CRISIS IN INDIA
DEMONSTRATION
Free the 35,000 political prisoners Down with the dictatorships in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh Sunday 2 August, Assembly Place, Square Mile, for march to Indian High Commission. All London branches and those in area with Asian communities to attend with banners.

Solidarity with the Portuguese Revolution
DEMONSTRATION AND RALLY
Saturday 30 August in London. Further details next week. Called by the International Socialists.

THE government’s claim that the £6 limit on wage increases will help the poorer paid is a blatant lie.

As much was admitted by the Under Secretary for the Social Services Brian O’Malley in the House of Commons last week. He released official figures that show that a married man earning £50 a week with three children will get £70 less under the government’s anti-inflation law.

Anyone with two children and earning £25 a week will be £3 a week worse off.

They will actually have less cash in their wage packets—that’s before the effect of continued massive price rises.

Government regulations mean that every time you get a wage rise there is an immediate increase in your tax and national insurance payments. You also lose entitlement to any rent or rate increases, to free school meals and so on. Unless the lower paid get a really large increase, they end up with less cash in their pockets than before.

The £6 limit will ensure that hundreds of thousands of nurses, hospital workers, farm workers, will be caught in this trap.

When Chancellor Denis Healey introduced the freeze, he claimed that it would help the lower paid. He told a press conference: ‘Not everyone will suffer a fall in living standards. A married couple, on two-thirds of average earnings will receive a slight increase’. He meant an increase in the buying power of the wage packet, after taking account of price increases.

KICKING
The message has been repeated a hundred times since, in the press, from conference platforms, at union meetings: the freeze, by holding back prices, will help the lower paid.

If a group of workers such as the miners use their industrial muscle to break the freeze, they are kicking the really badly off in the teeth.

Now Healey has been proved as great a liar and fraud as his colleague John Stonehouse. His help for the lower paid consisted of making their pay even lower. Just as his help for the unemployed consisted in adding hundreds of thousands more on the dole queues. Those in the trade union movement who are passing on his lies are either fools or frauds themselves.

The only way to help the lower paid and the unemployed is for those with industrial strength, the so-called big battalions, to stand up and fight the freeze. Then all workers can march together through the breach they make.

MINERS: VOTE NO!
The Miners will be voting in ballot on the government’s pay curb during the next three weeks.

Turn the page to see what Yorkshire miners, including their president Arthur Scargill, have to say about the importance of voting NO.

Portugal: CIA terror plans exposed

NINE CIA agents working undercover in Portugal to foment chaos and form ‘death squads’ were unmasked this week by a former colleague.

Philip Agee, author of Inside the Company, an exposé of the CIA, has sent their names and a rundown on their activities to the PRF, the Portuguese revolutionary organisation.

Activities include:
INfiltration of the Armed Forces Movement to identify moderates and others favourable to Western strategic interests.
ASSASSINATIONS and bombings that can be attributed to the revolutionary left.
KUMOUR campaigns “to ferment strife, conflict and jealousy”.
Massive financial backing for reactionary elements in the Catholic Church.

Agee discloses the names and, in most cases, the addresses of CIA operatives in Lisbon who are known or have been identified:

- Chief of station in Lisbon: JOHN S MORGAN of number 3 Avenida Sald'or Estoril. His deputy is JAMES N LAWLER, of 24 Avenida do Brasil, Lisbon.

Letter

Known operatives include three based in one block of flats at Number 8 Praça Agustas Livres in Lisbon 2. They are RICHARD T. BALTIMORE (6th floor, apartment D on the right), FRANK LOWELL (8th floor, apartment C on the left) and DONNA J. CALDWELL (6th floor, apartment D on the left).

Other known CIA operatives are PHILLIP W SNELL of 6 Rua de Beira Carvalho, ANTHONY ARREDONDO, address unknown, LESLIE F. HUGHES of Lote 3 N, Braxa da Rua 4, Quinta da Lagoa Torres, and GERALD D. ZAPOL, address unknown.

In a letter to the Portuguese People, which he has released as background to his disclosures, Agee spells out the CIA’s role in detail.

The most specific task is to penetrate the Armed Forces Movement (AFM) in order to collect information on its plans, its weaknesses and its internal struggles. To identify the so-called moderates and others who might be favourable to western strategic interests.

The CIA would use information collected from within the cell.

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ARThUR SCARGILL, YORKSHIRE MINERS’ LEADER, SAYS

Miners must vote No to the £6 limit

'The government's £6 limit clearly conflicts with conference policy as laid down last May and as laid down by last year's conference at Llandudno which voted against all incomes policies, voluntary or statutory.'

Rule 23 of the union makes it quite clear that if the executive wants to change the policy of the union — which they might in some cases — they must call a special conference.

But they haven't called a special conference. The right wing have used their built-in majority on the executive to put their thing straight out to ballot. They refused to accept a motion from Yorkshire delegates for a special conference. I think that's a clear breach of the union rule.

Arthur Scargill still bitterly regrets that at the recent Scarbrough conference of the NUM he was forced to withdraw his union's resolution committing the union to £100 a week for miners. Some of the blame for that, he suggests, is attributable to delegates from areas that abandoned the call for £100 a week, which had previously been in favour of it.

The Yorkshire area approached the Yorkshire miners and asked to withdraw our motion and composite. The very fact that we were approached by people who had supported the £100 a week and asked to withdraw it embarrassed us.'

RISE

The Yorkshire NUM council's campaign for a No vote in the ballot will reach every miner in the county. A leaflet is being prepared to explain the results of the £6 rise, even accepting the government's own figures about inflation next year, means a wage cut of £1.73 a week.

There will also be pit-head meetings in most of the major pits. Arthur Scargill says he is talking not just for miners. 'I'm talking on behalf of everyone and all trade unionists in this matter. I have never regarded the miners as a special case. Only apologists and collaborators do that. The miners and all trade unionists are a special case because of the way they're abused by the capitalist system."

'We're prepared to support any action of the movement that fights against the pay restraint. We learnt our lesson in 1971 — when we should never have let the Pott Office workers go to the wall. We marched for the miners last year, and are constantly helping other workers in struggle.

'Only this week we've already given financial aid to strikers in two industrial disputes in Yorkshire.'

Arthur Scargill urges all miners not to give up hope, or think that the portal ballot is lost before they vote.

'I think everyone could be in for a big shock,' he said. 'People under-estimate the influence of the rank and file and the strength of the movement in these issues among ordinary workers.

'A recent survey, which was carried out by the ITU, was far more extensive than the usual opinion poll, shows that in the Common Market vote 62.7 per cent of Yorkshire voted No.

'We campaigned on the Common Market line, so I'm not campaignig now, I think we can win.'

COAL BOARD PROFIT £34M

It may be crisis year for some, but certainly not for the National Coal Board. Last week the Coal Board announced that they had turned a loss of £12.2 million in the bonus year of 1972 into a profit of £34 million in the crisis year of 1977.

Next year, according to The Times, the board should be able to improve its financial fortunes again.

'These figures are due to a number of factors, including the productivity per man-hour and the prices that the Coal Board pay for coal.'

The operating profit of the Coal Board is now not allowed to be a profit but must be used to improve the coal industry's efficiency.

After deduction of interest to pay off the nationalised industries, the profit was £34 million.
MILLIONS of people were shocked by the television programme Johnny Go Home last week. Here was a problem that was supposed to have died with Charles Dickens—thousands of young people forced to sleep rough on the streets of London, able to find accommodation only occasionally and then in the most dubious establishments.

The film, which has reacted just as it did some years ago to Cathy Go Home, the play about homelessness, has been the same. One of particular sad cases, the appeal for individual charity, the pretext that this or that local government department is to blame, the call for certain named kids to return to their families, as if they were to blame for the shortage of accommodation.

Yet still their tears, the press will not delve into the cause of the problem. It has not mentioned the lack of cheap housing that sends young kids and their families to live, to lose and less hope and which forces teenagers to sleep in the streets. They campaign over housing, the press cares only about the lurid stories designed to turn working people lucky enough to have homes against squatters. It depicts those who fight for their own empty properties for somewhere to live as dirty, smelly parasites who ought to be thrown on the streets.

This campaign has already presurised the government's law commission into suggesting laws that would make squatting illegal.

Such measures would occur a few thousand more families without homes, a few hundred more kids sleeping rough. And they would distract attention from the fact that the Government is failing in its main role.

In London, there are ten empty houses for every homeless family. The homeless cannot occupy these houses lawfully, since they cannot afford to buy them because of the high level of interest charges and mortgage repayments.

The local councils cannot afford to buy them, because they, too, are spending more interest than they collect in rent. And so in the end, unless someone has the gumption to squat.

Fact

Of course, not all empty houses are 'vacant', in the legal meaning of the term. Some are occupied—but by people who rarely live in them. There are 300,000 lucky, and usually wealthy, people who have more than one house. These are the front line of those clamouring for the defence of property—and of their right to live in luxury while others sleep in the streets. The greater absurdity is that fewer houses are being built in Britain today than 20 or 20 years ago, when the country was much poorer.

The resources exist to build 350,000 to 400,000 houses a year. Yet last year only 250,000 were built. While Government workers remain unemployed, while building ground remains unused for years at a time, while vast stockpiles of bricks and materials which could be built are not, 150,000 families that could have new homes remain homeless.

We are often told that workers are incapable of taking the 'difficult' decisions involved in running society. Does anyone think that the flexibility where power lay with the building workers who are currently unemployeed and with those who are homeless the present chaos would be allowed to continue one day?

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LABOUR BRIBES THE RACISTS

THE LAST LINE of defence for many of the government's supporters is to say that however bad its policies are, they are better than the Tories', as their policies.

One example is a decision which must bring a pleasant glow to the racist right wing of the Tory Party. Eric Varley, the one-time Labour left who is now industry minister, has agreed to the state-owned British Steel Corporation investing £20 million in South Africa.

The Tory press has, of course, jumped to the government's defence. Politics, they say, must not be interfered with by "businessmen".

What a contrast with the official announcement the week before that the Common Market agreement will lead to increased pressures, to put increased tariffs on clothing imports from Portugal. This will push up the prices of many clothes in Britain by 10p in the E. and will cause considerable unemployment in Portugal.

The measure reflects disapproval in Britain and Brussels of the left-wing drift of Portuguese society. It was done to put pressure on some of the army officers in Lisbon to intervene and push things to the right.

There was no talk about "politics" interfering with "business". The Tories and the government agreed that a country where the common market is in full swing and unemployment is at record levels, is a country where they are "not interested". In Portugal, has to be treated much more harshly than a regime which denies the most democratic rights to the mass of the population on the basis of their skin colour.

The Tribune group of Labour MPs, left, right and feeble...

For that, what is needed is a fight where working class power exists—realities in the factories, the docks, the white-collar work places. And a mechanism is needed that begins to co-ordinate the right-breaking, to bring unity to disparate activities of thousands of militants, the unity of action, not merely of resolution mongers.

The impotent protests and the internal divisions within the Tribune group show that what is really needed is not the politics of parliamentary pressure, but the politics of a revolutionary organisation.

The other side of the Social Contract: Hospital staff and parents at the Pendleside Children's Hospital in Manchester know that the government wage out policies are not solving their problems—which is why they were out picketing on Monday. Half the wards in the hospital have been closed because of the rundown and staffing cuts in the Health Service budget. After Wilson's 'Year for Britain' maybe there will be no hospitals at all.
What have these two men got in common with a Communist former trade union official?

PAT FARRELLY, a lifelong member of the Communist Party, and Hampshire divisional organiser for the Transport and General Workers' Union, he was defeated in this year's union elections. He has joined the management at Lansinat Bagnall, the Basingstoke forklift truck manufacturers. He is to be the 'employee relations manager'.

A Lansinat Bagnall spokesman told the Daily Telegraph last Thursday: 'We are lucky to have his services.'

Lansinat Bagnall have always openly supported Farrelly and encourage his involvement with trade unions which Farrelly has stood for all his working life.

Company chairman Sir Immanuel Kaye made his money manufacturing hall bearings during the war.

In 1970, Kaye was a statistician in toy making and received a £5000 a year from toy books from his company. In 1967, he invited Reginald Maudling, the former Tory Chancellor to join the board (at £5000 a year).

They're all well in with the bosses at Lansinat Bagnall

Why is it that electrical contractors are willing to stump up the cash? And why is it that the Tory press plays down the attacks trade union power in general and the electrical industry in particular, has not entered even one word of protest?

The answer is that the arrangement is part of a structure which allows the machinery of power and wealth to dominate control over workers.

The JIB scheme is rigidly centralised. It removes rank and file power and initiative from bargaining. A system of direct rules and penalties exists to discipline 'disorders'.

In effect, the employers and the union officials police the industry jointly.

Just how valuable the scheme is to the employers can be seen from a 1970 dispute on the £1 million Rashleigh, Phillips electrical contract on the new Charing Cross Hospital in London.

Faced with a potential strike, Rashleigh Philips director SG Leonard went to the site to resolve the situation. He didn't come just as a company director, though. He came as a member of the London Regional JIB. As such, his relations with union officials were not on the usual friendly basis. They were formalised through the JIB.

Having visited the site, Leonard fired off a set of memos to London JIB chairman W F Blair. One of them was the 'unofficial chat' which Leonard claimed he had picked up.

Leonard finished his communications by asking Mr Blair's advice on how to proceed against the workers.

Mr Blair was, of course, also a member of the executive of the Electrical Union, the union which organised the electrical employed by Rashleigh and Philips.

Leonard's firm Rashleigh and Philips. With the new deals done, this corporate relationship has become closer still. As one contracting employer put it to Socialist Worker: 'It's bad enough that we don't elect most of our union officials. Now we don't even pay them. From now on, the bosses are doing that!'

Many rank and file contracting workers find this situation deplorable. The union becomes more and more remote, more and more of a stranger. Interest disappears and the lump expands.

But this is not a fixed and final situation. The bureaucratic union apparatus could be changed if there were strong and concerted rank and file organisation to campaign to restore the spirit and structure of independent trade unionism to the EETU.
The fighting in Angola is presented as a struggle between two "liberation groups." The implication is that the black people, like workers, cannot solve their own problems without outside help.

This reality covers the real facts about Angola—a country of immense potential wealth which international big business is determined to exploit, and alltoo often allows to fall out of its control.

Angola, a Portuguese colony for many years, is due to get some government independence on November 11th. But up to independence the right-wing National Front for the Liberation of Angola is doing all it can to smash the Popular Movement (MPLA), the liberation force.

But on Kimland, the capital of the neighboring country Zaire (formerly the Congo), the National Front is playing up to the American imperialists.

The organization is led by Holden Roberto, a French-speaking Kinshasa businessman of Angolan origin. Roberto is married to the sister of President Mobutu of Zaire who is acknowledged to be one of Henry Kissinger's front men in black Africa.

The character of FNLA's activities in Angola was revealed in April this year when they sacked the offices of the Angolan trade union organization, in Lianda, the Angolan capital. FNLA troops seized union records, office equipment, killed at least 28 people and forced the cancellation of May Day celebrations.

Fired

By contrast the MPLA encouraged groups of workers and students to organize basic health care, to build popular administration to replace the colonial one. This has been necessary because of the decline in basic food production and worsening hunger.

The Americans have been arming FNLA to try to smash the MPLA. The fact that FNLA also has some arms from China does not alter its basic character—although it does say something about Chinese policy.

Last weekend a group of Portuguese soldiers shot up two FNLA compounds of the MPLA. This shows how wrong are those who believe the Portuguese Army in Angola can play a progressive role. If Portugal really cares about their claim that their people want to end imperialism in Asia, they should withdraw the colonial army and declare their full support for the real liberation movement, the MPLA.

They should abandon the pretense of neutrality and offer it to the most modern arms, as much arms training as it needs, and volunteers from the Portuguese forces to fight under MPLA discipline. Leaving the present army in Angola can only lead to more incidents like that last weekend.

The political conditions in Portugal are not as bad as are those in Austria, since Portugal has the possibility of great economic gains from its colonial possessions.

The Portuguese workers must work harder and know hunger to become 'bombeiros,' he said.

ROLE

So what are the prospects in Portugal?

Some reactionary socialists in Portugal are working flat out to strengthen and centralize the existing organs of Portuguese power in Portugal into Soviets.

If they are successful in this task, they are able to win some bodies for uncompromisingly revolutionary politics and for the practical use of power by the Portuguese working class, then the drama of Portuguese capitalism can be brought to a truly splendid outcome.
US blacks show whites how to fight for jobs

What are the main problems facing black Americans today?

UNEMPLOYMENT. There are nine million African-Americans out of work. A quarter of all black workers have no job—that's double the white rate.

This time it's hitting the parents, not just the young people, particularly in the garment trades and the little sweatshops. The black kids are being educated to a white labor market, and no one looks likely to fight or organise, specifically in non-unionised shops. It's always the blacks that take the rap, because they have no seniority. It's last in, last out. We have had no factory occupations like you have.

Then there's housing. Discrimination drives us into ghettos, which have lousy schools. So the kids—if they get any education at all—get lousy jobs.

What happened to the government programme to help black people?

There are some black rank and file white unions meeting. Take the Black Workers' Coalition in New York. They're mainly auto workers. They were working, two years ago, to fight racial discrimination.

They started off with an exclusion policy but now they are bringing in white militants and forming an opposition movement inside the union. They've had a number of victories this year, not just in auto but in the hospitals and General Electric.

FRED HOOPER, a black militant and leading member of the American International Socialists, will be in Britain next week for a speaking tour. Before leaving Detroit, he was interviewed for Socialist Worker by Nigel Harris.

The GREAT Daily Mail exposure of Tony Kelly on 17 July, the Labour Party 'plotter' against Reg Prentice should have been a personal triumph for that paper's editor Ian Mann, and for London assistant editor Jack Croxton. Alas for them, it was not to be.

For now the future plans of those two seem somewhat uncertain. Having by 4pm on the day before publication concocted a story which blackened Kelly, Mann and his reporters were jubilant.

Matthew Kelly had just received congratulatory telegrams from the Mail bosses. Their 'scoop' was a personal triumph. Living in the front page of the paper, was in the 'best traditions of the Daily Mail', they told them. £100 bonuses would follow for their efforts in trying to shatter Kelly's life. These telegrams are known as 'harangues'.

That evening Mann was celebrating in a Manchester pub, when he received an urgent message recalling him to London. His paper's editor was furious. Mann's complacency was followed by alarm. Had they not been?

REMEMBER, the stories of a couple of weeks ago about the plot by the Provisional IRA to destroy the nuclear radar station at Sellafield, was evidently six million of our own, Stuart Saunders, the Daily Mail's editor. The story, in time, was to be told as a personal triumph for the Daily Mail, for it helped put together the Daily Mail's new 'best traditions of the Daily Mail', they lived in, and so had Mann.

Friday's Daily Mail, we are told by our friends at the Daily Mail, that it is 'a new Daily Mail', having a new look and being 'improved'.

Mac, Mann, and Kelly had got away with a crime.

The Daily Mail, 17 July 1975.

David English has an unexpected holiday and Verve Harsomwos has lost a few more bob on his nearly sinking newspaper.

And after the speed with which the authorities moved in arresting Tony Kelly, they were ready to put their story to the test. They were ready to do the Daily Mail's business.

"You should give the editor a ring about that, you should talk to him, I don't know," said the wretched man, who was known as "Kid" in happier times because of his interesting drinking habits.

Cursedly David English was unavailable. He had just gone on a (usually) three week holiday. But an official story was ready for forth-coming the Provisional Sinn Fein did the Daily Mail like their boy Reg Prentice received from Northern Ireland. Their story was squeaky, simple, boshed. What gets me about all this is the hypocrisy," said an informed "I don't have enough money to buy a Kelly's private life on one way or the other, but the idea that that does not affect the children's private lives and the whole of them on their private lives and the whole of them to me that is ridiculous."

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Tony Kelly has been viciously attacked; in the 'best traditions of the Daily Mail' some good has come out of it. Two blacks have been 'replaced' on the Mail. It is a joke.

What happened to black power?

Defence

Other organisations are appearing now. I mentioned the Coalition in London to support the United Black Workers in New York, and that was far more effective than to support foreign workers. There's the Congress of African Peoples in New York, and there is the group who are looking up the struggles of all workers, blacks and whites. They are drawing money, like the blacks, the Chicans, and the Indians.

The white workers are changing, too. They are beginning to see the first time that it's like to be thrown out of work and out of your home. 170000 workers who are in the blacks are present in Chicago, and going on to welfare. In the future, they will only be thrown out of work.

The blacks are changing. They know now they can't win on their own. They are beginning to think that the numbers are the resources to win in a racist civil war such as the national strife in South Africa. They are beginning to think they need to build a revolutionary party. They are prepared to do that. They are prepared to be the workers for the conquest of power.

We can take the community issues on to the shop floor. I started a gathering in Louisville to discuss the community issues for Collective Progress. We have had a couple of meetings on solidarity with the Attica prisoners, on black power, and we got a good response.

Some of these brothers will come into IS. They must, for I believe we are the only serious contender for the power in the very heart of world capitalism. Speaking tour by two US rank and file militants and members of the US International Socialists.

Fighting capitalism in America

Glasgow: Tuesday 5 August, 7.30pm, Mid Books, 64 Queen Street, Glasgow, Calton Green (franchisee of Indian Express) US IS

Coventry: Wednesday 6 August, 7.30pm, IS Books, 55 Queen Street, Coventry, Calton Green (franchisee of Indian Express) US IS

Central London: Friday 8 August, 8pm, The Phoebie, 100 Tottenham Court Road, W1 (Euston Square tube), Speaks: Joe Taplin and Fred Hooper, Indian Express

German Progress, London

Birmingham: Saturday 9 August, 8pm, Birmingham, US IS, Speaks: Joe Taplin and Fred Hooper

South London: Tuesday 5 August, 8pm, Clapham Library, Clapham Common, North Side, SW4, Speeches: Joe Taplin and Fred Hooper

North London: Wednesday 6 August, 8pm, Stroud Green Library, Stroud Green Park, London N4, Speeches: Joe Taplin and Fred Hooper

West London: Thursday 7 August, 8pm, Woodlands Hall, Crown Street, Acton, Speaks: Fred Hooper.
INDIA

This 'saviour of the people' is fooling no one

by Soochni Engineer

When Mrs Gandhi made her dawn swoop on the homes of her political opponents, it was clear that the official emergency was to safeguard Mrs Gandhi's own position. Since then she has tried to pose as the saviour of the people, as the champion of progressive elements, even at war with the right-wing reactionaries.

His heroic self-portrayal can deceive no one. The realities of the state of emergency are the climax of several years of repression and suffering imposed on the people by the Congress government.

For the past ten years more than 30,000 political prisoners have been held in Indian jails. Many, even of leftist state legislators, have been dismissed and president's rule imposed. Strikes have been banned by mass meetings of trade union workers, and the country's hungry rioters silenced by the 'thumscrews' and bullets of the Central Reserve Police.

Recent arrests of a few hundred right-wing opponents cannot alter these brutal facts. It is true that the government has the advantage of the sense of disaffection in the country, but the 'forces of corruption' that Mrs Gandhi blames are those of the Congress party itself.

28 years of Congress rule has left the mass of the people impoverished, estranged from humanity, with a tiny minority growing rich in a swamp of graft and oppression.

No one is fooled by Mrs Gandhi's 'new' economic proposals. Congress has put together, not only radical economic policies but also on paper. The celebrated land reform is a far cry from giving 'land to the tiller', resulted in the displacement of small cultivators and growing landlordism among the peasantry.

The so-called 'rehabilitation' of the white-collar worker has benefited from a change of ambit, but has not benefited the lower-class peasants, from the money pumped in by US-Banked agricultural projects, and from large-scale government backed projects of high price foods.

FAILING

It is not good enough, now, for Mrs Gandhi to try to win a bit of popularity by releasing more grain to raise prices. How long can she offer this little bribe? When the stocks run out, she will have to confront the rich farmers and grain dealers. A year ago she tried to nationalise the grain trade and failed.

The financial backers of Congress include big industrialists like Birla, Mrs Gandhi has already promised them that she will not interfere. In rural areas, Congress' power depends on the support of the big landlords. They will not allow Mrs Gandhi's socialist rhetoric so long as it is not translated into action.

The real opposition to Mrs Gandhi's government has come from workers and peasants. They have fought against cuts in their living standards, against artificial food shortages, and against forced eviction from their land. Mrs Gandhi's 'solution' to these problems has been to divide expenditure on the central police and to increase military spending by five times.

In rural areas, where landless labourers are involved in struggle just to get the official minimum wage of Rs a day, large contingents of State Reserve Police are posted in their neighbourhoods to maintain law and order.

Over the past 12 months, working-class opposition to Congress' Goonda Raj (gangster rule) has been growing, with strikes by jute workers, dockers, textile workers and white-collar workers. Mrs Gandhi has made her stand quite clear: she stands against them. Her attack on 'disruptive elements' includes 'legal' warning to workers: no strikes, no go-slow, and above all no political agitation.

END OF THE CAPITALIST ROAD...

by Farooq Navaz

One lesson comes out clearly from the events in India is that the capitalist road to political advancement is well and truly closed. Indian capitalism has come to an end with the present demand for capital.

It cannot provide for India's growing population, big landlords and rich peasants can dictate the price of grain while millions go hungry. It cannot even offer the 'grain out of the scientists' dream of a new India. Most important, it cannot provide jobs to the growing army of the landless unemployed that has blossomed up in the cities.

In the past 50 years the Communist Party of India (CPI) has tied its hands behind its back and worked patiently for the 'progressive middle class', represented by the Congress Party. These workers saw the CPI as the only hope of their class, the only chance to get this thing with the right-wing forces locked up.

No one is fooled by Mrs Gandhi's 'new' economic policies. She has only shifted from one side to the other.

Campaign

The truth is that as reformist solutions to India's problems become more irrelevant, the Congress Party can remain in power only through repression and fear.

Industrial workers, landless labourers and poor peasants continue to be the victims of the Congress Party's economic policies. Large sections of the working class are convinced that the Congress Party is their only hope of industrial townships.

The crisis of inflation and unemployment has thrown the workers into the open.

On the other side, the ruling-class is in disarray—disagreement on the forms of dictatorship to maintain.

In this situation, the task of revolutionaries is to build a strong national organisation, capable of overthrowing the system that today robs the workers and peasants of their right, of building organisations giving organised support and direction to workers' struggle. Participating in every activity that becomes available, it must organise and fight for the political education and consciousness of the masses.

In India today, organised workers and peasants struggling for state power are the only progressive force. Middle Class reformism has outlived its use.

Greece and democracy: Police batter building workers

BUILDING workers in Athens got a brutal lesson in the meaning of democracy last week.

They staged a one-day strike last Wednesday and held a mass meeting in protest against the use of police violence in the trade and the fact that the workers were denied any home to help them.

The meeting took place at 9pm. By 10 o'clock that night at least two were dead and hundreds wounded.

One hundred were under arrest. The centre of Athens stank of tear gas and nobody was allowed to go up to the place where the police refused the building workers permission to march to the Ministry of Employment. At this the Communist Party dominated leadership of the building workers agreed that the march should take place. They agreed to march in a row as the Ministry by the back streets.

But rank and file building workers would have none of it. They wanted to march in a row. So the police began their attack.

They began by fixing canisters of the CS gas into the mass of workers. Worst of all were the tear gas bullets which came streaming in and hit the workers.

But the workers were not intimidated. They formed into separate groups and fought back. Despite attacks by armed police who entered clubs, the hot, all the forces of the disposal of the police, the building workers under the leadership of the police into corners by hurling stones into the air.

On several occasions during the day and night the police drove their cars over the workers and workers' families as they were being fired at the demonstrators.

Some of the injured workers were treated by the police doctors. Together they managed to destroy many of the armoured vehicles throwing a concrete mixture on top of it. Only a few of the police remained and the police continued their attack.

The workers exacted revenge by throwing a concrete mixture on top of the police cars. They retaliated by throwing tear gas at the police. They rushed into cafes and side streets trying to terrorise the population. The guards of law and order smashing hundreds of shop windows with their tear gas bullets. Then they blamed their bloody work on 'smashers' provo-

Greece and democracy: Police batter building workers

onry, from the Junta in November 1973, the newly-elected executive of the student union followed suit, saying the job of all real militants was to go on with the struggle.

During the late afternoon the police spent their time driving around in their armoured cars. They threw tear gas at people's balconies. They rushed into cafes and side streets trying to terrorise the population. The guards of law and order smashing hundreds of shop windows with their tear gas bullets. Then they blamed their bloody work on 'smashers' provo-

Class

Inside the Athens Polytechnic, scene of a heroic stand against the Junta in November 1973, the newly-elected executive of the student union followed suit, saying the job of all real militants was to go on with the struggle.

The fact that he got a 12-hour street battle instead of a victory shows how unsuccessful his victory was.

Chiefs among the many lessons of the struggle is that the face of capitalist democracy is exposed for all to see, it is no democracy at all.

AVICTIM OF GANDHI'S LAW

TARLOCHAN Dulay

(right), an active member of the Labour Front and a branch of the AUED, went back to India to visit relatives and others to build a union for transport workers. For this 'crime' he was arrested, his family and parents have been told he will be tried and will not see them.

Under the new law, he can remain in prison indefinitely without charges being made against him.

Tarlochan, who came to Britain in 1940, was arrested in India in 1948 and sentenced to five years. His relatives estimate that more than 1000 people from that district alone have been arrested. Few are the right wing opportunists, the Indian government claims, that the London Times has not been named.

The Labour Front and others oppose the government (from left)
Shocking for Prentice, lover of wheel-off democracy

IF A MAJORITY in a meeting of 26 members of the Newham North East Labour Party decide that Reg Prentice should be their general election candidate, they are a properly constituted selection committee.

If a majority in a meeting of 48 decide that M Prentice should not be re-adopted, they are a small band of left-wing extremists undermining British democracy.

This is the absurd message that every major newspaper has been drummed into people’s heads for the past few weeks.

They are an amazingly dishonest and hypocritical bunch, our newspaper owners and editors. If there was such a thing as justice, they would be arrested for grand fraud.

For these gentlemen who rant on about democracy are elected by none and answerable to no-one. These same gentlemen -you will remember gave no support at all to Labour MP Eddie Mihale when he was bumped from the Blyth Northumberland Labour Party. But then Eddie Mihale was demanding an inquiry into the corruption among the ‘moderation’ and right wings in the Labour Party, the Labour government and other places besides.

There is no such inquiry deeper yet. It raises clearly the question of what democracy is and who sets the rules.

Prentice claims that since he was adopted by the people of Newham, he is answerable only to them. That is what is he answerable to?

Real

When someone in his own Labour Party even try to keep him to account, the people of Newham and elsewhere are bom barded with the rappings of the virtues and the menace posed by the people of Newham. As his fortunes, why if it is so, we ask him about such things as the jailing of the Shrewsbury Two, he refuses even to meet them. Some democracy this.

The truth is that for Reg Prentice, the elections of Newham are a state to be welded on and off every five years to vote for a man in the position he so deeply loves. Even a superficial examination of the way he talks, and

by LAURIE FLANN

the way the newspapers who support him write. Proves this.

They keep shouting about democracy. Why is that? The answer is simple. Reg Prentice and his friends who control the press don’t like scientists and activity.

They like passivists and passivity. They like it because it makes it easier for those with power, wealth and authority to walk all over us in our daily lives.

In reality neither Prentice nor the others who follow his increasingly lucrative occupation are accountable to anybody on any serious basis.

Crisis

He puts his wares on show, or rather the party machines put its wares on show through him, every five years.

For a brief second every five years therefore more people are involved in democracy. For the rest of the time we are to submit quietly to the tyranny of the boss, the landlord and the mortgage company.

Left-wing members of the Labour Party tend to think that all these things are recent developments in their party. But in fact it is the so-called golden age of socialism, the founder of the party, Keir Hardie, and his associates fought just as hard on these very issues.

They fought hard in 1907 to get the Labour MPs not bound by conference, but in 1975 they sought to ensure that the Party leaders and the Party policies alone had the right to make policy as the Labour MPs, an undemocratic set-up if ever there was one.

What is more, they fought extremely hard against the movement that Labour MPs were in any way ‘delegated’.

Yet delegation and recall is the essence of real democracy. The Chartists, the mass working class movement whose demonstrations and organised strength brought what democracy we have to this country, clearly recognised this in their demand for annual elected parliament.

For our situation, even this is not a radical enough reorganisation. The experience of the working class movement over the past 50 years since we first went out ‘representatives’ to ‘elective parliament’ shows that having your own representatives is not enough.

For the working class to be free and to exercise power you need something more. You need your own system of representation, a system founded on day-to-day democracy and immediate recall, a system rooted in the factories where you work and the housing estates where you live.

It is that kind of system that Portuguese workers are trying to build, despite hysterical demunciations from the same newspapers which constantly attack and vilify the socialist left in this country.

These newspapers depict the finest whiff of such a system in the meeting of 48 people who decided that they had been sold out by Reginald Prentice long enough.

But it is only the finest whiff because the activities of those rays are still aimed virtually exclusively at Parliament and not at the one who really originally democracy that exist in the local community—the shop stewards committees, in the docks, the chemical plants and factories of East London—and beyond.

by ROGER KLINE

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Towards grind me down

I lost five days remission for that, but it was worth it. And I got my photographs the next day. I think we showed some of the MPs in there not to go down and take everything, Richard went on. The whole prison system is based on prisoners mourning and crying. An experienced trade unionist can change things.

In the mornings, for instance, you come out with your slops from the night before. The screw opens the cell and shouts “Good morning” in a really hearty voice, while the bloke slinks out mumbling a weak reply.

Well, I came out of my cell the first day, shouting “Good morning” right in his face. He almost fell down in a fit. And by the end of a week, every bloke down the lane was coming out of his cell with his head high, shouting “Good Morning,” and the screws were slinking along the corridors opening the doors in silence.

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“Again, there’s the work we did for outside firms. It’s shocking the way those firms get such cheap labour but of the prisons. People in prison in general have no experience of trade union, no will to fight back.

Dex and I—we helped them fight for better conditions, constantly complained about the outside firms and the profit they were getting from our labour. It did make a difference. We were not liked by the authorities, as you can guess, but it’s amazing how our case brought us support from other prisoners.

People with little trade union experience began to take an interest and ask us about the case. One bloke who was in for 14 years called me over and said that my sentence was worse than his.

INTERVIEW BY PAUL FOOT
PICTURES BY JOHN STURROCK

In Sudbury we met blokes who had been hired by the building bosses to break the 1972 strike, even some who were on a special “anti-picket force.” They were in prison for stealing because they couldn’t live on the pitance they were paid to break our strike. Almost all of them came up and said how much they supported us.

“We were not liked by the authorities, as you can guess, but it’s amazing how our case brought us support from other prisoners.”

When you and Jim Nichol (the national secretary of the International Socialists) sent me a telegram when my parole was refused, I was on the scaffolding, working. The screw brought me the telegram, and I asked him to shout it up to me. He yelled out the words of the telegram, and all the lads around cheered and stomped their feet. Great.

We had a list in the prison for reading my copies of the Morning Star and Socialist Worker. There were about 50 of them reading them there at Leicestershire. There was more and more interest in the reports. I remember the article on the Carb chats—He’s a black lads in there were very interested in that.

Anything about police corruption fascinated them. They read about the inspector who got fined £152 after causing all that damage. I tell you, he did more damage than 100 pickets did at Shrewsbury!

While in prison, Ricky has read histories of the trade union movement, and is astonished by how many working men have been sent to prison for conspiracy. Always the same charge—“conspiracy.”

He is delighted by the removal of Labour right-winger Reg Prentice at Newham. ‘Harold Wilson’s worried about Reg losing his job,’ he says. ‘If he’d shown half as much concern over 20,000 steelworkers losing their jobs I’d have been delighted.

DOLE

He is appalled at the failure of many trade union officials to raise the Shrewsbury issue and fight for his and Warren’s release. He wrote a furious letter to George Henderson, secretary of the building section of the Transport and General Workers Union, angrily protesting about his speech to the union’s conference last month in which he opposed a motion calling for industrial action to free the two.

Henderson replied: ‘I have travelled the length and breadth of the land attending rallies, speaking at meetings and endeavouring to obtain support for the campaign to free the Shrewsbury pickets.”

What a pity neither Henderson nor any other official of the T&GWU was outside Leicester prison to welcome Ricky Tomlinson. Keir Hardie, Midlands organiser for the building workers’ union UCATT, had got up at 4am to be there.

Whipped

Ricky Tomlinson can hardly wait to campaign for the immediate release of Des Warren. To speak anywhere, anywhere at all. I want to tell people about the conditions we were fighting against on that strike: the dirt, the disgusting toilets—if there were any, the dangers. He is open to invitations from trade union bodies anywhere in the county.

Don’t waste him. Don’t pass up the opportunity to get Ricky to speak at your union branch, trades council, shop stewards’ meeting. His fighting spirit, sense of humour, and hatred for the system which maims and humilates his fellow workers are mighty in weapons in the battle to free Des Warren from prison, and building workers everywhere from the grip of the gangsters who employ them.
WHAT'S ON

ABORTION:
Parliament may sleep, but not this campaign

Thi: parliamentary session is almost over—and the House of Parliament won't meet again until Autumn. This means that James Whithers' Abortion (Amendment) Bill will either fail, or have to be re-introduced. Moves are underway to introduce new restrictive legislation on abortion in the next session.

This threat was the key discussion at the International Socialists National Women's sub-committee last weekend.

Home of Commons AL, and Socialist Commentary, have both been dominated by male anti-abortionists, who have published a special report on the question. The committee met at the House of Commons last week and passed a resolution that the next session of the New Abortion Bill will only be introduced if the matter is not already the subject of a new bill in the Autumn.

The resolution was worded to refer to the campaign in the Autumn, and it is expected that it will come up for discussion again before the end of the session.

The anti-abortionists are said to be concerned that the provisions of the Whithers Bill will permit abortion even if the woman herself does not want it, and that this will result in a situation where the woman is forced to go to the hospital for an operation.

An amendment to the Whithers Bill will be introduced and it will be in the interests of all concerned that this should be taken into account in any discussion of the Bill.

Chingari Answers Mrs. Gandhi's Excuses

The front page splash in the new Chingari about India. A lot of Chingari readers accept Mrs. Gandhi's views that they are doing all they can to declare state of emergency because of growing wing opposition to her regime.

Chingari readers are also aware of the serious skirmishes between, against wage restraint and unemployed. Another front page article explains that the state's attitude is to protect the workers and not the capitalists.

A report on the Rank and File Committee, and the political issues that need to be addressed is in the pipeline, and the issues that have been raised are many, with much debate and much stirring debate.

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WHAT WE STAND FOR

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

These principles are:

Indepenent working-class action

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THE GODFATHER... JUST PART OF THE VIOLENCE OF AMERICAN CAPITALISM

We'll make them an offer they won't refuse...

BOB LIGHT reviews
Godfather Part II

Vahbonsky was murdered by hoods because he was trying to mount a reform movement in the Mafia under. In 1947, the Mafia opened fire on a peaceful Communist May Day march. Dozens of workers were killed.

In 1930, Al Capone claimed that three of four Chicago City police were on his payroll. In 1971, the Sergio Hapochea police killings in New York State indicated that every policeman was on a back-bander from the mob.

Mafia leader, for instance, the hero of the film Gangster Crime is mentioned in the Valparaiso Pacers as the top man in New York to intimidate members of the Mafia-controlled unions and unions.

In 1959, it was reported to Congress that the Mafia has 400 officers investigating the tiny American Communist Party and four officers investigating organised crime. You don't investigate your business partners, after all.

We can't just stop the Mafia money. Most of it is a 'moral' from Howard Hughes. It was passed through the hands of Mafia banks in Mexico, to disguise the original sources. Nixon's holiday home at San Clemente, California, was bought with an interest-free loan from Bebe Rebozo.

Many of his secret political discussions took place in the La Costa Country Club in San Diego. It was here that--away from the tape-recorders--Dean, Mitchell, Nixon and his gang plotted the Watergate cover-up.

The La Costa Country Club is owned by the Mafia, through the Teamsters Pension Fund. The Presidential Party played there too.

That is the real story of the Mafia, but not the one the film tells. It mangles some of these facts, but it never quite gets to them, and it winds up by giving the Mafia a make-up job.

But, without knowing it, the film does have one brilliant moment. It is the end of 1959, and the Godfather and his business partners are in Havana, Cuba to sign a contract with Batista to open a chain of casinos.

Wild

The contract is to be signed on New Year's Day 1960, but the night before, at the New Year Presidential Ball, Batista announces he is abdicating. Castro is about to take the city.

The beautiful people go berserk, desperately trying to get out of Havana before Castro arrives. Meanwhile, in the streets of Havana, the ordinary people are going wild with excitement: the capsers are having their festival.

The Godfather has to drive through the streets to reach the airport, and his car is stopped by the crowds, who spit at him and take the pay out of him.

It's an electrifying moment, the most powerful gangster in America, the kind of man who can buy Presidents, is suddenly powerless.

All the money, all the hoods, all the politicians, don't mean a thing. That is the answer: the power of ordinary people on the streets--that will one day break the Mafia in all its shapes and sizes.

We'll make them an offer that we won't refuse.
This is the lunacy of capitalism

Turkey: HQ for the conspiracy

As two Turkish socialists living in Britain we read with interest Paul Foot's article the Bilderberg Conspiracy (Socialist Worker, 12 July), as it all took place in our country and involved some of its leading politicians.

Turkey is governed by a minority coalition of four parties, ranging from neo-fascists to the conserva-
tives. Leading the opposition are the Social Democrats and Bulent Ecevit. He originally criticised the conference because it wouldn't admit the press! He only questioned some trivial as-
pect to retain his popularity, while omitting any reference to who was attending or why.

Against

Eventually, this self-appointed saviour of Turkey was invited himself, join-
ing the leaders of what we call the parliamentary facades, who ran the country after the 1971 coup for two years.

During that time imprisonment and torture were the face of law and order. In 1974 Ecevit, then Prime Min-
ister, announced not only the vic-
tims of the dictators, but also the torturer.

Yet at the same time left organisa-
tions are prosecuted by the state. Membership lists are supposed to be handed over to the police. Meetings with foreign organisations are only possible with the permission of the Cabinet. The only organisation which is exempt from this law is the free-
masons.

Workers in our country are be-
coming increasingly involved in strikes and demonstrations demanding trade union and political rights. Recent demonstrations in several cities have had workers in their tens of thou-
sands.

Given all his radical noises, Ecevit was no doubt thankful that only one native journalist, from an exter-

nally-right-wing paper, was allowed in. Given his anti-worker and anti-left past, we see his presence at the Dolmabahce Hotel as quite appropriate among the other international con-

spirators, learning how to smooth their rough edges... KEMAL AND AHMAD, address withheld.

YOU WANT A UNION?
THEN YOU'RE FIRED!

A FRIEND of mine saw me the other day and complained that he had been thrown out of work that morning for trying to organise a trade union in his work place.

I told him I would try to get the matter raised on the local trades council in Eastleigh. He has already started to take the case before the Industrial Tribunal, and I thought a letter to Socialist Worker might help publicise the already bad name the firm has got in the area, as well as get some help from you and other brothers in the area.

My friend's name is Dave Arkinson, and he lives in Eastleigh. The firm is Drapers of Hurstley Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire.

The events which led to Dave's dismissal are as follows: He, like everyone else in the factory, to the gaffer, on his own, to ask for more money. He, as everyone else, who asked (we think), was turned down. So he tried to form a works Committee to ask the bosses for more money. They didn't work either.

So Dave sounded out opinion among the workers about organizing themselves into a union. He received some mixed replies. But after a few days he went down to Transport Workers' Union office, in Southsea, to see if the necessary forms and forms.

When he got to work the next day the gaffer was waiting for him as he went to clock in. The foreman took him to one side, gave him his 30% rate, and explained that he was to pass the money to the workers. To distribute the union forms to his work mates.

Not only is this the very thing we are fighting against through the labour movement, but I'm sure it is the thing

New IS bookshop open on Merseyside!

The International Socialists have now opened their seventh bookshop, stocking an extensive range of books on trade unionism, socialism, Labour history, women's struggles, black struggles, the Third World, novels and science fiction.

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SACKED! MAN THE UNION VICTIMS!

CLAUSE LAVERD, expelled by the Dyers and Bleachers' Union for being too much in sympathy with the firm of which he has worked for seven and a half years, and in which he had helped to build up the union organisation.

Claude was expelled by the Dyers and Bleachers last November. His crime was that as an executive member he supported the unofficial strike of Dyers and Bleachers members at Intex, Aiston-under-Lyne.

He got an injunction in the High Court which set aside his expulsion. But the union summarily took him on the new charges and expelled him again on 9 April, after the second expulsion, he reported at Shaw Carpets, Darley near Bury--a post he had held for five years.

By Socialist Worker reporter

NELSONS: BACK TO WORK FOR 12 PENCE!

LANCASHIRE: Officials of the Engineering Construction Workers and Electricals Union have recommended that 53 men who have been locked out at Nelson Australia Ltd, return to work for a new money of more than the £4.60 already offered by the bosses. Management have refused to pay compensation for seven weeks lost wages.

Two votes were taken. At the first vote, the men refused to recommend the recommendations.

But, further discussion was urged.

The trade union officials pressed for a return to work on the basis of the present wages, with a wage agreement on callions on wages, officials said, the choice left open to the men, was either to accept the pay deal or lose everything.

The lack of support by the officials turned the vote. At the second vote, the men voted to return to work to negotiations with management, with only seven present voting against.

The White Paper with the full backing of the trade unions, the men said, would be used to crush wage claims and disputes. Rank and file trade unionists must be ready to fight this. As Bill McLatchie, Eton, has repeated said, "Proper rank and files of all unions concerned would have won this dispute."

British Celanese—how other half live

By Stan Simpson, TGWU shop steward, British Celanese, Spondon, Derby

WE AT BRITISH Celanese were treated on Friday morning to a brief look at how the other half live.

There was this bright new flag flying from a bright new flagpole. We revisited with dismay what all the activities that had taken place around the staff canteen all that week had been.

This was the day of the junket for the Queen's Award to Industry. For all that week we had seen the canteen and its surroundings transformed from an everyday working area into something special.

We had seen the flower beds replanted and staff canteen repainted inside and out and curtains put up. And then we realised this was going to be the firm's thank you—no to the people who made it possible, the workers—too— to a lucky few managers and a lot of hangers-on.

Flagpole

The workers got their thank-you in a letter in April from J W McManus, Finance Director of Courtaulds, telling us to keep up our hard work.

But, we thought, the 'Com' must have been a gesture. But we realised it was an obscene gesture to us. The workers can't face back and take this why this mobile crane outside the factory to fell £19 an hour and never used.

Of course it was to lift this bright new flagpole into position. But unfortunately it couldn't, so some of the lads pulled it up with ropes.

But if somebody has asked us they could have saved a lot of money. We could have told them there was a flagpole not 20 yards away.

Then we saw they had ripped the floor up in the Staff Canteen and we thought "Hello, what's this, surely they are not going to leave it like that?"

All the tables would be un-even and all this salmon and Rena Brisset 1999 Champagne would fall on the floor. After all, you can't have salmon costing £30 a time rolling on the floor.

But we need not have worried. They replaced the floor with a special matting costing £10 a square yard.

Then we thought of all our sisters who work in the canteen with all this hoop and grab being splashed about but the management can't afford to pay them a bonus.

Then we thought of our four brothers outside the staff canteen repainted inside and out and curtains put up. And then we realised this was going to be the firm's thank you—no to the people who made it possible, the workers—too— to a lucky few managers and a lot of hangers-on.

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What annoyed the management more than anything else about Claude was the suggestion that he favoured the workleaving the Dyers and Bleachers and joining the union which had expelled him.

The Shaw Carpets' management have always been on more than good terms with the leadership of the Dyers and Bleachers' Union. The sacking of Claude Lavender's union from the company was submitted to Claude Lavender's expulsion from the company.

A meeting has been arranged with workers in one section of the factory to discuss the future of the factory branch of the International Socialists.

The facts of the case.

The police should be allowed to stop it. While bosses and their agents can victimize one militant, all are at risk.

Arrests at demo

MANCHESTER: The police and army are taking a hard line against anti-fascist demonstrators. Eight people were arrested over the three days at the Manchester Show on Platt Fields last week.

On Thursday 24 July, six members of the Merseyside Leisure Campaign were arrested for performing their political protest outside the show. They were charged with breach of the peace charge and fined £250. They were rejected charges with breach of the peace. The police rejected with the possible charges under the incitement to disaffection act. The following Saturday, two people were arrested inside the park. They're also been charged with breach of the peace for distributing an anti-recruitment leaflet. The police tried to stop the two in custody over the weekend but the rally went ahead.

A defence fund has already been formed to pay the legal costs of the defendants and a broad defense committee is being set up. We are the Manchester Soup, 43 Apsley Street, Manchester, 14.
Firemen: Defend democracy!

The Fire Brigade Union is making every effort to break the power of militant unionism in the union. FBU President Enoch Humphries has been involved in the negotiations leading up to the Scottish Trades Union Congress, where he has held talks with the Trades Union Congress of the FBU. This committee, elected by local members, was expelled from the union last year, and is currently attempting to negotiate a new contract. The executive has been forced to make several changes to their operations.

Some members of the Strathclyde District Committee believe that the cuts are not just a matter of cutbacks, but rather a much wider issue of the way the council operates. They argue that the cuts are necessary to ensure the financial viability of the council, and that the council should be more accountable to the public. Others believe that the cuts are a political move by the council to reduce its spending and avoid the need for further cuts.

There is also concern that the cuts will affect the quality of services provided by the council. Some members of the Strathclyde District Committee have expressed concern that the cuts will lead to a reduction in the number of staff, and that this will affect the quality of services provided.

The cuts and the way they are being implemented are not welcomed by the public. Many people have expressed their concern about the cuts, and have called for the council to reverse them. Some members of the Strathclyde District Committee have also called for the council to reverse the cuts, and to implement a more gradual approach to reducing the council's spending.

We're not sure what the meeting was about, but we had known for some time that the council was considering a range of options to deal with the financial difficulties it is facing. As far as we are concerned on the Strathclyde District Committee, we will continue to fight against the cuts and the way they are being implemented.
Lump labour Battle: Week 15

By Tom Lannan, UCATT Shop Steward, Somererset House building workers.

CENTRAL LONDON - The strike by painters and decorators which has disrupted building operations at the government’s Somererset House complex, in the middle of a cultural week. Three of us are out for a month and we are pleased with the support we have received.

We set up a food bank for those who are out of work. The strike fund address is c/o Tom Lannan, 23x20 Newmarket Street, London, SW6.

A VICTORY for the painters. Some of the 70 trade unions on the mass picket at Camden Market have reported that their strikers have begun to return to work.

The 134 strikers are happy to be back in work after the 13-week strike. The strikers have been told that they will be re-employed after the strike period.

The strike ended three weeks ago. But there are still 100 trade unionists without jobs and they are determined not to give up. The strikers have been told that they will be re-employed.

The pickets will continue until the men get their jobs back. Wimpson has said they will take only 30 men.

It’s too easy to say that these will not include the men who have camped out and sat for six months, but Wimpson has said that they will not be re-employed.

The committee is planning 5000 copies of a regular bulletin warning workers not to be tempted by voluntary redundancies because of the unemployment situation in Cardiff. It has the power to suspend support for workers threatened by sackings.

The debate was called to help take this fight to the shop floor. Some trade unions members simply wanted to send resolutions calling on the Welsh TUC to organise a campaign.

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STEEL: 20,000 FACE THE SACK

REMEMBER THE ROW three months ago when steel boss Sir Monty Finniston threatened to axe 20,000 jobs? Well, this week, he and his henchmen met Minister of Trade Lord Beswick and union officials—and made almost exactly the same demands again.

The signs are that at least 10,000 jobs will go almost immediately, with another 10,000 to follow. This almost certainly means the closure of Scotshot steelworks in North Wales and the loss of 4000 jobs in Lanarkshire—two high unemployment areas.

Yet the sackings have already been agreed by Wedgwood Benn's successor as Industry Minister, Eric Varley. From Benn, who attacked Finniston over the talk of sackings in May, there is no threat to resign over this humiliating turn-around.

The sackings cannot be blamed on 'high' wages. For 50 years, the steel workers' moderate union leadership have ensured shockingly low pay for what is, in the main, dirty and soul-destroying work.

No, the real cause is the economic recession sweeping the steel industry all over the western world.

By the end of May, the Economist reported recently, steel production in the non-communist world has dropped by 17 per cent on the same month last year, and in the EEC by almost 30 per cent. May was worse than April—western world production dropped five per cent—and reports suggest that June is worse than May.

CRAVEN

The recession is the product of a system which creates crises through its lack of planning and then 'deals with' them by cutting production and throwing men out of work.

Steelworkers will be told by Sir Monty, Eric Varley and their craven union leaders to accept redundancies in the interests of 'the nation' or 'the British industry' elsewhere.

And that will be nonsense. Financiers and steel bosses would accept these sackings in the interest of their class. That's why he's fighting for a £200 a week pay increase for himself.

That's why only this week he's agreed to pay enormous increases to his steel managers, who are already earning between £4000 and £5000 a year.

The increases are 30 per cent or £2000 a year (£40 a week) whichever is the lower. They are being paid to 'maintain the differentials' between middle managers and senior managers.

Liverpool tenants march against rent rises

TENANTS in Liverpool marching on the Town Hall last week against proposed rent increases. They came from the Scotland Road area, officially classified as deprived and therefore previously exempt.

Rent increases are up to 90 per cent, although the rate of unemployment in the area is 20 per cent. If unemployment were at the same rate throughout the whole country, 4½ million people would be on the dole.

Although the council is now 'reconsidering' the increases following the protests, the tenants are not sitting back. A city-wide meeting was called for Thursday in the Liverpool Stadium.

CIA tricks in Portugal

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AEG is used inside and outside Portugal designed to divide and weaken the AEF. Fake documents and rumour campaigns, fostering of strife, conflict and instability.

The CIA clearly must have intervened in the recent electoral campaign.

James Lawler, the CIA chief of station in Lisbon engaged in just such operation in Brazil in 1962 and in Chile in 1964 when many millions of dollars were spent to promote the election of US-approved 'moderates'.

Propaganda exploitation of economic hardship will thus prepare at least a limited public acceptance of a sudden strong military government to restore national dignity, discipline and purpose. If there is a Portuguese Pinochet, he ought to be identified now.

Political assassination must be expected along with bombings that can be attributed to the revolutionary left. Mr Morgan, the head of the CIA in Lisbon, learned those kinds of operations when he served in Brazil (1964-68) and in Uruguay (1970-73). The 'death squads' in those countries over recent years must be anticipated and stopped before they are established.

Warfare

Agee's letter stresses that the CIA is only one in a whole range of agencies working to defend the economic and political interests of big business in Portugal.

Counter-revolutionary activity are, he states, in all probability carried out by State Department personnel at the US Embassy in Lisbon.

Assistance also comes from the British Secret Service. And economic warfare can be unleashed through the international loan and credit institutions.

Agee also states that the CIA are unquestionably involved in the sudden emergence of a separatist group called the Azores, that CIA trade union officials have been working to split the Portuguese trade union movement that large amounts of American money is being channelled to the most reactionary elements in the Catholic Church to assist their agitation against the Communist party.

He ends his 'Letter' with a demand for ruthless exposure of the CIA and other such agencies and the expulsion of their agents. He adds that the best protection is the development of the revolutionary movement itself and shows all the consequences of organs of popular power.

Eldon Square worker killed

McAlpine's—the ruthless building giants whose loss of law and order helped put the Shrewsbury pickets in jail—have killed another worker.

No criminal charges are expected.

The victim was a 25-year-old electrician on the Eldon Square Site in Newcastle, scene of a long and bitter battle earlier this year by scaffolders fighting victimisation.

The sorry of the scaffolders was McAlpine's signal to ignore elementary safety precautions. With no uniliated scaffolders on the site, hardly any toolboards or hand-carts have been erected.

As work was being carried out on a site crane last week, the electrician started work on the job. Normally scaffolders would have erected platform to ensure safe conditions.

But McAlpine's and the police decided this would take too long. No platform was put up. The electrician fell to his death soon after beginning his work.

Edward Brady and the other scaffolders who fought McAlpine's have been continually warning workers and Transport Union officials about the dangers of the site.

But T&G official Gordon McClean declared several weeks ago: 'We'll have to wait for a fatality on the site before we can do anything.' Now he's got it.