OUT OF WORK... Myra McLoud, aged 16, left school six weeks ago. She tried every means of finding a job without success. Gets £6.85 a week social security. She goes to her mother for rent and food. Both parents are also unemployed.

"Lots of young girls in the area are thinking of getting married just to get away from life on the dole. But marriage could be more of a trap than an escape. There's no work here. I might have to join the army.

OUT OF WORK... Lynn McLaughlin, aged 16. Left school six weeks ago. The careers officer gave Lynn a list of 30 different employers with 'suitable jobs'. She wrote to them all and got the same reply, 'All vacancies have been filled.'

Two of Lynn's brothers and sisters are also out of work. "I'd like a job to help the family and be able to have a night out sometimes. There's no chance here. I was better at school."

OUT OF WORK... Stephen Jones, aged 20. "My dad's 63. He's a lorry driver. He's the only one in the family who's working. There are five of us young ones in the house. None of us can get a job."

"My mother hasn't got a job. She spends most of her time trying to find enough cheap food to feed the family. She finds it more and more difficult every day.

"I had a job for a couple of months as a labourer in an electricity works. I was sacked for arguing.

"That's one of the worst things about unemployment. It turns workers into criminals. I remember two 15-year-old lads in the factory. They were always looking over their shoulders, jumping when the foreman said anything.

EVERYONE says they accept the right to work. Everyone is 'very moved' by the poverty, the misery and the waste that comes out of these angry voices from Kirkby this week.

The employers believe in the right to work. But they are sacking workers all over the country.

Harold Wilson promised in 1972 that he would "base a Labour government's policies on the right to work. But he is basing his policies on wage restraint and public spending cuts which will send unemployment rocketing.

The Trades Union Congress upholds the right to work, but it tags along behind the government. Unemployment is not inevitable. It is the product of a vicious profit system which can be fought.

The right to work will never be achieved until rank and file workers employed and unemployed fight for it. Rank and file militants everywhere must start now to pool their resources to resist the sackings, to block thepending cuts and everywhere to FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK.

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Coaches are leaving many places to be in London for the demonstration. Join your Socialist Worker sister to book you a seat, or turn up before the leaving time.

MANCHESTER: 8:30am, St Peter's Square.
LIVERPOOL: 8:30am, Mann Island, Pier Head.
BIRMINGHAM: 9:30am, Hall of Memory.
COVENTRY: 10:30am, Pool Meadow.
HULL: 10am, Ferensway.
HARLOW: 12:15, Town Hall car park.
NEWCASTLE: 7am, St Mary's Place, Newcastle.
GLASGOW: Friday 10am, Cowcaddens, Miller Street.

STOP PRESS
The massive IETT, which planned to get Aflandreforthrown in Chile, has announced the immediate canceling of all funds to its subsidiaries in Portugal. This has hit workers in Britain too. IETT has sacked 230 women workers from its Sobreira factory, North London, who work on telephone parts for the Portuguese factories.

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TO HOPE 
UNTIL 
TROOPS COME OUT

by Eamonn McCann
NORTHERN IRELAND 
Secretary Marvyn Rees met Harold 
Wilson at Downing Street last 
week for top-level discussions 
about the deteriorating situation 
in Northern Ireland.

Immediately afterwards it was 
anounced that Rees would 'address 
the people of the province' on radio 
and TV next evening, Northern 
Ireland had been closed to legal advice 
and without even the chance to 
phone friends or family to say where 
we are.

Jimmy was kept at Hammarsmith 
Police Station for three days of 
petty harassment from the police 
and warders. He was refused the use 
of toilet paper, soap and water to 
wash, shaving materials or drinking 
water—except on his wife's visit. 
In a two-hour interrogation he was 
subject to threats of violence and 
deportation, as well as all kinds of 
personal insult.

Jimmy's wife, Margaret, and their 
baby of 14 months were also 
broached in for the treatment but 
not until after a gang of twelve police 
had carried out a five hour search 
of their flat and taken away such 
dangerous literature as Dr Spock's 
How To Bring Up Baby.

In a harrowing question and 
answer session, Margaret was told: 
'If you don't tell the truth the baby 
will be taken into care.'

When he was clearly the only 
people be subject to such treatment you 
may as well say that Rees's 
Terrorism, just as under Internment, 
the atrocities of the legal system are 
deliberately tried.

Jimmy told Socialist Worker 
you can't climb on the top of the 
Belfast one that on that cell and no 
one would have known I was there.
If the British trade union 
organization and protest can 
be seen to mean war. 

If it was brought together in a truly 
coordinated campaign there would 
be no reason to be kept in there anymore. 

The Express banner headline 
was: 'THE MOST EVIL GIRL 
IN BRITAIN.'

The other papers' handling of the 
story was little different. But 
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destroyed.

Yet during the Loyalist strike in Belfast last year, 
Paisley and his followers were with paramilitary 
organisations such as the Ulster Volunteer Force, which has 
admitted involvement in murders such as that of the 
Miami Showband pop group a few weeks ago.

Paisley's election agent is Jacky McKe. Jacky's 
brother-in-law is a UVF commander in the town 
of Larne. He lost a leg in an explosion in a body 
trapped car earlier this year. A Catholic was machine 
gunned to death in retaliation the same night in a nearby 
pub, although no arrest was made that the body took to

Another car bomb in Belfast—and the 'law and order' response follows as troops harass Catholic areas.

So Rees's calls for people to combat 
sectarianism by 'backing the forces 
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Revolt

sectarianism in the belief that 
the police would be kept out of 
the province. The forces which 
Rees has at his disposal to 
implement policy decisions 
are themselves the agents of sectarianism. 
Rioting is no more a matter of abstract 
argument, but a matter of 
reality. The police in their 
role as agents of sectarianism, 
not just as Republicans and anti-IRA, but as 
a Commission under Lord Cameron, 
a Tribunal under Lord Justice Scarman 
and by the government-appointed 
Community Relations Commission.

Yet not a single member has been 
dismissed for indiscipline in ten years.

The 7500-strong Ulster Defence 
Regiment has an overlapping 
membership with Protestant paramilitary 
groups and a history of involvement 
in sectarian crime, including 
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WHAT WE THINK

THE REAL meaning of Labour's economic policy is becoming clearer every day that passes. Despite the £6 wage freeze, prices are continuing to soar—the Financial Times could report on Tuesday that 'the average cost of food manufacturers' materials shot up by 7¾ per cent in August alone'. Despite the £6 freeze, the number of unemployed is fast moving from 1½ million to 1¾ million.

These are statistics. Translated into the lives of the people, the life for millions of working class people, it means hardship on a scale reports workers have not experienced before in their lifetimes.

The Labour government knows only one reaction to this state of affairs to attack living standards still more. One of the biggest groups of low-paid workers in the community are shop-steward and authority staff workers. They are being told that even the £6-a-week limit is too much for them.

SOLUTION

Over the past week it has been announced that school classes will be allowed to increase in size, that children under five will not be allowed into schools, that train services will be cut back by 10 per cent in the months ahead.

The justification for these measures from government and press is that they will 'fight with the economic crisis'. But you don't have to be an economic genius to see that they will make the economic crisis worse. Fewer jobs, more unemployment, less money in people's pockets to buy things produced elsewhere, a worse economic climate.

Such is the absurd and inhumane logic of a government committed to propping up the capitalist system.

So what is to be done about the crisis by the working class movement? One possible answer came from Anthony Wedgwood Benn earlier this week. After months of silence, he raised his voice to say that there had to be a fight to commit the Labour government to socialist policies.

EFFICIENT

For him, the fight is to ensure that one policy document supersedes another which is passed by the Labour Party executive. Meanwhile, Benn remains in the government and helps implement its policies, policies which mean the dole for those who put their faith in him for seven months back.

Further 'left-wing' policy statements from the Labour executive are not going to change the plight of the unemployed who continue to get worse, the toll of redundancies will continue to rise, the social services will continue to be hiked to pieces.

The real fight will be elsewhere. It will be the fight back, against the Labour government's policies, of rank and file workers who are hit by them.

One thing can be said with certainty. If we rely on occasional speeches by Labour ministers instead of building that resistance, then things will go from bad to worse.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Secretary Anthony Crosland announced further cuts in local government spending which, to quote The Guardian, 'will affect women, woman and child in the country'.

The cuts will mean larger classes in the schools, longer intervals between rubbish collections, council, paths, less competent fire brigades, council block lifts which don't work, and less good amenities to make everyday life easier. All of this will mean minor changes in the daily lives of the working class.

The cuts will not affect Anthony Crosland though. The Daily Mail on Monday revealed that he has just bought a comfortable cottage near Woodbridge for £25,000.

'The cottage will be a good place to escape the distractions and telephones of London', said Crosland. He puts up with all these distractions and telephones in a block of flats in Holland Park, which, of course, he is keeping.

All over the country, local authorities are increasing the number of cuts which they mean mass sackings. Workers for the Greater London Council, the biggest local authority in Europe, are planning a one day strike to protest against the cuts on Tuesday 23 September.

PROFIT

The GLC workers are protesting about 1500 proposed sackings, which will save the GLC an estimated £6 million. The workers point out that the interest rates will cost the GLC an extra £20 million this year.

The same is true all over the country. Council workers threatened with the sack should find out how many the money spenders are squeezing their local councils, and campaign with trade unions and other workers' organisations against all cuts.

But this is not just a matter of concern for council workers themselves. It is also a vital matter for those on the receiving end of the cuts. Action is needed in each locality to bring working class families that suffer as social services are cut together with council employees whose jobs are threatened.

It is up to Socialist Worker readers to take the initiative in trying to build these, and in approaching traders and trade unions and file council employees—Socialist Workers will be campaigning against the cuts. Our slogan is simple: NO CUTS, NO SACKS, NO PAY Cuts. We want our readers to send us details of the cuts in their areas—not just in terms of spending percentages, but in terms of the height to everyday life.

Send your report to: Socialist Worker Campaign Against the Cuts, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

Portugal: Solidarity is crucial

Many workers in Britain are confused by events in Portugal. The succession of governments, the continuing round of talks between different generalisations, demonstrations and counter-demonstrations leave people in this country bewildered.

Yet the issues at stake in Portugal today are immensely important.

Portuguese workers, like workers everywhere, have been hit hard by the economic crisis. But in the 16 months since the overthrow of the Salazar dictatorship, they have developed all sorts of means of fighting back.

Their workers' committees have taken control of many factories, forcing the government to nationalise them. Their tenants' committees have begun to solve the housing crisis by taking over the empty houses of the rich.

Most infuriating of all to the powers-that-be, they have countered the lying power of the big business press by taking over newspapers and radio stations, and they have won over to their struggle the rank and file in some of the key regiments in the Lisbon area.

EMPTY

The present political crisis in Portugal arises as big business supporters try to take gains off the workers. They are attempting to get a new government which will not hesitate to do this.

The Socialist Party leader, Mario Soares, has indicated his willingness to do this job. Now they are hoping that the leaders of the Communist Party will help by accepting a subordinate role in the government.

Soares has already indicated what he wants this government to do—from the workers the Radio Station Renascer and the newspaper Memento to the right-wing newspapers, the bosses, to give the newspaperRepublica back to its proprietor, and to dismiss the workers.

The British press will pretend that such actions involve a 'defence of democracy'. As if those who run radio stations are controlled by bishops who used to support fascist dictator Caetano, that the bosses run newspapers and radio stations, that a monopoly of armed forces lie with generals who began their climb to power in the thirties by helping the communist party and fascist government.

Trade unionists in Britain need to show solidarity with our Portuguese brothers and sisters—and that means solidarity with those who, resisting the demands of Soares, fight to prevent the re-imposition of the un-tramelled power of big business.

That is why every Socialist Worker reader to support the demonstration of solidarity with the Portuguese working class in London next Saturday, and to support the struggle for socialism in Portugal through the Socialist Worker Portuguese Solidarity Fund.

Fund prints pamphlet for airline workers

THE Socialist Worker printshop completed an unusual job last week. It typed and printed 4500 copies of a pamphlet in Portuguese for the Revolutionary Party in the Portuguese Parliament in Lisbon, the PRP.

The pamphlet described the struggle of the workers of the Portuguese airline, TAP, over the past two years.

The pamphlet will clearly be a contribution to the building of the movement for workers' councils. But while the material and the cost of producing finished copies for Portugal have been paid for, it is precisely for such purposes that we run our Portuguese Solidarity Fund. It enables supporters of Socialist Worker in Britain to send directly the struggle for workers' control in Portugal.

Already many of our readers are making it a democratic that radio stations are controlled by bishops who used to support fascist dictator Caetano, that the bosses run newspapers and radio stations, that a monopoly of armed forces lie with generals who began their climb to power in the thirties by helping the communist party and fascist government.

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Other contributions have come from: Aberconway £3, SW South East £10, Shrewsbury £2, Dumfries £6.70, Leeds University £3.50, East London £4.50, a worker and a N London Portuguese meeting £50, Rodger's and other Bishop's £33.80, and another £50. Another £200 went into the fund from the Corbridge Workers' Club, now being regularly paid in each month.

Donations should be sent to the Socialist Worker Portuguese Solidarity Fund, 4 Cottons Garden, London N7. Posters and badges are obtainable, by post, from the same address or from any IS bookshop.

By the power of the press
**Paul Foot’s TUC Notebook**

**YOU KNOW LABOUR**

**GOVERNMENT DOESN’T WORK...**

A SINGLE contradiction dominated every discussion at Blackpool’s TUC. Jack Jones summed up his and Len Murray’s rate for the £6 wage freeze with the words: ‘The most important lesson we have learnt is that at all costs we must keep a Labour government.’ Or, as Len Murray put it: ‘Either you trust this government or you don’t.’

Congrats trusted. They accepted the only argument put up in favour of the £6 link that it was proposed by the Labour government. Most of the rest of the time was taken up with senior trade union officials complaining bitterly about every conceivable aspect of the government’s policies.

Lord All Allen, general secretary of the shopworkers union USDAW, told Congress on Monday for instance: ‘We expected a Labour government to abolish fee-paying [staff] agencies and are very disappointed that they have not done so.’

Hugh Scallon made a moving speech about teenage unemployment, pointing out that it had tripled since last year. ‘We hoped,’ he said sadly, ‘that a Labour government would reverse this trend.’

Fred Jarvis, of the teachers’ union, said the government’s policies had caused the ‘biggest threat to the education service since the war.’

George Smith, of the building workers’ union UCATT, complained bitterly about the fall in council house building.

Bernard Dick of the public employees’ union NUPE, said: ‘The proposed public expenditure cuts are taking pounds out of your pockets.’

But what was going to be done about all this?

The General Council had to be saved with a wage freeze (and more cuts in public expenditure), the second resolutions had to be passed, the government’s record stuff.

With the single exception of Dave Bowman of the NALGO, the railwaymen’s union, who promised a campaign of political and industrial action against cuts in railway services, no one delegate explained how the TUC was going to fight for full employment, more houses, a decent health service, against fee-paying agencies or even against dangerous travel.

The teachers’ union motion on the education service called on the General Council ‘to take action to ensure a whole number of reforms. Not one of these is mentioned in any action…’

‘It is all a ritual. The speakers are well-briefed with all the necessary information. They say their one forceably—and leave it to the General Council to ‘lobby’ accordingly.’

Then nothing will be done. After a day or two listening to them, I doubt whether they really care.

MORE WAS spent on junkets this year than ever before. The official union junket used to be the exception. Now it is the rule. The pace was set, as always, by the IAW ASTMS cocktail party, and this year the EETU and NALGO were generally reckoned to run ASTMS a close second for opulence and for quantity.

Because, which previously refused on principle to spend its members’ money on junkets, junked in this year with an ‘expansive’d.

The delegates invited to all these parties, by the way, are the industrial correspondents who have done so much to maintain our position on the Saturday before the conference started.

DELEGATES from the IAW and Blackpool shared copies of the Morning Star on Wednesday among themselves. The newspaper of the ‘anti-parliamentary party’ was distributed with genuine enthusiasm on the platform of the rights to help produce the bulletin: thanks, and we’ll do even better next time.

**Socialist Worker was here!**

EVERYONE seemed to agree that Socialist Worker made an impact on the Congress—not just through consistent arguing and prodding by Socialist delegates, but also through intervention from outside.

Socialist Worker bulletins were handed out every morning. They contained comment and guidance to delegates, and also news and gossips about the previous day’s (and night’s) goings-on. On the first day, delegates were reluctant to take the bulletins. ‘There’s too much rubbish already’ one said.

But by Wednesday and Thursday they came looking for it.

Our public meeting attracted nearly 70 people, about half of them delegates. It was very hot—but everyone stayed on to take part in the discussion. Many will remember the meeting for Vincent Flynn’s references to Good Lordman, the well-known newspaper proprietor.

Socialist Worker also sold well. On Monday, more than 70 copies of the previous week’s issue was sold, and on Thursday and Friday a total of 150 copies were sold.

The attack on Jack Jones in one issue was denounced from the rostrum by Harry Smith, editor of TASS journal and a member of the Communist Party. One day when he is blackguarded in a certain newspaper on a fact outside, my union wants to pay tribute to the humanity and dedication of Jack Jones,’ he drooled.

Our attention should be focused on all the members to take the unions seriously and to fight the government’s proposals on delegations within them. If we get 20 delegates next year we can make twice as big an impact. If we have 100—why not?

To all the comrades who came to Blackpool from Manchester and Lancashire to sell papers and bring our case home, we give our thanks for the help of the rights to help produce the bulletin: thanks, and we’ll do even better next time.

**White-collars**

ONE ENCOURAGING aspect of a gloomy week was the rapid rise in militancy among white-collar unions. These had, in general, much younger and more militant delegations than the traditional manual unions. Their delegations were much more ‘difficult to handle’ for their expatriated general secretaries.

Few of the younger delegates got to the rostrum, of course. But their impact shows itself in the speeches of their general secretaries.

Bill Kendall, of the CPSA, for instance, described the £6 freeze policy as ‘saving capitalism by socializing the working class for the first time for 20 years that Bill has used the word ‘capitalism’...”

And the only man to have the guts to attack Jack Jones in the open was Gerry Gillman of the Society of Civil Servants, the union which seemed to line up with the left on every issue.

Gillman quoted Jack Jones saying in 1973 that wage restrictions were ‘characteristic of a fascist society intolerable to our members’.

**Policeman**

CONGRESS was united on one policy, that of Chairman, Marie-Paterson, was terrible. Inflexible, arrogant, contemptuous.

The Socialist Worker bulletin for Thursday was full of the story about Marie-Paterson’s refusal to take a card vote on the £6 limit.

‘We’re ahead in every issue—they ought to shout loud. But few of them have the guts. And so the world will never know how many “wreckers” voted for “six down”! They should shout, “The back!” We really mustn’t upset Jack Jones. For heaven’s sake let’s vote “No” This means we’re on the winning side.***

**PICTURES:** Chris Davies (Report)
A workers’ paper for a workers’ party

THE British economy is heading into a nose-dive.

Up to a few weeks ago, it looked as though the world-wide crisis of capitalism would right itself for a small recovery. This is no longer the case. Business depression and slump now seem more likely. People talk quite openly of two million unemployed next year. Rising prices, cuts and new wages open up a dreadfully bleak prospect for the British working class.

The Labour government is ruthlessly pursuing the capitalist solution to the crisis.

The central pledge of Labour—that they would not use mass unemployment to curb inflation—is already broken. The idea in many workers’ minds that the Labour Party stands for something different will be rapidly eroded.

Open, organised opposition to Labour is the only strategy for socialists.

We have to speak out clearly for every worker who is staggered by Labour’s policies. The Labour Lefts are totally incapable of organising such opposition.

What credibility can be seen for the current attacks on unemployment—when they are members of a government which is permitting the biggest unemployment ever for 40 years? The Tribune Left and the Communist Party are mesmerised by the trade union leadership. The socialist groupings are scattering to the right, sniffling around Labour’s backside.

The overwhelming need is for a strong, socialist shop-floor-based party which can fight against Labour government policies.

As the chairman of a Labour Party youth socialist branch wrote in last week’s Socialist Worker: ‘There is no organised strength large enough to offer an effective and viable alternative to the Labour Party but the branch of such an organisation does exist around Socialist Worker. How can we ensure that that branch grows healthy and powerful?’

Socialist Worker has more influence in the working class than has the International Socialists.

This was summed up recently by a West Country worker who said: ‘I’d like to join the Socialist Worker, but not the International Socialists. Because Socialist Worker looks outward, because it tries to persuade all workers on the shop floor, it can become a powerful organisation. Socialist Worker is the key to building the new socialist party.

Success in building the party depends upon the extent to which we can expand the sales and influence of Socialist Worker, and organise the thousands of workers who read and agree with the paper.

Socialist Worker is sold mainly in factories and workplaces. That’s how it should be—but we’ve also got to spread the sale to people who don’t work alongside us, people in other workplaces or people in the street.

The economic crisis has generated political argument. A few years ago, socialists needed to know the specifics about the factory floor fight—the details of productivity deals and so on. Now each struggle comes back to the general issue: the nature of capitalism and the socialist alternative.

In this situation, sales to the general public are more important than ever.

Street-selling should not be passive. Several delegates complained that the selling of the paper on the streets lacked the aggressiveness and vigour of a year or two ago. The slogans and politics of the paper have to be shouted out loud.

Other ways of selling to the general public have proved very successful: stalls in the market-place often encourage people to stop and argue; many bookshops and magazine shops sell Socialist Worker. In Glasgow, one comrade sells 70 papers in 12 different newspapers.

During the next week every branch and every district must arrange general meetings whose single purpose is to re-organise Socialist Worker sales to achieve to the shortest possible time the target of ten Socialist Worker sales per member.

There is another target, just as crucial. The worker-readers of Socialist Worker must be organised. Socialist Worker support cards must go to every worker who agrees to pay a minimum of 10p a week to the Socialist Worker Fund. If he or she pays the money, buys and sells the paper, argues for socialist ideas at the place of work, he or she is already a member of a socialist party.

Branches and districts must aim for 10 Socialist Worker supporter for every 12 members.

Over the next two months Socialist Worker will be reporting week by week on how our readers and supporters are selling the paper and organising themselves. Every success, every initiative from anywhere in the country needs to be reported to us. If we share our experiences—our successes and our failures—we will build faster.
TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM
by DUNCAN HALLAS

The Left MPs

The Left MPs...

The latest internal bulletin of the National Front has fallen into our hands. It makes interesting reading:

Listed are the 40 candidates for the nine-strong National Directorate. Among them is founder member and Norfolk landowner Andrew Fountain, now back in the fold after falling out to form the short-lived New Order party.

Fountain has never been the same since being on the receiving end of a Kamikaze dive-bomber in the last war. He sports a large piece of metal where his brain used to be.

Two interesting candidates are Richard Edmonds, described in the bulletin as ‘the former Tulie Hill school teacher’ and Neil Farnell, secretary of the front’s trade union organisation.

Other Front trade union organisers holding high office are Thomas Finnegan, holder of the ‘New Gold Label’ (address: 2 West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire), and John Fitchett (address: 62 Longyear Road, Hayes, Middlesex).

Of the better-known candidates, Kingsley Road boasts the incomparable ‘Dame’ Elspeth Waterman, accused of being prosecuted by Race Board officials. Meanwhile, according to the bulletin, the front is producing a new magazine called ‘The White Man’s World’. It is a Racism Book to follow their popular ‘NF Rules Of England’ manual. In the pipeline is a racist joke book. Contributions should be addressed to the ‘Joke Book Editor’ at Head Office.

Socialist Worker readers who prefer jokes at the expense of racism are planning the National Front (01-684 3703) or by writing to them at 51 Pawson Road, Clapton, London.

We are the taskmasters now...

WE ARE the masters now, said Shawcross on assuming the 1945 Labour government. Fortunately for the rolling clasp, it was not to last.

These days, Baron Shawcross of Frodsham, OBE, MBE, is a champion of the underprivileged. In the 1945 election, he worked hard to get 27,500 votes. In addition to his work, he has been a long-time supporter of the miners' strike. His commitment to social justice is widely recognized.

Shawcross is an ardent supporter of the National Front and has been a member since its inception. He is known for his passionate speeches and is a popular figure among his constituents.

We believe in the power of the people and the strength of community. Together, we can create a better future for all.

Shawcross and the National Front have been instrumental in bringing about positive change in our society. Their dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on the lives of many.

We are committed to the principles of the National Front and are proud to be a part of this movement. Let's continue to work together to build a better tomorrow.

We are the taskmasters now, and together, we will make a difference.
Portugal: The right creeps in

THE right wing is again on the offensive in Portugal.

Vasco Goncalves has been replaced as prime minister by Pinheiro de Azevedo, a so-called moderate, and the right wing has been able to consolidate their hold over the leadership of the armed forces by blocking the appointment of Goncalves as chief of staff. Yet only a few days earlier the strength of the left had been shown by a massive, united demonstration outside the presidential palace at Belem. That demonstration had been called by the United Front of the Communist Party and the revolutionary left. After the demonstration the Communist Party broke with the United Front.

The Communist Party had been trying to ride three horses at once. Because of pressure from their own rank and file, they had formed a temporary alliance with the organisations of the revolutionary left. They were trying to keep Goncalves in office. At the same time they were trying to do a deal with the Socialist Party.

Ousted

Now the alliance with the revolutionary left lies shattered and Goncalves has been ousted. All that remains are negotiations with the ring-wing Socialist Party leaders.

The right wing has used the opportunity to full advantage. Mario Soares has made his position clear concerning any involvement in a new government. He is insisting that the workers' controlled radio station, Renascença and the workers' controlled papers, Republica, be handed back to their old proprietors—respective always the reactionary bishops of the Catholic Church and his own friend Freitas.

But his most important demand is that the revolutionary left and the sections of the working class who have arms must be disbanded. The disarming of the working class in the present situation would leave the way open for another Chile.

All the signs are that the new government to be headed by Pinheiro de Azevedo will be little different from his predecessors.

FROM Robin Ellis in Lisbon

FORWARD CALL TO PRP'S 2000

The Portuguese socialist organisation with fraternal links with Socialist Worker, held a 2000-strong meeting in the Lisbon Sport Pavilion last week. Isabel do Carmo, editor of the party's paper, Revolucionário, called on sympathisers of the PRP to step up their activity in workers' committees, tenants' committees and Revolutionary Workers' Committees.

"The only way to achieve socialism and stop a coup is by building in the working class," she said.

Carlos Antunes, of the PRP's political committee, said: "It is not in the military-political leadership of the problems that this country will be solved, but in the working class. We are convinced that only the masses have an effectively superior force to that of the counter-revolution.

"The game which is being played in Portugal involves the destiny of European capitalism. If the working class does not fully understand the problems, then imperialism will intervene directly. The PRP will only use force if the working class is organised for struggle.

A militant of the PRP spoke to Socialist Worker after the meeting. 'The meeting was important because it was an appeal to stop our work,' she said. 'It was also important because we are getting to the position where we have enough strength to get more deeply into working-class organisations, to fight for our positions and to strengthen those organisations.'

THE Middle East treaty which Dr. Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, has taken back in triumph to Washington with a "peace agreement," it is nothing of the kind.

It is an agreement which licenses the Israeli forces to continue the conquest and colonisation of Arab lands, and to wage war against the Arab people.

The Times 28 August, records a crucial part of the Agreement:

"Dr. Kissinger told Israeli leaders that the United States will not exert pressure on them to disband any of the Golan settlements in an interim agreement. The Israelis are also confident that no pressure will be exerted to prevent continued building of settlements in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Northern Judea.

"Ever since the June war of 1967 in which the Israeli forces conquered hundreds of thousands of square miles of Arab territory, the Israeli government has sponsored a massive settlement programme in the occupied territories.

"There are now 50 such settlements. More than 20,000 Israelis live in these settlements. They have been encouraged there with the help of interest-free loans on houses prefabricated in the United States, Tel Aviv.

"Many of these settlements have been carried out by the forcibly repatriation of Arab workers and villagers. In 1973, for instance, 6000 houses were thrown out of land in the Rafah area in the northwest of the Gaza strip.

"This settlement programme was ruled illegal by an official inquiry in Israel—but the government took no notice. In 1973 and 1974, it stepped up its programme of colonisation, intending to populate huge areas with Israelis so that the Arabs will never be able to claim back.

"The Israeli government is staking everything on a full-on victory in yet another Middle East war. The Kissinger agreement normalises this, by the most powerful adversary, Egypt.

"If Egypt keeps out of a future war, the Israeli forces will direct their full power on Syria, Jordan, and especially Lebanon, where the fertile land south of the Litani River has always tempted Zionist imperialism.

"The Palestinian problem will then be secondary, and the death of the remaining land occupied by the Palestinian people will be the result of a wartime removal of them and their camps.

How and why has Sadat agreed to this?" The Daily Telegraph last Friday gave a version of the agreement...will provide Israel with about one billion dollars of extra aid.

EAGER is the newspaper and it was quoted as saying: "We are now facing a new era in which the foreign firms will now be eager to invest in our country."

With massive bribes, Kissinger has won Sadat to the idea of an 'Arab-Israeli' peace arrangement, and Egypt. In return, Sadat is prepared to sell the future of the Arab people all over the Middle East. He need not imagine that the “peace” will last, that it will pass his country by. A victorious Israeli army in Damascus, Tyre and Amman will soon turn its irresistible power on Egypt.

The consequences of such Israeli victory will be far more serious and will come to Arab like Nazi Germany's and Japanese imperialism.

"Eager" is the railway station of the Arab people. It is the railway station of the Arab people.
TWO YEARS AFTER COUP A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

A plan for Britain

London, 11 September 1977

The time had finally come for the CIA to act.

Cord Meyer, its London chief, brought the message back after a brief but historic trip to Washington.

The 30-year agreement that all CIA work in Britain required prior approval from British counterparts was at an end.

Unemployment and inflation had paved the way for left-wing militants in the struggle for leadership of the British trade union movement.

During the coming year, we estimated these enemies of NATO, capitalism and the United States would likely gain control of the movement as a whole—unless we stepped in.

Our local friends in liaison services seemed powerless to stem the tide. We called on help. We guess they’ll just look the other way.

The day after he got back, Meyer told me I would be in charge of the London station’s labour operations because I worked in this activity in Latin America.

Conditions here, he said, are following the Latin American pattern and people at the highest level in Washington want to avoid, if possible, that dilemma between the right wing authoritarians here in Chile or an irrepressible slide leftward.

Expand

No-one’s sure if it will be successful, but they want to make a last try of the old dirty tricks. The MI5 analysts had warned against leaving the country without finding a way to intervene.

Labour operations are only part of the new station programme—we’re also going in for a full propaganda and penetration operation against the left wing political groups.

The wider US policy involves heavy investment in Common Market leaders, particularly the Germans, to provide emergency credits, expand purchases in Britain and retain certain exports to this country.

The US will all be maximising credits for food purchases to gather in a quiet appeal for voluntary export restraint.

Many of the US version of Less Coffee will explode if it finds out, but Washington believes it’s so bad here, that help for creating jobs including even the export of American jobs, may be needed.

My first stop, already approved by the Ambassador, is to move over to the Labour Attaché’s office for better cover.

This will allow me to move in trade union circles and the Labour Attaché himself is going to arrange an intensive programme of lunch, choose and other meetings to introduce me.

Luckily, I wasn’t even invited to the local services as a CIA man, otherwise I couldn’t get involved in those operations.

Defeat

Meyer promised that we’d get two more case officers, an intelligence assistant and a secretary within three months but mean while I’ve got to forge ahead on the targeting analysis.

I’ll be examining, reading all those publications and getting through with two full and middle level bureaucrat in each of the important national unions. Then’ll set priorities for the people we want to help and for those we’ll try to weaken the advance of national bureaucracies and on the shopfloor.

I’m going to start targeting the left wing trade union leaders, some for recruitment perhaps, but mostly for provocations and general distracting.

In the current mood here, the old arguments identifying them with foreign causes and ideologies, like the Soviets, work.

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WHAT WE THINK: Chile is a grim war

In Chile last Thursday General Pincher decided to celebrate a ‘ceremonial’ for the second anniversary of their coup. For three days the torture in Santiago was suspended and Pincher lit an eternal flame in the city centre to commemorate Chilenan Liberte.

Writing in The Observer on Sunday, journalist Hugh O’Shaughnessy eloquently described that ‘Liberte’. The people of Chile are suffering as never before’, he wrote, ‘like the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, terror, hunger, mass unemployment and the big propagandists lie range over the land.

One of the relief agencies on Friday showed me sworn evidence from a woman detainee, supported by the sworn medical evidence of a doctor who examined her after her release, which shows how far the treatment had gone...

‘During her first interrogation she was forced to strip completely. She was simultaneously violated anally by a man and sexually attacked by a woman. In her second session she was again made to strip, her legs forced apart and she was subjected to the attentions of a swarm of mice. She was released in a few days with no charge brought against her.’

Overthrow

Again, ‘prices are continuing to roar ahead, wages are strictly controlled, the unions broken and Chile is in the middle of an enormous slump. Hunger and malnutrition are now affecting hundreds of thousands of Chileans.

Since Allende’s overthrow the price of bread has risen to 13 times its original price, sugar 164 times and cooking oil 136 times.

The workers of Chile are our brothers. For that simple reason Socialist Women have already fought hard for solidarity with the workers of Chile, solidarity that is now as much as ever today, two years after Allende’s death.

We warmly applaud the efforts of the National Front and Trade Union Committee in Chile, who have brought the Conspuela family out of Chile. We gratefully accept the financial help of a branch of Public Employees Union (UNPE) who fought hard to get a job and was for Pedro Conspuela, ACTSSS members at Ditmar Bookshop in London who collected money to send to the Conspuela family when they were left without a place earlier this year, and the Heniz workers who donated food to them now they are here.
**AND OF THE PAST**

One family free of the junta

**RANK AND FILE COMMITTEE SUCCESS**

**One family free of the junta**

Pedro Corzo at Heathrow Airport after his release

**Interview by Laurie Flynn**

The Corzo family in London this week after two years of repression by the junta.

**PICTURE:** Andrew Ward (Report)

ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, Pedro Corzo, one of the founders of the Chilean National Confederation of Farmworkers and a member of the General Council of the Chilean TUC, was taken out of the Tres Almos concentration camp.

Under military guard he was taken to the airport at Santiago, where he met his wife Maria and their three children, Paula, Pedro, and Camilo Falat. Together, they boarded a plane for London and some sort of freedom.

At London, the Corzoys were met by a small delegation of trade unionists.

They included Fred Gore, chairman of the joint shop stewards committee at Heathrow Airport, and other airport stewards, London docks and hospital stewards, and Roger Cox, secretary of the National Rank and File Organizing Committee.

That committee, by its patient and persistent work, had got the British government to accept the Corzoys as refugees.

It had sent them money when they were starving, money collected by trade unionists. It had arranged to get them out of Chile.

At London's Heathrow airport, Corzo opened a bottle of wine he bought just before his arrest on 5 October 1973. He shared it around among his family and his new found friends. Then, when the tears were drunk, Corzo explained to the delegation that the wine cost 100 escudos when he bought it.

Two years later, he added, 100 escudos would buy half a box of matches, which gives you some idea of the reality of fascism in Chile, two years old this week.

In an interview with Socialist Worker this week, Pedro told something of his treatment at the hands of the junta.

I felt that I couldn't take any more. I was in the midst of all the various embassies. I had this blind faith that there would be some resolution to the problem, I'll be! I'm the kind of person who will probably lose my life in the most of cases, I'll be getting on to the committee or whatever is out there to try and save them. The last minute is when I'm ready to do it, yes, exactly like that.

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**Repressive actions of the May 1973 Visit of the military government's leader to the United States.**

**One family free of the junta**

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Fortunately their victory is not guaranteed. If the working-class movement opposes its enemies, draws up its strategy and tactics accordingly, and if the goal of real workers' power is unhesitatingly pursued, then we can win. That way the enormous violence and terrible defeats of the parliamentary road to socialism can be avoided.

**INTERVIEW by Laurie Flynn**

Socialist Worker supports all initiatives in solidarity with the workers of Chile. We will work with any and every section of the labour and socialist movement in joint activity to build more and stronger solidarity with Chile.

**Terrible**

That is one part of our duty. The other is to stress and stress again the grim warning embodied in the terrible defeat of the Chilean working class. The leaders of the Chilean working class trusted in the parliamentary road to socialism. They set out to take over the existing state, to compromise and cajole their way to socialism. They thought they could persuade the ruling class to accept more and more reforms. They even urged the leaders of the army to join them in that task, and when the generals joined Allende's government, it attacked rank and file workers who warned that the officers were preparing a coup.

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she received a telegram saying 'bring some clothes, your husband is to be moved'. Mario Corzoj was left to keep going somehow, to look after the family and help his husband.

She said: 'I worked 'til August 1974 but then I was sacked. The only way to earn was to sell things I sold everything except two beds.'

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Another thing that is happening to those in Santiago now is that there are sales everywhere in the shops. After, the coup, the shops, empty under Allende, suddenly became full. But now even shopkeepers who helped the fascists and the military government are being...
I won't let them forget Des

VOWS RICKY AS LEADERS OF THE TUC PREVENT HIM ADDRESSING CONGRESS

I GAVE them fifteen months of my life, I thought they might give me fifteen minutes of theirs.

That, in his own words, is why Ricky Tomlinson, who was freed last month after a long jail sentence for picketing, went to the Blackpool Trades Union Congress last week. On the Tuesday during the debate on the building workers' picketing at Shrewsbury, Ricky demonstrated and shouted from the visitors' gallery and was ordered out by the TUC chairman.

Ricky Tomlinson hoped he would be able to speak to the delegates properly. He wanted to speak as a fraternal delegate, who had suffered grievously for standing up for trade unionism during an official dispute. He was delighted when the GMB delegates asked the TUC general purposes committee to try to address Congress.

But the committee, which was happy to allow 15 minutes reactionary rant from a 'fraternal union delegate' from the United States, refused Ricky point blank. No reasons were given.

Ricky tried lobbying individual trade union leaders. He spoke to Jack Jones, the Transport Workers, to Tom Jackson of the Post Office workers, to Ken Gill of the white-collar engineering union, the AEEU.

'They didn't tell me what I wanted to hear,' he said. 'None of them said they would argue for an all-out stoppage. Jack Jones didn't want us to achieve anything. I had it quite clear in my mind what I wanted to say from the rostrum. I wanted to remind the delegates about the case: How it was rigged against us. How statements and written and signed papers were all fixed. How the police's rumour had didn't want to prosecute at all in the first place.

And then I wanted to tell them about Des' persecution in prison. Do you realise that he's been moved 17 times in 16 months? I wonder if any of the TUC delegates know what it's like to be moved from prison to prison. You have to go through all the ritual - the striping, the bawling, the shouting - all over again. It's like starting your sentence all over again.

People go 30 years without being moved. But Des has been shifted around all the time. That's because of his politics, because he stands up for his rights as a political prisoner.

I wanted to tell those delegates that that man is still there because he stood up for the principles that Congress is meant to stand for. But they wouldn't let me speak.

Well, I listened to the opening speeches in the debate. Plenty of fighting talk - but no action. We just can't go on with talk and lobbies, you know. I've known blokes that have been on 17 separate holidays and spent hundreds of pounds on the Shrewsbury business. These lads want action.

Steven

But of course that Electricians' Union bloke put the cap on it. He used the phrase 'substituting gangsterism for militancy', which is just the phrase the Daily Mail used. I just kept thinking of Des in his cell and that smooth fellow talking about gangsters and I shouted at them to come to their senses and do something about it.

It doesn't come naturally to me, this sort of thing. I don't like interrupting trade union meetings. When I looked from the gallery I found I was crying with the strain. Yes, crying. I could hardly talk to the press, I was so upset.

But I'm glad that I did it. I think that if sort of thing had happened at previous TUCs, we'd have done less time, Des and I. What should be done? An all-out strike, that's what. That'll get Des out, and all those TUC delegates know it.

I'm afraid I had a bit of a row with George Smith, general secretary of the building workers' union UCATT. I asked him what he was doing at Congress when one of his members was just being put up in prison as an official striker. He shrugged his shoulders and said 'I've got work to do.'

I shouted at him: 'The army's there. George. The army's there. It's the police we want. People all over the country will lead us where we want to go.'

Well, it won't be the last time, I can tell you, that there will be more demonstrations. There's a thing building inside me and I won't be able to rest until it goes away. I WON'T LET THEM FORGET DES WAREN.
The SPANNER IN THE WORKS

north west Spawner Theatre's new play, Safety First or Last, follows Jim, a chemical worker, and his wife Jean through what safety at work means for them.

For Jim, there are two extremes. At one end, there is safety gear which makes the job unworkable. At the other, there is real problems of health and the stresses of family life caused by shift work.

The play has already been performed at trade union meetings, on building sites, in factories, and at eco clubs. Recently, the play went to Glasgow at the invitation of the Transport Workers' 7/163 Inspectors Branch, which has been prominent in the fight against asbestos.

Tony Hughes, a member of the branch, said the play "is a worker in the asbestos industry, I was looking forward to seeing the North West Spawner Group. Their performance surprised me no expectations. I have just recently lost my father, who died of asbestosis at the hands of the companies so vividly portrayed in the play, so I keenly appreciate the dangers facing the working class in the name of profit.

CHOOSE.

"So strong was the message put across that a member of the audience, who was obviously middle class, asked me why I did not leave the industry. I had to explain to him that it was a choice of this job or join the growing masses on the dole queue."

Other trade unionists also recommend the play. Jack Roberts, a steward at Massey Ferguson, Trafford Park, Manchester, explains the importance of the play: "There were three stewards from Massey's at the Rank and File Safety School in Manchester a couple of months ago. One day was enough to cover every aspect of safety, but the main points came across forcibly in the play at the beginning: Safety costs money. 'One of the best bits in the play was when Jim, from the chemical plant of Riskit and Soddem, goes there for a TV competition with his bosses, Graball and Run.""
US Teamsters set up rank and file newspaper

TELL HIM WHERE TO PUT HIS YEAR FOR BRITAIN!

THE ARTICLE on the CPSA's rejection of the £6 limit 11th August was fine. But it, in common with the statement from the CPSA executive, does not go far enough. It is pointless to talk in terms of controlling inflation by using selective controls over capital outflow and granting more controls, in the executive does, when the average clerical assistant has a home pay of only £15 a week.

It is obvious that the rank and file movement within the CPSA must take the initiative to ensure that this savage government legislation is smashed. It is also obvious that our broad left executive have no intention of meeting the struggle, despite their fine words. 

This is before the CPSA can agree to a special delegate conference to ensure the adoption of the following demands:

1. All the miners and workers in the coal mines be granted a rise of £25 a week

2. A shorter working week, by five hours.

3. A further reduction in the increment scales.

It is no doubt that real industrial action, as opposed to token one day strikes, must be used to turn these demands into reality.

Wilson must be told to put his money where his mouth is and if he quickly and deeply it would be extremely faithful to him if he did not let Teamsters get out there.

EDDIE CHILDSD, CPSA.

DON'T FORGET THE SCS

OPPOSITION to the freeze in the civil service is not limited to the CPSA. The Society of Civil Servants (SCS), which represents lower and middle management, came out against the pay rise in June.

It is hardly to see why. For an Executive Officer, the full £6 rise which would be paid if we got it in April 1976, represents a rise of £3 a week.

Between 1 April 1975, when our last wage rise was paid, and 14 July 1975, the retail price index had already risen by eight per cent. By May all SCS members have taken a real cut in wages.

But it is not all plain sailing. The Society has had a go at the TUC policy on the £6. If the implications of the Makepeace report are to affect members the basis for a rigth-wing body would be undermined.

At the moment, most SCS members are in the same dilemma as most of what we have heard happen in the next few months: several branches have not voted against the NEC policy because of a longstanding trust in the judgement of the NEC leaders. 

Send your letters to LETTERS, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Crescent, London £2 90s. Let us have your name and address, but specify if you don't want your name published. Please try to keep letters to not more than 250 words.

Too good to waste

STRAIGHT after reading the interview with Osly Lloyd in last week's paper, I was reminded of a poem in the Willeden Book by Brian Chandler. It was part of a letter from a local West Indian, Joseph Nichols, and gives a ‘self-seeing eye view of the true way of life of most young black people in Britain today. I thought it was too good to waste on a ‘Corry cog.

The Government is my shepherd, I shall always be in want,
He maketh me to sit in the path of oppression for his own selfish sake.
Yes, through the fields, street and factory, I obtain no labour.
And thou wast with me.
The Church and the State they prostrate me in the presence of mine distress.
They use my small income with inflation, my expense runneth over.
I purchase all the days of my life.
And I dwell in the house of poverty for ever.

CAN SOCIALISM COME THROUGH PARLIAMENT?

by Roger Kline

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What Bristol Ship Repairers mean by 'co-partnership'

WORKERS' CONTROL & THE SACK

REMEMBER the advertisement on the right? For months earlier this year the Bristol Ship Repairers waged a massive propaganda attack on the government and on then Industry Minister Tony Benn in particular. They spent £400,000 on advertising.

They were a prosperous, happy company, we were told. Everyone was again nationalised, co-partnership meant that the company had its own plans for 'co-partnership'.

The reality of their 'co-partnership' is clear to the 31 members of the Transport and General Workers Union sacked from the company. They were told that the firing was to go on a demonstration against nationalisation.

The late Liverpool shipyard managing director, offered to pay his employees to go on strike. Chas. Bull, on the same day in London, 31 TGWU members at the Cariff Dry Dock refused to go. They were paid back in to work. 31 workers had to be made redundant, and they just happened to be the 31 who hadn't gone on the demonstration.

The work was still there. The next day contractors were brought in to do their jobs. Three days later another ship was brought into the yards increasing the amount of work available.

Some of the 31 were taken back.

egrham Phillips, the local full-time district secretary for the TGWU, said that everyone didn't have nothing to do.

But then representatives of the 31 told him that they would be talking to local reporters of the South Western Evening Post about their problems. He phoned up the newspaper and asked for the story to stop. It was.

But the 31 have refused to lie down and be trampled on. George Bailey who had been one of those sacked said: "The only thing we've got left out of this is pride. We know we'll get no help from the union officials, but we intend to fight to the end to get our jobs back."

The 31 are now full-time workers and file workers in the docks and on the tugboats to support them. All mem-

bers are members of the Transport and General Workers Union, particularly in Wales, should draw the need to support financially. And they should demand that the government investigate the behaviour of the TGWU district secretary, Graham Phillips.

Financial help is needed. Write to c/o George Lewis, 30 Christine Street, Cardiff.

CHELMSFORD HIT BY CUTS CRISIS

CHELMSFORD: 'We've had as much as we can take.' That was the feeling of the nine women who are Newport House, an observation and assessment centre for disturbed girls in Great Baddow, as they walked out on a one-day strike on Monday.

Over the past year, several of the women have been beaten up and one has been attacked with a knife in an attempt at stabbing. The violence has grown be-

cause of chronic understaffing.

Newport House Shipyard workers: 'Some of these girls are very disturbed psychi-

cally and as a result very violent.'

Recently I was twice on night duty by myself in one week, looking after nine girls. On one of those nights, I was beaten up. I had a black eye and a bruised nose. The women—members of NALGO, the local government workers' trade union—are demanding more staff, better child care and the removal of two of the girls they said are unable to control.

The two girls were taken away from Newport House by police after a case of arson there two months ago. But the police later brought them back, saying they were too violent to be kept at the police station.

Increasingly, the centre is being used, not for observation and assessment, but as a dumping ground for problem girls. Al-

though recommended stay for each girl is between six and eight weeks, one has been there for nine months.

With management indifferent to the suffering and deteriorating conditions, 41 staff have left in two years and those who remain are getting tired—the staff have been driven to exasperation.

Like you, Tony, I believe in industrialization.

Don't nationalise us.

Don't stop our progress towards workers' control.

We are small and we're efficient. Already we have many more employer-directors. Already 50% of our workforce are women and employees already own 20% of the company. Already we've had full disclosure—we provide regular up-to-date profits and loss figures.

In time over half the shares will belong to the women workers. We'll have invested what the company.

We believe in that. But if you bring us into public ownership, the state will own the company and our workers Co-partnership would come to an end.

Some of us would see that as a move to the right. Why put our success at risk? Don't nationalise us.

Bristol Channel Ship Repairers Ltd.

Fighting for co-partnership.

Private patients blacking extended

THE CAMPAIGN by workers at Hamermesh Hospital in London to ban private patients has been intensi-

fied. The Joint Shop Stewards Commit-

tee said last week: "We are opposed to all forms of private practice on principle—everyone has the right to health treatment—this shouldn't de-

pend on the cash resources of the individual.

The ban has been operating for nearly two years. Management have fought back by drifting private patients into National Health Service wards, and even into their own names.

Now the hospital management is pushing up the number of private patients from 15 of a year ago to five of a month ago.

In response two whole wards have been blacked by key workers includ-

ing kitchen staff and porters. As a result management are having to do some of the work themselves, includ-

ing some of the dirty jobs.

Management have also issued a leaflet saying that the Health Service patients are being neglected as a result of the campaign. The leaflet was signed: "We have petitioned the government for a petition denying this.

The joint shop stewards committee said: 'We'd like to see spending on public health increased and the pri-

vate sector reduced to nothing. Repeated promises by Barbara Castle to end such private practice is very welcome to nothing unless workers in hospitals take action as we are doing.'

Abortion campaign needs shot in the arm

by Sheila McGregor

The 1976 Abortion Act was passed almost unanimously by the TUC Congress as a real measure of the success of the National Abortion Campaign so far.

The resolution said: 'Congress calls upon the General Council and all affiliated trade union to campaign actively in the Labour movement to defeat the Abortion (Amend-

ment) Bill and any attempts to introduce restrictive abortion legis-

lation.'

For the right of all women to adequate services for contraception and abortion on reasonable terms, free of charge on the National Health Service.

To resist any changes in the 1967 Abortion Act which would produce conditions detrimental to the health and welfare of the women in this country.

It shows how we can organise the campaign now, by going to every trade union branch and trades council in the country.

In International Women's Year, women have been thrown out of work, nurseries closed down, and schools threatened.

Those who want women firmly back to the kitchen sink as in-

dividual baby factories are using the abortion issue to try and drive women "back where they belong". It's a desperate attempt to keep us out of the labour market. They've already been able to stop the clinics which provide abortion services.

As a consequence of this, abortion is now illegal, with the result that many women are taking Saturday night abortions. The number of illegal abortions are far greater than any of the figures which have been bandied around—those figures represent only a fraction of the total number of illegal abortions.

Few Labour MPs. The TUC resolution is the opportunity to get the message about abortion home to tens of thousands of trade unionists.

But at the crucial moment the vote of the National Abortion Cam-

paign has failed. At a national meeting of NAC on Saturday the IMG, a left-wing group, followed by the Communist Party, and members of

the Labour Party, breached it before the demonstration called by the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC).

Some dubious voting counting, and the inclusion of votes received by telephone and post, again produced a dead vote on the decision to hold a demonstration in November. This has been another blow for all of us, but particularly for our supporters, both those who vote and those newly won to the campaign.

Supporters of Women's Voice and Socialist Worker, indeed all who believe that the struggle for abortion and for women's rights is a struggle, must go to the NAC Conference to argue for the direct involvement of the working-class movement. We have to argue that it's not just abortion but all our rights that are under attack.

The conference is on London on 18 and 19 October. Letters for trade union branches and registration forms are avail-

able from the Abortion Campaign, 30 Clarendon Road, London NW1.
Bill Rattigan — sacked from return on holiday

Spenny Moor: Courtaulds start to wilt

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MANCHESTER: Solidarity Campaign with the Portuguese working class: Public meeting, Tuesday 12 September. 7.30 pm, Hulme Labour Club, Burnt Street, Sparkbrook from the Portuguese Workers Coordinating Committee, trade union bodies, and a Labour MP.

DEFEND THE 161: Drop the Chartist Public Meeting, against the closure of the New York Initiative. Monday 16 September. 7 pm, Hope Hall, 13 Broomhall Street, Sheffield. Speakers include Joan Maybrick MP, Willy Tilmouth, Lawrence Dale, Nick Fox.


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BROADSIDE: Multiple workers’ theatre needs to be reprieved. Contact: John Collins, 78 Worfield Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9SH.

CHARTIST public meeting: After Newham, what? Thursday 13 September, 7.30 pm, Trinity Church, Broad Street, Birmingham.

SUPPORT for CECILY Fox: Continuing campaign against KKK! To Rally for Cecil Fox, 280 Southend Road, East Ham, East London

BUILDERS SACRED FOR GOOD WORK!

YOU'RE DOING TOO GOOD A JOB. YOU'RE ALL FIRED.

That's what happened to eleven painters, members of the building workers union, UCATT, working for Murphy's Paints on a job in Brent Court.

The houses they painted were passed straight away by the council's clerk of works. He took them straight to the man who had painted them by sub-contractors.

Bill Rattigan, one of the UCATT members sacked when he returned from his holiday, told Socialist Worker: 'The top director of Murphy's when he came on the site one evening said: 'You're doing too good a job.' That was his way of saying we were doing too much work."

There was another reason as well, explained Bill Rattigan. "We were in the process of organizing the job. Nine of the eleven painters were ready to join the union. So were other workers on the site.

During their week's notice, they got the UCATT district organ on to the site and they suggested they go to an industrial tribunal to claim dismissal for unfair dismissal and he is going to do that."

Moris's are notorious for their use of the lump. On the Brent Court site there aren't enough labourers to keep the site clear of rubbish and debris. Before this year the lump was being dumped for a day so that it could be cleaned up.

Men are working on roofs three and four storeys high in southern London and without any rail. Carpenters saw sheets of asbestos, pipes, while breathing apparatus available and no portable dust extractors. The lethal asbestos dust, diesel fumes and breathing apparatus unavailalbe and no portable dust extractors. The lethal asbestos dust, diesel fumes and breathing apparatus available and no portable dust extractors.

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National Front get East London rebufed

HOSPITAL workers coming out of the Hackney Children's Hospital in East London to join in the National Front and support the counter-demonstration on Monday. In spite of massive police protection, with troops of mounted 'coppers' in reserve, the Front's plans to promote a repugnant image were thwarted when after their march had started, they encountered members of the International Socialists.

For one of the main targets of the &quot;Front&quot; panel was shown a man in a &quot;Liberation&quot; shirt. It seems that some of the marchers in the National Front were on a march to the Dagenham factory, which the Natsopsa members in the Observer newspaper described as their &quot;jobs are still going strong.&quot;

LONDON: Despite the attentions of full-time union officials, the fight of the Natsopsa members in the Observer newspaper to defend their jobs is still going strong.

Last week Natsopsa machine shop members launched a appeal on the British Associated red workers at Swan Hunter, on strike for eight weeks, returned to work on Monday. They had been fighting for an &pound;5 an hour, which is similar to the boilermakers terms. Management has offered &pound;3.50 now and &pound;2.50 in January. Last week the workers received the shock news that they were to be taken over under the government plans, because they had been under a settlement in the previous 12 months. They have been forced to return to work by a few upper managers.

The Swan strikers were the first section of workers to take on the &quot;Natsopsa&quot; load and have been at the forefront of the government's campaign to make their lives more miserable. They threatened to withdraw national orders and thus create unemployment if the strike was not settled.

The trouble of the factory workers facing the dole queue is that the government announced its intention to nationalize the Dagenham factory, in Industry. The workers at Dagenham need up to seven months' store for a &quot;workers' committee as soon as possible to unite everyone in the town. They have one important basis for uniting the workers who have taken a stand for a nationalized Dagenham, which is in serious trouble.

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London Eating House workers marching angrily down Baker Street last week demanding that their employers apply for work permits. PICTURE: John Starrock (Report)

DEPORTATION THREAT TO 800 HIT BY 'BANKRUPTCY'

The real reason is the militant labour forces, which have now been disbanded, and according to the Times' Immigration Act of 1971, can now be deported back to the police state in Turkey.

Foreign workers cannot work legally in Britain without a work permit. Unsecurable employers such as London Eating House employ workers without permits. They are not breaking the law - they are the workers. So the employers use the workers' illegal status to harass and intimidate the workers.

Safet Genc, one of the militant stewards in the group, is now in London's Pentonville prison awaiting deportation because he worked without a permit. The 'liquidation' of the London Eating House group means that all 800 workers in the group face the same fate.

These workers must be defended. If the International branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union is to survive, it must use the strength of the union to defend the London Eating House jobs and workers. If one of these workers is deported it is a blow against the union's right to organise foreign workers.

Jack Jones the union's general secretary won an ovation at this year's TUC for his chairman- ship of the TUC International Committee. He would deserve it more by standing up for his own foreign members who are being prosecuted by employers and government.