Wilson's year for 'Britain' WAGE CUTS AND DOLE QUEUES

'GIVE A YEAR for Britain', demanded Harold Wilson last Friday, introducing the most severe wage freeze this country has known. His words have been echoed by every national newspaper.

The message is that sacrifice over wages can save 'Britain' from catastrophe. But the catastrophe for nearly a million people, the unemployed, is already here. Nothing in the government's package will change that.

In fact, by cutting back on pay and public spending, the government will reduce the money available to buy what is produced. This in turn will mean many more jobs lost.

The catastrophe for the old and the sick is also here already, with social services starved of money: the health service falling to pieces, and pensioners waiting month after month for an increase to keep up with prices.

For the homeless, for those in slums and overcrowded flats, catastrophe is never far away. Government policy has cut house-building to an all-time low and yet 600,000 homes are empty, either because people are too poor to buy them or because their wealthy owners live elsewhere. Nothing Wilson has done for the nation is going to solve this problem either.

PARASITES

And prices? They will go up and up. The government has admitted as much by saying that it freeze them—even at ten per cent—is impossible. It is also continuing to cut food subsidies.

But some people will gain from the government's measures. They are the people who do not depend on a wage or public pension. They are the people whose shares have doubled in value since January. They are the owners and directors of industry.

Much light was thrown on them when Labour was in opposition. Remember the property speculators, the Duncan Sandys with their tax-free hand-outs in the Cayman Islands, the devoilet of Poulose and the friends of Maudling? Remember how Denis Healey spoke of 'squeezing the rich until the pips squeak'.

Now he ignores them. Yet these people will benefit from any sacrifice workers make for 'the country'. Their profits will grow and their shares will increase in value. These are the seven per cent of the population who own 84 per cent of the wealth, who own, in fact, the country.

If you 'give a year to Britain', you will be giving it to them. They will become even wealthier.

And they will continue to treat the unemployed, the homeless, the old, the sick and the lower-paid with the callousness that comes so naturally from their class.

'Demonstrate to free the Shrewsbury Two'

Peter Fallon, TGWU district committee member and Labour councillor, Nottingham

'Des Warren is in jail for political reasons. The law under which he was sentenced puts us back to the Tolpuddle Martyrs.'

'I'm surprised the TUC has not maintained its efforts to release the Shrewsbury Two. They would do well to remember that blokes like Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson are the very backbone of the movement which has got them their fancy jobs.'

—Brian Croxtall, London, Newcastle

‘We're in a beautiful form to fight’

STRIKING Asian women making their feelings clear at London's Heathrow Airport this week. In all, 400 immigrant catering workers stopped work to demand parity with other ground services staff.

But their union, the Transport and General, is once again stabbing Asian strikers in the back. Its full-time official has tried—unsuccessfully—to get them back to work and is now allowing other union members to scab.

The workers, the lowest-paid at Heathrow, are far from despondent, however. One steward, Rashid Bhatti, said: 'Our people are in a beautiful form to fight.'

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WHERE is it all going to end? people ask. There's a simple answer—it isn't going to end. Prices are going to go on rising, after the wage cuts imposed in Wilson's so-called anti-inflation policy.

Butter prices are rising already, and there is another rise in the Common Market pipeline for this September. Cheese will go up too. So will milk—from 2p a pint by next year—eggs and beef. All the increases will be passed on to the consumer, and there are to be no extra subsidies.

Worse still, the government is going to agree to the devaluation of the “green pound”, the currency used for trade in the Common Market. This alone could mean a rapid increase in food prices of around 10 per cent, according to agricultural journalists.

Economic forecasters are already spelling out that, overall, prices are going to rise faster than 10 per cent, no matter what Wilson and Healey state. Phillips and Drew, two of the stockbrokers, say inflation will be 16 per cent by mid-1976.

The Economic Model Group of Com- pany wholesale business has forecast that for the year and autumn 1976 there will be a 12.5 per cent rise in consumer prices.

The sheer weight of increases already in the pipeline would force prices to rise 12.5 per cent in the second half of this year alone, said the group.

Eric Heffer and the Tribune MPs too have got their way. The first dose of the import control they've been demanding are to be imposed.

The target is Portuguese textiles. The consequence—higher clothing prices in Britain and more unemployment in Portugal, in its own serious blow against the Portuguese working class.

The import controls have been imposed following an extensive pressure from British employers who can now charge higher prices and make more profits.

The government claims that its wage freeze measures will hold back unemployment. It is evident that the results of the freeze will be for the benefit of a small section of the population.

A survey of industrialists carried out by the Institute of Directors in the first week of the freeze showed that half of them expect to be cutting the number of workers over the next twelve months. Only one in ten expects to be on more workers. And the Institute of Directors says that, after the announcement of the freeze, that the number of unemployed will rise to two million.

The day the government announced its freeze, one MP, Mr. Enoch Powell, said the day that another announcement may not have noticed because it was ignored by the press. The Department of the Environment disclosed that chairman and members of rent assessment and rent assessment committees were to get a 10 per cent rise and to take them up to £31 a day.

When minimum wages were amended a £100 a week last week they were called "social dividend". Clearly such a scale are being kept by the so-called Labour government for safe, middle-class people. Many are preferred by government ministers and Labour MPs.

The Labour government is setting up a propaganda unit to boost its wages policy. Its chairman, Brian Willis, Mirror industrial editor, has come up with the idea of setting an example to all greedy miners and other workers. His salary is expected to £3,000 a year.

JUST in case the propaganda doesn't work, the Labour government is encouraging the takeover of British industry to set up a strike-proof company.

According to The Guardian (10 July) Labour ministers welcomed the idea of takeovers, as long as they did not have to pay for it. But other reports have suggested that the government is willing to provide some financial backing to the takeovers in the form of indemnities or tax relief.

This operation is called saving the nation from the pocket of the people.

STABLE lads at Newmarket have been on strike for three months now. Their demands are clearly inflationary. They are asking for a 5s. a week rise, which would see their wages up to the cost of keeping a horse in stables.

What's the country coming to?

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THE STARVING BUSINESSMAN'S GUIDE TO AVOIDING THE ANTI-INFLATION LEGISLATION

by Alan Denman, of the Socialist Worker Information Service.

A typical type of complaint is that Britain's hard-pressed businessmen have at their disposal any number of ways to get around their friend Harold's wage controls.

At the Sunday Times pointed out last Sunday: "In the private sector a check on the index of prices and other perks can be offered without increasing basic cash wage. The White Paper does not make price increase, benefits of the high paid, let alone discuss effective way of freezing them..."

It just leaves a little heavier on your expenses account. Eat more meals on account. Take your wife with you and charge her for. Give the Dinner Club card and pass the good word on to your friends in top positions in the unions.

Get another company car—and if you're not already charging petrol and maintenance, then have it. And are you getting tax relief for those school fees?

MONEY

Then there are share options, those sweeties given you to create to be used by. You pay a nominal sum for a bundle, and you can sell the shares, on which you start drawing dividends. This should give you enough to do a little speculation on the stock market, recovering strength at the moment, and a useful source of pen- kies.

Then, following the footsteps of Tiny Rowland's Lofthouse and dozens of other worthy businessmen, you can arrange to live in a house owned by the company. With a little cooperation in operation, you don't even have to pay the electricity bills. Then you can obtain a low interest loan from the firm. This is much better than a straight pay rise. You don't even have to pay tax.

If you're really chutzpah there is no charge mortgage from the company. You get positive tax relief on this.

If you run your own limited company then after you've taken your fees, expenses, cheap loans and company cars and home, you should just have doubled your standard of living. If so, take Denis and Harold out for a celebration dinner.

If you're self-employed—and as the Financial Times has pointed out, this can be readily arranged—you can laugh all the way to your tax advisor.

Your house becomes your office, your tax deductible salary. You cut the case against tax. So if you have any sense you'll get a new one every year.

If all else fails, try Jersey.

People who are making sacrifices

AN interesting commentary on the latter classes and the counter-inflation legislation was provided at the various London salerooms on Monday. The salerooms were, in the nation's time of need, sparkling with action, as Times saleroom corres- pondent Geraldine Norman put it.

"They were packed, but the government is only paying them 10p for each of their shares in British Leyland. The day before the government's Ryder Report the shares were worth 60p each. Savile Stolke said: "The 10p it is a gift. The shares are worthless..."

Between 1968 and 1974 Leyland made £200 million pounds profit before tax. Of this only £14 million went on reinvestment. The rest went to the bankers, investors and shareholders.

Lord Stolke's deputy, John Barber, sucking for more, wireless than anyone else in higher management, stands to get £370,000 in compensation.

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"The Chancellor is also believed to have shocked many of his colleagues by making it clear that Cabinet ministers should take a £200 cut in their £13,000 a year salaries (£200,000 for the Prime Minister) to set an ex- ample to the nation. This was greeted, it is said, by a stony silence."

"The Times reported on ABC's new subscription to the Telethon. Dr. Fox and Mr. John Major are included in the list of top names..."

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"Patiently waiting..."
WHAT WE THINK

LAST FRIDAY the Labour government did what no government since the war, or even a Tory government, could do directly. It took measures which will lead to substantial cuts in the living standards of all workers which will increase unemployment. And it did this with the full connivance of the majority of trade union leaders.

Wilson and Healey, introducing their policy with the support of Michael Foot and Jack Jones, claimed it was the only policy that would prevent mass unemployment. Yet unemployment is at present near the million mark and the government has taken no action at all to stop it rising further. Indeed, the White Paper called for "voluntary" local government to be "freely restricted".

On the basis of the government's own statistics, the Financial Times suggested that the wage freeze measures will add some 20,000 to 30,000 to the unemployment figures. On the government's own calculations the situation could be much worse if a world boom does not materialize as Healey hopes; it will by next summer—and there is no sign of this yet in any of the major countries in the world economy.

The Economist suggests we are facing "a long, long slump". The government's second claim is that the freeze will not hurt living standards all that much—by "at most" 1 per cent. Again, big business consultants are telling the government, more interested in discovering the truth for themselves than in making propaganda, that the freeze may not hurt living standards at all. The stockbroking firm Phillips and Drew suggests that reductions in living standards of 4% per cent will result.

RISE

What is more, a close reading of the White Paper suggests that the government is by no means convinced by its own propaganda. It says that a big increase in import prices would impose on us a further reduction of our standard of living. Yet the government knows that such a reduction will not rise—especially if there is the world boom which is needed to prevent unemployment rising much higher than the government claims.

The biggest lie is the claim that the measures are aimed to help the lower paid. For the White Paper itself explicitly states that the 10% pay limit will be applied to "the 60% all round. The 60% maximum within which negotiations will take place... if this is not agreeable to you, it may not be agreeable to him". So the government, the CBI, the TUC and, if necessary, the law will be used to stop workers with strength obtaining more than 60%.

But you may ask why the continuation of food subsidies help the lower paid? The answer is that, all the government has done is to reduce the subsidies less than originally intended. It is still reducing them.

GAP

According to the Sunday Times, the changes made last Friday will "pave a mere 90 on a quarter on the retail prices index. Hardly enough to bridge the gap between the less than £60 you will get in your wage packet and the 10% of price increase foreseen by the White Paper itself".

And there are no further restrictions on prices. Not that you'd notice the present so-called restrictions having any effect. But if the wage freeze measures don't cut unemployment, don't guarantee an end to real prices rises and don't help the lower paid, what do they do? The answer is given by the Financial Times: "The policy... is clear, to allow a large recovery in profits."

THE ALTERNATIVE

The TUC has embraced the government's measures, even though they mean cuts in real wages for their members. Their excuse is that there is no other way to end the payments. Their thinking was summed up by Len Murray last week: "Now we are being attacked... by the socialists. What do you think are they offering? Instant socialism at a stroke? This is no time for that sort of thing."

From the mouth of Murray, who has been particularly keen to be a left-wing figure, such talk is perhaps not surprising. But remember that Murray is speaking on behalf of Jack Jones, Lord Bridgehead and various other trade union leaders who have parted with socialist conscience from conference platform in the past.

Their view can be summed up: it is all right to talk about socialism when capitalism is short of progress, but not when conditions prove itself incapable of operating any kind of socialism. It's time to forget about socialism and to talk only in capitalist terms.

THE FREEZER WORKS

The government's package contains the biggest, most widely designed to hold back wages we have seen since the war. It also contains fewer let-ffor-workers than did either the Labour government or the Tory government's Trade Union law.

ONE: From 1 August no worker will be allowed a wage increase of more than £6.50. Employers will not be compelled to pay anything. But, if the Wilson's talk of helping the lower paid. Over-time, however, will be partially frozen at present levels and increases for productivity deals or through increased fringe benefits or holidays. The only possible exception is for payments due to bring women closer to equal pay.

TWO: Workers who have already agreed a wage increase in September will not be allowed to get more than 8% of this rise. This applies also to workers who still have threshold agreements. Even if the workers have already entitled you to £10 by next March, you will only get £6.

THREE: Those earning more than £170 a week will not be entitled to any increase at all. Only those earning less will be able to increase their incomes by relying on their shareholdings, by persuading the company to give them a bigger share of the company car, by taking up further directorships.

FOUR: Price controls will not be any stricter than at present. The government will "ensure that the rate of price increases for a range of goods of special importance in family expenditure... will not be more than 10 per cent subject to the cost of materials." In other words, other things will be allowed to rise by more than 10 per cent.

FIVE: There will be no direct legal action against workers who fight for more than 6% and a whole series of devices will be used to stop employers giving more than that amount.

The government industries and government departments will be refused any access to extra money to pay wage rises of more than 6% and will be forced to sack workers to balance their books. So although the White Paper claims that it does not try to cut wages through 'mass unemployment', in fact it threatens the only means of workers who fight for more.

Local authorities who pay more than 6% will have their government grants cut.

Private employers who pay more will be denied government assistance and will face the possibility of control over their prices.

LAW

If all these things fail, the government will have a law available to take employers to court.

SEVEN: Tougher measures are to be taken to ensure continuing cuts in the social services. There is to be a "continuing reduction of public sector borrowing requirements"—which means fewer hospital workers, fewer local government workers, fewer teachers and fewer unemployed. It will also mean a continuing rundown on those social services on which workers depend.

However, all the press comment on the government's measures has indicated that they can produce the three broken by the workers. The control over the individual private employer will help to prevent some under-the-counter payments.

The most important powerful groups of public sector workers could talk about throwing out those who have introduced the present system of controls and creating instead a planned, rationalised organisation of production.

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The organisation and understanding necessary to achieve these tasks does not yet exist. But it can be developed in struggle against the wage freeze, the government spending cuts and unemployment. In fighting to defend wages and jobs, workers can begin to see what their collective strength can offer the basis for a society much better than the present let upon.

'Instant socialism' is the remedy.

The problem is to build the forces which can stand up against the opposition of big business, the Tories, the Labour government—and Jack Jones and Len Murray too.

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CHRIS HARMAN EXAMINES THE WHITE PAPER

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How the miners were led into battle...

By DAVE GIBSON

No jobs — and our unions feud

WHAT THE CHARTER DEMANDS

1. £1.50 per hour for crafts with maximum of £3.50 per week.
2. Four week annual holiday with average pay, plus May Day as an extra public holiday.
3. A community enterprise scheme bringing together a third of the workforce into the running of all building operations.
4. Adequate safety and welfare regulations to be introduced and rigidly enforced in the Building Industry.
5. Democratise the Trade Unions by making the election of delegates to Trade Unions compulsory.
6. All T.U.C. officials submit themselves for election every three years, and branch officials every year.
7. Full protection in law for shop stewards.
8. Empower the T.U.C. to call a one-day all-trade strike to protest against any breach of the Charter.

Crisis

The argument inside the union must not merely be concerned with getting the executive to go for £1.00, but must take up the rank and file all the arguments against the freeze. As Scargill told the Conference, the working class are not responsible for the crisis, the guilty men are the capitalists.

This is the argument that can win and commit the rank and file against accepting the government's £1.60.

It is also the argument that can win the miners to support all other groups fighting the freeze.

Campaign for solidarity with the Portuguese Working Class

Marcosio Alarcon, a shop steward and vice-president of the Portuguese Textile Workers' Union, will be in Britain from 17 July. He will be addressing the following public meetings:

ROCHDALE Sunday 20 July 8.50, Labour Party Rooms, Manchester Monday 21 July 7.30p.m., Wheatsheaf Pub, High Street, Rochdale

LEEDS Tuesday 27 July 7.30p.m., Trades Council Rooms, Otley Place, off Chapeltown Road

Organised by the Portuguese Workers' Coordinating Committee
Will Healey's £6 limit on wages stop prices rising? 

BY DUNCAN HALLAS

WILL the government's wage restraint policy actually stop prices rising? Of course if the simple price rises are due to pay rises theory was correct then it must do so.

Holding real wages steady on this theory, must result in prices staying steady. Cutting real wages (and what the government's £6 limit can do) must, if the theory is true, lead to prices falling.

So, assuming that the government is able to enforce the £6 scheme for a while, everyone will be able to see for themselves who is telling the truth and who is lying.

But, of course, we already know that this theory is not true. During the Heath incomes policy, prices did not rise steadily. The price of all wages were held to the government's norms. During Phase One (total freeze on pay) the Economist magazine was compelled to admit, 'The cost of basic materials (including food and particularly meat) and fuels rose by a massive 30 per cent in a single month (December 1972) cutting through the ice like a large battleship. The situation is very serious. This in a period of no pay increases at all.'

The speed-up of inflation, which had nothing whatever to do with wages, was a by-product of the world boom. Now we have a world recession but, even in conditions of recession, Healey type policies have failed to stabilise prices in France, to take one example.

The Guardian (10 July) reported 'Giscard came to power on a broad pledge to stop inflation. By now, according to Giscard's original timetable, inflation should have halved. Hundreds of thousands of jobs have been sacrificed to cut back inflation...'

Fact

And the results? Massive unemployment and no change in the rate of inflation. In the last 12 months the inflation rate has been 12.1 per cent, an insignificant drop on the previous 12 months. Mr. Healey (Chancellor of the Exchequer) assesses the true number out of work as 1.2 million, which he says will rise to 1.5 million after the holidays.

The fact is that inflation is now built in to modern capitalism and cannot be stopped, by anything short of a massive and prolonged slump, or a revolution.

The rate of inflation and does vary with the boom-recession cycle and with local conditions. In Japan, for instance, the rate of price increases has fallen from 25 per cent a year to 14 per cent a year over the last twelve months—the cost of cutting output by a fifth.

But inflation continues in Japan and will speed up again as the next boom gets underway in 1975 then 1976, what are the immediate prospeck for prices in Britain?

They will go on rising at about the present average rate throughout the summer and autumn. The effect of the recent further devolution of the pound (manipulated by financial interests with the connivance of the British government, as Paul Foot showed last week) is to raise the prices of imported raw materials and goods of all kinds. This will feed through to further price rises over the next few months.

The effect of cutting government support for nationalised industries will be still bigger price jumps. The government's support—up to 38 per cent in phone charges, 30 per cent in gas, 25 per cent in coal, all these and more to come. Then there are the rent rises promised by the Government, price increases beyond the increase in prices over the past year. (Prices are being pushed up by CBI prices and Common Market ones. Most of these price rises are the direct result of the government's new inflation policy. It is bad for the man and woman believer, naturally enough, but that 'anti-inflation' measures are measures to keep prices steady is so to confuse them.

What is the basis on which the 'inflation' threat is being sold. It is a fraudulent basis. One of the most important aims of the operation is to persuade the public to accept a freeze on wages and prices. The whole 'anti-inflation' package is designed to make this happen.

Cost

What about the longer term? It depends on the timing of the next boom and say freeze or employment and price controls. But if the upsurge in the world economy is delayed—and does the British rate of inflation will indeed fall. Prices will be on the rise but as a staked pace. On the other hand, a world boom gets underway in 1976 when raw material prices will start to rise. The rate of inflation will be frozen up. Will 1777 see a repetition of the 1972-73 boom in (raw material) prices? The Government has some control over the timing and strength of the recovery and the demand for our exports. The Economist recently, Boom means still faster inflation, removal means the effect on the cost of workers' jobs and living standards. A freeze is a prospect either way. That is the only prospect modern capitalism is offering.

Of course there is no reason why full employment, stable prices and expanded social services should not go hand in hand—provided you have some sort of controlled planned economy. But that is something else again. This freeze is for except by a successful fight against the Labour government's capitalist policies.

The case of the dog that didn't bark

WHAT have those guardians of Labour's famous Manifesto, the Tribune 'lefties', to say about the government's £6 limit on statutory wage fixing? In the past week they have been like the dog that didn't bark in the Sherlock Holmes story.

Michael Foot, whose 'sticking point' we were told so often was just this issue, stays in the Cabinet with Jack Jones' blessing and do the less fry. Tribune warms us against the government of 'betrayal'. Eric Heffer manages a few words of muted comment. Norman Atkinson threatens to produce a critical statement. And that is it.

Remember the denouncing chorus of denunciation with which these same 'lefties' greeted Heath's Incomes policy? Imagine what they would be saying if a new Tory government had introduced the identical measures in 1971, when Wilson and Healey sponsored them. What a pathetic exhibition.

Class

'There cannot be neutrality in the class struggle. Either one is for the workers or against them... As far as the workers are concerned, we must forthrightly stand on the side of the struggle on their side for better wages and conditions.'


Why cannot there be neutrality? Eric Heffer explains that 'because we live in a class society, based on private ownership, there is a fundamental contradiction between those who own and control industry and those who do not'.

Not of those who own and control industry' are the heroes of the 'bourgeois' government, on, are the heroes of the 'bourgeois left', those men and women who 'cannot be neutral'.

Of course they will respond to their voices when it becomes a bit more popular to attack Wilson's capitalist policies—or some of them. These 'practical' and 'realistic' politicians always respond to events, they never try to shape them.

Just now 'the time is not ripe'. Wedgewood Benn, according to The Observer's usually well-informed political correspondent, 'has allowed left-wing Mps to know that he is on their side in rejecting the government's £6 limit on cutting inflation and that he is staying inside the government only to play a role when Mr Healey's policies are shown not to work.'

Stay till Benn says when! But even when Atkinson, Heffer and their ilk in spite of the fact that enough courage to tell the truth about what their government is doing, what will they propose as the alternative? It is already clear that the Tribune's nostrums, calling on the government to enforce price controls and import controls.

Now these measures are not, in principle, impossible to carry out under capitalism. Indeed they have been operated by British governments in the past. They are no more 'socialist policies' than the (nationalised) Ford, although they are paid for by the workers and are made by a Labour government in their interest in the interests of big business.

Proposals

The government is determined to increase profits so price must be allowed to rise faster than wages. It is ganishing on an 'export-led' boom next year. Import controls are out since since they invite revolts. But the most significant thing about these proposals, is about every thing that the Tribunites propose is that they are, by their very nature, demands which lead to resource squandering and, to calls on the government to act, not the workers.

The essence of Tribune proposals is to build up the power of the working-class struggle against capitalism. Always try to divert it into the narrow path of the so-called 'socialist' policy. It is 'dignified' and on the other hand, it can be sterilised—with the help, I am sure, of the Tribune's 'lefties'.

Let Eric Heffer have the last word—I am quoting from his book The Class Struggle in Parliament, government, the Left were not prepared, except under very special circumstances, to vote against the government. This is as true today as it was a year ago. It was to Wilson was Heath, and not a government of the Left.

Submit Fraser for Heath and you are in a marvellous, the politics of paralysis. Don't vote against Wilson's Tory fake in the case of the Tories. What a sorry crew they are.
Northern disasters

IF YOU really want to find out what's happening in Northern Ireland then you should go there. This is a sound theory and has recently been put into practice by a delegation from the Greater London Association of Trades Unions (GLATU) to the Republic of Ireland.

The trip took place over the weekend of 3 July to 6 July, and culminated on Saturday 5 July with three members of the delegation, Mike Knowles and Gerry Miller of GLATU and John Gargan of the British Trades Council being struck off the delegation by GLATU chairman Tom Phillips.

A previous discussion heard GLATU Irish committee chairman Tom Meehan tell the delegation that “the normally Republican, social trade union leaders and civil rights groups. Rotarian Farrell was right that the eyes of Irish nationalism would very easily give one side of the story.”

DETECTIVE: Constable Thomas Whitfield and PC Peter Cuckson of Sheffield and Leeds respectively were in an interesting case at Huddersfield last week.

They had been charged with robbing a fruit machine at the West Yorkshire Police Academy social club. The two went on a crime detection course at the time.

Tourist

By Friday morning, 4 July the party was at Holswold and Holywell's Belfast hotel, where they met with the Northern Ireland News. They had a box of the yard, who gave them a tour of the city, and Gerry—and very much like anything else—kept asking about the arrangement of the Northern Ireland News.

Their meeting with Fitzsimmons however was rather unusual for a free and frank discussion. It took place in the presence of the company’s management and relations officers.

The tour of the city involved a visit to government and government centres. It involved a meeting with Lord Harlech, the General Secretary of the Public Services Alliance. This was a meeting that they had to make the question of British troops in the North; something that the Northern Ireland News had to deal with. Lord Harlech did so and got shouted down. They then went on to the Conservative Club, the official club of the Ulster Unionists. It was there that the answer would be a “bill of rights”—the Communist Party, they told us, that it has support from the Alliance, Labour, the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the two left-wing parties. It was passed by Westminster—and then the Belfast police withdrew.

Asked

Less than happy with the results the three went off and met that afternoon at the Savoy Hotel, a pro-Palestinian Alan Furst paper, the deputy editor of the Irish News, the public relations manager, and a representative of the Irish Times.

It seemed the three of them met the delegation the following morning taking a meeting with the GLATU, at a meeting with representatives of the Greater London Council. This was the first time the 100 or so centred by the Northern Ireland News, said Mike, led to the public service the GLATU. They were asked to wait outside by Mike Meehan.

I asked Tom Meehan if I could introduce them. He said no. He said that I had to “listen to what they say and get as much as possible.”

I told the delegation that “this set up is a very funny piece of coming in and that we join them for the rest of the tour in the afternoon.”

Out

Also it is not to be, Tom Meehan then told the three to “get out and stay out.”

I left then. Despite a renewed effort to rejoin the main delegation they were still on their own. They spent the time visiting various parts of Belfast, commenting on the operation of the New IRA and the lack of job opportunities, and just wanted to meet all sorts, not just Labourites.

The Protestants already believe that the Irish are trying to get the majority of Catholics we spoke to wanted the New IRA.

Mike Knowles has now been suspended and 20 or so other people have been suspended. Mike Knowles has now been suspended and 20 or so other people have been suspended.

The debate over the visit is likely to be ended up in London TV centres on. Will those who have self-support or the support of the Catholic Church and the Church, those which, like the Irish tourist trade, are linked to the politics of the Communist Party. It isn’t a battle that Tom should be

Economics: Chile and Thatcher's style

The Chilean junta has a name for its regulatory bodies to build a stable and orderly society. To date the efforts have been met with 40,000 trade unionists, socialists and other who wanted to hold the country to ransom in order to eat. The generals call it the ‗social market economy‘. The crass brutality behind it was provided by a Professor of Sociology at the University. Of course it is an interesting question to ask. Margaret Thatcher, Keith Joseph and Ennion Powell.

Financial journalist Alexander Koffman of Koffman recently described the new economy style’s effect on the Chilean working class.

Many cases of children fainting at school because of hunger are reported and parents in increasing numbers send their children to school with letters asking for them to be given subsidised breakfasts or lunches. But kitchens at primary schools can only provide enough for 70 per cent of the students, according to government figures.

In a long queue of unemployed waiting hopefully at Sendu, a state employment agency, stood Hugo R. Valencia. 28 years married, with two children. He was out of work for three months from a textile factory, said he.

We have not eaten more than 3 weeks. Luckily our children are getting milk from my unemployment benefit... but it is about to run out now.

A Peachy time for all

A LOT of people are, or should be, getting worried about Mr Eric Miller. These include shareholders, members of the stock exchange—and members of the Labour Party. Mr Miller is chairman of the Peachy Property Corporation.

The corporation is seven months overdue in the presentation of its accounts for 1974, reports the London Evening Standard. Given the unpromising background in the property world it is not surprising that not only the City of the slopes of the property scene are worried about Peachey’s performance.

Perhaps this was caused by too many kind deeds performed for the Labour Party—like loaning Harold Wilson a helicopter for the February 1974 election. Or perhaps by too many late nights at that well known Mayfair working people’s club, Amanoh—mush used by the holidaying Lord Lucan. Mr Miller has been seen there recently, reports the Daily Express, with Wilson’s private secretary, Lady Falkender. Our meetings are connected with my support for the Labour Party, he announced.

Perhaps it has been asked to speak to the next miners’ conference...

Abortion’s about men too!

by Alan Watts AUEW

JAMES WHITE’S Abortion (Amendment) Bill will take from women what rights they have to decide what happens to their own bodies. Many men are cam- paigning against the Bill, but many support it, to see that the right to free abortion affects them as well.

If you’re a man, and you and your wife have two children, can’t afford more, and she is preg- nant, what can you do? You face an impossible situation, and if White’s legislation is passed your wife won’t have any chance of a free abortion. There is no cure on the National Health Service.

That’s why there is no choice but to find someone who will ‘help out’ for a few pounds. Risky and life at the same time.

For years equal pay has been a major issue for working class women. But it isn’t always easy to understand that rotten wages aren’t just an individual problem— or a problem in one badly organised factory where people may work in isolation.

But James White’s Bill is an attack on all women, everywhere, and it is an anti-working class Bill.

We’ve seen mass demonstrations, like 21 June in London, but by the autumn the campaign against the Bill has to be taken into the working class.

This means arguing the issue out with other people we work with inside the factories, leaflet- tin and factory gate meetings.

If we are successful, and the amendment is defeated, then White’s Bill will have done us all a service.

He will have given many other working class women and men the chance to see what socialists are fighting against—and more importantly, what we are fighting for.
This is democracy... workers' democracy

From COLIN SPARKS in Lisbon

THE LAST two weeks have seen important gains for the Portuguese working class.

Pressure from strikes, demonstration and the growing influence of the revolutionary councils in factories and on housing estates have forced the government and the Armed Forces Movement to take several steps to the left.

A month ago, the assembly of the Armed Forces Movement ended in compromise which the left thought gave it a chance to re-exert its influence.

The Socialist Party and the right-wing officers took the initiative and the Revolutionary Army in the army were forced to keep their heads down. Two weeks ago, the right-wing officers felt strong enough to use troops against important strikes.

Troops were sent, with the support of the Communist Party and the TLP—the telephone exchange in Lisbon—against the government threatened to enter the radio station Rádio Renascença which was occupied by the workers.

Break

But these attempts backfired. After two days the troops in the Portela, the main airport, were forced back. Police, including even some military police, who had been sent to break a consumer boycott of the city, were forced to withdraw.

Lastly there were mass working class demonstrations of solidarity with the workers on strike. Faced with this upsurge, last week the Armed Forces assembly was forced to the left. Its final statement was again a compromise—but this time it recognized the working class.

It calls for the setting up of popular committees and the dissolution of the executive committees of the revolutionary councils, which will aid the armed forces in the state apparatus of reactionaries.

THE BRITISH press have once again started beating their well-worn drum over the alleged "threat to democracy" in Portugal. They gave it a good thumping over the Republica affair, when a group of workers challenged the government's election system.

But now that the government in Portugal has voted to set up some form of popular democracy, based on workplace and tenants' committees, the drum is being beaten feebly.

Our masters want to bang into our heads the notion that only those societies which have 'sovereign parliaments' are democratic.

In saying that, of course, they forget what they know only too well, namely, that parliamentarianism is another word for the power of Ford, General Motors, IC and Pilkingdon, and big business as a whole.

Real democracy in the British system of democracy. Once every five years (or thereabouts) you have the right to mark a parliamentary ballot paper. But this is having no rights at all. But it's scarcely a real democracy in the way of the communist societies.

When all the crosses on the ballot papers have been added up, you have helped to elect an MP. This person is your 'representative'. Note the word, because it means that you have absolutely no day-to-day control over him or her.

But workers in the coal mines have found out, if you try to exercise some minimal control, you're liable to be done for something called 'breach of privilege' or contempt of Parliament.

You have no control over the most important areas of your life. Democracy ceases, for example, when you go to work. As soon as you clock on, you are legally the property of your boss who can use you and abuse you, hire you and fire you. Unless, that is, you're organised.

The Portuguese working class is now far and away the most highly organised in Western Europe. And Portugal's workers are organised not where their employers claim that power lies, but at those points where workers have discovered and developed their own power.

In the course of the many struggles of the past year, they have devised and developed a new and superior form of democracy. It's not the 'once-every-five-years-on-a-piece-of-paper' variety. It's something rooted in the daily lives of ordinary people. It is a real, living democracy and not a sham.

Take TAP, the Portuguese Airlines, for example. They are one of the biggest employers in Portugal, with some 6000 directly employed workers. Like virtually every other enterprise in Portugal, TAP workers have an elected workers' committee to lead their struggles and co-ordinate their affairs.

The council meets after work virtually every day and its members are always on hand if you have a problem. The delegates to the council report back and are recallable to mass meetings. With this sort of system John Stonehouse are virtually impossible.

Solid

The mass meetings are held regularly, sometimes twice a week, depending on the situation. The 6000 TAP workers stop work, gather in the massive car parks, hear a report from the workers' committee and then get stuck into the debate.

There are dozens of issues raised so that everyone can have their say. Often the 6000 are a British-style Parliament with themselves in the majority and private property in the saddle.

To achieve this, it is making all sorts of threats. This week the Portuguese Left has discussed its plans despite protests from workers.

Portugal: First step workers' power

Workers' democracy: a worker addresses a mass meeting in support of TAP, the Portuguese airline.

The document, which envisages the setting up of a popular national assembly, has very definite limits.

The Supreme power remains in the hands of the military leaders, and the document does not call for a transformation of the structure or the army.

How much of a gain this represents depends on how far the revolution goes and on the extent to which the former left can build real workers' councils, both in the factories and in the barracks.

But this development, born of the revolution in the face of the profound economic crisis, offers massive possibilities.

The other victory for the working class was the repudiation of the newspaper República under workers' control. The workers met last week that they would go ahead, naming as editors workers themselves and risking prosecution under the press law which put the authorities on the spot. Either they prosecuted the paper and gave way to the right wing, or they backed the workers.

At dawn on Thursday, in last week as the paper was going to press, they named a Colonel as nominal editor in going to the pressure of the workers.

The right wing have naturally reacted against these advances. Last week Soares has emerged as the undisputed leader of the reaction, threatened strikes and demonstrations to paralyse the country unless the Socialist Party demands were granted.

This week, using the publication of a collective as an excuse, but in reality worried by the Armed Forces Movement demonstration in Lisbon, the Socialist Party has left the government. But there are indications that it is losing working class support.

The other big right wing party, the PPD, is threatening to follow the socialist leaders. Its strategy is to try to prevent the government from establishing the Constituent Assembly as a counterweight to the socialist leaders in the legislature and in the constituencies.

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Gain

The workers struggle continues both in the factories and in the districts. In Setubal, a big tenants' demonstration last week demanded the lowering of rents and the immediate dissolution of the constitutional assembly.

All in all, the situation offers considerable possibilities for the revolutionary left to gain further ground and to create the conditions where the working class can seize power.

Portuguese Solidarity Fund

This fund has been set up to send finance to the Portuguese revolutionary movement, to help finance the Portuguese Workers Coordinating Committee in Britain and to help pay towards the cost of the International Solidarity Committee's work in solidarity with the Portuguese revolution.

Socialist Worker Portuguese Solidarity Fund, 8 Cottam Gardens, London E2 8DN.
The 12th July

By FRANK DRAIN

An anniversary

The face of Protestant ascendancy: Orangeman march through Belfast on 12 July, a calculated

last Saturday, 12 July, in towns and villages in Northern Ireland thousands upon thousands of workers, in some cases led by their bosses, were on the march.

If you were a visitor, this spectacle would indeed be something to tell the folks back home about. The music and tunes of the many bands, the gaily-dressed people, the horses, the sheep bedded down, sun-hated faces, men marching in well-disciplined ranks, in many cases carrying swords and blackthorn walking sticks.

Yet indeed, a wonderful sight—specifically if you are a visitor.

But leaves the parade and walk through some of the back-street areas, and you'll find a totally different atmosphere. People will try to go about their ordinary business, but not quite making it, they will hear the distant wall of the pipes, the high pitch of flute, the pounding of the Lambeg Drum and they will wait apprehensively for the news of a riot or, more light-heartedly, of news that some 'cut bastard' has dropped dead on the march through a heart attack or sheer exhaustion.

These people are part of what the march is about. They are the Catholic section of the working class, the minority, the third class citizens.

The marchers are the Protestant section, mainly workers but some middle class, landowners, factory owners, politicians and clergymen. They are the majority, the privileged, the masters, the Orange monotony.

They are letting the world know that the mad month has well and truly started, the Loyalist show of strength. This is their day, the day when once again the battles of the Boyne will be re-lived, their hero King William will be toasted in songs and Guineas, the siege of Derry will be fought again, with 'Derry's Wall', 'Daily's Road' where ten thousand papists were kicked in—The Sash and all the other songs, not of victory but of repression.

The politicians will tell them that the very fact that they are in a place of William makes them first class citizens. Of course, they are, aren't they, on the same march as their employers, the landowners and so on.

Dole

They're told that if they smash the Republican resistance and muzzle the Catholics everything will be all right.

The clergymen tell them that God is on their side. The terrible monster of Orangeism is there in its entirety—the deplorable police, the former Bishops, the judges, the rich and, sadly, the trade unionists.

This is only the beginning. In August we will witness 40-year-old Apprentices marching through Derry to commemorate the 'singe'.

Yes, it's their day, that month, their supremacy and—by Christ—you ugly dogs better remember it. Ulster will fight and Ulster will be right.

Of course, in many cases it is not the young kids in the Catholic areas who feel the awful threat of Loyalism.

We learn it in harsh terms in the slums of the Falls Road, Ardoyne, the Strand. When I was a school kid we had gang warfare just like kids all over the world, only in our case it was Micks versus Pocks.

In these occasions a flash of show. For instance, 'Road we had a There was none Road, so after so would walk on the out of the pool.

We had differed; they were Pocks. Tell by their eye clothes, some by walked—all rubbings we believed it.

One favourite some kid and no Hall Mary. Other gangs would stop you dirty Pocks in Smiling with 'say No' and ourselves on our back or money or, wound.

Most of us background, not the real danger state. That was, we started we ourselves escorted by a cop when found out what—an evil happier the corner as you hooded up a

Then in the snarling superior who knew before guiltily that you would.

You wouldn't your money because to work in a

The Orange getting through as it's getting people in field this month, or Staffing, the drum section, another treading Falls Road by
THE CARIB TRIAL

(HAVE you heard the term 'pipe' officer? Or 'bleeding black bastard'? Or 'wogs'?
'I've heard them used in jokes.
'It can be offensive'.
'To their face.'
'How about their back'?
That exchange between a defence counsel and PC Robert Maharine came at the Old Bailey. It was in June, the first month of what is turning into one of the longest cases of modern times—the trial of the Tricklewood 12, black youths charged with affray and fighting. Several of them are on additional charges including possession of offensive weapons, assault and intimidation.

In the early morning of 12 October last year a patrolling police car gave chase to what they believed to be a stolen Ford Cortina. It is alleged they saw the occupant (or occupants) get out of the car and run into the Carib Continental Club in Crickwood, North London. Whether or not the alleged thief or thieves did or did not run away. Some of what followed is clearer. Police went into the club and were later followed by 140 more. A battle broke out and at least 40 black youths were held by the police. Following this the 12 find themselves in the Old Bailey before Mr Justice Norker.

Dream
The 12 are Dennis Bowell, Royfield Doaksey, Peter Barnett, Davie Smart, Lawrence Thomas, Anthony Lovender, Roger Streadway, Oliver Franks, Len Scott, Lloyd Haun, Karl Watson and Keith Logan. Their trial is likely to continue until the end of August.

The right criminals are not in the dock," said Keith Logan's defence counsel, Rady Nkayans

Parle alleged that it was you and your fellow officers who made the affray. These young blacks wereinstalled in an orgy of violence by you and your brother officers. You wouldn't dream of behaving like that at a white people's clubs.

The police story is that a few of them entered the club, walked across the dance floor, and went into the men's toilet in pursuit of the thief. There they found him, they claim, and were on their way out when attacked by club members. By this time they had summoned assistance—and in it came, eventually totalling 146.

It was only when they had made it to the Gents—with no opposition—that the police summoned the assistance. But why should they need it? How is it they were asked, when 'everything was friendly' in the words of PC Maharine?

'You knew full well what sort of club this was and you intended to stage a mass invasion,' defence counsel Ronald Bows, PC Chaumont Rambert, said. You were in the vanguard of this invasion, and that is what you were responsible for bringing that followed.

The policeman was accused by Rady Nkayans of 'hammering' one of the club members and of having been physically assaulted. You called the police, you asked the alleged thief to come out.

At the week has passed so the inconsistencies in the prosecution's case have begun to emerge. Last week PC Eric Wetterhall was removed in the witness stand—and was asked to identify the defendant he claimed to have arrested during the fracas.

Dog
He got the wrong one. He tried again, saying he was 'almost quite positive' this time. He was wrong again—and stated the person as "Sharpy". There is no one of that name in the trial.

When the police came into the club in numbers they brought with them a police dog, and by the time the club members were leaving the stairs down to the exit were lined with policemen.

'When they came out they were beaten by the police on the stairs', said Rady Nkayans, only in the trial. It was denied.

Later PC Anthony Brooks admitted that police lining the stairs had "troublingly drawn" and also denied that the club members were attacked by the police. The police have denied that anyone left the club were 'helped' over the railing out side. The defence alleged they were thrown, and beaten in the vans which took them to the police station.

Defence
'They climbed over,' explained one constable about defendant Royfield Doaksey. He was asked if they were held. 'By one arm', he claimed. 'It was more convenient to put him over the railing and put him in the police van was the quickest possible way.'

The defence has yet to begin calling witnesses. What has emerged is the police have stumbled through their evidence is the picture of yet another black club, yet another black community. What has also hit—and hit hard—by the law.

If it is a nice club, and very decent," said a 17-year-old black girl. "But not many people go there now—and what happened. There wasn't any trouble before, it was used to be packed, but last time I went, there were only about 20 people.

I used to go to another place over in West Indies, you used to get all sorts, West Indians, Cypriot, English, then it goes new-fashioned. Now hardly any blacks go there and there's fights and copper mongering in.

He's an ex-cop himself—"

NIGEL FOUNTAIN

The struggle in Ireland
Chris Harman
The aim of this pamphlet is to give a brief history of British domination, to show its effects on Ireland, what has emerged as the problems of the present of Ireland will not be cleared up by the domination in Ireland, and to indicate the way this can be done.

An International Socialists pamphlet
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The Black Worker in Britain
Anwododu To Wa Ni Iru Oyibo
O Trabalhador Português em Inglaterra
O Kınıqos Eryattıq ötyn Ayğalia
विदेशी व्यक्ति की अनेकायुक्त
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IS public meetings

CENTRAL LONDON is preparing for the first public demonstration by the Trade Unionists' Movement against the war. The demonstration is expected to take place on Saturday 17th July, and will be followed by a public meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, on Sunday 25th July. The demonstration will be led by the Trade Unionists' Movement and supported by other trade unions.

SHEFFIELD CHIMNEYS public meetings: 5,500 workers are expected to attend the mass meeting to be held in Sheffield on Saturday 6th July. The meeting will be addressed by trade union leaders and workers from the Yorkshire coalfields.

BIRMINGHAM WOMENS VOICE public meeting: A mass meeting is planned for Saturday 6th July in Birmingham. The meeting will be addressed by trade union leaders and workers from the West Midlands.

DAY SCHOOL for IS School Students: A day school for IS school students will be held in London on Saturday 6th July. The day will include sessions on trade union strategy and tactics.

SUMMER WEEKEND SCHOOLS for IS members: The IS is holding a summer weekend school for members in July. The school will be held in London and will cover topics such as trade union strategy and tactics.

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CENTRAL MANCHESTER: IS student净利润 training session. The Party is planning to hold a training session for its students in Manchester in the coming weeks.

MANCHESTER IS Day School: The IS will be holding a day school in Manchester on Saturday 6th July. The day will include sessions on trade union strategy and tactics.

NOTICES

Updated speakers notes on ABORTION: A new updated version of the speakers notes on abortion is now available.

FACT SHEETS ON ABORTION: Available from IS offices in London and Edinburgh.

LEEDS IS: Leeds 13 July, 11am, Central Union Club, Leeds. For all members.

Glasgow IS: Glasgow 13 July, 11am, Central Union Club, Glasgow. For all members.

SHEFFIELD IS: Sheffield 13 July, 11am, Hallam 1, Hallam University. For all members.

GLASGOW area: Glasgow 13 July, 11am, Central Union Club, Glasgow. For all members.

Cypriot workers and students have issued a statement calling for a general strike and national strike to protest against the war in Cyprus. They demand the withdrawal of foreign troops from the island and the establishment of a democratic government.

The revolutionary party To the majority of the most mili-
tarian sections of the working class in Greece, the Greek Socialists, and in particular, the majority of the international Socialists is dedicated to the build-
ing of such a party by fighting for the establishment of a new political and economic system that can strengthen the self-confidence, solidarity, and social consciousness of the working class.

For rank and file control of the trade unions and the regular representation of the working class, pressing the case for rank and file control.

Internationalism: We are inter-

nationalists and we do not support any country. All workers are equal.

Against all per cent trade unions.

Against all nationalisations.

Against all imperialist policies, including Russian imperialism.

For unconditional support to the movement of fighting for the building of a mass workers’ revolutionary party, organ-

ised on the basis of rank and file control.

For real social and economic transformation.

If you agree with the views expressed in this paper and would like more information, or would like to join the International Socialists, then send this form to:

The International Socialists, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 EON

IRELAND: Be ready for when the storm breaks

SOLIDARITY with the working class in Ireland is not yet forgotten or taken for granted by IS.

We appreciate the reasons why it is difficult to win a strike by the British workers in Ireland at this time. There is no mass resistance in Ireland, and the strike is not supported by the working class.

As revolutionaries we understand that this is a temporary situation. It is the fall before the storm. When that storm breaks we will mould it. That is easy, but what about now? Solidarity work in times like these is crucial.

The IS Irish Committee is asking for these proposals to be implemented in the branches and districts:

1. Each district/branch should appoint an organiser responsible for Irish solidarity work, working closely with the Irish Committee.

2. Education programs or workshops should be included on a regular basis.

3. Each district/branch should adopt and implement an internationalism policy.

4. Solidarity work for the Irish working class will be coordinated by the Irish Committee.

5. All branches and district committees must support these proposals.

INNER East London District International Socialists raised £616.46 last weekend in support of the revolution in Portugal.

Most of it came from bankers’ orders forms, which have been issued for the Socialist Workers Party Fund. The orders currently pay £2 a month for the next six months into the fund.

Liz Balfour, secretary of the fund, said: "This is just what is needed. The situation in Portugal is at a critical stage and it is up to socialists in Britain to give comrades in Portugal every assistance they can.

The money was raised at a highly successful evening, attended by 50 IS members and sympathisers from the district. Silvester Mazzucchelli of North West London District, who has just returned from Portugal, spoke of what it was like to be in a nationalised world, the growing unity between the workers in the factories and the farmers.

Branco da Ponte, from the Portuguese Workers’ Committee, also spoke of the events that led to the coup last year, and the prospects for the working class.

THE new IS Training and Publications Committee has been called to hold a meeting on every IS district territory to organise a half-day school on Portuguese support during the summer.

Some districts have already held public meetings, and the schools are important to discuss in greater depth not only what is happening in Portugal but also what practical solidarity work can be carried out in this country.

Paul Holborn, convenor of the committee, said: "It is crucial at this time that we respond to the call of the workers in Portugal to send us our sympathisers and workers.

If you do make any good contacts, keep in touch with the committee and working groups between them and your workplaces and around this country.

Collect any leaflets, posters, pamphlets, and any other material that you can be made available.

Any ideas about carrying out any of these tasks should be sent to the IS Training and Publications Committee, phone 01-725 1878.

SEVERAL comrades have contacted the IS about going on holiday in Portugal this summer. If you are interested, you should apply for a place by mid-July.

We advise any comrades going there to contact the IS in London and we will help them with information to their own benefit. This is not difficult. Just phone 01-725 1878, and we can send you an application card and explain as usual a British Socialist to the Workers’ Committee in Portugal. You can do this in any language and we will help you find work there.

We are also on the lookout for more contacts among the British socialist movement. If you know of any contacts, please let us know.

Cypriot workers and students have joined the general strike and national strike to protest against the war in Cyprus. They demand the withdrawal of foreign troops from the island and the establishment of a democratic government.

The revolution in Cyprus has brought about a new situation. The working class is now fighting for its freedom and independence.

For military trade union unity, joint shop stewards, joint plant and combine levels.

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

For unconditional support to the movement of fighting for the building of a mass workers’ revolutionary party, organised on the basis of rank and file control.

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The British Empire... built on blood

A country that, two centuries ago, was admitted by its British planners to have been in advanced industrially as the West, was 'opened up' to commerce in the years immediately before the 1950s. In the first 50 years of 'commerce', the equivalent today of £200 million was drained out every year. And that was only the beginning.

It could only be done, it was only done by violence. Famine, destruction of crops, forced labor, and mass murder were the tools of 'development'.

India's only credit in this colonial balance of payments, grew four times over. But mass starvation could be dismissed, as it still is today, as an act of nature. Mass murder could not.

And that, when they were disloyal and outraged enough to rebel, was what the Indian people got. In 1857 the Indian army mutinied. The response of the glorious British Empire was a self-righteous savagery that has been largely and conveniently forgotten by those men of impartiality who write our children's history textbooks.

Michael Edwardes is an exception. He details the blood-sucking in a book that will shock anyone who still has doubts about the barbarism who were pleased to call themselves Empire-builders.

ACTION

When news of the outbreak of the rebellion reached Peshawar, two such uniformed Empire-builders, Herbert of Edgeworthia Park - John Nicholson, took swift action. Sepoy regiments were hurriedly disarmed and their leaders executed. The first ten, recorded an eye-witness, were 'picked out, their eyes bandaged, and they were bound to the gun-shot bags, beating against the muzzle of their arms fixed to the wheels. The portieres were lowered and the guns fired. It was a horrid sight that then met the eye; a regular shower of human fragments of heads, arms, of legs, appeared in the air through the smoke... three times this scene was re-enacted.'

In Delhi, Edwardes relates, the city 'put to the sword, looted and sacked with the ferocity of a Nazi expropriation squad'.

But the army had no monopoly on massacres. Volunteer hanging parties went out into the districts, and amateur executioners were not wanting.

One gangman boasted of the number of heads he had chopped off "in an artistic manner", with mango-tree for giblets and salt for drops, the victims of this wild sport being strung up, as though for pastime, in "the form of a figure eight".

The 'nigger' became a favourite phrase of the military platforms - 'nigger iwadi', 'nigger of treachery', partridges and Pandies rose together but the last two were not part of the sort. Lancas ran a tilt at a wretched who had been "open to his covert".

In Allahabad, 600 were thought to have perished, their corpses hanging by two and three from branches and signalized all over the town... for three months did eight stairs of death daily go their rounds from mule to mule, to take down corpses which hung at the cross-roads and the market-place, poisoning the air of the city.

All this, remember, took place BEFORE the massacres by the rebels at Cawnpore, which did not, as legend would have it, provoke the butchery of a peace-loving British ruling class. It merely increased it.

When British troops re-captured the town, the few indians remaining were rounded up and imprisoned. They were almost certainly not allowed in the massacre, and the British commanders knew it.

In 1857 the British Empire... built on blood...
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Well, what WOULD you do?

YOU quote Len Murray as saying: 'I do not know what they are going to put in place of the Social Contract, whatever they call it. Socialism is a stroke'. You reply to this: 'If workers are to live in the kind of society in which there is no need to fight for a trade union, then they are no one to fight against the employing class, nor worry about how to solve their problems.'

This is fine, but it does not get far enough.

Many workers want to know what the alternative ways of dealing with capitalism are, and know that there are alternatives, but very often the first step, not an end itself.

Well, what would we do then if we did take power? The failure to answer this question paralyzed the trade union leaders in the General Strike of 1926, and now it paralyzes many workers who have heard nothing but Harold Wilson and 'our' prophets of a return to the ideal world of milk and honey in a year's time if only the workers will make sacrifices now.

Lenin in 1917 did not limit himself to a call for direct action on the coalfields - he also summarized the results of the direct action waged by the miners as a model to be followed in the future. What was it? It was the idea of the unions being transformed into a workers' government, and the question was: What sort of a government? What kind of a society? What kind of a world? It was a question of social policy, and the question was: What sort of a society can we have if we change the world? And the answer was: the world can be changed to a socialist world.

So when you ask: 'What would we do then if we did take power?' the reply must be: We would set up a workers' government, and the question then is: What is the model to be followed in the future?

This is the real question of the class war. It is the question of the future of the world, and it is the question of the future of the working class. It is the question of the future of the socialist revolution.

Joe £10 a week Gormley

AGAIN the miners of this country are being asked—no, not being asked, blackmailed—into betraying their country to the TUC and the Labour Party. This has been really hammered home in the bitter press by Joe 'Get out for safeguarded your old age' Gormley.

Is it really the same Joe Gormley who we pay £2300 plus perks to represent us, who says our wage rise is 'bloody dirty'? This must verge on the ridiculous. But sadly it is the same Gormley, who does get want to endanger his cosy relationship with the TUC and the Labour Party.

But what can we do? The rank and file miner must be as sick and as angry as I am to watch our so-called leaders creep and crawl to the upholders of capitalism. Never before has there been such need for a real rank and file movement to combat our 'friends' and enemies. Let's build the links, cast aside our differences and move as a class to a new Opposition—TUC, Labour Party, Trade Unions, miners, etc. This will lead to a new relationship of force between the working class and the employers, and the movement to socialism.

Democracy? Hear, hear!

READERS who missed Billy Cooper's article on the House of Lords in last week's Sunday Times might be interested in some of his observations about this bastion of British democracy. 'I arrived to find most of them lazing pleasantly on the couches of some person who appeared to be visiting them,' he wrote:

I wandered off to have a drink. In one corner, a man was reading his newspaper, in another, a dozen children were playing with some toys. In the corridor, I met a man wearing a suit, but I was no doubt the least dressy of all, for I was wearing my duffel coat and rubber boots.

I think it is right that the monarchy should be preserved, but I think it is wrong that the House of Lords should be preserved. It is an institution which is out of date and out of place.

The CJA: TELL US MORE

YOU should make much more than you did (Fifth Column 5 July) about the report's conclusions and recommendations. The United States Central Intelligence Agency is clearly under the influence of Nato's foreign and cold war policy in Europe.

It is necessary to do this because it is still going on and because it has been covered by the most intense and aggressive propaganda.

The thin nature of the CJA article is a partial lack of coverage of US politics at home and abroad. Either the fate of the world capitalistic system will be decided in or by the US or it won't. In either case it matters in Europe more... BOB DUMBLETON, Cardiff.

The Free Speech In Astms

NOT only have members of the white collar union Astms no power to defend the right of strikers that make their living by house to house canvassers on official strike, without a warrant from the union. After last year's radiographers' strike, Dr David Owens, general secretary of the Astms, member, refused to backdate payments to those radiographers who had been out on strike.

On hearing of this, Astms division 15 asked that proceedings be instituted to dismiss Owens from membership. The executive now refuse, not because they dislike the facts, but because Owens was acting 'in a ministerial capacity'. Any ordinary member can however (and is) hauld before an investigation committee for so much as just the voicing of the union. It is high time the rank and file of Astms made the point clear to the rest of the union democracy they will stand for...IRENE BRUEGEL, London NW3.
Tyneside: 15,000 now on strike

Unemployment has been rising over the past few months while living standards are being eroded. But the giant shipbuilding and engineering firms on Tyne have maintained their profit levels.

When the £6 limit is introduced on 1 August, the likeness is that nearly all the workers on Tyneide who have not already settled will be fighting against the government as much as against the local employers. Already local trade union officials have tried to persuade some factories to return to work.

The national organiser for the Rank and File Organising Committee, Ken Appleby, spoke to Socialist Worker in Tyneide about his views on the strike.

‘What we need to do is get as many groups as possible together. These strikes are part of the same wave. We have to come together to struggle for the workers’ rights and wages. We have to organise the workers to fight against the government and the local press. They are trying to go into every trade union on Tyneide to fight inside union branches and shop stewards’ committees to get them to support and insist that the officials do their job and support the men.

We have to put together what we can to make as many stewards as possible together to unite the struggle. We are ready to supply help and information to any group who is trying to organize with other workers on Tyneide.’

John Haughton

Parsons workers hold out for £10

SHOP FLOOR workers at C A Parsons, Heaton, are still holding out for their full claim of £10 across-the-board. Management’s latest offer of £8 plus £2 – which was unanimously rejected at a mass meeting last week.

Debbie Wade, General and Municipal Workers’ Union convenor, told Socialist Worker: ‘Shop-floor workers at Parsons have always been neglected. There’s no sick pay scheme and the pension scheme is吝啬. But the money is there to give decent wages and conditions.

Parsons really needs a decent union for a decent union. It has no sympathy for the workers’ rights and conditions. The management are not interested in the workers’ welfare. They only care about the production line and the profit margin.

Parsons do need the union for a decent bargain. Parson’s management made the position worse when they cancelled the agreement with the government. They have not given the workers any guarantees that their wages will be protected. They have not been able to come to terms with the determination of the members.

If they are not going to take it out of their two weeks’ notice then legislation forces them to take the money they can be sure that our members will win the case. The company would not agree to the kind of production we want.

Management now seems likely to make a new offer of £8 now with £2 to follow at Christmas. But members of the white-collar engineering union, TASS, at Parsons, have just accepted a 13 per cent offer over six months. The shop floor must also insist on a deal which will not prevent them from getting six months’ when inflation demands it.

STRIKE AT REARLOVE TOO

At Rearelove, Heaton, 800 members of the white-collar engineering union TASS at Parsons have won their battle for a pay increase. Business as usual for the 16 TASS members working for support in the current wage claim.

In view of the offer put to the TASS members at the Parsons end of the Rearelove-Parsons combine it appears that a similar offer will be made to the members at Hebburn. Meanwhile picketing will continue.

TASS members at Parsons have agreed to a levy of £2 per person per week to aid the Strike at Rearelove.

Harry Laverne

Conference hits firemen

FIREMEN have been working to this line. Union was a dirty word claim. Two weeks ago, an agreement there is a 9 per cent cut was reached by the employers and confirmed nationally. The next day Healey’s wage restrictions were announced and the offers washed back to 6 per cent.

Firemen on Tyneide reacted immediately and succeeded in their action to include refusal to move to the public stations: This led to the closure of three stations on Tyne and Wear.

At an emergency National conference of the Firemen’s union in a few days’ time Tyne and Wear backed a resolution from Tyne and Wear fire station that their members could not turn out only when life was at stake.

Some members of the union executives have decided to come to the aid of the firemen and to vote no confidence in the firemen now that the firemen have not given the full support to the strike.

The major issue of the pay claim has already been the subject of the union’s leaders and diverted into a demand for a 40-hour week. The progress of the strike is now in the hands of the FBU No 1 division, told Socialist Worker: ‘In my view, negotiators have not given the necessary leadership. We are still disappointed about the result of the conference. Party progressives and the EC have surrendered.

We will have a mass meeting to explain the situation to our members. No doubt they will be angry and we will continue the action. Lots of lads want to down the show.’

Against

Kevin Riddle, a member of the TUC Firemen’s union, said: ‘I was left alone at the mass meeting. I felt I could never say the 40-hour week because everyone can safely push the time off. I think we will not get the strike unless we get the 40-hour week’.

Tyne and Wear firemen are certainly prepared to settle on a short-term settlement of the full claim.

A delegate to conference from the South wrote: ‘The EC dodged the crucial question, the 40-hour week, in the light of government attacks on the EC, the EC is not ready to settle on the 40-hour week. The EC has its own standards. The EC narrowly carried the view that Healey’s freeze ruled out any further fight on pay.

Management proposals for a 40-hour week are in line with government policy of public spending cuts – reduced manning of fire engines, less fire cover for residential workers, more picketing for full-time firemen in their off-duty time.

There was strong opposition to the 40-hour plan, especially around the Middlesbrough resolution. Despite hysterical reds, the debate has been led by pro-EC speakers, the resolution was only defeated by 16,880 to 10,258.

The opposition was centered on the support of the EC, we can expect the fight to continue in the locals.’
Crisis in the Print
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MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS
Why we need one union for the print—by a man who's building it

THE SOCIALIST WORKER GUIDE TO WORKPLACE SURVIVAL

The new technology in the print...
Step up flight for Engineers Charter

By John Deason

At 11 DAYS' notices, 60 convos, shop stewards and officials of the AUEW have signed personal support for Willie Lee's candidate for the Engineers Charter. Fourteen convos, nine shop stewards and three shop stewards delegate signed in Swansea, an area dominated by its membership of the AUEW as the local contendants. The local AUEW office in Swansea was 100% unionized and handing stores.

The battle began in 1972 when Alcosan organized a number of workers with heavy vehicles. When the company's封建 regime demanded their work hours, the workers' struggle began and led to the formation of a trade union committee. The battle has continued ever since.

One of the main problems in the battle is that the workers have been fighting for their rights for so long. The AUEW office in Swansea was 100% unionized and handing stores. The workers have been fighting for their rights for so long, but the battle has continued ever since.

The battle is not just a battle for the AUEW officials, but also for the rights of all workers. The struggle has continued ever since.

SUGGESTED BASES FOR THE CHARTER

WAGES
- opposition to all forms of income policies
- for national, meaningful, across-the-board wage increases
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Spite
- Plant-by-plant bargaining is alright for a few of the stronger groups but doesn't do much for those who are at the other end of the scale. The TUC and the employers determined to lop the £1.8bn back to the workers.

Dundee Hospital workers victory

At Ninewells Hospital over 50 transport workers were 100% unionized. On the first day of the strike, the workers went on strike. The strike was supported by the local AUEW office in Dundee. The strike was supported by the local AUEW office in Dundee.

GLASGOW: RAWPLUG-
- WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!

by Angela McMichael, AUEW

Last week 500 workers, the majority workmen on shift, walked out in a total overtime ban and fighting back. The workers threatened to strike for six months because of the building industry slump.

The overtime ban has put up with redundancies and short time working, but two months was the limit the workers were willing to wait. The overtime ban was met with a refusal by the bosses to allow them to strike.

The overtime ban will hit the management
- they're trying to close one building in a three-storey building.

The announcement of Wilson's wage freeze made it clear that the workers are fighting because they have been bullied and drained.

Other employers are backing Binn's management, but workers from plants like Timex and T.C. Bany are backing the workers. Binn's Longs is the battleground for the workers struggle in Dundee.

The battle must be won, messages of support have come from all over the country.

BONAR LONG, DUNDEE STRIKE: WEE WEEK!

"They seem to be making a fact case out of the job of the support staff..." said one Dundee worker. "We need for all Dundee workers that we win. That was the main point of the strike." The support staff were 100% unionized and had sought support from the local AUEW office. The support staff were 100% unionized and had sought support from the local AUEW office.

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BIRMINGHAM: THE CLAUSK - CONFLICTION AND SPLITS

In the offices at the company's main factory, there is a visible tension. The workers have been organizing, trying to put an end to the factory's factory. The workers have been organizing, trying to put an end to the factory's factory.

BIRMINGHAM - Some of the 44 men, and one of the 22 men, Transport and General Workers Union members, officially represented and supported by the local AUEW, rejected the offer of £1.8,000. A few refused to accept the offer of £1.8,000. A few refused to accept the offer of £1.8,000.

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MACHERLIC SPLANS TO CONFIDE AND SPLIT THE PLAN

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LONDON BUILDING WORKERS STRIKE

LONDON - The building workers have sent redundancy notices at the Movements National Wages Bureau. The building workers have sent redundancy notices at the Movements National Wages Bureau. The building workers have sent redundancy notices at the Movements National Wages Bureau.

And has been followed by a strike to demand better wages, which the strikers hope will be made official.

LONDON: BRITISH RELAY WAGES UP, JOBS GONE?

Some building workers have offered a 20% pay rise to employees and they're trying to get their pound of flesh.

This would mean the SACK for one or another person. The SACK for all apprentices—and they want to overthrow all of the apprentices per day.

This would pull the inside workers by 20% per day—but it's not a price that will win the war. The workers have rejected outside workers' attempts to impose 20% reductions on mobile builders. The workers have rejected outside workers' attempts to impose 20% reductions on mobile builders.
YOU WON'T BLAME US, WOODALL'S

MANCHESTER: Woodall Duckham, part of the huge international engineering company Babcock and Wilcox, were trying to break the strike at their Partington gas works site.

They announced at a meeting with full-time union officials in Manchester’s plush Portland Hotel last Friday, that they are going to shut the site.

And, what’s more, it would stay shut until next Spring when they hope, the workers who have dared to defy them and defend union organisation will have disappeared.

These tactics are nothing new to the men of wealth and power who run Babcock’s. At their subsidiary in Spain, they have, assisted by the fascist government, maintained a ruthless regime.

BID

Woodall’s chairman, Thomas Carlile, is a master in the repression industry. As vice president and then chairman of the Engineering Employers Federation, he co-signed the employers’ battle against the Manchester Engineering Union in 1972.

In this latest bid to break union organisation, the firm has enjoyed full co-operation from the Gas Board.

I have told Woodall Duckham that when they do reopen the contract it must be started with the lads that were sacked on 13 June (Black Friday) says W Charles, chairman of the engineering union full-time official in Manchester.

The dispute is over the victimisation of one welder who was asked to do four test pieces to qualify for the job, a practice never used in the construction industry, which is why the trade unionists were sacked.

Bob Norris, FPU shop steward, said: ‘What we need to win this fight is solidarity, financial and moral support from the Woodall Duckhams’ sites and the nationalised gas industry. We also need support from local trade union bodies for a mass demonstration against management’s organised union tactics.’

And Cyril Lee, H and Steward, said: ‘Isn’t it bloody marvellous where a construction company can operate a blacklist with the support of a nationalised industry?’

All trade unionists should support the meeting called by the strikers at Holme Labour Club, Bowlands St, on Thursday 24th July at 8pm.

Any trade unionist who works on a Woodall Duckham or a Babcock and Wilcox site should demand ‘no recruitment of labour until the work force at Partington has been reinstated by Woodall Duckhams.’

Finance is coming in, but very slowly. It is urgent to please rush donations and levies to Send to Woodall Duckham Strike Committee, 11 Lime Avenue, Urmston, Manchester.

Ricky Tomlinson out next week

SHREWSBURY pcket Ricky Tomlinson will be out on parole on Friday 25 July. But Des Warren, who copped a three-year sentence just before Christmas 1973, will have to stay inside until the winter.

This comes as no surprise. The trade union movement at official level has moved from doing next to nothing about the Shrewsbury affair to doing absolutely nothing.

This puts tremendous pressure on the Warren family. Else Warren told Socialist Worker this week that she was very glad that at long last Ricky Tomlinson was to get out of jail.

‘But, she added, ‘while I don’t think we’ll have to spend another Christmas alone without Dante, I think we’ve still got a few months to wait.’

The Warrens have six children to look after. And with only the barest minimum wage coming in they need every penny bit of financial support they can get.

The Shrewsbury Dependants Fund run by the National Rank and File Organising Committee exists to get that support. Every trade union should dig deep to assist.

Collections for the Organising Committee’s summer fund should be held in as many places as possible and sent to Oasis Lewis, Holyoake’s, 83 Park Road, Chester, Cheshire.

FOOTNOTE: Another fascinating example of the ‘one law for the rich, another for the poor’ reality of so-called British justice came this week in a report from the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee.

The Committee reported that the government was fiddled out of £40 million in Value Added Tax.

But no vicious campaign is to be launched against businesses, shopkeepers and other upstanding people for whom tax fiddling is a way of life. Customs and Excise, noted the House of Commons report, ‘gives priority to educating traders rather than rigid enforcement.’ To a businessman, that sounds like something that the Factory Inspectorate.

Yet again—T&C sabotage black strikers

ONCE AGAIN immigrant workers are lashing out against lousy pay and rotten conditions. And once again the Transport Workers’ union is doing its utmost to undermine their struggles.

But this time there is a difference. For Transport Worker Union officials are going to have a great difficulty ignoring the 400 of their members at London’s Heathrow Airport, within splitting distance of the 11,000 highly-organised engineers and maintenance workers, many of them T&C members.

The 400 are catering workers who prepare and serve food for the British Airways’ flights in the overseas division. They are the worst paid group on the airport.

Their demand for parity with other ground service staff, like leavers and cleaners, amounts to £10, which still leaves them with under £40 a week.

They are fighting a free issue of safety shoes, which the better-paid workers get. At the moment they have to pay half the cost. And they are demanding a 12p allowance.

The 12p allowance hasn’t changed since 1955.

Conditions are appalling. Poor drainage means that dishwashers have to stand in two inches of water. And the shocking stench and heat drives many workers able to find jobs elsewhere.

But not surprisingly, full-time officials in the dockers and AMAL unions persuade the strikers to return to work Tuesday morning. There is little trust for the full-time officials since all the T&C leaders have failed to deliver promised pay parity three times previously.

Collins later told engineering stewards that he would not stop T&C drivers taking food prepared by managerial staff to the planes because the train workers said to work.

Stop

Already international flights are forced to stop at Prestwick and Glasgow airports because of food supplies. Blacking at Prestwick and solidarity from the airport engineers can quickly overturn British Airways.

This means delegations from the engineering bases coming down to see how the meat breaks and before and after shifts are going. And, above all, it means T&C members on the base letting it be known that life will be hell for the full-time officials if they don’t give the strike proper backing.

A fund has already been given by Jack Maher, T&C Convener for the overseas division, who told Socialist Worker: ‘I certainly intend to do what I can to give the strikers the best possible chance.’

Back at the ‘Comet House Slave’ where the strikers have remained their department, their spirits are up.

As T&C steward Hashi Bhatti put it, ‘We are in a better position to fight.’

Steffen workers still out for £10

STAFFORD: The strike by 2500 men and women at W GEC is still solid and six weeks. Effective picketing by the eight union involved has continued through the works shutdown which ended this week.

The workers are demanding £10 across the board. Bill Hughes, deputy AMAL convener, said: ‘We believe we can crack this thing and get back to work as much as work has been transformed from other, we couldn’t have hit them at a better time, because the old plans are in 2 weeks, we’re staying out for another 2 weeks, on the same conditions.”

It’s SLOWING UP again, comrades. Our fighting fund raised only £272.54 in the last month (July 16 to August 16).

Why not organise a whip-round among your mates at work or on your estates?

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London member £10.
Walsall Local £10.
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Send donations to collections to Mel Norris, 16 National Treasurers, 8 Cottons Gardens, Lichfield, Lichfield.

STAFFORD WORKERS STAY OUT FOR £10

He was supported by Jack Mortimer, KTUC depot steward: ‘We don’t trust the management any more. We won’t go back unless they agree to give us the same conditions as every other worker in the works. ‘We’ve had two meetings of the workers’ home advising the shop stewards to come into the firm and we’ve got an agreement that they should.

We’ve had a reply with our own bulletin. The management are out to smash us and don’t want us to work on this plant. We must now go for all the give and file the confidence to take them on again.’

So the workers have been offered £4.50 with another £2.50 for the end of October.