Santiago. There he has been brutally assaulted and tortured.

The United States Committee for Justice to Latin American political Prisoners has accurately summed up the reason for the rise of brutality in its recent report on torture in Chile. This shows that the government has put pressure on the young in order to drive fear into the whole local people.

Despite this picture of intensifying torture, the resistance in Chile is hold-

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distinct signs that raw material price increases are slowing down. The Prices Bill and the amendments to the Prices Code will help moderate inflation and so will the rents freeze.

So with every other feature of the economic outlook, the TUC General Council serves up soothing syrup. The situation gets rapidly worse.

The object of all this deception is to sell us the Social Contract, and so enable the government to proceed with progressive policies in the industrial, economic and social fields," as the Report says.

Prices are falling behind prices, working-class living standards are being cut. Unemployment is rising fast and massive closures are threatened.

The worst economic crisis since the 1930s is developing and the TUC General Council recommends "wage restraint", in reality wage cuts in terms of purchasing power, and trust in the government's "progressive policies"

The TUC has no progressive policies. The next government, Labour or Tory, will react to the crisis with 'orthodox' capitalist measures to hold down wages and boost profits. It will try to solve the crisis by the exploitation of the working class.

The Tories would do it ruthlessly. Labour with a shrug and a crocodile of tears.

The TUC chiefs are knowingly and deliberately acting as accomplices in the attempt. That is what the Social Contract is about. It is a cover for the unions to close their minds and paralyse the wills of working people.

It must be fought for in every industry and every union. The need to develop a powerful rank and file movement with militant policies and real grass-roots support has been obvious for a long time. In this time of crisis the job becomes more pressing than ever before. When it comes to the crunch the TUC bosses will behave exactly like their predecessors who betrayed the General Strike. This time they cannot be allowed to get away with it.

The working-class movement is immensely strong. It can be defeated only if it is led to the slaughter by treacherous leaders and defeatist policies.

The central theme of these policies is that workers share in the responsibility for inflation and unemployment, so must pay for them. But inflation and unemployment are not the responsibility of the workers. Inflation and unemployment have been permanent features ever since the postwar period: capital accumulation, trade unions or no trade unions, militancy or no militancy.

The profit system is not and cannot work for us. If we accept it, we are condemned to the inevitable cycle of inflation and unemployment.

The workers have the power to resist. If they are not to suffer for the faults of a system designed to rob them, they must use that power. If a boss declares them sacked, they must seize the factory, demand its nationalisation without compensation and without jobs lost. Instead of accepting their official leaders' demands for wage control at a time of price inflation, workers must use their strength to fight the 'expected rate of inflation.'

It's a simple choice.

Out of the social contract and the whining pleas of trade unions and Labour leaders comes nothing but a longer dolle queue and higher prices.

Out of militant struggle comes workers' confidence in their ability to sack the bosses and run a new social order.

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Having a nazi time in Leamington

I WAS IN a pub in Leamington last week and here I met a fascist, a member of Colin Jordan's British Movement. The Mafia of this country has reached epidemic proportions,' he told me. 'It's about time we got rid of this black pollution before we're engulfed by it.'

Thus the highest specimen of unscrupulousness that has ever been my misfortune to meet. It is not for me to say whether he is human, looked at me through beady little eyes that had never seen the light of intelligence. It looked roared as indeed, flashed with its racist rhetoric, deformed and a skullful of beer. What do you think of that man?'

In the stomach, which for sometime was fighting a losing battle with my lunch, calmed finally as the adrenaline caused by anger and disgust purged me into my enraged system. I approached the monster as close as I could.

Something flickered in those piggy little eyes. Could it be fear? It took a pace backwards and exclaimed, 'Ere, mate, what's wrong? You've gone all white.'

My mind tells me it is not the case. The day will come when you must not be allowed to run. -TONY BARROW, Coventry.

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NO LABOUR VOTE

MY EXPRESSED CONFUSION at the International Socialists' Vote Labour policy was born not out of misunderstanding, but it is a scupltional win at its tactical value to the revolutionary socialist movement.

Little of what the IS said or did during the election influenced the Liberal Party or the Labour-Tory deadlock. What the IS did do, however, was to undermine much-needed support for the communist and revolutionary socialist candidates.

What propaganda value is there in voting Labour in preference to Jimmy Reid? -TONY BARKS, Norfolk.

Weighted down by misfortune

CONGRATULATIONS to the Socialists Worker for the leaflet on London Weighing. Unfortunately the article was the credo and Public Services Association was misleading.

There on the front page were articles pushing for £65 for all Londoners and on the back page the article demanded £29 inner and £35 outer. This is just supporting the staff side's official claim and putting pressure on our executive to scrap the inner/outer London boundary.

At Newham CPSA our branch has agreed to press for £50 across the board. We're writing to the General Secretary the venerable Bill Kendall.

He replied that he thought the figures 'incredible'. To be fair to the old, wily gentleman he did say he would do his best.

We, the rank and file at Newham will endeavour to see to it that he does. The CPSA London Weighing article in the Socialist Worker special hasn't hurt our claim. DOUG BEESLEY, London E15.

%ASBESTOS%  

The dust that kills in the name of profit

A new Socialist Worker pamphlet that tells the story of the Glasgow insulation workers' union, of the men who have died of silicosis and of their struggle to save others from it. To the series of articles originally published in Socialist Worker has been added a guide to where workers are likely to encounter asbestos, what lives it can lead them to how to manage it.

10p plus 6p postage (10 copies or more post free) from IS Books, 205 Green Manors Road, London N4.

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How America took to losing Dicky

NIXON'S forced resignation produced a lot of comment in the British press about this being living proof that the American style of democracy really works. I'm on holiday in the States and it's interesting to find how many people here think that sort of comment is a load of rubbish.

The system failed pathetically. The only thing that worked was the tape recorder, no one believes that without then the Congress of court would have been able to get rid of Nixon. And the tapes were pigs back.

As for democracy (the voting sort) President Ford has never been voted for as president. He was chosen by Nixon when Agnew got the boot. Ford himself has chosen Rockefeller as vice-president. The world's greatest democracy turns out to be government by appointment only.

The British press also spent a lot of time praising the new open style of Ford. Not much has been written about his political policy, as well as voting against all attempts to limit military spending. Ford has also fought Medicare (a watered down version of the National Health Service) housing bills, raising the minimum wage, attempts to divert highway funds to public transport, grants for education, alleviate pollution, and the poverty programme.

The system that works here is the capitalist system -which now has all of its men at the top-SM, Massachusetts.

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Living in caravans-parked in a vicious circle

CARAVAN SITE owners in this country have almost unlimited power as there are few laws concerning caravan site tenants. On the bigger sites each resident usually has a contract agreement to obey a long list of rules which can range from not being allowed to hang washing in your own garden to agreeing not to have more than six children once you're on the site.

Most site owners only have caravans on their site either purchased or rented through them. If a resident wishes to sell his caravan he is compelled to sell through the site owner who takes a hefty percentage.

If anyone attempts to sell privately they will be told to take the van off the site. As other sites only have caravans bought through their site owner this creates a vicious circle where the tenant always loses out.

I would urge anyone reading this who lives in a caravan to form a residents association, find out what their rights are, the Caravan Site Act 1968 and possibly to amalgamate with the National Residents Organisation.

Although at the national level the residents are using 'democracy' channels, that is lobbying MPs, at least if residents become organised they will have more chance of fighting back against the site owners who will have no hesitation in evicting individuals who try to hold back.

Some residents' groups are attempting to rent land themselves on a co-operative basis as land is often leased to site owners by local councils. It is unlikely that this will have much success in a capitalist system.

Laws protect the rights of people such as site owners to make scandalous profits for providing what should be everyone's right. That is somewhere to live.

This isn't the ugly face of capitalism, it's capitalism. JENNY BROOK, Nottingham.

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OPENING UNIVERSITY

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY are constantly worrying about the low working class intake they've got and how they can increase it. The OU advertise frequently in the Times, the Observer and the Daily Express and so on to encourage access to join. After all the workers help to subsidise the OU. It is 'their' university, OPEN to all.

The working classes work longer hours, with frequent overtime to allow them to earn a living wage, but have little education time. But I feel this handicap could be overcome. Time off with pay for study could be given and 80 per cent of 100 per cent expenses paid for providing what should be everyone's right. That is somewhere to live.

I'm sure that if the Open University knew about Socialist Worker, they would be interested in this kind of membership. Why don't you give them the opportunity-M RUSSELL, Handford.
ONE OF the most famous of modern American business enterprises is still a problem with some of its revenue.

Like all the other great corporations which have made the United States the country it is, the Mafa has had to make a profit and a wide range of "honest" business sacrifices.

They also have big interests in businesses which still earn the official disapproval of the United States government. The money is good, but it is dirty.

So they have a process called laundering. A man washes a fortune out to Switzerland or some other financial haven and then re-imports to the United States to take place in all among the other dollar bills earning a decent living sucking the population. The money has become magically clean.

Post Points

Tom Beggs... The first public meeting of the Birmingham Troops Out Movement drew an audience of 125 people mainly from the local labour movement... The next initiative will be a meeting on the following evening which will have been organised by local Labour Party ward committee, and will have speakers from all over the country on all the Labour Movement. I hope to arrange a possible in order to ensure a large attendance. From this meeting it is hoped to set up an ad hoc committee to mobilise for the national demonstration on October called by the Troops Out Movement/British Peace Committee, John Parkinson, Publicity Officer, Birmingham Peace Committee.

Cyprius... Both Makarios and Sampson were getting money from the CIA. When the Troops Out Movement decided to organise a protest, both Makarios and Sampson were found guilty of corruption. It is only right and proper that we should make a stand against such forces or any other growing forces only the class collaborationists.

We Will... As a peace officer I take a particular interest in any letter that may arrive at the local office about the causes of war and security. It is very important that people should understand that peace can only be achieved through proper channels such as the United Nations and the Geneva Conventions.

We could organise a march or a protest, or perhaps we could call for a national boycott of all goods produced by the United Kingdom. This would be an effective way of showing our opposition to the current situation.

The IRA, or Not?... It seems generally agreed that all the bombs which have been planted in Britain are put there by the Provisional IRA. Certainly most workers seem to think in common with the IRA that they are fighting for a better future for the people of Ireland. Why should we not support the IRA in this struggle?
THE NEWSPAPERS and television are full of the antics of extreme Right-wing leaders planning volunteer forces to take to the streets in the event of industrial unrest.

One such article, the headline of which ran "Balked financially by headlong flight", has been written by Professor David Petrie, head of the National Association of Ratepayers Groups. His letter, "They're off the mark" in a local paper, states that the British might choose rule by the gun in preference to a National Government. In the City, the Finance Minister has admitted that the rates time is a cover for building a right-wing volunteer organisation.

But Walter and Petrie are politicians. Their importance is more in the hysterical manner of the British middle classes than in their ability to organise something really powerful.

Stirling is no politician. He has recruited, organised and led mercenary armies in the Persian Gulf. Many of the sheikhs who govern that part of the world owe their lives (and their armies) to the British military intelligence and skill of Stirling.

Stirling has talked openly about "moving into State institutions" in the event of a crisis caused by strikes. His organisation, according to the Daily Express, is "balked financially by headlong flight".

Stirling is too clever to get his organisation tangled up in the terrors of political organisations like the British Labour Party. The cause of all this organisation—and the publicity for it—is the economic crisis. The men who own and are responsible for the system know that before long they are in for a major battle.

They are deeply concerned at rising trade union militancy, and they know that before long they are in for a major battle.

By IAN HAMILTON

1926: Blacklegs by the thousand

IT HAS all happened before. In July 1925, Cumbria voted for the Tory government that would restore the international prestige of the pound they needed—wage cuts all round.

Soon afterwards, Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin announced that "all the workers of this country have got to take reductions in wages to help put industry on its feet." Encouraged, the unemployed set to work to put a dent in the attack with wage cuts of up to a quarter and an extra hour to the working day. A national lockout of miners followed. Labour responded quickly with a triple alliance of miners, control property and transport (including dockers). A total embargo on the handling of transport of coal was declared.

Postpone

The government, unprepared for the unusual display of unity and determination by the trade unions, decided to buy themselves a breathing space. Baldwin agreed to a subsidy to keep miners' wages at their previous level, and this is what started to run for only nine months. At Churchill's request, the government had decided to postpone the crisis in the hope of avenging it, or not avenging it, coping effectively when it came.

A top civil servant was discreetly given the job of chairing a small Emergency Committee of Select Committees on Transport, England and Wales (the Scottish and Welsh committees were separately divided into two divisions, each to be put under the control of a government minister). By November 1925 the plans were complete. Details of divided transport routes, naval manning of power stations and the like, were worked out in the following weeks.

The strike was a failure. Meat and fish went short, fuel and coal were built up. On a single side by side with the government's secret preparations, there appeared in late December the organisation of strike-breakers: 70,000 volunteers who could be used in many vital jobs. As a result, the railways system and many other public services collapsed, though the OMS did manage to run many bus services.

A skeleton service on the railways was under way and another on the government's emergency regional organisation moved into action.

The Royal Commissaries in each division, usually a senior civil servant, co-ordinated the work of the Local Committees to keep essential services running. The docks were opened under military or police protection, and were worked off 'a fashion'.

By IAN HAMILTON

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10,000 special constables were recruited and an appeal for 50,000 more was broadcast on BBC radio.

How had Labour prepared for the battle? No plans for distributing food to strikers and their supporters had been worked out, nor was there an effective system of communication and regional organisation.

Beaten

During a House of Commons debate, MPs were told that in Newchurch the OMS had completely broken down and that the authorities had approached the trade union leaders and asked them to take over vital services.

The OMS was beaten only when both the government and the union leaders had taken the initiative. The strike was called by the TUC. But if it had gone on much longer, the OMS could have gone a long way towards breaking it.
NEAR THE KNUCKLE
IT is most pleasing to report that compensation for losing a finger has gone in for the London.
Craig Callagham, aged four, has been awarded £1,000 damages for a finger he lost while in London's University College Hospital.
Craig, aged one at the time, was playing with an electric fire in a reception room when he touched a live wire, severely damaging his finger. This fell off during bandaging.

Any power press operator who lost a finger thanks to his employer's negligence would be lucky to get £500.
Craig Callagham is, of course, the grandson of well-known former Lady Docker. And as everybody knows an upper lip finger is valued higher than a working class one.

Just what the doctor ordered
IT is difficult to write the words Elton Griffiths without vomiting. As Tony spokesman on industry, he is constantly putting out loud-mouthed and reactionary statements about the current political scene.

Last Friday, for instance, Griffiths made his way to Laton where he spoke to workers thrown out of work by the Tony directors of Court Line. The Court Line business, operated by the appalling Griffiths, looks like turning into Labour's Watergate.

Before Griffiths goes around accusing his political opponents of corruption, he ought to look to his own cupboard at the golden skimmers there.

A few weeks ago, I reported that Mr Griffiths had been appointed as 'consultant' to Howard Machinery, a farm machinery firm which employs about 3000 people in East Anglia.

For some reason the people at Howard's were very shy about talking to me about how much Mr Griffiths was paid to advise them in between fighting for his constituents in parliament and for the Tony Party on television.

I reckoned that then he probably took home an extra £1000 a year for a few days' work for Howard.

It obviously was nothing.

The other day Griffiths was warning about the government's plans to nationalise the ports, or rather, some of the ports.

After some standard rant about the advantages of free enterprise, Griffiths said in the following rather curious statement:

'As a private company, private enterprise Fellows-Tanks, in which I declare an interest, will be levelled down to the standards of Hull. I will declare that in my phrase, in Hull, private enterprise Fellows-Tanks, in which I must declare an interest, will be levelled down to the standards of Hull.'

Note the curious phrase in which I must declare an interest.

Only last month, without any official statement being put out by Conservative Central Office, Mr Griffiths left the board of Fellows-Tanks Development Ltd, a subsidiary of the Fellows-Tanks dock.

Fellows-Tanks, as it is known to its friends, specialises in oil storage tanks, and its profits shot up under the last Tory government (in which the revolting Griffiths was Minister for Sport) from a mere £25,000 to £107,000.

A Mr Palmer at the Fellows-Tanks dock, who answers questions from the Press, couldn't tell me why Mr Griffiths had been appointed a director. He assured me that Mr Griffiths had no connection whatever with the company in the past.

For some reason, moreover, Mr Palmer wouldn't say how much Mr Griffiths was going to get paid for being a director of Fellows-Tanks. 'About as much as the others' was all he would say, when pressed.

Well, there are six directors of Fellows-Tanks—last year-only were paid a total of £1,000: £125 each, or £1500 ($30 a week) each.

But some of the directors are on the main board of Fellows-Tanks docks—where eight directors got £60,000—£25,000 ($130 a week) each.

Let's be charitable to Mr Griffiths and say he gets paid about £60 a week extra which he can add to his £150 a week for being an MP.

What a decent icon for a man of initiative and enterprise. And how cheap for Fellows-Tanks, considering that their newly-hired director has access to the national press any time he likes to describe the company which pays him as 'the best port in Britain'.

The International Wealth Service
PRIVATE health practice is becoming really big business. On 20 August, the London evening Standard carried the following advertisement:

The future of the Private Patient?
Will any group interested in providing accommodation for the highest class of Private Patients by erecting a building incorporating fully equipped and fitted medical and surgical services and providing for its use with hospital privileges, please contact the agents who will have a place in the new building at 23, St. John's St., W.C. for full particulars.

This is a penurious field and ill equipped and management very far from available.

Applications invited from Principals only.

Meet the Mittlemans
A unique opportunity to have a day with two of the leading exponents of Preventive Dentistry in the U.S.A.

Jerry and Ibn Mittleman, from New York, have agreed to give us the benefit of their wide experience in patient education, motivation, etc., and Beverly, with a degree in Nutrition, can answer your questions in the open space final and help to build up Central resources.

The Meet The Mittlemans Day was advertised for 7 September at the Bloomsbury Hotel. Applicants had to write to Preventive Dental Systems, 15 Riverside Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire.

In July, the same dentists received another notice from Mr L B Lux, the course director of Preventive Dental Systems. It read:

Meet the Mittlemans are again the centre of their day course in the light of the present Health Service crisis. They will include the following vital courses:

1) Combating a patient & Private Practice.

2) The role of a dental staff in a development of Private Practice.

3) The relationship between a preventive orientated practice and increased demand for Crown and Bridge work.

This day will make the event unique and not to be missed. Post your cheque now as places are definitely limited.

A Socialist Worker correspondent plans to go to the course to meet the Mittlemans and report fully on their disgusting enterprise.

Trade
Fair profits great
THE newspapers have been full of pictures of Princess Alexandra and her husband, the Duke of Kent, called Angus Ogilvy, walking about enigmatically in his role as chairman of the British Trade Fair, which is on all this week in Berkshire. He sports a flashy sports car, high-heeled shoes and customised charm and grace.

No newspaper has reported the fact that Mr Ogilvy, a former director of London's Most Tout Associates, is closely associated with some of the dealers who are setting up the new 'Country' enterprise. One of them is a director of a number of companies which are owned by the same people lining the way to the big markets in Britain.

Britain's balance of payments deficit, it is alleged, has become the traditional dislike of foreign capital which has been shipped abroad.

Over the last year, foreign capital has been held in Britain in huge quantities. The rush is likely to turn into a stampede if the Brazilian military junta lifts its ban on foreign shareholders taking profits in unprofitable companies in the country.

One company likely to benefit from all this increased trade is the Guarantee Exchange Assurance company, one of Britain's 'big six' insurance companies, which has been operating in Brazil since 1866 but whose business there has increased greatly recently. One of the directors of GEA is (you've guessed it) the Hon Angus Ogilvy, son of the Queen.

This will not be the first time that the Duke of Kent has been seen as FR woman for her husband's companies. When Swarzak was declared independent in 1967, she represented the Queen at the independence celebrations.

A year later, she went out again with her husband to attend the first anniversary of the celebrations. Many observers were amazed at such dedication to a tiny Commonwealth country by the Royal Family—until it emerged that the Duke's own Ogilvy had somehow managed during his visit to clinch a crucial mining concession deal for London with the King of Swaziland.

Psst, it seems, accidentally, that the British trade fair was not greatly assisted by the people of Brazil. In an article about the Princess' visit last week it seems.

While the economy was booming the living standards in the country were falling. Real wages had dropped again and again, while inflation was steadily held at 15 per cent, last year's figures. Inflation was expected to reach 35 per cent, this year.

The standard of living, of course, was only 20 per cent. It is in fact, as a graduate of a restaurant meal for six I have been working there.

This is probably a heavily bribed account. It came from the Daily Telegraph, 21 August.

Walker on the right
AMONG the buffoons who have written to retired NATO general Sir Walter Walker, offering their services to his planned volunteer force Union is Mr Raymond Sellick, secretary of Sunderland Flying Club.

On hearing that a government-owned airline is to be nationalised, the Lord Mayor of Sunderland, who owns a private jet, explained the nationalisation to the local press as follows:

'Of course not. Not all left-wingers, anyway.'
SPAGHETTI JUNCTION, opened in Birmingham two years ago as a masterpiece of constructional engineering, is slowly poisoning thousands of working-class people unfortunate enough to have to live nearby.

While the powerful road-building lobby reaped over the millions it had made them, and local big business counted up the savings in transportation costs, the warnings of the human cost were ignored.

No-one took any notice of the socialists, environmentalists and academics who said the enormous concentration of traffic at the motorway interchange would cause unacceptably high atmospheric lead levels because of the large amount of lead in petrol, and so create a serious health hazard to the residents.

In April 1972, just before it opened, 100 residents were found to have an average lead level in their blood of 12.2 microgrammes per 100ml. By last January, that level had more than doubled.

Protect

Yet the residents knew nothing of this until recently. Then the local press published a report delivered to the Birmingham Health Committee by Dr R. G. Phillips, Senior Administrative Medical Officer for Environmental Services.

The residents immediately set up an action committee. They demanded to know how dangerous the increased lead levels were—and how could they organise to protect themselves and their children.

They have canvassed local MPs, doctors and councillors but each time have been fobbed off with the advice: ‘Don’t worry—there’s no danger yet.’

The truth is very different. The published figures are only average figures and so conceal the real extent of the danger to individuals.

In one household of five living about 200 yards from the interchange, the latest adult readings are 297, 27 microgrammes per 100ml, an increase of three times since the Junction was opened.

Birmingham’s Medical Officer of Health and his deputy said they could not remember the extent of the range of the lead levels measured between last October and January.

The figures also conceal the dangers to children, pregnant women and the sick, who are much more likely to suffer ill effects from high body lead levels than a healthy adult.

A pregnant woman risks damage to the central nervous system of her unborn baby. Lead in her blood can pass into the baby’s bloodstream.

And the official response to all this was: Birmingham’s Medical Officer of Health Dr. Millar, and his deputy, have indicated that the highest levels are ‘not a cause for concern’.

The Chairman of the Health Committee, John Charlton, has said: ‘We are naturally concerned at the sharp upward trend but none of these people are immediately in danger and there are no plans to remove them.’

By RAY OSBORNE

A Birmingham hospital doctor

DANGER

Dennis Howell, Labour MP for Small Heath and Minister for Sport, made a spectacular visit to Spaghetti Junction in the company of numerous TV cameras and reporters—only to reassure residents that there was no need for public alarm at present. He added: ‘The lead levels shown are not at any danger point.’

Dennis certainly has no personal cause for concern. He lives in an expensive detached house in a pollution-free area of middle-class Somerville, many miles from Spaghetti Junction and his constituents in working-class Small Heath.

To satisfy local opinion and quieten the protests he set up a working party largely composed of ‘experts’ from the Department of the Environment to look into the problem.

We didn’t have long to wait to see which way the ‘experts’ would jump. They declared that all was well. The atmospheric lead levels were normal for urban areas and the blood lead levels were ‘physiological’, ie normal.

But to talk about a ‘physiological’ level for a known poison such as lead is absolute nonsense. Have you ever heard of a ‘physiological’ cyanide level?

After such an ‘official’ pronouncement, it was obviously expected that the local people would keep quiet. Instead they demanded further meetings with the local ‘boffins’, who obviously hadn’t got a clue about lead poisoning, and then set up a new Action Committee, with a representative from each street, to continue the fight.

The point is that they know something is very wrong. During the rush-hour, a thick blue smog hangs over the houses and you can smell the fumes. Every gallon of premium petrol contains three grammes of lead. And yet it only takes about three milligrams to raise the blood lead level from 40 to 100 microgrammes per 100ml and so to poison you.

REASSURE

Indeed the lead is so dangerous that workers have been killed while adding it to the petrol. Meanwhile the oil companies continue to reassure us that we needn’t worry.

The real reason why nobody, least of all the oil monopolies, want to change things is because it would mean investment in new plant and machinery to produce lead-free petrol.

Howell admitted recently that he expected an extra £100 million a year to be used in lead-free petrol. The money, of course, would go straight into company profits from poor people and children—exactly as the oil companies would wish it.

In fact, Spaghetti Junction is a bitter experience—that is, for the adults—and confirmed by doctors. Many normal lead levels between potentially dangerous levels in children.

SUFT

Professor B. Reading Universitv

As one of the most atmospheric pollutants, the symptoms of lead poisoning in adults—weak muscles, abdominal cramps—come on later on. Long before any damage is evident, children are prone to it. Lead is in the normal diet—milk, bread, potatoes, rice, whose brands vary.

If any of the children living or working in the area, they all have a potential lead content in their blood. It is time to move children and workers out of the area.
Pollution? Blame the workers

THE FAMILIES of Spaghetti Junction are not the only ones in danger of lead poisoning.

Last year, high lead levels were found in the blood of many children living near Lucas' Fernbane Road Battery factory in Sparkhill, Birmingham. The average level measured was 26 micrograms per 100 ml, but 14 children had levels of more than 36. The parents of six of these children worked at the factory, and four children were later referred to specialists for further investigation.

Very high levels of lead dust were found in the playground of the Ley's Secondary School next door to the factory where most of these children go to school.

In 1972, Lucas spent £125,000 on "Research and Development". Last year its pre-tax profit was £26 million. A fraction of this vast wealth would have safeguarded the health of local people, yet nothing was done until the residents began to organise and fight back.

They challenged the company's reassurances at a series of lively public meetings, but soon found that they were fighting not only the company but also the local press, the health authorities, and local bigwigs such as Roy Hattersley, Labour MP for Sparkbrook.

The management was so frightened by the public outcry that it sent a lengthy letter, written with the full approval of the

Area Health Authority and published in the local press, to Lucas workers and local residents.

The letter said the lead levels measured were "generally satisfactory" and implied that the responsibility for lead pollution lay not with the company but with individual employees who were taking lead home on their clothes.

On both counts, the truth lies elsewhere. Average blood lead levels of 26 are certainly not satisfactory, and it is difficult to see how Lucas workers could be responsible for high lead dust levels in the houses of families who have nothing whatever to do with the factory.

However, as far as Mr Hattersley was concerned, the company was blameless. He issued a statement to the local press, saying that "measuring" parents that there was "no danger".

The local residents are furious at the intransigence of the authorities and the company, and fed up with empty promises from people like Mr Hattersley. They are particularly incensed that the Lucas management was told about the very high blood lead levels measured in three local children before the parents!

Struggle

They are angry that the promise to provide free school milk to local children has not been fulfilled, since the calcium in milk reduces the likelihood of lead poisoning.

They want to know exactly how the company is spending the £500,000 it promised to spend last year on reducing the lead hazard. They also feel let down by the stewards' committee inside the factory, who have done little to help them.

However, they are well organised and determined to continue the struggle until they have enforced that their health and that of their children is no longer at risk.

Trade unionists and socialists elsewhere can learn from the experience of these workers and should demand:

- Measurement of atmospheric and human pollution from lead in those areas in which there are high concentrations of traffic or industrial plants using lead.
- Full public disclosure of the facts.
- Complete abolition of lead in petrol now!
- Adequate safeguards in all factories and work places using lead.

Public meeting for all Lucas workers

THE LEAD HAZARD IN BIRMINGHAM

Speaker: Ray Osborne

Friday 30 August, 8pm
Wagon and Horses, Warwick Road, Birmingham
THE MAJORITY OF US spend the best part of our lives working to keep a roof over our heads, to buy a few clothes, to have food to eat with little or sometimes nothing to spare.

At the end of our working lives we get a small pension—and accept an even smaller one. No matter how hard we work, the poor are always the losers.

I remember when I was five my father, taking me and my younger brother to school, would come to see me at playgrounds. I would rush over to the playground, pulling the swing, as it was the best part of my day.

I am sure he must have been employed for long periods.

He died when I was 10, leaving my mother with my four year old brother and me.

I remember the cold old most of all, having no fire in winter, going to bed during the day to keep warm, sitting with a single candle burning because there wasn't a penny to put in the meter.

There was the walk to school, often with holes in my shoes. Mother would cut a piece of old lino and put it inside the shoes but the snow would still come through. I remember having clothes given to me.

It must have been far worse for my mother than I ever realised. Sometimes, she would get into terrible rages, we soon learnt to recognise this on her face and keep out of her way. Now, years later, I can understand the pressures and anxieties of a single parent family.

Possible

My daughter was three when my marriage broke up. My ex-husband just disappeared. My dealings with Social Security were shattering. I had always thought the welfare state was there to help people in need. I soon learnt that the help given is the last possible, enough to exist but not to live.

In a way I was lucky, I had one child and eventually she got a job. Everything started to improve. The wages were better, the cost of living cheaper and the debts were easier to manage. Social Security was fine for the comfortable, but not for Social Security for every penny and the humiliation and despair that goes with it.

I went on the housing list and after a year we moved to a flat.

I remember the day we moved in. A large kitchen table and two stovas, two drawers and the rest of the furniture in cardboard boxes.

School holidays were always a problem. My mother tried her best to care for my daughter while I worked.

I would stay home to nurse her. But that means I lose my job as she is really too old then. You have to nurse a sick child but you are always aware of the shortage of money.

LADIES! If you want shoes that last a few days, give your aching ankles and an empty packet try the British Shoe Corporation.

The British Shoe Corporation is only one of the subsidiaries of Sears Holding Ltd, which is owned by none other than Sir Charles Clore. Recently Which? the consumer guide magazine, did a survey on women's shoes and came up with the news that those shops belonging to BSC were, overall, worse than average on all aspects.

BSC includes shops like all have bought from at some time—Dolcis, Saxone, Freeman Hardy and Willis etc.

Which? showed that one in seven women had problems with shoes they bought and the majority of those troubles appeared only one or two weeks after buying them—it goes to show the cheap manufacturing we pay as much as £15 a pair for.

One shoe shop assistant pointed out that in Saxone, where he worked, the policy of the shop was always to avoid giving the customer a cash refund—although the customer was entitled to this under the Trades Descriptions Act. But too many women just grin and bear it, fitting shoes that don't fit.

Platform shoes which have polystyrene soles are brought back all the time said the assistant, because there is no bend at all they frequently break, and they also come apart at the sides.

When shoes are brought back by customers we have to remind them that their complaint is against the manufacturer and not the shop that sold them your heel's just fallen off.

So if you've just bought a pair of platform shoes that have already fallen apart—cheer up, you're not alone. Last week local paper featured Highbury Youngster Slas 'Shoddy Mod Sho Makers'. It gave a report of local girls who had bought platform shoes, usually costing £1 a pair, which had fallen apart within a few days.

A local manufacturer blamed the young people themselves, for demanding fashion that was im-

practicable and unnatural. Unnatural they may be, but when there is little difference between one style of shoe and another it is difficult to buy anything else.

Unless you're Sir Charles Clore—you then have your shoes handmade to fit. If we don't like booping about five inches above the ground and twisting our ankles until we get off a bus, we're forced to resort to Hush Puppies brogues and the one or two styles offered to our grandmothers.

Platform shoes are a health risk. Doctors receive hundreds of complaints of mysterious pains in the legs, back and buttocks. The style of the shoes forces women to walk in an unnatural way, not the way we would walk in shoes that had been fitted to suit our feet and ourselves as individuals.

Anyone who has worn platform shoes will have noticed how they restrict movement. Try running for a bus, or walking upstairs, or just bending down—it's quite an effort—an effort that makes women stop and think about what they look like to others, instead of just getting on and doing what they want—without anybody telling them to do it.

JACQUI RAYMAN

Now they want to shut the garden door

ONE OF THE resolutions on the preliminary agenda for this year's Trades Union Congress comes from the Society of Civil Servants. They call for the removal of the TUC's Women's Advisory Committee and the Women's Conference. They say these are out of date, because the problems of women workers will only be given the right amount of attention when they're seen as problems of all workers rather than of women.

These are right in theory. For donkeys' years the trade union leadership have been shunning off the real problems of few pay, job opportunity, lack of training and discrimination as being only 'women's problems' and not the problems of all trade union members.

As one of the delegates said at the 1972 Women's Conference, 'The bosses left us to play in our own garden and then won't let us play in theirs.'

In 1972 several white collar unions (mostly with equal pay) sent in resolutions to the Women's Conference calling for its abolition. Very heated opposition came mostly from the manual unions, who argued that their problems were so different and neglected that if the Advisory Committee and Conference were scrapped they'd be left with no voices at all.

Many delegates pointed out how few women got the opportunity to speak at Annual Congress or even with their own unions, and how difficult it was to get resolutions about women workers on conference agendas.

There is much truth in this. But how representative is the Women's Conference itself? Many of the delegates are full-time officials, executive members of their unions or executive-appointed. Most union branches aren't invited to nominate delegates or send in resolutions, so these are left to the full-timers to formulate. Trades Councils can't nominate their branches and their delegates don't even have a vote.

Problems

But the worst of all is that many excellent resolutions which were debated and passed at the conference are never followed up. There's never any attempt at all to implement them either at national or grassroots level. Many of the real problems of organising and involving women in the union movement are ignored or glossed over. The Advisory Committee can only advise. So, we certainly don't want to retain the Conference in its present form. But there is a need for a TUC Women's Conference at all (and with the possible exception of the one or two who definitely feel there is), we must fight to change it through our union branches and not hope that it will change itself. It must become a genuinely representative body for all women workers in order to carry out its decisions in the real broad Labour movement. Only then will the broader union movement begin to take it seriously and take up its demands as its own.

NANCY HALL

WALKED

School uniforms are a big expen-

sive. And there are all the extra needed for school. Remembering

this was the only time I could provide most of what costs me the most money and items she needs. But there are times when I can't afford to buy clothes such as when her only pair of shoes fell apart and I walked home from school every night. Now I have spent the money for the bus fares on new shoes. It means my job has to be worked on a few hours to get home.

The main problem is not to lose, always having to look for the cheapest food, and not to buy the problem is to stop eating. Now with rising prices I find myself eating cheaper food. Meat, bacon, and fresh fruit are now unsuitable as part of everyday things they can be.

The cost is the constant awareness that every penny is needed. That I have to plan everything I buy. And that I have to do on doing this, not just for a few weeks but all my life. Of knowing that some of the things people take for granted are not available for me—a washing machine, carpets on the floor, holidays, even buying clothes because one likes them and not because they are needed.

DRASTIC

So although I am better off than my mother was in the 1930's—the government'scontrols aren't easing up. The cost of living is widening. Both Tory and Labour government pay no attention to the price of food. When prices and measures that are supposed to help the people, the prices of food, costs of food. In actual fact very little is done so we are worse off.

Only a really drastic change in our society can help. We need a society which values people more than things. A society that will help us now, not make promises for a future that never comes.

I believe only socialism can do this and that is why I am a socialist.
The deadly city

IF THE PRESENT is unpleasant, go back to the good old days. This is the current motto of the film industry. Since Bonnie and Clyde the 1930s have been ramshackle for stories of hard-working gangsters and their making go of it against the odds, the economic system, the Mafia, or the bankers.

Recently The Sting, set in 1937 and starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman, has been a huge box-office success. Chinatown, also set in 1937 and also likely to be a smash hit, makes The Sting look like a snail. It uses the old Hollywood private eye film formula and works brilliantly at two levels. It is an excellent thriller, and a parable of the development of the American system.

While The Sting used economic injustice as a backcloth, Chinatown takes that injustice as the central theme. It shows that the injustice isn't an aberration, but the core of the regime of gangsters that is capitalism.

The hero is J J Gittes, played by Jack Nicholson, who is hired to investigate an adultery case involving water engineer Hollis Mulwray. Before long he is investigating murder. As the story develops it becomes clear that he is dealing not with a random killing, but a small fragment of a huge conspiracy.

Corrupted

It is a conspiracy concerned with the growth of the city of Los Angeles. A conspiracy central to the way the system expands, to the way the city grows, to the way people are ruined and other people concentrate vast power in their hands. As it happens everybody is corrupted. Some more than others.

Huston plays Noah Cross, the man who with Mulwray had developed the privately-owned water system of the city. While Mulwray was the public-spirited engineer who wanted to save the water system 'to the public interest', Cross had resisted—but then appeared to accept the municipal takeover.

But capitalists don't give up that easily. Cross expands across the city and his assistants, sons and more and more lives are ruined as money and power seep back towards him.

He accumulates and accumulates. To survive he must go on, on till he has bought and ruined the earth. Inside his own family, he sexually consumes and consumes children and their children... driven by the same compulsion.

If Cross is evil, then in an imperfect world, Gittes is what paves for good. He has the film, the files, the information, the trade as a city detective in Chinatown. That is a place where you cut the corners, are violent or have violence used against you, bring the 'law' of the white establishment to the Chinese. Out of it Gittes has developed a primitive but workable moral code.

A lot of Americans learned their trade in Chinatown. Now only it's called Vietnam. A lot of Americans have also learned through that experience who sent them there, and why.

Gittes learns the hard way.

Power

Robert Towne, who wrote the screenplay, describes Gittes as a 'man who was sophisticated enough to be cynical about people but who thought there were limits to how bad people could be.' The film isn't just fiction. The financial fraud which Gittes investigates takes place in the 1930s, not the 1930s. The man who perpetrated it may have passed, but their sons and daughters are still there, more powerful than ever. The orange grove of Southern California is still the power base of the far right.

The director, Roman Polanski, has done a brilliant dissection job on power in America. He has shown how good is turned to evil, how the future is extinguished, how the new low power and profit accept no limitations at all.

There is no easy answer in the film. He damns the regime of the title, Chinatown, as an escape route—and that is the corruption of the United States. But the Chinese just look on and see it! It is a magnificent film. You'll have to see it and see it! It is a magnificent film.

Chinatown is shown at the Empire, Leicester Square, London. After pre-release it will go on general release in late September.

On the box

SUNDAY
ITV: 5.15pm. What should be the priority viewing of the week. OCCUPATIONS by Trevor Griffiths. It is a play set in Turin, Italy in 1920. The tide of factory occupations and the possibility of socialist revolution. The failure of the movement led to Mussolini's rise to power in 1922. This excellent play by one of this country's only marxist playwrights, centres on the discussion amongst the leaders of the Communist International and Gramsci, the great Italian revolutionary.

TUESDAY
ITV: 10.30am. Ray Davies of the Kinks wrote and stars in STARMAKER, a rock comedy with a sting in its tail.
How His Imperial Highness rules the workers...

Laurie Flynn’s report in Gujarati

...and in Gujarati.
Brought to the struggle, Beverley and Bromley worked overtime against such a development and enlisted the aid of racism to prop up the imperialism at imperial and beyond. At the same time Bromley was at work doing a smaller scale but very similar job in the Singapore warehouse, who had just got rid of their branch committee. Beverley announced that since no successor had been elected, the committee was not to be recognized.

In a recent walkout on both branches, Beverley and Bromley tried once again to smash down the imperial workers organization. They point out that no one could stand for a shop stewardship without two years’ continuous membership. They also insisted that the branch could not change this rule, although it is a purely local one, an arrangement mentioned in the union’s rule book.

Front

True, there was a regional inquiry into the going-on at imperial when the strike was at its height. But that has come to nothing and the whole thing may well not even be published.

Certainly, the struggle on the Beverley front is marked contrast to the way the same regional inquiry has been conducted into British Leyland, Oxford, and therefore it was a struggle through socialist shop stewards.

But then Beverley is not so much a walkout. He is a big fish who has been on the top committees of the union, as a branch shop steward and of its inner cabinet, the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Crudest

A good number of those who had been so militant left in disgust. Others, including the front-runner to replace Beverley as branch secretary, were made redundant. Beverley was in the back seat.

The period that followed looked like being a favourable one for Beverley. A good many of the best white trade unionists were gone and little was heard of the emigration to the Union in the USA by the cruder kind of racist abuse.

BUT the Asian workers were on the move and soon their pent-up disgust and anger exploded. There was a chance that at least some of the white workers could have been brought into the struggle.

Malcolm Vaux: "Take the attack on Socialist Worker seriously"

" "DEFEND OUR PAPER BY BUILDING OUR NEWS"

ABOUT 40 people attended a meeting at the National Union of Journalists held at 10 Savile Row on Monday night. An unknown speaker made a speech to a Defend Socialist Worker meeting.

The speaker spoke about the recent attacks on Socialist Worker offices by the NSU and the need to respond. He said that the NSU had been targeting the paper because of its support for the socialist movement.

"Socialist Worker" broke the rules by telling workers not to accept that position. Another speaker, who was speaking on behalf of the Socialist Worker Defence Fund, said that the NSU had been targeting the paper because of its support for the socialist movement.

The meeting was addressed by someone who was a member of the NSU. The speaker talked about the need to stand up to the attacks on the paper and to defend the socialist movement.

The speaker concluded by saying that the NSU was simply a group of right-wing politicians who were trying to destroy the socialist movement. He ended by saying that the socialist movement was worth fighting for and that we should all stand up to the attacks.

Cyprus campaign

FINSBURY PARK is a successful campaign in the East End of London, but a similar one is under way in the West End. The campaign is supported by the CWU and the NUJ.

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SPEAK UP, COMRADES

THE 15 EXECUTIVE meeting was held at the Finsbury Park Hotel on 15th February. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Finsbury Park branch and members of the East End Labour League.

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Why Harry Murray — lives in fear

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER WORKERS' COUNCIL TAKES TO EAMONN McCANN

I GO to bed every night not knowing if I will wake up in the morning," Harry Murray told me, and it is not the IRA I am afraid of.

I spoke to him in his home in Bangor while a few hundred yards away, supporters of Mr William Craig, the UUP's leader in the third Force — the reconstituted B Special organisation that Craig says is necessary to smash the IRA.

But his private army, they are forming, and Mr Murray, 'Protestants and Catholics will have to speak out against it.'

Harry Murray is a grey-haired, fifty-year-old man who used to work as boilermakers' shop steward in the Belfast shipyards. He is hardly a militant; rather a sound 'middle of the road' trade union activist whose basic attitudes would not be out of place in any union branch in Britain.

'They talk about aspirations to a united Ireland, aspirations to a link with Britain. We can't eat aspirations. You can't earn a living from that. They are just daydreaming,' he told me.

He talked quietly and earnestly in the broadest of Belfast accents and did not try to impose his sincerity or to be impertinent by his ferocity. Surely, the time has come for us, the working class people of this island, to reach out across that river and say, "Come home brother, for it's time we were getting down to it.'

Crude

None of which would be especially remarkable if Mr Murray were not the chairman of the Ulster Workers' Council, the Protestant movement which organized the Protestant strike and brought down the power-sharing Executive in July.

This month, in the Six Counties, rapidly increasing British investment in the Catholic South of Ireland made crude anti-popery redundant to the needs of British big business. 'Liberal Unionism' — liberal by Ulster standards, that is, made respectable.

Many Protestants say 'Liberal Unionism' can't happen and they saw the strike as a triumphant affirmation that the liberally-enfranchised Unionist of the 1960s was now dead.

Many people believed that the crude and bourgeois commentators unani-

mously agreed that the unionist black had been created to replace the old, with Craig, Paisley, the UUP and the UWC and the par-military growth that it bred.

It has not worked out like that.

'Unity' began to crumble only days after the victory rallies of the Unionists within the defiance of the "norms."

Mr Murray stands in the eye of a storm which is gathering strength in the Protestant community here and which almost certainly, will not blow out until the 'unity' which characterised the strike he led is shattered.

During the strike almost every Protestant grass-roots organisation in the province came together in an impressive show of strength. Par-military groups like the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force backed the stoppage from the beginning—and supplied the shock troops who beat and browbeat into line anyone who hesitated.

Established right-wing politicians like Craig, Paisley and Harry West clambered aboard as the bandwagon started to roll. And the middle classes came over en masse once

Ian Paisley, one of many who climbed on the UWC bandwagon, was in a hurry to his right, Lindsay Mason, the National Front's Belfast Serbian.

'ventory was in sight.' At the rallies afterwards which celebrated the executive's defeat, the politicians stood shoulder to shoulder with the rank and file leaders and there was much talk that the Protestant community was once again united in a common purpose.

This sense of all-class communal solidarity is deeply important to many Protestants. For generations they had held together in a mono-

nomic alliance which set its face like 

flint against any suggestion of an all-Ireland state.

Their leaders—invariably men of property—urged the masses to believe only that the threat of "Roman rule" would be defeated.

Many politicians and socialists characterised the strike as 'fascist.' And indeed there were fascists—potential fascists—among the leadership and these could yet emerge as the dominant elements. Some of them are close to the National Front.

Within Northern Ireland, they look ready to assume leadership, a man who combines historical anti-catholicism with an impeccable right-wing record of anti-trade union activity.

Recruit

It is Craig and his henchmen who are forming the Third Force. They seek 40,000 men willing to arm to "put down subversion" and the hard-line admirers of Craig are standing idly by as they recruit openly and get their force together.

Craig needs the Third Force not only to "put down subversion" but also to take the initiative away from the existing Protestant mass organi-

sations which are 'useless'. He is thinking of men like Harry Murray and some in the hierarchy of the UDA and the UWC to strengthen the Third Force to the point where it could wait for "Roman rule" to be defeated.

But it has also caused some to conclude that deeply on their situa-

tion, to realise that the ferocious loyalty they have to generations of bourgeois unionist leaders was never really reciprocated and to draw some fairly 'radical conclusions.

Harry Murray is one of these. He genuinely does not believe that the strike was in any way anti-

catholic and is quickly angry at suggestions that he would welcome a return to sectarian one-party rule.

As he sees it, the strike was simply 'against violence.' Which is not at all how the very many others saw it.

Deadheads

The resulting tenet within the Protestant organisations has led to a complicated series of internecine squabbles within and between the UDA, the UVF and the UWC and on occasion this has led to assassina-

tion. It was this uncertainty about what way the organisation would go which convinced Craig that the best tactic for the far right was to dump them and his own "private army".

Although he didn't spell it out, it is that private army which Harry Murray fears at night.

Commenting on calls for Protes-

tant, anti-catholic 'unity,' Murray told me: "We were led by daft heads and dodo-birds for years, we are not going back to that."

But Mr Murray and his co-

thinkers think enough clear about what they do want to go back—or for-

ward—to. And therein lies their weakness.

Craig knows what he is doing. His "Third Force" is a distinctly work-camping-class alliances but have no discernible perspectives.

Nor will they find one unless and until they break definitively with 'loyalists' and realise that it is with the Catholic workers of Ireland, with the people of the South, that they must line up if they are serious about a fight against ultra right demagoguery.

The mayhem and bloodshed of the last few years has, in the absence of a well rooted socialist organisation, driven many Protestant work-

ers towards the far right.
CHRYSLER: £15 battle goes on

BL strikers ‘in the front line’

BIRMINGHAM: 3,000 direct workers on both the day and night shift at British Leyland’s Tyseley motorcar works have been on strike for nine weeks to keep their job security. The company had offered a 10% pay increase, but the workers have said they want parity on the AMWU union. Arthur Harper, AMWU convenor, said: ‘We’re in a position, I think, where it’s going to be a pattern for all British Leyland works. If anyone thinks he’s going to get mucked about by management without a strong fight, he’s living in the clouds. Peaceful coexistence is finished. The workers will meet again on Monday to decide their next step.’

The impact of this strike is already being felt in other plants. At the Austin plant, the mini-liners ceased production last week. Alleged plant closure plans are said to be imminent in the next week or so. Meanwhile, at Austin Longbridge, the picketing at the main plant gates continued to be bigger this week, as the workers began to realize that more militant action is needed.

Attacked picket arrested

ROMFORD: E. London: Another struggle has broken out among catering workers to get themselves organized, better paid and to deal with the bad conditions and tyrannical management. 25 waiters and kitchen staff at the British Hotel, 675 West Green South Street, walked out last Wednesday after a long period of bad treatment. Cenzo Cugic and Ethna Farley, members of the National Catering and General Workers Union International Branch, and also members of the two stewards and full recognition of their rights is expected.

Good God! Not another rotten apple...

by Nigel Fountain

ONE PERSON deserves the credit for the discovery that 25-year-old Manipol Majzedi was wrongly convicted five years ago of possessing an offensive weapon. God.

Detective-Sergeant Grant Smith whisked last week that he had planned a knife on Majzedi at an anti-South African rugby tour demonstration.

Smith did so to advance his career, but since meeting God he now considers honesty the best policy. But God is a difficult one.

While introducing himself to God and bringing about his salvation, he seems to have been exceedingly unwilling to get acquainted with the rest of the conturbation.

Vicar

Peter Haine, chairman of the Stop the Severstal Campaign, claims the police planted evidence on at least 30 demonstrators. One of them, apparently, was a vicar who 'discovered' with drugs.

Smith admits having planted drugs on two people—both black. Among the 30 planted demonstrators was a pacific accused of welding a broken beer bottle. And at a match in Newport a demonstrator was accused of having LSD.

It is difficult for the media to assess the Smith of being a lying, biased left-winger with a dislike for the law and order brigade. In all the other cases-round the country where socialists, trade unionists and black people were framed, beaten-up and sentenced to jail, nothing has happened.

Biggest

Occasionally, the police hold an impartial inquiry, conducted by the police, on behalf of the police. Usually, it is not made public. This is how or her sentence or fine is settled. Right now, in the South, Horse Parkham and Lloyd James of Bristol are doing just that after their conviction over last year’s Brockwell Park affair.

Short of the biggest confession since the Sermon on the Mount hinting the British police force, this situation is going to continue. But there must be continuous publicity about these affairs. If it has happened to you, let it happen to you—let us know.

The butchers Labour supports

THE Chilean junta is not the only dictatorship the Labour government is treating with more than a little contempt. British diplomats in Seoul, the capital of South Korea, are systematically declining to associate themselves with any protests against the brutal repression being unleashed against trade unionists, students, teachers and writers.

According to the Guardian reporter, Robert Whymant, there is an unusually familiar reason for this stand. South Korea is a land of great opportunities for British businesses.

Shut

Protests against the arrest, torture and judicial murder of dissidents won’t do those golden opportunities any good. So the British ambassador and the civil servants out are keeping their heads down and their mouths shut. Except about business opportunities, that is.

This of course is exactly what happened in Chile during the junta’s bloody coup. Then the British embassy refused to give asylum to any of the junta’s victims in case it would damage their profitable business relations.

Possession

That was under a Tory government. Now Labour is in office—but it makes little difference. Big business decides the priorities for those in possession of office because it is in possession of power.

DEFEND SOCIALIST WORKER

STEVE JEFFERY, a member of the IS executive, being arrested in Leicester last Saturday. He was arrested after complaints by NF members.

Steve has been charged with ‘actual bodily harm’—which can be a serious offence. (The two men charged with this are each black and under judicially defended. It is another case which will cost money. Another case which means that SWW workers will be excluded in and out of the plant by management who have done all they can to intimidate the workers into going back to work.

Women have been visited in their homes by foremen who try to persuade them to go back to work.

All the women have had their cards sent to them. The firm claims they have their jobs back if they all return to work under the very same conditions. The women are determined to stick it out. But they do not expect much support, if any, from Liverpool dockers and airport and British Rail, who handle Wiggins and Rogers goods.