BRITAIN'S 'top people' are panicking. Their system is in crisis and they don't know what to do.

Their daily paper, The Times, has warned that the elections next month will produce the 'last chance parliament.' If it doesn't find some way to end inflation, then 'democracy will be endangered.'

Their favourite business weekly, The Economist, suggests: 'The British political system is being put to a test which it may not be able to meet.'

Sir Keith Joseph, a key figure in the last Tory government, has now joined Enoch Powell in calling for massive unemployment as the only alternative to ever faster price rises.

Geoffrey Rippon, another leading Tory, is pushing his own plan to build a special strike-breaking 'volunteer force' to stand alongside the army and the police.

Compare these shrieks with the gentle platitudes of the Tory election manifesto, published this week. It's called 'Putting Britain First,' apparently the title dreamed up by Harold Wilson for Labour's manifesto.

Heath, like Labour, will be relying on a 'voluntary prices policy.' He's promised not to re-enact his Industrial Relations Act. He's even talking about coalitions with Liberals and Labour leaders.

These violent splits are symptoms of the great class war among stockbrokers, industrialists, speculators and other skivers who, only a year ago, were enjoying one of the biggest bonanzas in the history of their class. Their profits, dividends, rents and interest payments are still up by about a third on last year.

But that's not enough. Because, as they look ahead, they see nothing but more uncertainty, more inflation.

All the policies of all the factions—including the policies of the Labour Party—have one aim: to cut the living standards of workers so that a parasite class can maintain its privileges, its leisure and its power.

Most of this class still support Heath. They remember being beaten when they took on the dockers at Pentonville in 1972. They remember being beaten by the miners in 1974.

They remember that confrontation with the working class is the only way to bring them before the courts. So they hope that Heath (or, if Labour wins, Wilson) can persuade, bully or bribe the trade union leaders into holding down the wages of their own members.

But they can't be sure.

They know that prices will continue rising. They fear that the union leaders, promised by the rank and file, will not be able to hold wages down.

Amining

That's why more and more of them are beginning to talk for the first time for 50 years, of "total solutions." They are beginning to express themselves openly in terms of class war of arming their class for a real confrontation with workers of which they haven't been in this country since the General Strike of 1926.

That is the significance of the Tory wild men.

The Labour and TUC leaders, delighted at the Tory splits, are pretending that there is no crisis at all, that all will be well under a Labour government. All that's necessary, they claim, is for workers to cut their own wages, and the crisis will go away.

Panic

This is a policy for disaster. If the Labour leaders do not protect the workers from higher prices and unemployment, substantial sections of the workers can quickly fall for the lies of the Tory caricars.

The only way to fight back against the threats of the Rippons and the Josephs is to fight in defence of every job, and for wage increases which keep us ahead of prices.

The wild men's panic shows that they know they can't run their system without creating havoc for the workers.

The only way to avoid that is to organize at the roots of the working-class movement, to build a socialist alternative which will stand up for workers, not for votes every five years, but for a workers' society all the time.

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NO AID! NO TRADE! SMASH THE CHILEAN JUNTA!

International Socialists' Rally: Speakers' Corner, 12:30pm, Speakers: Paul Foot, Bob Light and a speaker from the Chilean MIR.

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After Saturday: How to keep the fascists running

by John Deason

The real united front was the 15,000 people who marched in London on Saturday. Some of those who sympathised with the fascists were surprised to see how well they were organised. The fascists had a long march against them and a large crowd of people who were determined to prevent them from reaching their destination. The fascists were stopped by the police, who used tear gas to disperse the crowd. The fascists then dispersed and the police moved in to clear the area. The fascist march was stopped and the police now have the situation under control.

EXPEL

The fight for socialist ideas is key. The fascists do not want to see a socialist society in which they are not in control. They are determined to stop socialism from spreading and to maintain their grip on power. They have been successful in the past and they will continue to be successful in the future. They have the support of some sections of the population, but they cannot win without the support of the working class. The fascists are not interested in the welfare of the working class, they are only interested in their own interests. They are not interested in the future of the working class, they are only interested in their own future.

POLICE break girl's wrist

The police were called to the scene after receiving reports of a disturbance. The girl was taken to hospital where she was treated for injuries to her hand. The police are now investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses.

ARRESTS: WE NEED WITNESSES AND AID

The following people were among those arrested on Saturday and are in need of witness statements: Geoffroy Hancock, Stuart Kitchens, Lindsay Greg (arrested in New Oxford Street), Robert Tate, Charles Baill, Michael Fisk (both arrested in Hyde Street), Tony Lockwood (arrested in Whitehall), Jacqueline Klein and Nicholas Ireland, Steve Jeffries (arrested in Whitehall), Anthony Young (arrested in Whitehall), Poli Smith (arrested in Whitehall), and Poli Smith, who is in hospital after being attacked by the police. The police are now investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses.

The International Socialists did not wait for the fascists in Hyde Park. They marched to meet them in their hundreds surounded by bulldozers and police. They were protected by members of the National Front. The fascists were met by a large crowd of people who were determined to prevent them from reaching their destination. The fascists were stopped by the police, who used tear gas to disperse the crowd. The fascists then dispersed and the police moved in to clear the area. The fascist march was stopped and the police now have the situation under control.

BARRAGE

The police charge as demonstrators form a barrier in an attempt to stop the Front march. The fascists including, on two occasions, the formation of a human barrier across the road. The 2000 police brutally swept aside so that the fascists could march on.

POLICE Smith, a member of Ipswich Socialists, was taken to hospital after the demonstration. She said: "I was in hospital as a result of the police attack on me. My head was injured and I was unable to walk."

The police said that they had acted in self-defence. The police attack on the demonstrators was planned and carried out in an attempt to prevent the fascists from reaching their destination. The police had been given orders to use force if necessary. The police action was a clear example of the police's determination to prevent the fascists from reaching their destination.

ACTION GOES ON

The fascists and their supporters are determined to continue their march and to spread their ideas. They are not interested in the welfare of the working class, they are only interested in their own interests. They are not interested in the future of the working class, they are only interested in their own future. They are not interested in the future of the working class, they are only interested in their own future.
THE LOYALIST SPLIT WIDENS

THE SPLIT in the Protestant community here between the 'old-style' politicians rallying to Enoch Powell and the grassroots activists who reject the anti-power-sharing strike is coming more and more into the open.

Mr Murray, speaking in Belfast, said that the Ulster Loyalist Workers' Alliance (ULWA) is dissolving. Chairman of the Ulster Workers' Council which organised the strike saying the strike had 'lost its way' and was being 'manoeuvred by Patricia Hewitt.'

Two others resigned with him. In Derry, another of the strike leaders, Mr David Montgomery, is threatening to split the Protestant vote in the coming election by standing against those who he believes are 'puppets' of the Loyalist Council. If official results do not get a free run to Westminster he said, 'We will split.'

In West Belfast, Ken Gibson, leader of the Loyalist Workers' Alliance was also leaked to press about a split.

The other side of the Con-Track

ETON and Harrow are part of the Social Contract. The so-called Public schools, fees from £1000 a year upward, will not be abolished in Harold Wilson's New Britain after all.

It simply would not be practical to do it, said Education Minister Reg Prentice last week.

So the sale of educational privileges to the children of the wealthy will be part and parcel of what Harold Wilson called, 'the PAC,' a 'way of life for Britain, based on social compartmentalisation.'

Public schools 'allowed some people to buy privilege for their families at the expense of others,' said Prentice in a masterly understatement.

Never mind. The Social Contract is aimed, in Wilson's words, "at replacing conflict and confrontation by conciliation and co-operation." That's a conflict with the rich over their tax-supported, special and superior schools.

The oldest and most prestigious public schools are "engaged" at the 15th and 16th centuries by wealthy students who pay their way to "keep the family name." This counts as charity so Eton College, for instance, gives back all their students and the rest pay no taxes on their vast estates.

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Mozambique: Racists go for their guns

ALMOST ten years to the day they took up arms, Frelimo, the liberation movement, has signed an agreement with the Portuguese government to hold talks on independence within 12 months and end all political violence.

The news sparked a white exodus across the border, in Portuguese East Africa.

DANGER:

Though armed to the teeth, the Rhodesian-style UDI. They depend entirely on the Portuguese army, which has been ordered to quell any separatist uprisings. But it has not been so far taken no action.

The great danger of the white revolt lies in the possibilities for outside intervention. South Africa, concerned to keep "stable" her own border, might come in to support UDI forces.

IF YOU HAVE a few hundred pounds to spare, you may want to buy a copy of the Socialist Worker. It's a useful read for the suppression of our ideas, and for the struggle against capitalism. Congratulations to the British government! Now you can have a lot more money for your new "English" living standards! And for the lower paid, we can afford to show you the way.

The face of privilege: Nothing to fear from Labour

WE HAVE been paying far too little for sugar.

JOHN MOORE, Tony MP for Gwythian Central, mortgage banker and stockbroker.

Unity: Yes, but not at this price

IT IS ALWAYS a pleasure to be able to agree with others on the left, especially with those who never tire of preaching the need for unity. We entirely agree with the arguments of Jimmy Reid on the Social Contract (Morning Star, 7 September), so much so that we think they deserve to be reprinted.

"Take the issue of the social contract. It is amazing to hear people argue that it does not mean wage restraint," says comrade Reid. "If this is so, what does it mean? Why the ecstatic reception by every Tony and right-wing industrial and political commentator? Are we to assume that they were applauding a socialist programme, or even the first step on a long journey to a workers' republic?"

Absolutely right. So is his argument that wage increases foregone by strongly organised workers do not help the lower paid but merely boost profits.

"There is no mechanism in our society, or any capitalist society," says Reid, whereby these 'are then transferred to the pockets of the lower paid. With any form of wage restraint, voluntary or statutory, the lower paid are always the most seriously hurt, and the Social Contract will be no exception."

If the Communist Party wholeheartedly accepted these views in practice the struggle against the Social Con-Track fraud would be considerably strengthened. But does it?

Why did not the Communist Party exert all its considerable influence in certain union branches to object to wage restraint on the Social Contract on the agenda of the Brighton TUC?

The much-publicised TASS motion, supported by the Morning Star, was a motion of conditional support for the Social Contract. And even that motion was withdrawn in face of pressure from the General Council.

The Communist Party now says it shouldn't have been withdrawn, at least not without putting its own ALLEW delegation. But Ken Gill and Eddie Marsden, two of the Communist Party's most prominent trade union leaders, agree to the withdrawal. Without their agreement, the withdrawal would not have been possible.

Will the Communist Party demonstrate the seriousness of its opposition to the Social Con-Track by taking disciplinary action against Gill and Marsden? After all, if Reid's line is correct, what is involved here is an out and out sell out.

Unfortunately, there are good grounds for believing that Gill and Marsden represent the Communist Party's real line, 'unity' at all costs, with the Labour and TUC 'lefts', even at the cost of completely abandoning the Communist Party.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If the Communist Party takes no action against Gill and Marsden it will confirm that its opposition to class-collaboration is a sham.

Free Pat Arowsmith

PAT ARROWSMITH has been recaptured. She is serving a prison sentence after conviction under the infamous Incitement to Disaffection Act. This Act, passed by the Tories in 1934, makes it a crime for anyone to have 'in his possession or under his control any document of such a nature that the disposal of those documents, or the possession thereof among members of Her Majesty's forces would constitute such an offence.'

The Act is accurately described by the National Council for Civil Liberties as 'a useful tool for the suppression of opinions which the government or the police want to suppress.'

The case is now being considered by the European Court of Human Rights. 

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WHAT WE THINK

GREAT MOMENTS IN

WORKING-CLASS HISTORY No.95

Charlie Broadbent registering the Communist Party vote for the Social Contract at the Trades Union Conference.
 Why I’ll be marching this weekend

As a hospital worker and a member of the TUCW, I will be demonstrating in Glasgow on Saturday to show solidarity with my fellow trade unionists in Chile and to express my opposition and disgust at the repression of workers there by the fascist junta.

Repressive measures such as the torture camps like Tejia Verdes outside Santiago accompany every fascist dictatorship. Inside these camps are carried out the most brutal horrors imaginable.

The task of the solidarity committee in Britain is to provide the trade union movement with the truth about what is happening in Chile.

Collecting money for the defence of the Chilean workers is extremely important but it is also necessary to do something to defeat fascists outside and inside Britain.

The British ruling class have become aware of the growing militancy and opposition by the working class—such is why the imprisonment of the Shrewsbury building workers and the National Front a few weeks ago is not surprising.

If a government were ever threatened to take away the wealth of workers, even the facade of parliamentary democracy would be dropped immediately and the true nature of the ruling class would then come to light as it did in Chile in November 1973.

What can we do to ensure that the situation in Chile never arises here? We must build a revolutionary organisation which will take away the power from the ruling class by leading the collective strength of the working class towards victory through physically taking control of the means of production and smashing the machinery of State control.

That organisation is the International Socialists. To build IS, we must actively organise to strengthen the capabilities of the rank and file. The demonstration in Glasgow on Saturday will only be a small contribution against fascism by rank and file workers.

But these workers have the potential power to bring the eventual overthrow of capitalism. Socialism must persist, but it will only do so through the international solidarity of the working class.

JIM BARLOW, Secretary, Dundee Chile Solidarity Campaign.

THE STENCH ON THE BEACH

As ONE of the many unfortunate to have appeared before the so-called "Justice" (1) of the Peace, I would like to ask a question: where the hell do they find these alcoholic idiots?

It’s common knowledge that magistrates are too busy inserting their fingers in this or that pie to have any first-hand knowledge of how working-class people live.

Consequently we are fined or jailed out of all proportion to the wages we earn or the offence committed.

Recently I was on a motoring charge. After a four-hour wait, three JP’s appeared, one of whom concurred. It was a considerable time to reach the bench, we were visibly in pain with his leg.

Another wobbled to her seat, taking one step forward and three back. She was on the bench, man seemed surprised, it looked like his foot got caught.

A police inspector said to me: "can you smell the gas on that law?"

For once, I agreed with him.

While giving my defence, the old blag was visibly struggling, pain and rubbing his bad leg while the woman kept nodding off to sleep.

She would slowly close her eyes, and then her head would suddenly flop forward into deep sleep.

Deliberately, I would then raise my voice, and they would jump back to life with such a start that it seemed she would go through the ceiling.

Meanwhile, the old man would suddenly go off almost as if the vibration of my voice was making his leg hurt even more.

The two of them were not taking a blind bit of notice of what I was saying.

A JP with the blag was heard to say: "This fellow’s a murderer or she might wake up screaming!"

"That’s the nearest there!"

The third JP, who hadn’t said a word, then joined heads with the others. At first I thought they had all gone for a nap.

No such luck. They were deciding whether or not to send me to prison. I was fined more than £200: £303 ALWI (TGWU), Morpeth.

THE PLAN of Harold Gordan MP for "law and order wardens" is surely another example of the Tory campaign against workers... His "determinate" plan for junior policemen, who are in protective company... Hitler had the same basis to his campaign... It is just one more reason why the Tories must be thrown out at the next election...—JOHN GARDEN, Bath.

I WAS at the Windsor pop festival and was quite pleased. It was rather large in scale but it must have been planned well and had been kept to a police force to continue peacefully almost until the end, the police had imported posers and the hospitality... Why? Perhaps because they are working for a principle... Such tendencies have, of course, been in evidence for some time.—JOHN HAYWARD, Loughborough.

THE LONDON Evening News editorial staff have been warned to regard as "top secret" the home telephone numbers of Coven Moyer, the writer of that now notorious series on Left groups called The Wreckers.

The notice was one of the last to come from editor Don Biddle before he was arrested by the Hammersworth after 20 years on the staff.

He warned staff to resist attempts from outside to obtain Moyer’s home number. After the recent delivery to DSM, WRG and, less forcefully, the National Front, he was sure that there would be a sinister backhanded directed at the poor lady from unscrupulous quarters on the Left.

He concluded his note with a "must be all vigilant" warning, it appears that he is under the impression that blood-thirsty, vengeful, revolutionaries are about to strike at any moment.—A HACK, Fleet Street.

Over my dead Boddie...”

THE THUNDERING of drums, the indomitable spirit of the soldier, the gallant action of the colonel, the chivalrous resistance of the gunners, the dashing valor of the officers—these are the scenes which will keep the heart of the true Briton warm.

BATH, like all towns and cities, is suffering from an acute housing shortage... Yet the Royal Defence (Navy) is leasing a building from a well-known property landlord for a sum believed to be more than £100 a month... It’s time government and property interests start putting OUR money to good use... Under houses to live in—not to grow blocks to squat in—BATHIANON.

EVERY WEEK in our shopping centres, well-meaning people collect cash for the Deception (Navy) to help the Save the Children... What a perfect opportunity for the Zionist-dominated democratic system to flout the human beings it has been designed to serve... The money of those who, for example, cancer or the poor, raise money, then raise money, then raise money... The money of those who can ill afford to part with their meagre earnings, and the money of those who are spending our money on murderous wars, to notoriously produce a cure for... cancer... If our money were spent properly, we could always organise some cheap...—IAN RILEY, Chrysler Ryton.

I’VE just started subscribing to SW and I’m delighted with it. Since you have had to put up the price, I’m sending you all the outstanding 2s.—MOLLY BAILIE, Patagonia.

JUST A CROOKED COP?

On 24 August it was reported that Sergeant Grant Smith of the Metropolitan Police who after confessing to planting evidence on three men on charges of murder, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for perjury. This led to an investigation (by the police) and a report to the Home Office on the three cases.

Sgt Smith’s the man who confessed to planting evidence during an Anarchist demonstration and was convicted of murder... To a lot of people this is history and not news. They are the people who have been convicted of crimes they hadn’t committed solely on fabricated police evidence. They are fully aware of the whole charade....

Papers like the Daily Mirror admit that these disgraceful activities are taking place in the police force; but at the same time try to make out that these are all totally exceptional and isolated incidents committed by a very small minority solely for their own personal gain.

But the fact is that these activities are part of the duties performed by the police and the armed forces to help keep the whole corrupt system intact. It isn’t just crooked officers that we’ve got to get rid of, but the whole rotten system....—L.D.H., London. N.W.8.
Ah, but look at the colour of his money

READERS in Wigan have sent me a copy of last Friday's Wigan Observer containing a long article about a Mr. Gibson, who is a well-known character in the town. The article begins:

Mr. Gibson, who is a retired police officer, has recently been appointed manager of the local insurance company. He is the first member of the family to hold such an important position. His appointment has been welcomed by the community as a sign that the Gibson family is making its mark in the world of business.

Mr. Gibson has always been known as a hard-working man, and his appointment as manager is a fitting reward for his years of service. He has been a member of the local police force for over 30 years, and has always been known for his honesty and integrity.

The article goes on to explain the background of the Gibson family, which has been involved in the Wigan area for generations.

The extract ends with a statement from Mr. Gibson's brother, who describes him as an inspiration to the whole family.

Secret

While we're on the subject, I noticed a very interesting secret that was mentioned in the newspaper. It seems that the famous Wigan town crier has revealed a secret about the Gibson family. According to the crier, Mr. Gibson's great-great-grandfather was a member of the Royal Navy and was involved in the capture of a Spanish ship near the coast of Peru.

FOOT PRINTS

Behind Cold Bars

THE Business Ideas Newsletter is a quarterly publication of The Institute of Small Business to give small businessmen some practical ideas on how to make a quick profit. The issue of 28 August contains the following:

You could also try selling in your area. You can get very good prices for your wares, especially if you are in a market area.

 Injection moulding equipment is available for some items and several prisons have industrial moulding producing up to 1/5 of the output of 100 parts a week. The benefit of using this equipment is that the prisoners can be paid for their work and it can be used to train other prisoners in the future.

For more information, please contact the Institute of Small Business.

FEARLESS, FRANK AND FREE

YOU never know what will come out when you turn over a Tory stone. For a few weeks I've been investigating the activities of a group called the Port of Felixstowe Strike Committee, who have been trying to organise a strike at the Port of Felixstowe.

The group has been campaigning for better conditions and pay for workers at the port. Their tactics include picketing, demonstrations and sometimes violent confrontations with police.

I spoke to one of the leaders of the group, a man called Frank O'Shanahan, who said that they were fighting for the rights of workers at the port.

Only recently, Frank O'Shanahan and another member of the committee were arrested for non-payment of a fine. However, it seems that the police are not taking the group's actions lightly.

For more information, please contact the Port of Felixstowe Strike Committee.

International Socialists

If you agree with the views expressed in this paper, please feel free to contact us. We are always looking for new members.

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WHAT WE STAND FOR

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

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION
We believe that socialism can only be achieved by the independent action of the working class.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORMISM
We believe in overthrowing capitalism, not patching it up or gradually trying to change it. We therefore oppose all reformist policies and policies which aim to contain and limit the revolutionary struggle.

THE SMASHING OF THE CAPITALIST STATE
The state machine is a weapon of the capitalist class and therefore must be smashed. The present parliament, army, police and judges cannot simply be taken over and used by the working class. There is, therefore, no parliamentary road to socialism. We therefore support the smashing of the capitalist state and call for a new socialist state to be established.

WORK IN THE MASS ORGANISATIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS
We believe in working in the mass organisations of the working class, particularly the trade unions, and in fighting for rank and file control of them.

INTERNATIONALISM
We are internationalists. We believe in solidarity with workers in other countries, and we support and campaign for the cause of the working class everywhere.

For further information, please contact the Socialist Worker office.
I started work as a docker in December 1972 and soon realised that we had problems. The no-scheme ports were booming at our expense.

They had scabbed on the national strike and worked for lower rates with fewer men to each job. Their employers paid nothing to the National Dock Labour Board Levy for holidays and sick pay. Workers had no job security.

Nothing has changed since. That is why Eldon Griffiths, Tony MP and director of the London Dockers' Union, runs the port of Felixstowe, can say: 'The dockers provide us with a private enterprise Felixtowe.'

For two years we have been patient. We waited for the Jones-Aldington Report which gave us nothing. Now we are waiting for the recalled Dockers Debate Committee. On the wages front the National Ports Stewards Committee lost the fight for a 20 per cent increase. One by one, the major ports all gave in except those agreements. At the moment the committee is not functioning.

It is against this background of inactivity and uncertainty with no national dock and file leadership that we must view the government's policy that this dockers' docks belongs to the dockers everything. Anything we have, we have fought for.

So why, when a national strike and man pickets failed, do we get nationalisation and the non-scheme ports on a plate after sitting on our backside for two years?

It is easy to support the proposals, if only because the bosses are determined to sabotage them. Aims of Industry, the right wing bosses' organisation, is spending a million pounds to attack nationalisation, of which £75,000 is earmarked to attack the docks proposals.

Efficiency

Looking at some of the proposals I wonder why we have a government. Dockers hardly get a mention, except for plans to 'promote efficiency of the ports industry in the interests of those who use and control it.' Experience tells us that 'efficiency' and 'economy' are the thin veneer placed on 'social management reorganization' and 'local initiative and responsibility.'

So much for public control. Under the new scheme docks such as London, and British Transport Docks, including Southamptom, the Humber ports and London are already under public control even though this only extends to ports facilities. The port authorities are mainly private firms.

With the plan of bringing cargo-handling facilities under public control everything is in place. The compensation for the employers, followed by the termination of the 2,000 unregistered dockers will benefit us.

Tradition

There are dangers though. Many of the private wharves have no trade union representation. A few exceptions, with a fine record of solidarity with their registered brothers. Will there be a lack of solidarity with the unorganised workers?

There are also moves to try to persuade the unorganised to accept nationalisation, most of whom are involved in street trading in the interests of 'efficiency' or the 'national' interests. Another area which is likely to be affected is dockers' docks. The bosses hate dockers, the bosses hate dockers' docks. Nationalisation would be a victory in itself and help place all our hopes in a minority Labour government.

We need now the leadership of the National Ports Stewards Committees and Dockworkers' Union leadership, to defend the scheme, to take our traditions into national ownership, and once more take up the fight for the nationalisation of the ports.

The Dockers Club would be quite happy to sell their jobs to the bosses, in exchange for Labour promises. We have had promises before. In 1941 and 1961, but these were notional promises under private employers after a promise of nationalisation and sweeping industrial democracy. When the 1945 Labour government brought in the light of day it was just a cover-up that there was a one-day strike and 200 unregistered dockers were arrested in protest to parliament.

Participation

Finally, the government let promises 'appropriate arrangements' for dockers' and their families. Also, dockers' 'worker participation'. Jack Jones may want 50 per cent participation by workers in management, I do not. We have enough bosses as it is. The point is to get them out being dragged in to the enterprise system.

There are only two ways to solve the bosses' problems. One is for them to get their basic standards. The other is to get rid of the bosses and set up a democratic socialist revolution.

The nationalisation of industry is our interests and not for the benefit of a handful of proprietor and their hangers-on. We will fight for the time, not for 50 per cent, 100 per cent participation. To achieve this, militancy is not enough. The dockers' party dedicated to the socialist revolution.

Labour passes the port

by Mike Stanton

TGWU, Grimsby docks

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The Jones-Aldington Report gave us nothing. Now we are waiting for the recall of the Dockers Debate Committee. On the wages front the National Stewards' Committee lost the fight for a 20 per cent increase. One by one, the major ports all gave in except for those agreements.

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Labour's £25 million gift to the junta

BY LAURIE FLYNN

THE Labour government that so prided itself on cutting off the £250,000-a-year economic aid to the Chilean junta has quietly allowed the Bank of England and the Treasury to make those self-same Chilean generals a present of £25 million.

Labour has agreed that debt repayments due in 1973-74 need not now be paid until 1977. That is equivalent to £38 million in new, interest-free credit--of considerable assistance to the economically hard-pressed junta.

Movement towards this deal started just before the General Election in February. From 23 to 25 February the countries of Latin America met in London to discuss the huge sums of foreign debt and how they could help the junta out.

The problem was that Italy boycotted the talks and Holland suggested the debt relief should only be granted if the junta made some sort of gesture about releasing political prisoners.

But the British representatives were too far in insisting on a speedy deal. It was concluded two days later.

The Bank of England and Treasury officials' concern to get a speedy agreement was understandable. The approaching general election. They realized that a Labour agreement was returned little interference was likely if a deal had already been struck. After all, a gentleman's word is his bond.

Just over a week later a Labour government was in power.

The Labour Party Conference the previous October had taken an unambiguous line of opposition to the junta, a position which was endorsed by the Shadow Cabinet when Labour was in opposition. In November 1973 Judith Hart, who is now Minister for Overseas Development, moved a motion in the House of Commons outlining the Labour opposition's position on Chile.

Vetted

This pledged a Labour government to cut off all military supplies to the Chilean junta and to support the trade unions who blacked such orders. The motion was referred to credits and implicitly committed Labour government to step any debt relief.

The motion had the full support of Messrs Wilson, Healey and Callaghan and not just in the vote. For they had been involved in the final shaping of the motion when it was vetted by the Shadow Cabinet.

But Labour in office followed a different line. There is a strong suggestion by Callaghan, by now Foreign Secretary, that the government's position on Chile.

Gone were the pledges to cease all military supplies to the junta. Gone too was the promise of no aid, no naval visits and no new arms exports. Later Callaghan clarified what this clever formulation meant. In reply to a

Credit

British Insulated Caladonian Cables, big customer for Chilean copper, have announced a £25 million loan to the junta, and are now considering a £15 million export of copper supplies. The loan is to be made to a junta-subsidised firm, the Compania de metales de Informaciones.

Nonetheless success was swift. Callaghan raised and gave the parliamentary Labour Party and the Labour Party national executive that the government cannot afford to alienate copper supplies. Ex-minister of Defence Roy Mason weighed in behind him. He was terribly worried about his arms trade.

The result of all these endeavours was that the junta got its existing orders and a prospect of more. But one other important concession was also quietly made. No longer was there any suggestion that the renegotiation of the Chilean foreign debt might be stopped or even that meaningful 'human rights' string might be applied to it.

In June, after the deal had been agreed but before it was finally signed, left Labour MPs again started flogging around in the 'proper channels' trying desperately to get government ministers to play the game.

What the junta has achieved: Building workers demonstrating in Santiago when Allende was president

According to the Labour Party Conference resolutions, British support for Allende government was unconditional. But that outcome is in danger as the junta's default on the debt payments will precipitate a crisis.

There is every reason to believe that the junta will default on payments due in March. To do this would be the perfect moment to make any changes to the policy of support conditioning policy.

News from the resistance

There were 100 blackouts 24 hours in succession in 1972, which was described as caused by the small problem of interconnection with a transformer of the General Electric Corporation in New York. The strikes were all over the country, ranging from out helicopters of the Marquesa, the private airline, to the TV company.

On 2 May six Hawker Hunters coffins arrived in Chile from Britain. There were the Compania de metales de Informaciones and a group who had been to Tucumán.

The Attended assassination of General Caruso in June was not reported in the newspapers, and the representative of the aircraft, I was kept quiet by the junta. The real reason, I was told by a high-ranking officer who was immediately sold to me by a friend, was a dream of the junta. It is also most suspicious to have the bodies put into their engines. The engines were destroyed. More than 200 non-commissioned officers and soldiers from the base were destroyed for interrogation.

The US government has always denied that it helped to finance the coup in Chile. Now, CIA director William Colby has admitted in testimony to a House of Representatives Committee, that £11 million dollars were allocated for 'covert action' against the Allende government.

The CIA financed the Christian Democrats in the 1970 election. Then after Allende's election, an additional five million dollars was authorized for 'political destabilisation' efforts during the period from 1971 to 1973. During summer 1973, when the Allende government was plagued by inflation, strikes and growing civil unrest further funds were made available by the CIA to his opponents.

Is the US government is it not now engaged in any clandestine operations in Chile? Naturally, now that the military junta has established its bloody dictatorship there is no need for further 'defence of democracy', CIA style. Instead the US government is handing over $13 million uncollected dollars of aid to bolster up General Pinochet.
It couldn't happen here

FOR a brief period after the election of the Labour government, it looked as though the people would come first. The trade union leaders managed to hustle their workers into submission, and a few small but important concessions were made.

These were prudently forewarned by the new Labour Prime Minister, Anthony Wedgewood Benn, at a mass Labour Party rally at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on the first anniversary of Labour's general election victory.

"We are the party of the people, and for us the people will come first," he said.

Soon after that rally the crisis clouds burst. Prices, rising at the rate of 14 to 15 per cent per annum for the previous three years, suddenly soared. In the last few months of the year they rose by 37 per cent. In response to growing resistance amongst trade unionists, Wedgewood Benn brought Jack Jones, the powerful general secretary of the two million-strong Transport and General Workers Union, into the government as Minister of Employment.

Jones established a complicated system of price control committees, in which trade union officials and local dignitaries came together to set price increases in the shops.

In some areas, especially in the more militant working-class districts of Liverpool, the North East and Scotland, the committee managed to force some price checks on the more ardent breaches of Labour's Price Act.

But in most areas the committees proved a failure. The point of view of the retailers and manufacturers was not taken into account, particularly amongst the trade union officials on the committees. Each meeting was widely publicized in the press, where those who had reluctantly attended were depicted as the 'Minister for Chaos'.

Attacked

The Conservative Party, silent and confused during the early months of the Labour government, recovered its unity and its voice. In June it was announced that the Tories had agreed with many proposals of Labour, including the nationalization of the ports, British Leyland, the country's biggest car manufacturer. Now they attacked the government at every opportunity.

In many areas the workers started to take things into their own hands, blaming the employers and their system for the economic crisis, their unfettered factory after factory.

In Manchester, the vast Great Eastern Electric complex at Trafford Park was occupied. On Tuesday, for a brief moment, the workers' committee took over the factory's plant at Whitehead.

Fascist

In hundreds of smaller factories throughout the country, the workers' committee movement, which had no strong national leaders and in which the Communist Party openly denounced, occupied the factories and sacked their employers.

Employers and Tories resorted in kind, assisted by the growing fascist movement—'the National Front' and 'volunteer organizations', whose ostensible purpose was 'civil resistance'. Led by former generals and ecumenical barons, these worked closely with the fascist organizations.

In December a rash of strikes broke out in the middle classes. Senator hospital doctors and surgeons, protesting against the labour government's proposals to end private practice, refused to operate or administer the hospitals, orchestrating the campaign, playing up the record of the Tories, and in so doing they helped a rash of personal scandals involving top Labour politicians.

Airline pilots stopped London Airport on Christmas Eve, in protest against government 'interference' in airline affairs, and the National Farmers' Union, whose local committeemen included staunch members of the National Front, openly floated the idea that they had no prices and effectively starved the country of several essential foods.

Army joins the Cabinet

The government was rocked to its foundations by these strikes and the farce of the press campaign.

It conceded the central demand of both that the Cabinet should be strengthened by the inclusion of two recently-created military peers, one a former NATO general, another a young Admiral of the Fleet.

In a special announcement the Labour Home Secretary, Roy Hattersley, announced that the government fully supported the patriotic spirit inspired by the crisis, and that the government was ready to support the army's high command.

THE election campaign involves the masses, and the masses are convinced that there is no choice between strikes and victory demonstration which demanded the fulfillment of 'Labour's promises.' A small, left-wing group within the Labour Party, calling itself "The Militant," grew in size and influence and started to agitate for 'left-wing' resolutions at the October party conference.

The workers' committee movement, which was suspected of national looting, spread like wildfire across Britain. There was hardly an employer who was not confronted with demands for the nationalization of all the mines.

SPECIAL DISPATCH
FROM LONDON
13 SEPTEMBER 1978

THE MINERS: "I have the incontrovertible proof... that the mines are not being mined. The House of Commons was told"

Demonstrate: Glasgow, 14 September Blythswood Square, 10.30 am
Tory governed inflation was called for the Labour movement, a bittersweet:told figures from 1970 to 1973. If you believe this book.

Prijeto's book.
The Full Story.

When in 1972, a close parallel with the 1972-73. If you don't believe this read Prijeto.


What you can do for Chile

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Blacking

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NEXT YEAR, equal pay becomes law. Yet in the 12 months before March 1974, according to recent government figures, nearly half of Britain's small firms made no progress towards it. Bigger firms are also lagging behind. How are women going to get equal pay? Will it bring equality at work? Three women trade unionists answer the questions which affect every working woman.

When will we women get the rate for the job?

Is THIS equal pay?

I HAVE equal pay—in theory. But I start at the bottom of the scale, and there I stay.

The gulf between men and women teachers—an average of about £1 a week in 1971—arises from the different opportunities available.

SUBLTLY

Women tend to have fewer qualifications. Schools encourage them to leave earlier, or at least, to complete initial teacher training colleges. They subtly steer them away from academic studies.

And so, with teaching certificates but without a university degree, women get less pay for a job just as exhausting and valuable as that of a male teacher.

We also face an organisation—the National Association of Schoolmasters—which exists to promote the interests of male teachers.

It argues that better-paid, more responsible posts should go to men, and if women are likely to stay. But such jobs are mainly in secondary schools anyway, and are not work associate in junior teaching, they again have less chance of better pay.

LEVER

Women suffer unequal opportunity throughout education. Equal pay must be used as a lever for change, otherwise it's a fraud.

When we fight for it

AFTER 85 years, equal pay is law. Next year women can get it—if they fight for it.

For the law means little when it inconviences the bosses. Instead of being compelled to bring women's pay up to 90 per cent of men's by the end of 1973, as the law demanded, employers only had to reduce the differential by a third. Under Phase Three the difference could be halved. Now the government has said it won't force employers, but will encourage them with publicity.

I am Norma Stephens, APEX Convener at SEI, Eccles in Lancashire, scene of Britain's first strike over the implementation of the Equal Pay Act.

Are we still under any illusion that equal pay will be a reality by the end of 1973 after so much backsliding by successive governments? We are told we are fortunate to live in a society where people previously downtrodden have got their rights at last. But women are still enfranchised in our society. There is only one way women can get equal pay—and last year clerical workers at Balfour's in Birmingham, part of the giant GEC combine discovered it.

We dug our heels in and massed a 24-hour picket which was arranged to fit in with our second jobs as housewives and mothers. We took along from past experience and learned to manage on strike pay. We found out how to stop lorries from entering the factory, and how to put our case to other trade unionists and the public.

We found out how devious management can be and the depths they will plumb to try and break a strike. How they will use weapons—pesticides, arrows, etc.—to police the factories and intimidate us.

Truce

We also learnt the lesson that was hardest of all for many of the women. We learnt whose side the police are on. It is no fun being forced back on a picket line by the policeman with a truncheon in his hand when he has no compunction about using it.

After 11 weeks we won. We firmly believed that the EAT would help to get the ball rolling for many other women throughout the country.

Rights

Since then, we have heard of other strikes for equal pay. Shop floor workers in Bristol, members of the AUEW in our factory are fighting for equal pay at this moment.

We know paid. Still women who believe they will automatically get equal pay next year. But experience has shown we have to fight even for what are supposed to be our rights. There is only one way to get equal pay—by standing together and demanding it.

Roger Kline's CAN SOCIALISM COME THROUGH PARLIAMENT? draws the lessons from the antics of the Labour Party, in government and in opposition, as reformers of capitalism, and argues what we can do to bring socialism.

IRONICALLY, a major obstacle to equal pay is ... women. We are often held back by the best of motives.

We may feel a man with a wife and three children to support needs more money, forgetting that millions of single women have dependants.

Or we may see men's higher wages as a just reward for heavy, dirty work, shiftwork or night work.

We even allow the majority of men, who do jobs no more dangerous than ours, to live off the reputation of miners and construction workers. Men who do no lifting or stooping still earn more than women.

These attitudes run deep and are not easily uprooted. Women find it hard to struggle with the attitudes and personal relationships that make them inferior.

But if we try to understand and fight the ideology and strategy of the bosses, we shall eventually overcome the attitudes which traditionally have helped make women cheap labour.

Employers take a cynical view of women. Even before the Equal Pay Act was passed, the Engineer Employers' Federation was advising its members how to get round it.

It explains how to prevent equal pay—or how to make the cheap substitute taste like the real thing. Its recommendations include replacing us with machines, unemployment, greater productivity and segregation into low-paid grades.

We can defeat them by deciding what we mean by equal pay—and sticking to it. It has shown us to have to fight even for what are supposed to be our rights. There is only one way to get equal pay—by standing together and demanding it.

I can't root out...
WE HAD been out for a walk that day, and had paused an elderly lady and a little girl emerging from a cellar.

The child had asked for a piece of the cake I was eating. She was so very hungry, she said.

"Never mind, my dear," I stammered, remembering how I’d seen the devastation of my home 13 months before, when 54 of my neighbours and friends had been killed in one night in Chatsworth, London. This was Germany in April 1945, and hadn’t we come to teach these people a lesson?

"You rotten swine," my Scottish pay shouter at me as we walked on. "You wouldn’t have hurt you to have given the kid some of your stinking cake!"

Continues

And so in the evening back at the blasted house we artillerymen had laughingly christened Woodhull Villa, the argument continued.

"They started it," I shouted, "and they should pay for it, kids and all!"

The lady’s face crumpled with horror at the thought of attacking the Scott’s soft attitude. After all, General Montgomery had warned us: Don’t fraternise with these people, that’s the second time we’ve had a go in 23 months - we haven’t anything to do with them, don’t touch them.

"Och, you lot make me sick," my Scottish payshouter angrily, he said. "What kind of world do you creeps envisage if we’re going to carry on like this?

"Haven’t you all seen enough misery without adding to it? Must you always drag up the past and give no heed to the future?"

"Oh, so Germany marched into Poland, but how much of that was caused by the Versailles Treaty — how much is international capitalism to blame, the squabbling over trade routes and military bases, the fight to expand and capture markets and minerals by force.

Blemish

"Good God, we’ve seen it all before — you lot talk about Germany and Japan as if you own country, Britain, gained an Empire without a blemish.

"If you’re really interested in the cause of war, if you really care about people regardless of their nationality, religion or colour, for Christ’s sake stop being a lot of bloody hypocrites and read this book — here you are — YOU FIRST!"

And with those words, he hung a small volume, with a certain amount of contempt, on my bed.

It was almost midnight, and as I settled down beside my paraffin lamp, the sky in the East flashed as the guns pounded what remained of the German forces, and I read:

"Socialism, Communism, or whatever one chooses to call it, by converting private property into public wealth, and substituting co-operation for competition, will restore society to its proper condition of a thoroughly healthy organisation, and ensure the material well-being of every member of the community.

Basis

"It will, in fact, give life its proper basis and its proper environment. One will live. To live is the most important thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."

"From their (the poor) collective struggle, humanity gains much in material prosperity. But it is only the material result that it gains, and the man who is poor is in himself absolutely of no importance.

"He is merely the infinitesimal atom of a force that, so far from harming him, crushes him; indeed, prefers him crushed, as in that case he is far more obedient!"

I read on... fascinated.

"There is nothing necessarily dignified about manual labour at all, and most of it is absolutely degrading. It is mentally and morally injurious to man to do anything in which he does not find pleasure, and many forms of labour are quite pleasurable activities, and should be regarded as such.

Apalling

"To sweep a sunny crossing for eight hours on a day when the rain wind is blowing is a disgusting occupation. To sweep it with mental, moral or physical dignity seems to me to be impossible. To sweep it with joy would be appalling.

"Man is made for something better than disturbing dirt. All work of that kind should be done by a machine."

I read the book twice, three, four times and I became a devoted admirer of one of the greatest works that ever was made. The book is still, to this day, a most treasured souvenir of a friend which has lasted throughout all these years. Its title stands out amongst all my other books: THE SOUL OF MAN UNDER SOCIALISM.

On film

a victory for the workers

THE Socialist Worker Defence Fund is to promote the distribution of the film Blow for Blow in at least ten major IS areas. The 'premiers' will be at Camden Town Hall in London on 29 September.

The film, originally banned in France, has so far been unable to obtain distribution in this country. It's about a factory occupation but for the first time we are not shown a shabby sentimental view or treated to an excursion round all the possible points of view.

Instead, we are taken into the heart of the matter, we are shown the betrayal of the trade union officials. We see the calculated oppression of the forces of law and order.

Joy

but most of all the film manages to illustrate and comment upon the daily dehumanisation of life on the conveyor belt of life under the capitalist system. It does not, however, tell the whole story.

The workers take over. We watch the camera roll out and take on the future for the first time in their lives. What a joy it is to watch them learn.

As their solidarity grows, so does their strength. It is an ingenious film that captures the ingenuity of the class.

It ends in victory, with the workers and the bosses preparing for the fight to come. Details of performances in your area will be published soon.

REVE are invited to show the film. For more details, contact the Film Dept., 113 Camden Street, London, NW1 0-407 6507.

TOP: Victorious women workers surround Boursac, the factory-owner. ABOVE: Betrayed by a trade union official marks the women into action.

MAKING-IT

ALL WAYS...

By S Clinch (NALGO)

Derby Town Hall

Making it all ways:

The sons of rich and influential men having it easy, playing the score, watching how the rich live, the convenience of an inside job, holidays abroad, always unplanned, silver mounted aboard, the firm, easy, turning socialist when the feeling is good, standing up at the Party Conference saying I’m one of you, I know best.

The sons of paupers and we-named men, mothers who look male and as hard, sharing the kitchen table with dishes, living back-to-back, hand to mouth, writing on HP terms, deposits down, and demands educated by dirt, the abuses of working hard and doing nothing but the shortest days, being socialist without knowing why, listening to soft Party hacks telling them they know what life is all about.
All those in favour of cutting wages, please show

The only TUC vote that really mattered: with prices going up and up, our leaders' vote to keep wages down

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BENEFIT Social for victims of 1974 Kent floods. £100 needs to be raised, contact Narrow Street, Kent. Contact number: 01223 462121. 20th June.

OUT JUST. Chil, Class War 70-73. Big Plans pensioner available at all age revolutionary occupations.


THIRD WOMEN AND SOCIALISM CONFERENCE. On the theoretical ground of women's participation in the socialist revolution. 15-22 October. £7.50 for 4-stamp postcard and stamped envelope. No need to enclose payment. Details: 760-767 Peckham Road, London SE15. Please send to Socialism Unit, London.

BAICO public meeting. Nine Streets on the Working Class and the Communist, Monday 16th Sept 3.30pm. Conway Hall.


North West London Committee against Fascism

The lessons of Ireland

The IRA was fighting the same houses as British workers and as such deserved the support of every class conscious British worker in so far as they fought the British troops. The national struggle would bring the Irish and the British workers together.

The IRA's role was much more important than its own narrow class struggle. It was not just an attempt to defend the interests of the workers but an attempt to defend the interests of the Irish people as a whole.

The IRA was not just a military force but a political force as well. It was trying to create a new Ireland, a socialist Ireland.

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ENGINEERS UNION BAKES NEWSMEN'S CLIQUE

THERE seems some confusion in the headquarters of the Engineering Workers' Union about press credentials for Socialist Worker at the union's national committee meetings. Several resolutions condemning the union's decision not to allow Socialist Worker press credentials, while allowing them for opera- tors and union officials and antiunion papers.

Among the many union members who have written to head office asking for an explanation is W. Dugan who wrote to Socialist Worker, Bolton, who received a reply signed by T. A. AEW branch secretary to Scandal, which contains an absurd misprint.

The letter states: "Because of the growing number of industrial correspondence... the facilities which have to be provided for them, which involves some cost to the amalgamated union, we carefully consult with the appropriate committee of the Socialist Worker Union of Journalists and invariably are able to agree the advice they render us.

PROTEST

This is the only explanation offered for the ban on Socialist Worker press credentials at the union's national committee meetings.

The National Union of Journalists is totally opposed to the ban as was the Labour Liaison Committee, which, the ban was imposed, NUI general secretary, Donald A. Society, said. "There is a letter of protest to Hugh Scandal about this.

The only "appropriate" chapel of the union's national committee correspondence with the AEU ban is the Socialist Worker, which has not been consulted by the NUI.

Scandal's letter refers to the Labour Liaison Committee correspondence Group, which is not a chapel at all. It is not even made up of members of the journalists' union. It is a clique of industrial correspondents which draw up its own rules, and excludes whoever it even dislikes.

REPLY

The group has been in trouble with the NUI before for refusing press credentials to the industrial correspondent of the Workers Press - a pensioner. The group also lacks the full consent of the industrial correspondence Group, which is a statutory body. The NUI cannot stop the group, however, as the editor of Socialist Worker has no power to grant press credentials.

Another branch of the AEU has passed a resolution condemning both the Socialist Worker and calling on the NUI to take effective to reverse the decision.

DON'T READY TO SELL SHORT

Leaders of the government are considering a possible agreement with the engineering industry to buy a majority of shares in the government-owned company in order to avoid the government's planned nationalization of the industry. The agreement, if accepted, will mean the companies will have to divest themselves of control of the industry.

The general election will be held in the spring of 1974. The government intends to hold the election in order to have a majority of seats in the House of Commons to pass the nationalization bill.
Pickets appeal for support

By Eileen Hailey, USDAW

LIVERPOOL: Women at the Wirralgrove-Rogers electrical components company in the town have been on strike for the last week of their official strike for three days. They need support on their picket line.

Women there have brought their wages to £8.68 before the strike began and now are on a £2.07 annual rise to include the 60p.

Rogers are members of the AUEW and say the factory is the lowest-paid in Liverpool.

They have been promised blacking of the factory walls and a refusal to allow the dockers, airport and British Rail. But they really need support from other factories to help strengthen the picket line, which is held every day by non-unionised labour engaged by Foxman and Partners.

Support for the picket line should go to the Winstanley Road, Jett, off Edge Lane, Liverpool 13. The shift starts at 1-30am.

Onions to: Miss Smith, Striker; Strike Committee (Wirralgrove-Rogers), 49-45 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.

NO PAY—NO FACTORY!

BRACKNELL, Berks: Strike action over a threshold claim at Dresser's in Bracknell has dramatically stepped up last week with 60 shop floor workers occupied the petrochemical factory.

Long service awards and various other fringe benefits have been gradually withheld by management. Meanwhile, the quality of the non-unionised women is further increased with the knowledge that they have stopped the money coming in.

The first two threshold payments had been made and they had refused to pay any more. Various packages of cash were sent in an attempt to separate the management from the strikers.

The Bracknell organisa system has kept the factory occupied for four days a week.

The women are confident of official support from VOW, GMB, and the strike committee at Praa is preparing a strike fund to appeal to local factories for support.

Many issues are based in the increase in the claims if the dispute goes on and, on the other hand, the strike has been an occupation of the factory and with the prospect of a full occupation, the factory has no chance.

Management resistance, it seems likely, will be the next battle.

Messages of support and donations to: Dressers, High Street, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 7South Crescent East Hampstead, Bracknell, Berkshire.

LEICESTER: Asian workers at Kenilworth's are now in their third week of their strike against a ruthless management.

Women at the factory won a 30p an hour rise after refusing to go on accepting their scandalous pay of £2.12 a week.

But they were then put on a three-day week, ten hours a day, taking home only £1.55.

Not content with this, management went on the offensive again three weeks ago. They chose as their target of the 28 women. The went out and persuaded the men to join them.

The strike has lacked effective support. White staff and some labourers still cross the picket line, which the union—the T&G—has done nothing to make effective. The union has also failed to black the goods of the firm.

The women have been managed any social security payments and soplease two men, to the fact that one of them, a shop steward, is the sole breadwinner. Last week management tried to return her card.

The union has not granted any emergency payments. Ken Hampstead, the district official, told the strikers that this can be done only when the strike is made official nationally.

The T&G at Barringtons Products are still locked out for three weeks. Management sent them letters last week instructing them to return on new conditions.

The company has sent them a letter offering a meeting on Friday, which the T&G has accepted.

Contact with the union, management have not only managed to keep this in the middle and at the last minute the course of the strike is set.

The night before, however, the workers were sent a letter saying they were not allowed to go on strike, and that the workers were not allowed to come out.

THE MAN WHOSE LIFE WAS ONE LONG FIGHT

By Chrysalis Limwood IS branch

IT WAS with the deepest regret that members of the Chrysalis Limwood IS branch heard of the death last week of Benny Martin, an active member of the branch.

Benny had to fight hard throughout his life and finally gave up in the Gowan district of Glasgow. At the age of 16 he signed up in the army, who through his forthright views immediately gave him his discharge.

When he started in Limwood in 1972, it was his first experience of working on an organized work.

He soon became a shop steward and was prepared to take on anybody.

He had been buying Socialist Worker for a year before starting his work. The Limwood IS factory block was formed in July 1973.

Benny left the plant last May but kept in touch. There is no doubt that, but for his death, he would have come back into activity.

In his tragic death deprives our movement of the services of a sincere, intelligent comrades. Our sympathy to his family.

Engineers sold out

By IS members at British Celanese

SONDON, Derby—700 engineers at Courtaulds' British Celanese plant came out on strike last week in a fight for threshold payments. Courtaulds have refused to pay more than £4.50 when the index rose in August. The engineers' shop stewards found the money was not in their pay packets, and then imposed a work-to-rule and overtime ban.

When five workers were suspended for refusing to break the work-to-rule, the engineers walked out. Meanwhile, the rest of us, members of the T&G, the majority of the factory, had to stand by and watch.

Picket

A delegation of shop stewards went to see the works' committee, Charlie Carruthers, to demand a meeting of the shop stewards to discuss taking action. He refused on the grounds that a meeting of the National Engineering Committee has been held for 19 September. When one of us proposed that T&G members would not cross the AUEW picket line, he said no.

The situation is dominated by the full-time office

cers and there is no shop stewards combine. Locally, the setup plays into the hands of the T&G committee. It is no joint site committee of stewards. Meetings of the 60 or so T&G shop stewards are called only when the full-time official feels like it—and no more than that! There is little chance of these meetings building up their confidence. More information is now needed to help shop stewards from the T&G or District Office.

Benefit

The strikes works were closed down and some committees threatened standard weekly wage workers with the loss of the SNV benefits. Some workers who locked out to go to the meeting were dismissed. Some committees threatened standard weekly wage workers with the loss of the SNV benefits.

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The two faces of American justice

George Jackson, a U.S. citizen, was convicted of stealing 17 dollars (about £7). He was sentenced to from 'one year to life imprisonment,' a form of elastic sentence which sent him entirely in the hands of the prison authorities. Richard Milhous Nixon, a U.S. citizen, stood accused of much more serious crimes - bribery, jury tampering, misappropriation of public funds to the tune of two million dollars, accepting bribes as a public official, perjury, illegal wiretapping and criminal conspiracy to prevent the ends of justice. He received a free pardon for all the crimes he is known to have committed and also for all the crimes he may have committed and have yet to be uncovered.

"Who has loosed this thing on an already suffering people? The Reagans, the Nixons. The man who has, who owns, investigate them!!" - George Jackson

George Jackson was poor, black and without political influence. Richard Nixon is rich, white and the former political boss of the republican party. George Jackson is dead, shot by police grunts 'while trying to escape.' Richard Nixon is alive, in full possession of his ill-gotten gains and immune from prosecution. The American Declaration of Independence states: 'All men are created equal, and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. These rights include, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.' Always providing the faithful fathers might have added, that you are rich, not poor; white, not black; a big shot, not a little thief.

SUGAR SCRUMPER

The GREAT sugar racket continues. In Croydon, Mrs Shirley Williams, Minister of Prices, admits blandly that it could double in price in the next few months.

Her colleague, Mr. Fred Peart, Minister of Agriculture, negotiated a new price in Guyana by which Britains will pay about twice as much as previously.

The fruits of the butter are to be Booker McConnell, the giant sugar planters, whose President is Lord Campbell of Eskan, also chairman of the New Statesman, a left-wing newspaper.

Booker McConnell had a bad time last year. According to their annual report, our sugar estates in Guyana (which produce four-fifths of that country's sugar) made only £120,000pounds, with an average of £200,000pounds over the past five years. But this year things have gone better.

Production has boomed and profits have been greatly increased by the rise in the world sugar prices. But even Booker McConnell won't do as well as Tate and Lyle. Their profits rose from £6 million to £14 million last year, and have been rising astronomically ever since the sugar shortage started.

Now the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee tells us a few things about how these vast profits are put together.

In November 1972, Joseph Godber became Minister of Agriculture and ordered that the price of sugar in the shops had to be kept down for a couple of months while the Government carried out its total wage freeze. He also said that Tate and Lyle should not have to bear the cost of this restriction. So he paid out a massive £3 million subsidy to protect the shareholders from any loss.

Several months later, the government, and this time the Auditor, looked at the books and found that the sum necessary to subsidize the companies to the tune of £25m was only £25,500.

In other words, an extra £4 million had been paid out.

£25,500, the auditor reckoned, could be explained by shipping delays. But the other £5 million could not be explained. Mr Godber did not ask the companies to order in quantities.

But £5 million is 'overcharged' from the Department of Social Security by people in the depths of poverty in the entire chorus of socialist, the House of Commons.

But when £5 million of public money is stolen by the sugar companies who then insist on doubling the price of their products in the shops, that's free enterprise. That's initiative. That's the Social Contract.

Rundown? Depressed? Why not get the government handout? I copied 5% more and now I double the price! See you soon, suckers!

WHILE most of industry is deep in gloom, the papermakers are basking in business. So says The Economist.

Lowner books for the first half of this year show profits of nearly a third on last year. Reed international, who own the Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, Women's Own and numerous others, did better—28 per cent in the first quarter. The outlook for next year is equally rosier.

Why? Because the paper makers have organized themselves together so well that they never produce enough paper. As a result, all the newspaper printers, which includes us, have to fight for what there is in and pay the price they ask.

We need the money, the more money they make out of us, and the more money we need to foot the bill. Which is why we are depending on your support, with £196.42 collected this week, the total over the month is £1418.42.

But we need £2000 by the end of the month as it’s a long way off our target. We need every penny you can give. Don’t waste, send it to us now.

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FORD: Let's go for that

By Gareth Williams, AWU shop steward, body plant, Dagenham

By mid-1974, a present agreement still has six months to run—and they don't want to concede the principle of any further interim pay deals.

And so Ford has seised upon the current 'trade talks' to have a stand-up deal with their workforce over this principle. Last week they sent out a letter warning every worker that on an account would be an interim pay deal be conceded. They have, therefore, and which must be fought to them a lesson—a vicious rap over the knuckles for being naughty boys.

The threshold agreement ends at the end of October—but the rise in the cost of living will go on. Ford workers cannot wait five months with no protection against rising prices.

The failure of union leaders to turn in a decisive fight against Steel Tuesday, with the resulting miserable 2.60 settlement, is really being driven home.

The £2.60 conceded on the threshold has not stopped the wages of thousands of Ford workers being eaten out by galloping inflation over the last year.

That is why the demand by the body-plant stewards at Dagenham for an immediate £5 across-the-board would make the company back down very quickly...