Sugar fraud
Dockers act

Pensioners left out in the cold

The papers, the politicians of all parties, the television, the employers and the TUC leaders, all have the same, simple message for us.

'We're on the brink of economic disaster. There's going to be massive unemployment. Prices are going up and up and up. Our standard of living is going down and down and down.'

But, they cry in unison, there's nothing you can do about it.

If workers do anything, if we fight for higher wages, if we try to change things - then we'll be rocking the national boat and making everything worse for ourselves.

So tighten your belts, they tell us, and grin and bear it.

The Hull dockers gave their answer this week.

Because of the sugar 'shortage' their contractors were without sugar - while 60 tons of the stuff lay piled on the quay outside ready for profitable export to the Persian Gulf.

So the dockers refused to load it, and ordered the Labour government to distribute it to people who needed it.

WHAT WE THINK

The Hull dockers have shown how workers can fight. And workers MUST fight, for there is no doubt about it, all that impending misery - the papers, politicians and TUC are prophesying is only for one section of the population - those who produce the wealth.

For the minority who are in control of industries and newspapers, there's still a lot of spare cash around.

This week Lloyds Bank 'regrettably' announced a loss of £33 million - because a couple of swindlers in Switzerland had gambled too much in currency deals. £33 million would give a 12-hour rise to pay more than 30,000 workers for a day.

But Lloyds Bank weren't particularly worried.

After all, half the loss will be paid by the taxpayer, and in the first six months of this year Lloyds made profits of £77 million anyway.

There are plenty of other rich people around who are doing just as well.
The Thames Valley Constabulary got their taste of blood last week. All the hallmarks of the police state were there. The fanatism of the bullies in uniform, who didn’t hesitate to smear and crack open skulls, the plain clothes policemen offering drugs and then arresting those who accepted, the smashing of cameras in a desperate and unsuccessful attempt to cover their tracks. And the final stench of the police press statement that the constabulary showed great restraint and patience.

People who still like to think of lovable Mr Plooto and chummy George Dixon of Dock Green are living in the past. The modern police force is showing its true face… at Heathrow, Red Lion Square and now Windsor Great Park.

How Britain tried to sell Cyprus

by Harry Wicks

The intense secret diplomatic activity between governments of Cyprus and Greece related to the events of almost 60 years ago, when Britain, in complete disregard of the interests of the Cypriot people, offered Cyprus to Greece if it would guarantee the Mediterranean island a secure place in the world. On October 17, the Ambassador informed the Minister that the Cypriot offer was no longer valid since Greece had not entered. Then the British offer was withdrawn on the grounds that it was a power in the struggle for rival imperialism.

In the heroic days of the Russian Revolution, as the first installment of an anti-petrograd, the Petrograd correspondent, M Phillips’ Price, furnished the Russian Foreign Office with the negotiators’ bargain.

An extract reads: ‘On October 7, 1919, the British Ambassador in Petrograd informed the Minister that the Cypriot offer was no longer valid since Greece had not entered. Then the British offer was withdrawn on the grounds that it was a power in the struggle for rival imperialism.

Abolish

The Russian people as well as the peoples of Europe and the whole world will not accept the truth about these plots which were hatched by the finance capitalists and industrialists, together with their paramilitary forces and agents.

To abolish secret diplomacy is the first condition of an honorable, peaceful, and really democratic foreign policy.

The call to fight capitalist diplomacy is today more relevant. The recent debate and maneuvering in the United Nations Security Council, on relief aid for the 600,000 Turkish and Greek refugees, clearly covered the bitter rivalry between the two countries.

Britain and America seek to secure their strategic interests in the Eastern Mediterranean. Russia’s interest is focused not on securing the Mediterranean, but on protecting its southern approaches and widening the Turkish corridor. Russian and Greek capitalists are interested in securing a rent-free location of Cyprus’ mineral wealth.

The Turkish invasion of Cyprus did more than split the island in two, it shattered at the same time the screen that separated the Mediterranean from the United States. Cyprus has shown that trust in the UN was fatal for the Cypriot people.

Now is the hour to build working class relief organisations in Cyprus across communal barriers. Hurry for further trust in the United Nations. Demand the closing of the American base near the capital, in Cyprus, and the withdrawal of the armies of occupation.

The Windhoek festival of police violence. Pictures: Ron McCormick.

Ollie drums...then arrest

THE national press, some of whose reporters suffered the indignity of being treated like ordinary mortals by the policeman of the Thames Valley, was duly shocked by last Thursday’s police riot.

It was more that the mass media had to say something. So they said it was an isolated unpleasant excess. Perhaps individual policemen should be disciplined. It should never happen again.

Grassroots

In fact the Windsor operation was planned, authorised and organized by senior policemen. And it will happen again, because the new vicarages of the police in bound to worsen as the state strengthens. Every act of police resistance is a protest against the cuts in working-class living standards.

by Tony Norton

I had the HALLMARKS of a POLICE STATE

Three ‘plain-clothes’ policemen grab a festival goer from the crowd after he answered the jitters of onlookers

Despite the police, people at Windsor were really trying to run the site. Until Thursday morning, that is.

The police moved in about 8am.

They sealed off the entry road completely and the place was swarming with vans—they were obviously planning mass arrests. They captured four of the five stages while everyone was asleep. Then a Wolfgang of police swept downwards, pulling down the barriers and pouring them out of their sleeping bags if they didn’t get up and go at once.

If they did go quietly, the police seized the bottom of the road anyway.

Three or four who didn’t get arrested or evicted gathered round Stage A. 1, and some other more politically-minded people got people to link arms, three deep, to protect the delays behind. But really resistance was pretty half-hearted and whole bunches of people were just sitting there like ninjas chanting ’Hare Krishna’.

The police, on the other hand, seemed to have orders to capture the stage at all costs and at any price.

CRAZY

This was the worst stuff started. A guy I met in jail was levelling his stick against a man and two kids had jumped him and kicked and pulled him down to the ground.

The police did go crazy, tossing scaffold poles about and charging into the crowd kicking and punching. They shook people off the scaffolding and pulled it down. They were vicious with the touchstones on them out at night under the stage.

Afterwards they were picking up really innocent people for the slightest thing. They just herded the kids into the cages at the back of the vans and anyone who protested was done over. They would arrest you for trying to take a policeman’s number.

Even tourists were attacked by the police if they tried to take pictures. And so many people were in plain clothes you just couldn’t tell what was going on. The whole operation was as if they were trying to prove a point.

Strike after troops attack busman

International Socialists Conference on Ireland

Sunday 8 Sept, 10.30am - 6pm

9 Carton Gardens, Lark Lane, Liverpool L7 7DF

Morning: street party and resolutions

Afternoon: Workshop: Struggle in Ireland - then march to St. George’s Plateau, 5:30pm

Entry by membership card only.

VIOLENT attacks on taxi drivers and conductors on certain routes are causing growing concern here.

Driver John Leeperdy had apparently started pestering his horn in annoyance at being held up by an obstruction in Abercorn Road, whereupon men of the Prince of Wales Regiment who were musing the obstruction arrested him and ushered off to their HQ for receiving.

After two hours he was released and the workers took the buses out again.

Pensioners are becoming used to such stoppages, to the extent that the 15-minute wait at a bus stop leads naturally to speculation among queuers that 'The Army must be at them again'.

Permanent army check-points ring the city centre and random checkpoints on other roads play havoc with bus schedules. But it is not simply a shop steward explains: 'It is the attitude of the army, treating us like dirt.'

Most drivers probably experienced this only once or twice a day, and just hold their peace and put it down to experience. But on some shifts we will go two or three days in a row, maybe 20 or 25 times. After you are made out to get out to be searched and insulted or pushed about. A good half hour can easily get a short. Then if you answer them back you get whipped down to Fort George.'

So the busmen lose a couple of hours wages and the pensioners have a very bad half hour. It is not by any means the most annoying aspect of the situation. It is the pin-pricking incoherences which, taken together, make up normal life.
FROM PAGE ONE
well. Industrial companies are still reporting profits of 40 per cent up on last year. A lot of people may be suffering from a shortage but Tate and Lyle are reveling in it. Their profits have more than doubled since last year.

More than half the new cars in Britain are brought up by big business firms for expense-account use by directors, executives and managers. This is still being spent on advertising. Industrial investment is down—spending on arms is up. More is spent on the means of destruction that are used in the means of production.

Problem
The world is divided into two countries, the few and the many. The wealth is there: The Stock Exchange may have slumped but the profits of the few and many are larger today than ever before in history. It is a certainty that this year we owned the Isle of Wight, and they still own the Isle of Wight. The few don’t just own the wealth. They make decisions about how it is produced and spent. They don’t plan production to give us what we need. They plan it to get the oligarchs’ share. They control the means of production.

That’s why the government is spending £1000 million of our money—to tax—in taxation. That the tiniest country in the world can afford to go bankrupt, yet the government can’t afford a half-decent public transport system.

Competition means endless, pointless, expensive advertising, it means lurid scandals on the Stock Exchange—and worst of all it means a twelfth of the wealth we produce is spent on armaments.

Because they don’t plan sensibly, the economy cares for boom to recession. Last year the salaries and wages of the majority black people by printing a lot of money. But the money didn’t go into industry. It went into banking and property speculation.

Because there wasn’t enough investment to develop the new banks, after making fortunes for a handful of layabouts, collapsed. So did the property market. But, worst of all, in millions of people who had nothing to do with the chaos are now in danger.

Truth
Now there’s a sickly-sweet, stockbrokers and newspaper pro- prietors have the check to tell the workers and tell them to make sacrifices. It’s a form of blackmail. Unless you accept everything, including wage cuts, taxes, they say, we will close our factories and put you out of work.

The simple truth is that the workers don’t need these people at all. The workers have the resources to run society sensibly, to plan production in the interests of the majority without employers, profit or competition.

We need to expose the lies, the capitalist lie that the situation will be better for the few. Unfortunately, it’s unlikely there will be any change. The workers will not be able to fight for their rights and as long as workers do not fight back, we will be plagued forever with periodic slump and permanent poverty for millions.

That’s why a Labour government could be doing something if workers everywhere showed the same determination in stopping that small cargo of sugar.

Conference
That’s what we mean by a workers’ society, workers’ power. It’s the socialist-capitalist solution. It means the end of the lie. It means the end of the world of layabouts and layabouts, to join the Don’t Rock the Boaters. It means the end of the lie.

That’s why the most important item in Socialist Worker this week is the call on page 15 for a second National Rank and File Conference to discuss the socialist revolution in a common struggle for power.

Read it. Support it. Organise your delegation now.

Message from TUC: Keep calm and hope.

HARDLY a whiff of the atmosphere of growing crisis penetrated the placid proceedings of the Liberal Union Congress. The ‘general staff’ of the TUC, made up of the aides of the organisation, sat placidly through their accustomed routines like sleepwalkers. Don’t rock the boat, return a letter every day, let the crisis go on, that was the TUC’s message.

After the euphoria comes the hangover. It won’t be long delayed. The TUC’s massive majority vote for the social contract—admitted by TUC members themselves—was to be equivalent to 12 months wage re- straint—was assured before the dele- gates met. The press has whipped up huge amounts over the decision of the Engineers’ Union delegation last Sun- day to proceed with their conference in protest of the Social Contract. But in reality, only after conditions have been met will the TUC even consider a step away from this demented policy.

The AUEW delegation voted 36 council members to this conference, and to oppose the General Council’s unequivocal support for wage restraint.

Support
Hugh Scanlon, the union’s presi- dent, went on television three times this week. There was no mention of the General Council’s line was: “Just a bit of paperwork in the real world. His union had rejected the Social Contract in the spring, and agreed not to submit a further item for discussion. Look at it in other words Scanlon’s support for the government’s social contract has driven his union to a widespread and unnecessary ‘sacrifices’.

The AUEW leaders have already produced a set of conditions towards Labour’s wage restraint and its rank and file have had enough. This was clearly demonstrated in the meeting on Sunday.

Monday Congress resolved unanimously that ‘every step be taken under existing legal provisions to ensure that no building worker tried to be made redundant. It’s time for a change.’ How was not specified. The AUEW proposal for the repeal of the 1572 discrimination against the Property Act was withdrawn after assurances from the platform that the amendment would be brought forward.

Scandal of 700 school roofs

by Jenny Hawke

Six million children and half a million teachers go back to school this week. There is a sense of relief in Barnet, where a new school board had better keep their eyes fixed upwards—in case the roof comes down.

Last year two school roofs collapsed in Barnet. One, at a school near Whetstone, killed a child. The reason? The roof was unburnt, unsafe and full of asbestos cement beams.

There are 700 schools where these dangers exist, two schools in every borough. More than 200 schools have been declared unsafe. The figures are too low. The situation was further investigated, and the Department of Education and Science is waiting for information on the remaining 700.

The short-term advantage of the high-alumina cement beam is that it is very much faster, can carry weight within 24 hours, and so speeds up building and cuts labour costs. So education authorities have been using it to go with the flow. But the system is a gross mismanagement of the situation. Schools which are suspected of being unsafe are closed down. An investiga- tion is completed. I hope parents will be pressurising their own educa- tion authorities to make sure these schools are closed until it is known they are safe, and suitable alternative arrangements are made in the meantime.

Already government spending on education has been cut by £182 million. Infestation has demolished school budgets. As Beth Stone says: “The education service is literally crumbling down—on the kids’ heads”.

Disgusting
The problem is that the water-sealing ratio is not exactly right in the mix, the beam crumbles. And the roof may come crashing down—on schoolkids, swimmers, anyone.

Beth Stone, an executive member of the National Union of Teachers and supporter of the teachers’ group Rank and File, told Socialist Worker: “It’s totally disgusting that teachers, pupils and parents have been kept in the dark. Education authorities who know which schools may be unsafe but have not made it public—because they thought it might cause panic! How can the public trust a school which is suspected of being unsafe? An open mind and thorough investiga- tion is completed. I hope parents will be pressurising their own educa- tion authorities to make sure these schools are closed until it is known they are safe, and suitable alternative arrangements are made in the meantime.”

But Frank Judd, former Parliamentary Assistant of the South East Region of the NUT, said: “We have to accept the facts. They promise one thing to the public, and do something else. They say whatever the army, the navy, the air force want, and the em- ployers ask of them in office.”

Apartheid—Supporters and Labor

HE WAS 20, colored and facing a hopeless problem. His girlfriend was white... And the law would not permit a marriage. She threw herself under a train. When the girl found out, she stabbed her wounds, but her suicide attempt failed.

This is the reality of South Africa, where the shade of your skin creates legal absurdity and human misery. This is the country to which the British Labour government is now bringing its ‘principles’.

Now, according to The Observer (Saturday, under strong pressure from the Defence Staff, the Minister of Defence, Mr Roy Mason, has overruled his Minister of the Navy, Mr Frank Judd, and authorised the Royal Navy to begin its joint sea exercises with the South African Navy for the first time in 50 years. West African warships have been sent from Britain to take part in these exercises. They join two frigates sent to ‘Libex’ with the South African Navy last month.

These exercises are crucial to the new South African defence effort. They are not directed against the Russian Navy in the Indian Ocean, as the defence chiefs pretend to the Labour Ministry. They are part of a plan to increase the fire power of white South African tyranny against the majority black people in their own country and their sup- porters in the African countries to the north.

促进 from the black people in the north has grown a hundred- fold since the military coup in Portugal in April, according to new statistics from the new Portuguese government. That Portugal’s two Southern African colonies can now expect indepen- dence.

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Palestinian deportations

by Socialist Worker reporter

Why South Africa is so concerned to get British support: neighbouring Angola and Mozambique should soon be independent of Portugal has been more than double the same period last year.

At the same time, the South Africans have been lobbying within NATO—the defence organisation which links America with Britain and other Western European coun- tries—into our own defence strategy.

The American government—a force, the civil service and the trade-union leaders in South Africa—has agreed. The French government has declared its intention to step up arm sales to South Africa.

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The General Union of Palestinian Students issued the following state- ment on 25 August:

Abdel Malid Awad, 24, was arrested and taken to Negev Prison. He was later taken to Eilat Police Station, where he was asked about his activities for two days, and informed by the Special Branch that an order had been issued for his deportation. During his detention, he was not permitted to have any form of communication, even by telephone.

The morning of 14 August he was taken to the airport and put on a plane with the rest of the prisoners to Eilat. He was allowed to take his own personal expense. No explanation of any kind was given.

This arbitrary action had absolutely no reason to justify it, as Abdel Malid Awad was living legally in the country. He had not been convicted of any crime.

The incident is not the first of its kind in this country. Only a few months ago, the son of a Palestinian student was asked to leave the country. Again, no valid reason was given.
They take the profits and give pain

I WORK as an ambulance driver attendant with the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance Service. On 6 August I received a message to go to a house in Woodford, where a workman had fallen from a ladder.

When we arrived at the scene of the accident a small jury was parked close to the wall of a large house that was being renovated. In the back of the jury was a ladder (obviously the ladder was too small to carry out the necessary work without the aid of the jury) from which the injured workman had fallen.

The work consisted of removing old rendering from the wall with a hammer and chisel. As the workman later explained, some of the rendering was loose and some of it was firmly attached to the wall. As can be imagined, the rendering just kept falling on top of the ladder which is standing in the back of a jury, causing a hammer to be knocked at a substance which in one instance offers a great resistance and then none at all, the worker is put in great danger of falling.

The workman told me that the work on the previous day had been quite safe. He had been working from a scaffolding, but the boss had taken it away, saying that the painters needed it more on another job and asked him to manage the best he could.

The workman in question suffered fractures to both bilateral carpal bones and was admitted to Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield.

The firm, Bennetts of Rothwell, are now in the process of(letter) the profits from the worker's labour and gave him in return pain, suffering anxiety to his wife and family and the possibility of six months poverty benefits as well as the possible hospitalization which is not covered by any sickness benefit.

The ladder is secured and has a rung missing. One (pole step and this welder could fall on blowtorch. Picture: Christopher Davies (Report)

The day I joined GB 75

ON A RECENT visit to London, I decided to pop in to 22 South Audley Street, W1 and meet Colonel Stirling, leader of GB 75. Outside the building was a most helpful policeman who, when I mentioned that I wished to volunteer for GB 75, was only too pleased to direct me to the Colonel.

On entering the expensively carpeted and walnut-panelled building, I wandered up three flights of stairs to the office of a chartered accountant.

He told me that many people had called to contact Stirling and directed me to the floor below. I knocked on a door and out walked a splendidly dressed young man with a short haircut and glasses.

He said: "I wish to offer my services to the GB 75 movement. I have been a member of the Labour Party and I feel that the party is not serving the working class."

I asked him for his reasons and he replied: "I have been a member of the Labour Party for many years and I feel that the party is not serving the working class."

I asked him if he had joined the GB 75 and he replied: "Yes, I have been a member of the GB 75 for many years and I feel that the party is not serving the working class."

VOTE ICI, VOTE TORY!

I'VE RECEIVED a most distasteful letter from the chairman of ICI, Jack Collard. He explains how successfully ICI work under the capitalist system like making a $1.1 million profit in 1973.

He uses a lot of facts and figures about company investments, profits, efficiency and good industrial relations to try to convince employees that it would be a disaster if the company came under state control, and concludes by saying: 'I am convinced however that state control of ownership would be detrimental not only to the performance of the company and your own personal interest but also to the national economy.'

A pamphlet called ICI, Our Company was sent with the letter. It describes how beneficial the company is to the employee and the country as a whole.

I think that this letter is an absolute disgrace and ICI socialists should put resolutions through their trade union branches and produce leaflets to condemn this brainwashing of employees. We must show that this letter is a commercial for the Tory Party. Its theme is vote Tory to keep the company as it is or vote Labour for state control and its disarrant consequences. ANDY SMITH, Tesco.

ALL members and supporters of the International Socialists should vote Labour in the coming election for the following reasons:

Firstly, a Labour government could not fail to show its inability to defend the working class against the attacks of big business, thus losing its more militant supporters.

Secondly, the Social Co-trick would show up the Hugh Scalfons of this world for the half-baked militants that they are. Though the Social Co-trick may temporarily slow down the class struggle, it would in the long term speed it up as more and more workers learned to act independently (and even against) the trade union bureaucracy.

The return of Heath and his cronies to power would result in a short-term speeding up of class struggle as they renewed their attacks for the tonnage which trade union bureaucrats would join battle, winning the confidence of militant workers. If the working class has faith in the Labour Party, we seriously expect workers to carry the class struggle to its ultimate phase—revolution—and win.

Surely, drawing militant workers away from reformism and over to revolution would be a greater victory for us than Tony Benn's desire to help some Stalinist or other get 400 votes instead of 300 (Letters, 31 August).

OR NOT TO VOTE. LABOUR?

AS AN International Socialist I am very disappointed by the sketchiness of the campaign to get people to vote against Heath and his government, and action for the next election (17 August).

The policy of voting Labour while building a socialist workers' party is a contradiction. Ideally, the International Socialists should concentrate on building the party by putting up candidates for election. Not only is it a hundred or two hundred or two thousand that can see there is an alternative to the Labour Party being built. If this is not possible let us have some discussion about it and discuss it in half a sentence as the IS National Committee statement.

We also need to take a closer look at the idea of the local people to vote Labour, taking into account the breakdown which is occurring in local democracy.

I don't profess to know much about the situation in Scotland, but here in Wales IS has failed to make any analysis of what is going on.

Wales has traditionally been a stronghold of the Labour Party. But since 1964 it has set with a vengeance in the last period of Labour domination. Between 1964 and 1969, when the town hall was Labour, 64,000 jobs were lost in Wales. Thousands of people left the Labour Party and thousands abandoned it morally. There was a Labourism that even a non-Communist in Wales is a myth, it is dead on its feet.

We are poor and still are looking for an alternative. These people have no interest in what the present Labour Party is. They are basically socialist oriented.

Many saw a socialist alternative in Plaid Cymru (Party of Wales) which now has 40,000 members, three times the number of the Labour Party in its peak. If people can't vote Labour and still vote for Plaid Cymru the idea is still valid.

While the majority of Labour councils implemented the Torrins House and other radical policies, Plaid opposed it and organised council sit-ins and house occupations in Rhondda. All over North and West Wales there is a radical alternative, 'We can have worker control of our own society and institutions.'

In Wales we should be considering this question and our answer to it. The National Committee of IS too should be looking more closely at regional problems where present national problems alone are not enough.

For the sake of argument, do you think a Plaid Cymru, or even a Socialist or the Conservative Party, or the Liberal?

The day I joined GB 75

Goodbye Norm...

JOCK MATCHET, who wrote (10 August) is right. It is time our new Nation is given a rest. He has been looking under the weather for some time.

Perhaps at some future date he may be ready to go back to it. We are also tired of the same old, same old campaign.

The only thing that now remains is the question of the next general election. I hope the GB will do something about it and get the party to join the fight.

In the meantime, I should very much like to congratulate all the people who have been working hard for the GB 75 movement, including myself. I think we have done a good job so far.

M. STEPHENSON.
MEMBERS of the National Frost parade with banners—Ulster is British forever—outside the Armagh Orange Hall last Thursday night, while inside an packed Lytolf meeting gave Enoch Powell a rapturous reception.

Powell was spoken of as the 'new Carson', a charismatic leader who could make Ulster great again.

The general idea is that he would become the leader of the Ulster月底 Coalition at Westminster, while the Big Three—William Craig, Ian Paisley and John Hume—retain leadership of their individual factions in the Ulster Assembly without solving the problems of the Loyalists. For some time the Protestant right wing has been faction-ridden, riddled with greed and division. Paisley and West are jealous of one another's advancement, while both the 'right' and separate identity of his particular group within the coalition. Nor will they do anything for others—both would accept Powell as boss.

Calculate

Equally relevant has been the emergence of a new leader, such as Harry Murray of the Ulster Workers' Council and Andy Tyrie of the Ulster Defence Association, rank and file agitators, whose role is to divide events, who were vocally purging 'radical' ideas and expressing a determination never again to give an unthinking allegiance to 'middle-class politics.'

The Loyalist bosses calculate that by 1975 they will be swept aside as the Protestant masses rally to Powell's right-wing banner. Moreover, they argue that Powell's 'prestige' and ready access to the British press and television will give his case a new respectability.

Messiah

It could well happen like that. The Protestant radicals are driving ruthless and confused, articulating a set of attitudes rather than a political line. Unable to define their own position to the people and unsure of support even within their own organizations, they would be fairly easy meat for a demagogue as practised as Powell in any fight for the soul of the Protestant working class—particularly when the Protestant leaders begin to drum up support for Michael Manley of Jamaica.

By inviting Powell to lead them the Loyalists are determined to win over to their 'Third Force,' which is a recruiting openly and now claims 33,000 members, despite Northern Ireland. Secretary Merlyn Rees' insistence that it will not be given official standing.

Local press reports have made clear that the Loyalists are well aware of the wider implications of Powell's probable return to parliment. On Friday the Loyalist Belfast Newsletter congratulated the electorate of South Down, where Powell has been nominated, on having the 'honest and opportuni- ty' of voting for him. They told them to remember that Powell would fight not only for the union between Ireland and Britain, but, in the wider field, for equality between those who have been found inexplicable in the past in the National Welfaring. Socialists do not need to be told what the Newsletter was all about.

In Powell the Loyalists believe they have found the man who will save not only Ulster, but Britain too from 'internal subversion,' British workers would do well to consider the implications.

Meet the Saviour of Ulster

From Eamonn McCann, Derry, Sunday

again, so heightening sectarian feeling and bring civil war another step nearer.

At Armagh Powell received the longest of a dozen ovations when he said he would work for a 'much strengthened police reserve.' This was taken as support for the sectarian 'Third Force' which is still recruiting openly and now claims 33,000 members, despite Northern Ireland. Secretary Merlyn Rees' insistence that it will not be given official standing.

For rank and file control of the trade unions and the regular election of all new officials. No sectional control of the union, no sectional control of the executive, all officials to be elected on a proportional basis.

For 100 per cent trade unionism. Against all vicarious unionists, against trade-union laws or courts on the right to strike and on the effective picketing. Against productivity or efficiency tests. Against any form of incomes policy that restricts capitalism.

Against unemployment, redundancies and lay-offs, instead we demand full employment. For nationalization without compensation under working conditions.

For the right to have a workable union, national, as against sectional or sectarian, and no discrimination against any background.

For the building of a strong, independent union, joint shop stewards committees at plant and branch level.

We are

For the building of a national rank and file movement which will fight for these policies in the trade union movement.

For full employment, against unemployment, against unemployment, against unemployment.

Against military service by young people, against military conscription.

For the right of the black people and other oppressed groups to organize in their own defence.

For real social, economic and political equality for women.

Against all nuclear weapons and military alliances such as NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Against all forms of imperialism.

For nationalisation of banks, postal service and education.

For unconditional support to all genuine national liberation movements.

For the building of a mass, popular, revolutionary, party, organised in the workrooms, which can lead the working class to power, and for the building of a revolutionary socialist international.
Inside Lucas, Birmingham... How the militants see it

By Peter Troy, AUEW, Great King Street

EVER fancied you could do better than those acts on ‘Opportunity Knocks’? Well, now’s your chance. Come to Lucasin-the-fields, Hockley, and find out what it’s like in front of the camera. I get stage fright before I come to work.

It doesn’t take much imagination to realise the more sinister implications of the BBC’s new project, ‘Brother Developments’. The moment close-circuit cameras, installed with the approval of factory unions ‘leaders’, are only covering every exit, including that of the ‘Dub in Green’, pub across the road. But how long before they are installed in our workplaces, maybe even in the toilets? Shades of Charlie Chaplin’s ‘Modern Times’.

The security cameras at Lucas, Great King Street, were installed during the summer holidays, behind the backs of the rank and file. Workers at other factories must resist the installation of these new weapons in the bosses’ fight to protect their privileges in every way they can.

The power is there so let’s use it!

by Larry Connolly,
AUEW convenor,
BW3 Shaftham Lane

went to better paid jobs in the car plants.

The 1970 settlement at Formans Road has seen the company move away from negotiating with the factory to factory basis and towards group negotiations, with the senior stewards doing the main negotiations.

Unfortunately £4 doesn’t set the target for future negotiations.

Pooled

We at Lucas have not made gains because we are split up into separate factory organisations where different shop stewards’ committees make different policy and come up with different ideas. The end result is no coherent common policy.

This is not a criticism of the shop stewards committees as such, but we would be much stronger if we met collectively, pooled our ideas and experiences and came up with a coherent policy.

Then we would be meeting the Lucas management on their own terms. This is what makes the building of an Electrical Combine Committee so urgent.

by Mick Rice
AUEW shop steward

UNION organisation in Lucas has been split up into the separate factory sites for too long. Management has therefore been able to use the old tactic of divide and rule.

No longer can we win major advances in wages and conditions on a sectional basis.

Management is not foolish enough to allow individual factory managers to do as they please. The unions in Lucas have to learn a lesson from this. The company organises under one board to protect their profits.

We, the shop stewards in Lucas, have to initiate on a combined committee to protect our members.

Trade unionism in Lucas Electrical owes a debt to our brothers and sisters in the Lucas Aerospace Division. They have already built a strong shop stewards’ combine committee. The company has met the combine executive to discuss matters affecting the whole work-force.

The committee represents all trade unionists—and helps break down hostility between the shop floor and staff.

Two years ago, the Combine Committee circulated all the wage rates throughout the group. The workers in Burnley found they were being paid between £6 and £7 less than workers in other factories.

A long dispute broke out and more than £2,000 was collected at mass protest meetings to deal with hardship cases.

Burnley struggle owed its success to the support and solidarity actions undertaken by the rest of the group. A company spokesman was quoted as saying that the solidarity actions were ‘trouble shooters’ at each factory. The utmost vigilance will be needed if the wage working conditions and jobs are not to fall foul of the Wilkinson Sword!

Insurance policy’ the bosses fear

by Rick Collett
AUEW shop steward

THE KEY TO VICTORY

by ROGER GRIFFITHS, Toolsetters’ shop steward, BW3 Shaftham Lane

RISING prices are leaving many Lucas workers short of cash that they are forced to hope overtime is available and to try and stretch their earnings by spending up on their jobs.

But there is a limit to the amount of overtime that can be worked, and the amount of sweat in our bodies. Workers with family commitments have to reduce their own spending, and rather than be faced with their wife and kids going short.

When the BW3 Joint Shop Stewards’ Committee presented this year’s pay claim, the company tried to include in the negotiations a series of separate, sectional and factory claims. It is refusing to implement any part of its offer until all outstanding claims are resolved—an attempt to turn the rest of the workforce against those who have separate negotiating rights and specific anomalies to redress. The management also wants to turn down all section claims by stating that these cannot be negotiated yearly.

The senior stewards’ demands included a substantial increase equal pay, improved piecework payments and average earnings for sickness. Because the threshold payments had just been triggered, the company, to everyone’s surprise, agreed to pay the threshold backdated to 3 June. Negotiations have dragged on for over two months, and the workforce is now in receipt of £2.40 threshold payment. The company hoped by this to make this year’s offer appear more attractive.

The company has offered £2.25 on the basic, 97p for women, an extra 75p for indirect and direct workers, an extra 50p for semi-skilled indirect workers. It has refused to pay any more on the threshold and is only prepared to discuss it again when the index reaches 225.

The BW3 Joint Shop Stewards’ Committee demanded a permanent threshold agreement on top of the existing offer. The vote in the 13 Lucas factories in Birmingham produced confusion—and now the Birmingham East District Coventry of the AUEW is trying to organise a meeting of all shop stewards to get a common policy. Efforts were also made to involve the YGWU district organisations.

It is obvious from the year’s negotiations that in future more attention must be paid to the tactics for getting a common policy and common action throughout the plants.

For this reason the Joint Shop Stewards’ Committee at BW3 have organised a meeting on 14 September as a first step towards establishing a strong combine committee. Organisation is always the key to victory.

Beware the Wilkinson sword!

by Victor Collard, AUEW shop steward, Chester Street.

MAJOR changes have recently taken place in Lucas, as a result of management’s failure to contain the required rate of profit.

Mr N Wilkins, who made Executive Board Director, under his direction as general manager of the company (a), three self-contained divisions have now on 14 September, with the view of rationalising the operations of the company.

At meetings with stewards, the directors have stressed the urgency of their problems. They have clearly indicated the need for considerable changes in cost cuts and boost productivity.

Period

This is to be achieved on the basis of existing resources. Little will be spent on the acquisition or investment during this period, and additional resources are to be resisted. Above all else, the company wants a trouble-free period to carry out its plans.

And so major changes at the level of the company have been announced, including the appointment of ‘trouble shooters’ at each factory. The utmost vigilance will be needed if the wages, working conditions and jobs are not to fall foul of the Wilkinson Sword!

Combine

Last January, when the company announced redundancies, the Combine decided on a series of tactic to break down all telephone communication between the factories.

No individual shop stewards’ committee negotiated with their local management. Instead the whole Combine meets the industrial relations and Personnel Manager on behalf of the group.

The Aerospace Combine has been able to do this itself because it has proved worth in practice. It has minimised the work that has to be done by a newspaper, ‘Combine News’ to keep the membership informed.

The local steward of Burnley Aerospace wrote to a newspaper when setting up of a Combine—the ‘best insurance policy’ of all. This strategy has worked out the CAV group. He added, ‘We have the evidence at Burnley but not at home. We don’t regret it.’

Shop Stewards Committee at Lucas BW3 are now taking the first steps in extending that organisation to the BW3Lucas Electrical Trade Union.

In the coming period, we will all need that ‘insurance policy’.
Edward Heath is known to be very stern about corruption in public life. It's not known, for instance, that Heath was the first to insist that his department, the Ministry of Maudling, should resign as Home Secretary in 1972, when police started looking into the affairs of John Paulson, corrupt architect and former friend and business associate of Maudling.

But even the stern Heath is not above attending the odd function to boost the business ventures of his friends and colleagues—and even Heath finds himself in trouble as a result.

For some months we have been revealing the shady business of Sir Timothy Kitchin, parliamentary private secretary to Heath, who joined the board of a shipbuilding consultancy company owned by Court Line and Court Line directors while he was still on the payroll at Downing Street. Kitchin persuaded Heath to go to a publicity lunch for the firm in the Savoy—a lunch which appears to have brought in a lot of friends.

I think we may still hear a lot about Sir Timothy Kitchin, but another little difficulty which has come Heath's way is the sudden de-

cision of his brightest star, Jeffrey Archer. Last month, Archer was formally announced as Tony MP for Louth because he had bankrupted himself by investing hundreds of thousands—and persuading others to invest hundreds of thousands—in a joint venture called American Cranes.

Archer's demise has been hastily glossed over by Conservative Central Office, which are anxious not to re-

member that top Tories knew perfectly well, when Archer was nominated for Louth in 1969, that he was a charlatan and an expenses-fiddler of a high order, that he had swindled the United Nations Association, of which he was a fund-raiser, of some £500 by charging expenses for meals and travel for which nobody had paid, and that he had started a gallery in the West End which quickly became bankrupt.

All this was written to top Tories, including Heath, by Humphrey Berkeley, who had been at the United Nations Association with Archer and who knew only too well of Archer's racket.

Heath refused to intervene. Despite Berkeley's assurance that Archer would 'come unstuck' as an MP, Heath and all the other top Tories insisted that his nomination should go ahead.

Royalty

Why? I can think of two main reasons. First, Archer, in the course of his fund-raising activities, had in-

gratiated himself with all sorts of top politicians, including royalty. He was a regular guest, for instance, at Broadlands, the expensive home of Earl Mountbatten, the Queen's

uncle. He and Mountbatten were en-

gaged in several fund-raising activities, most notably for the creation of several schools run on a branch line theme like Gordonsborough in Scotland.

The second reason may be more important. The Archer Gallery was founded in August 1969 with Jeffrey Archer as managing director.

The chairman was Geoffrey Rippon, then Tory front bench spokesman. Later Tony Minister for the Environment. He had 500 shares.

Everything depended on a successful 'launch' for the gallery, and once again the unfortunate Edward Heath, leader of the Tory Party, was roped in for the job. The art press was out in force, and Heath went through his paces nicely, 'I spend all my time in art galleries,' he boasted, 'and gallivanted endlessly into the corners.'

Stoutly

So the gallery got the best press possible. But not good enough. Less than a year later the gallery was bankrupt, and Archer sold it off at a loss.

No wonder Heath defended Archer so stoutly when his name was im-

plicated over the Louth nomination.

It's worth remembering, next time you hear Heath eulogising about the fabric of our national life, just what kind of fabric is woven by Jeffrey Archer, Sir Timothy Kitchin and all the rest of the bright young men patronised by the Tory leader.
This could be any city in the world... A passer-by watches as slogans are painted out - but the face of the international system that blights men’s lives watches from a doorway. This is Chile...

IMAGINE half a million British workers - socialists and trade unionists - taken out and shot. Many after days of torture.

You have a picture of what has happened in Chile since the military coup overthrew President Allende on 11 September last year. No one knows exactly how many have been killed. A Chilean businessman, a conservative, estimated 80,000 - the equivalent of half a million in a country the size of Britain.

And the attack goes on.

All the significant trade unions, including those on the right, have been dissolved. Hundreds of thousands of workers have been sacked where they were known as militants and socialists.

Torture continues. A thorough investigation by the Chilean churches, the Arizpe Report, has shown that the tortures concentrate on the most brutal and horrible forms, such as electric shock to the eyes and genitals.

Worry

The cost of living has increased on an unheard-of scale, especially for peasants and workers. In the nine months after the coup, the price of bread and milk and cooking oil went up by 20 times. Most Chilean workers still earn the equivalent of less than £1.50 a month, so virtually all of us to be addicted.

And these are the workers who are the richest in the workforce - the figure is increasing all the time - who are totally unemployed. The junta says its principal worry about the Chilean economy is ‘public expenditure, not unemployment’. So where is this unemployment? So the massive sackings since the coup will continue to be encouraged by the junta.

But the warning that the Financial Times correspondent in Santiago reported that the most common death in Chile today is ‘pantruen’ - a mixture of flour and water.

All this is being done in the hope that American investment will come to Chile if the pickings are rich enough. Says the junta: ‘Foreign companies should be given adequate guarantees for the reparation of capital and profits and we are ready to be generous on that score.’

The International Newsletter reported that this gives foreign investors the right to repatriate 14 per cent annual profits and to take out their capital after two years.

This newsletter is distributed privately to businessmen who pay 3,000 dollars a year for its 12 issues. It concludes: ‘Cast an eye over the list of these entrepreneurs . . . with the help of a good Chilean partner, you can make money out of some of them.’

Much of the junta’s original support has now disappeared - that is one reason why they feel forced to use terror on such a massive scale. It shows the weakness of a regime which can see no other way of solving its problems.

But the junta’s solution will solve nothing and can only add to the problem. Chile depends on copper exports to pay for the large quantities of food and manufactured goods that it imports.

The junta is going all-out to woo the foreign investor, it cannot interfere with ‘free trade’ by protecting its own manufacturers. So this dependence on foreign goods and food continues and growth - and Chile has to export more and more copper to pay.

But the value of copper fluctuates so rapidly on the world market that any forward planning based on its current price is pretty well impossible. Today there is a world-wide copper glut: prices are falling rapidly and Chile has no chance of increasing its revenue.

So the junta’s support for the interests of American imperialism has increasingly brought it into conflict with Chile’s own small and middle businessmen. They, the large owners and small shopkeepers, are the backbone of the sabotage of Allen of Aid, of support for the small shops.

Rafael Cornell, small shopkeeper. This type of problem comes up in every small man. If the junta is defeated then we are going to fighting again . . . His feelings are the lower middle strata’s struggle against the junta.

In spite of the workers’ support, they have been cowed and have been subjected to torture. Mine have been set on fire, and people who are manufacturing is not uncommon. The junta’s general in the streets of Santiago.

SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS OF CHILE! Demonstrate: Glasgow: 14 September Blytheswood Square, 10.30 am London, Sunday 15 Sept Spea
LEYTON, East London, was a frightened meadow on Saturday 17 August. Long famous for its acacia beauty, its elegant high-rise flats, it witnessed the swelling 60000 morning for the hell of the afternoon.

Terror-ized shop-keepers stepped in their shops in front of their quaint old stores and barricaded the windows. Would they ever regain it? They asked themselves. Whipping children were sent on an urgent rescue train to the safety of Ongar and Basildon Forest.

Then THEY came. Pouring out into battle formation. No 6 grimly in their black shirts, canaries in McEwans Export shuffling in their combat jackets supporters of Manchester United Football Club. At six o'clock they urged their team's speedly return to the fourth-class.

That, at any rate, was the picture the bosses' press was portraying.

In fact 14 of United's fans made the journey merely to pass a few hours in a London police cell. They were done before they got clear of Easton station. Another 13 were arrested before the day was over.

There was press coverage. That event received you would imagine that Leyton was with how a wondering You. You would imagine no Manchester United Fan ever invaded the capital before.

Rape
Why the fuss? One reason is the idiocy of the national newspapers. That one thing better to the time than THE MANCHESTER UNITED FANS. It's a hot more interesting than CHESS: I WENT AWAY FOR THE PICTURES AFTER BIG MATCH SHOTS. Although not so good as MANCHESTER UNITED FAN RAPES OSBORNE.

Fires went on with the self-sufficient prophecy. The London Evening Standard kicked off its football coverage in mid-August with an open letter from Orient Leyton's football team, urging United fans not to riot when they came to London. It was passed on by the Mirror and Daily Mail headlines.

What a disgraceful turn-up it would have been if nobody had been arrested! Why, someone might have begun an attempt to whip up a story to cover the boredom of the newpeonage.

For after all, what is there to say about football in the initial weeks? A few players transferred for some miserable pittance like 300000 told pensioners' annual pensions, a few managers in QUIT SHOCK, a few more in HE'S FIRED SHOCK and that's about it.

So the newspaper's faithful old teenage hooligan climbs out of his wheelchair and staggers once more into action. My, he's seen some times.

Just after the war he was popular in the 'Cash Boy' guise, but in those days they even made films about him. Then he bought a new outfit and came back as 'Teddy Boy', great seller that was. It got exhausting after that. Hardy after getting out of 'Mod' he was into 'Greaser' and what with 'Hells Angel', Pill Head, Hippie, Skinhead, Smooth Operator you can hardly be surprised if he feels somewhat tired and frustrated. Especially when it's back to the traditional soccer supporter. No wonder he is the support of Hackney Rover walk in fear...

Football: Threat of a hooligan press

Safeguard
Since football fans unlike the young people beaten up at the Wimples pop festival last week or co-operate by staying in one place, the police can make them, this must surely be the best and safest way. Back in the days when Jimmy Howard talked of black people in the way he talked of 14-17 year-olds he would be brought to court under the Race Relations Act.

No matter that in January 1973 66 people were arrested at death at Beresford Park, Glasgow, under a barrier, and no one has been found responsible. No matter that no effective steps have been taken to make football grounds safer, despite the fat report on the subject...

But the fact is, the police are going down the road and shout because it's fun, because the scraps of life that happen to be completely blown out by years of rotten schooling and rotten homes, because there are few other ways of expressing the potential of their lives. Often they're bloody stupid, sometimes dangerous, usually harmless.

But for the hard hands of Fleet Street, they are those who they have a little more bitterness to sour the medical men, young people, how the 'hooligan' minority should be stopped. The 'mainstream' is the one with a spirit of peace...
You pays your money and you takes...

Charlie Cløre

THE OLD CORNER SHOP is already dead, in its place, the supermarket. Places like Fine Fare, Tesco, Liptons, Macfisheries dominate the centres of our cities and towns. Well you say, there's still competition isn't there? They're not all owned by the same man are they?

Not the same man, no. The same man.


You won't hurt Sears Holdings' feelings if you say that. They own the lot, altogether they have over half the shoe shops in Britain. And you won't hurt Sir Charles Clore's feelings—he's chairman of Sears Holdings.

Still you could get your shoes at a department store couldn't you? Try Lewis's in Manchester or Leeds. Take a trip down to Selfridges in London that's a well-known store. Well once again our old Charlie has shed any tears—you're still in Clore Land.

Profit

Two gems in Clore empire are Garrard—the Crown Jewellers—and Magna and Nosto jewellery retailers.

Garrard have created the Churchill Centenary Collection of sterling silver. Items in this collection of trivia would set you back a mere £5000 plus. The cheapest item is a paper knife 1.6 inches long.

It has a Churchill medallion set in the handle for only £85.

Still where there's a buck there's silver—there's also Unilever, when you try to wash the junk off with Knights Castle or Lifebuoy, it made a profit of £233 million out of doing so last year thanks to, among many others, Lux, Omo, Sunlight and Persil.

Dishon clean? Hands clean? Well settle down to a good meal. Pull out the MOTHER'S FRUDE and spread the lovely thick Steak.

What's that? You can't tell from the button? Well try Echo, or Summer County, or Blue Band or Flora. Course they're all Unilever too . . .

Sick

A bowl of Banters bakeso to dip the bread into. Yes, it's Unilever. How about a Chinese-style Chow Mein-Spathigoldenquick-dried—just add water from Vesta. The same.

You feel sick? You want good old English bangers eh? Try the farm house flavour of Wells Unilever sausages, or perhaps Richmond. Same pig farmers wrap up your Surprise freeze-dried.

No surprise at all I'm afraid. Unilever are as dear to their Tempco, along with Hoxton hoonchon meat and John's sausages. Try some fish, you don't want to have all that tinned stuff. But no no . . .

MacFisheries is Unilever—and so is Liptons.

The present Lord Leverhulme is a director of Unilever, he is an Advisor Director of Estates of the 10,000 acres of land—perhaps he grows his own.

Even the cigarette companies have

by Vic Tambling

realised how lucrative the food and drink business is. The Imperial Group (now called Liptons) owns the Lipton's, Ovaltine, Tobacco. Williams have gone into pubs and breweries.

They own over 650 pubs which include Courage and John Smith's Broadwater Brewery. If it's Hairy Lugs, Dry Can white rum, Scotsman or Southern Comfort, it's Liptons.

Smyley, HP Sauce, Lea and Perrin, Golden Wonder, Young's Seafood, Ross Foxy, St Bruno, all of these help towards the massive profits (over £6 million before tax in 1973) of the Imperial Group.

Political donations of the company were £4000 to the Economic League and £1000 to Common Cause.

The chairman of Liptons, Sir John Patridge—salary over £6000 a week—happens to be the director of another tobacco company, British

LEFT: Where Cløre's riches show—Garrard, the society jewellers that sell's Churchill cigar boxes at £675. ABOVE: International Stores, part of the BAT tobacco company—the £2500 paid to right-wing organisa-

American Tobacco, Still don't worry, there's no conflict of interest because Liptons own 37% per cent of BAT anyway . . .

Still BAT just settles down to the business of killing us off with their cigarettes don't they?

Well, not quite. They own International Stores, George Mason, Payntake, Pagans and so on.

Political donations included £1000 to Aims of Industry, £250 to Common Cause and £1750 to the Economic League.

So when you next read about the freedom of choice and competition be good cheer . . . There's Sir John Patridge of BAT competing with Sir John Patridge of Liptons, and both of them competing with Lord Leverhulme of Liptons and Lord Leverhulme of Liptons competing with Sir Charles Clore of Lewis's and Clore competing with Cløre of Selfridges . . .

IS THIS A UNION OF EQUALS?

This Year's Trade Union Congress has been leafleted by the Equal Rights group. They have produced a campaign, which is attempting to encourage women to vote and to become union members in any of their affiliated unions.

EPOC has plenty of ammunition. It begins by pointing out that 72,000 male delegates to last year's Congress. There were then 7,445,413 men in TUC affiliated unions. This is one man for every 8584 male members.

There were then 7,556,004 women in TUC affiliated unions. That is one woman for every 26,514 members.

Women constituted 34 per cent of total TUC affiliated union mem-

bership but only seven per cent of TUC delegates were women.

"Our purpose," they point out, "is not to tell unions what to do. But they ask readers whether their union holds meetings at times when women members are putting the kids to bed or making a meal. On wards meetings in pubs or clubs which may look or feel 'men only'.

They suggest that facilities are provided to look after kids during union meetings and training courses. They put forward ideas on making meetings more accessible to all members, not just women. The leaflet winds up with a breakdown of male and female membership in

16 unions.

That is a section which makes pretty interesting reading. On 1973 figures there are no women on the executive of the Amalgamated Engineering Union (engineering section), or the Electrical Plumbing Trade Union, or the GMB (General and Municipal Workers), or the Transport Workers—nor NUPE. Even the National Union of Teachers has 75 per cent of women members there are only seven out of 43.

The leaflet, and more information is available from EPOC at 20 Cannonbury Square, London N1.
JAMES P CANNON died last month, aged 84. More than 60 years of socialist agitation is at an end.

The international revolutionary movement in general and the American movement in particular is measurably the richer from his life and work. Frequently wrong, sometimes wrong-headed, his great strength was in mass agitation, popular exposition of revolutionary politics, of making and enunciating revolution.

In 1911 he became a member and travelling agitator/organiser for the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). At the Dubuque-Superior steel strike that year he learnt the skills of the strike centre, skills he never lost. As a member and leader of the left wing of the old American Socialist Party, he fought the party’s split into electoral respectability and reformism. In 1919, he was arrested for his agitation, in defiance of a government injunction, by the Massachusetts authorities.

Organisation

The event that marked his life and provided the reference point for all his later activity was the Russian Revolution. The Bolshevik victory of October 1917 clarified for him the question of the left of the party. Not the IWW’s ‘one big union’ with the general strike as its goal, but the Socialist Party’s ‘all inclusive party’ dedicated to gradualism.

For Cannon, as for the best of his generation, the party was a disciplined organisation of workers, internationally affiliated and seeing the revolutionary seizure of power by and for the workers as the first priority. A founding member in September 1919 of the Communist Party, he saw his prime task to make it an organisation of American workers.

In the factional struggles that afflicted the American party—as it afflicted every other—in the years of decline into Stalinism, Cannon found his point of reference in supporting the Comintern line. In Moscow in 1928, his worries and doubts found concrete expression.

Expelled

More or less by accident, Cannon acquired a copy of Trotsky: The Draft Programme of the Communist International: A Criticism of Fundamentals. From that day, in his own words, ‘I considered myself, without a single wavering doubt thereafter, a disciple of Trotsky.’

Cannon returned to America, together with the smuggled document, and convinced his close party comrade Shaichman and Abern. All three were expelled from the Communist Party.

With pathetically few supporters, frequently beaten and haraessed by Communist Party goon squads, they set about building an organisation.

For six years, the American Trotskyists, denied access to any mass movement. In 1934 the American workers began the breakthrough into industrial unionism, the movement for the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Cannon, holder of the opposite to the communist of the American Federation of Labour.

The American Trotskyists, joined with the American Workers Party of A J Muste and interested decisively in the great Teamsters’ strike in Minneapolis in 1934.

As war approached in the late 1930s, the impetus of the movement declined, internal disputes raged and the IWW (Socialist Workers’ Party) culminating in 1940 in a split where nearly half of the movement left with Abern and Shaichman.

After Muste’s assassination in 1940, Cannon was the only remaining figure in the movement with anything like the international prestige of the old man. He tried, with disastrous results after the war, to build Trotsky’s shows.

Critical

His revolutionary optimism, his deep involvement in world politics, brilliantly expressed in his pamphlet The Coming American Revolution. During the years of a new peace, the revolution did not come in America or anywhere else. Cannon was able to understand the reality of the post-war world, his enthusiasm for October 1917 was dropped. He, eventually, in critical form, to the organised, Eastern European, China.

In his last years, Jim Cannon retired to his former self. But his final balance sheet is not important. His speeches, his articles, his life have made socialists far beyond the boundaries of his own organisation.

That is no mean achievement. We are the poorer for his death.

30 April, 1951
I WOKE UP this morning and looked over Jordan and what did I see? Stumbling through the meaning, I turned away from one report to another—of wars and rumours of war, and shrieks of danger, and threats of calamity, and crime and graft and all-around crookedness in high places, and the hypocrisy of the diplomats and the propaganda lies—I suddenly came across a story on another theme in the New York Herald Tribune.

It was the story of ‘Robert A Sullivan, 3-year-old boilermaker’, with the Consolidated Edison Co., who, on the Belline Hospital in May, with burns covering 70 per cent of his body’. And after more than 10 months treatment he was up and about and celebrating his recovery and discharge from the hospital at a party ‘with ice cream and cake’ with the people he had stood by, helped him out and seen him through.

What better story can a man read these days for the good of his soul and his faith in the future than a true story like this, true as a factual report of something that really happened and not true as a representation of the deep and irredeemable impulse of people, given a fair chance, to co-operate with each other and to help each other unsparingly?

All those who hope for a better world are bound to believe that this is the real nature of people, which will assert itself in spite of the tifful simplicity of action. The world is, after all, the future and represent its spirit, the spirit of cooperation, the spirit by which they know it or not. They and others like them, harnessing their nature to the common goals, will do away with the social system which distorts and cripples human nature. They will change the world and make it fit for all people and all nations to live together in peace and fraternity.

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J P CANNON is probably best known for his book on history and splits of the American revolution movement. Recently he has written on the Struggle for a Proletarian Party and History of American Trotskyism (both £1.25) show him as a party leader, forceful, articulate, convincing. But his gift for socialist journalism of warmth and simplicity is best found in his pamphlet. Antislander (1946)

Simplicity

The class society of the present day, founded on fraud and deception, puts great emphasis on competition and rivalry and acquisitiveness and brutal disregard of the rights and lives of others—even mass-killers are lauded as heroes; and the holy office of science is prostituted to destructive ends.

But human nature as it really is at bottom, and as it will finally assert itself and prevail, sneaks out for co-operation and solidarity, as the men who helped Mr Sullivan have demonstrated in spite of everything and become a mighty power to change the world and make it a better and fairer place for everybody.

All the great leaders and teachers of our socialist movement have firmly held this faith in people; and we must hold it, too, if we are to be true to their heritage and worthy of the mission we have undertaken.

Skin graft

The case of Mr Sullivan was a tough one, the toughest ever, the doctors said. ‘Doctors who had treated Mr Sullivan said that his was the most extensive burn case they had ever seen recover. He was given three days to live when he entered Bellevue’. How did Mr Sullivan ever get out of a jam like that and live to celebrate it? ‘Fifteen skin graft operations were performed. Fourteen fellow workers from the Consolidated Edison, some who had not known Mr Sullivan before, gave two grafts each of 8 by 94 squares of skin.’

This was the skin that made the difference; the skin of co-workers taken off their own bodies twice in 8 by 94 slabs for the benefit of another whom none of them at first didn’t even know. They merely knew that he was hurt and needed help and they gave it.

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J P CANNON is probably best known for his book on history and splits of the American revolution movement. Recently he has written on the Struggle for a Proletarian Party and History of American Trotskyism (both £1.25) show him as a party leader, forceful, articulate, convincing. But his gift for socialist journalism of warmth and simplicity is best found in his pamphlet. Antislander (1946).
Lucky Jim and jobs for the TUC boys

There was a time when Jim Mortimer, was paraded around the working-class movement as a leading left-winger. At the time he edited the Draughtsmen's Union journal and wrote moving attacks on trade union acceptance of incomes policies in a capitalist society.

But Jim later left the Draughtsmen and sought pastures new. He went on to the Labour government's Prices and Incomes Board. He set some £6000 a year to administer the Labour government's incomes policy under capitalism.

It collapsed, under pressure from the low-paid workers who suffered most grievously from it. But this was by no means the end of the rise of James Mortimer.

Under the Tories he at least kept pace with inflation. He went to London Transport as labour relations advisor on £15,000 a year. He put in a stint on the witch-hunting Wibberforce Inquiry into the power workers' dispute. Some thought he had gone too far and had openly crossed to the other side.

But over recent months Jim's star has been shining ever brighter. A Labour government, back in power, proceeded to unfold the wonders of the social contract, a scheme which formally restored free collective bargaining in return for an agreement from the unions not to engage in privilege. Such a spectacular fraud obviously required a powerful fraud squad - to try to sell it. That is where James Mortimer came in.

Mortimer had made head of the Conciliation and Arbitration Service at £14,500 a year, £900 a week, doubtless plus expenses.

This service is supposed to head off strikes and disputes by conciliating and arbitrating. A sort of fire brigade for the 'voluntary' incomes policy. The government hopes it will be more successful than its predecessor, the inflammatory National Industrial Relations Court.

Darling

Alongside Jim Mortimer sit several other gentlemen who have made fine conference speeches denouncing the incomes policy. They are Jack Jones, the Transport Workers' general secretary, George Smith, the builders' general secretary (UCATT), and Richard Brighshaw of the Operative Printers (NATSOFA).

Brighshaw, that darling of the Morning Star, has made more speeches this week than on any earlier Russian revolution: about the massacre of the monopole owners and the need for free collective bargaining. Yet he was too pleased to nip on to the Conciliation and Arbitration Service and do down those who are foolish enough to take part in it seriously.

None of this should come as any surprise to hardened observers of the trade union scene. Brighshaw has sounded left for years. But he has always carefully avoided making deeds to words.

Anyway he's due to retire this year and he's in need of a job. So is

Smith, the former Communist who went on to witch-hunt the militants in the building industry. And doubtless Jack Jones is anxious to spread his talents wider. And so on and on.

The sad thing is that all the time they're conciliating and arbitrating, the employers are getting organised in a determined fashion.

For the moment they're prepared to go along with the CAP. But if that doesn't work in their battle to cut working-class living standards and boost profits - and it won't - then they can always turn to Union or GR 75, Colonel Blimp's private armies. And then perhaps the TUC General Council might pass a resolution.

Last Tuesday's edition of the Tory sheet The Sun carried yet another moving sermon from Electricians Union general secretary and president Frank Chapple.

Naturally this contribution was on Brother Chapple's favourite theme - the virtues of democracy and the menace of the militants.

This masterpiece was enriched as usual by Frank's deadly turns of phrase.

The trade union movement must provide the butt of democratic values which will preserve our way of life.

And even within the movement there are those who seek to undermine our resolve; who would push us a little further down the slope that leads to chaos or dictatorship, wrote Frank.

An interesting example of how Frank Chapple translates the world into a war of the machines was given in Socialist Worker two weeks ago by Frank Chapple, who has been occupying the two top posts in the union for some two years, had called in a firm of business consultants to propose charges in union organisation.

The firm, which is run by James Houston, an intimate of Chapple's, who is also chairman of the Joint Industry Board for Electrical Contracting, recommended that the union should have only one top official. This and other recommendations have been now been adopted by the union executive and will go to a ballet of the members.

But this is not the end of the

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 branch, of the men who have worked because of asbestos-and of their fight 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 laws cover its use and how to force management to keep them.

Top up plus 4p postage (10 copies or more post free) from 18 Books, 2/65 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.
IS BRANCHES all over the country are now launching the Socialist Worker meetings with speakers from the print unions and a wide variety of local working class representatives. As part of last week’s series, here are some notes to assist speakers:

The attack on the police in the past week.

The contempt case against Paul Foot and others coming up in October. The Labour Party—General is seeking an order to commit both sides to the publication of names in the January issue.

He contends that the problem is that this was a blackmail case, and that blackmail victims must be anonymous, otherwise they won’t come forward with their charges.

But these two gentlemen didn’t come forward on the national charges. They only pressed charges when questioned by detectives. They were against Janie Jones. Men should be named in prostitution cases. There is

70 WOMEN from various white-collar and manual unions attended a day school in Birmingham last week-end to discuss IS work in women’s issues.

The morning session covered problems of motherhood and the economic crisis deepens. It was argued that one of the major results of the end to the low grading of women’s jobs will become increasingly important. A Labour Party policy continues to cut the living standards of low-paid women.

The session was on the World Labour Conference and the aim of setting up a national movement of women workers. Many speakers felt that the demands of the Charter were too general and that instead we should be concentrating on the demands which we could fight for in particular unions and industries at our own workplace—demands that we should be building a separate women’s movement, but should be involving women and raising the demands of women workers in the national rank and file movement.

After the afternoon, the school split into four groups to discuss the problems women face in their workplaces and in their IS branches. Various suggestions came up, such as IS trade union factions producing detailed factsheets on the problems of women in unions and a list of

MAGNIFICENT, LEICESTER!

The executive meeting has passed a vote of thanks and congratulations to Leicestershire and the anti-racist sub-committee for the fantastic organisation put into the Leicestershire counter-demonstration against the National Front.

ENTRY for this column must be postmarked to reach Socialist Worker by Sunday morning—remember the ‘first class’ post takes two days or so at a time. Due to pressure of work we cannot take faxes. Our normal deadline is for 13 September or 1 October IS public meetings

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21-22 September in DERBY: All students will receive a discretionary award next year should attend. Special agenda includes work in small groups

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That's the British Leyland board-room

by Jock Wight

ONCE AGAIN, Cowley has become the mainspring of the popular press. The claims made by Graham Turner on Radio Oxford have given him a field day, with 'Skivers' Paradise' blazoned across everything from the Berkshire Mercury to The Guardian.

Turner claims less than a dozen men told him about card-skeds, sun-bathing and sleeping at work. So, on a representation of less than 0.05 per cent, he was a Government investigator.

This latest lunatic claim, though based on such flimsy evidence, has been blown sky-high by the Press who would have us believe that Cowley is full of outgoing workers, angry over this star. I find the general attitude to be one of exasperation - why not use it?

What sticks out is that British Leyland management and union officials have joined forces to defend the workers. One wag in my shop said: 'I don't know they ever

MORALITY MEETING for 53 Canning St. This was prompted by a letter of the leader of the T&GWU from 1926. The meeting was held in the Clydeside, London 5, London WC. The T&GWU are making a point of speaking to everyone who attends to the board, which agitated for the British Transport Council Industries. 0-1-667 4562

Tommy Kilpatrick, trade unionist and revolutionary, died in Glasgow Knightswood Hospital on Wednesday 25 August, aged 55.

Although never in good health, Tommy played his part in the working class movement to the full. He could have probably profited by cutting down on trade union and political commitments, but he was not that kind of a man.

In the fifties, as a shop steward and Communist Party member, he took part in many struggles in the Clyde-side shipyards. His outspoken revolutionary politics, however, were to bring him into conflict with Party leaders, and in 1955 he left the CP.

Supported by British Leyland, the Traders Council executive member, his contribution to Glasgow IS is considerable. Always ready to discuss his
CARN BREA, Cornwall. The women of John Heathcoat's Lantelton division have shown what militant action can achieve.

Management had proposed that workers in the three Heathcoat Cousins work this summer's holiday Monday at normal rates, with a day in lieu at Christmas, plus an additional day to make up for an earlier one lost.

The shop stewards had repeatedly demanded double time, which was paid for working other hours for working not at all. They added that it was not when they were going to have another one at Christmas, the shop stewards saw this extra day as allowing management to include New Year's Day in the Christmas holiday break, saving them an extra shift or heavy wage payment for working that day.

The tie was given to management's reply when, after the Lantelton women's one-week strike, management backed down and agreed to them having the Bank Holiday day off and keeping the additional day.

Women show their strength

400 women at SEI Heywood in Lancashire are now in the third week of their strike for equal pay.

A meeting between the Engineering Employers' Federation and the AUEW ended with the usual story of 'return to work and we will open negotiations'.

About 10 women are still working and are by Norma Stephans, APEX Convenor, SEI, Eccles treated to a line of women chanting 'blacklegs out' on arriving at work. One woman, unable to bear the strain, ran back up the path and asked the police what they were going to do. Their answer—nothing. The poor souls had no alternatives but to run the gauntlet once more.

Peter Braham, engineering district official, told Socialist Worker, "We are not taking on Brian White, managing director of SEI, but Sir Arnold Weinstock (GE managing director) and we intend to get all GEC goods blacked throughout the country.

The men workers, who are members of the AUEW, have decided to stage one hour a day guileless picket in support of the girl. Bella Fullard, shop steward, was told by her husband after she had seen her on television: 'I have never seen you so angry in 38 years of marriage.'

The mother plant at Eccles remains hotly debate. The shop floor of about 800 women continue to ignore AUEW district instructions to come out on strike.

A mass meeting of the 400 women on strike this week decided unanimously not to stay on if all they had got were everything they wanted. Weinstock had better watch out.

Bosss back down on lock-out threat

BIRMINGHAM, 30 November

SECONDD NATIONAL RANK AND FILE
DELEGATE CONFERENCE

BIRINGHAM,
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CHILE: What we must do

Get a Work Commit for Chilean trade unions in this week's issue of International Worker. We are persuaded this should be a work permit for one or more of these Chilean trade unions.

Young strikers go back to a walk out

By IS members at Barr and Stroud's GLASGOW—Less than a week after 100 junior workers ended their strike, all the workforce here have come out because some adult workers had not returned.

The walk-out came when a worker was sent home after his department. The adjutant, had blocked the work of an individual in another department who had failed to pay the levy to the junior workers' committee. The department struck and were joined the day by all the other workers.

The junior workers had gone back pending negotiations with management to improve their basic rates. They struck early in July against a 10 per cent wage increase and had forced them to accept less than the amount asked for by the workers.

The inexperience and confusion of the shop stewards' organisation, their refusal to fight firmly for the whole workforce right from the beginning, is responsible for the chaotic situation which has arisen.

Lead

Without a positive lead from the conveners and shop stewards, the workers were right to refuse to work with people they had defined as a sectional demand and refused to pay the levy.

Even when the decision was taken, however, the ruling of the closed shop was deliberately not taken up. The closed shop must be ended and workers' interests—otherwise the same situation will be reached again where decisions are flouted by a handful of us.

The decision to allow the junior workers to fight alone has led to this situation. A militant fight for the full threshold, would have united the factory and created the sort of unity which the present strike decision attempts to recover.

SUPPORT FOR CHILE DEMO

BRADFORD District Committee of the AUEW called last week for full support for the AUEW in the 15 September Chile demonstration in London. The Executive is organizing factory gate meetings and collections on 11 November. The demonstration is a reminder to us of the后的 Deputy Prime Minister which the present strike decision attempts to recover.
HATE WORK STOP US!

IT'S IMPROVING all the time. So said delighted NUPE Branch Secretary Bill Geddes this week of the pay-belt ban introduced in the Joint Shop Stewards Committee at the Hammentons Hospital in West London.

He added: 'Management after all still struggle to get private patients in but we think they have only succeed in getting one past us'. Consultants are arranging for private patients to receive an NHS coding number but the junior doctors are reluctant to carry on this fraud much longer.

The 14 or so private patients remaining since the ban began two weeks ago are either getting food cooked outside or the District Administrator is trying up for them in his office.

No food is being provided from the Hammentons kitchens.

Stewards have received a flood of unsigned hate mail full of obscenities. Unfortunately, they have not been getting a corresponding mail of solidarity from other trade union branches.

Bill Geddes said: 'We've been a bit disappointed that other hospitals haven't followed us up. We were hoping to kick this off and then just fade into the background'.

Messages of support to the Joint Shop Stewards Committee, The Hammentons Hospital, 150 Du Cane Road, London, W12.

YOUR CASH HELPS US FIGHT THE FASCISTS

BLACK and Irish workers are in the forefront of the opposition to the latest National Front march. While the politicians seek to appease these two groups, Socialist Worker is taking the task of opposing them seriously.

Fine words and speeches will not prevent the spread of their vile propaganda. Those socialists who remember the 1930s know to their cost that the only way of putting a stop to fascism is to organise the labour movement into action.

Action is the word. This week Socialist Worker has produced tens of thousands of leaflets and posters in Urdu, Gujarati, Bengali and Punjabi.

Socialist Worker organisers and members are contacting black workers to win support for counter-demonstrations against the National Front.

It is to support activity such as this that Socialist Worker has a

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JEAN MAXWELL: I feel that since we don't get any benefits, we can't afford to buy clothes. We go to church and the Salvation Army on a Saturday. We use any food that is left.

DORA LEVINSON: We have to live nine months for our incomes. MPs get theirs straight away. We shouldn't have to pay tax twice on pensions. I paid when I was working—it shouldn't be again.

BERTRAM EDWARDS, a member of the Harrow Trades Council Executive: 'It's impossible to live on. You have to know all the tricks to get a full supplementary benefit. It means you cheat. Remember, these people lived through the means testing. It made a lasting impression.'

They went to the TUC rally to protest about pensions. Not one was asked to speak—except by Socialist Worker

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