Labour solution to unemployment:

The leaflet they don't want you to read.

YES, a thousand sackings a day. That's the truth about unemployment under the Labour government which promised it would 'get Britain back to work'.

In the first eight months of this year, the employers admitted causing 178,000 redundancies, that's 22,250 a month. The real figure is much higher—and will grow during the winter. By next spring, another 250,000 workers will have lost their jobs.

Labour's 'emergency measures', announced this week and based on massive hand-outs to bosses who are kind enough to keep their workers on, will save no more than 60,000 of those jobs.

In fact, fewer jobs will be saved by the new measures than will be destroyed in government-controlled industries through government-inspired policies—in steel, in the Post Office, in the councils and on the railways.

PATHETIC RESPONSE

This pathetic response to the unemployment crisis has been agreed by the trade union leaders. Jack Jones of the Transport and General Workers' Union said this week: 'I am satisfied that the government intends to cut the head off unemployment this winter'. Yet for every head cut off unemployment by the government, another ten will grow in its place.

Relying on Labour governments and union leaders isn't just useless. It's suicidal.

If rank and file workers want to save their jobs, they will have to fight for them. All over the country there are signs that workers are prepared to demonstrate and strike to keep their jobs.

At PLESSEYS in Liverpool, a mass meeting of white-collar workers have pledged themselves to 'see all means, including industrial action' rather than accept the 750 sackings which the bosses plan for them.

On Tuesday more than a thousand council workers lobbied the Greater London Council offices in protest against proposed cuts in council service.

Southern Region workers on BRITISH RAIL have warned that they are prepared to work to rule rather than accept a single sacking.

These workers cannot win on their own. Every fight for jobs needs the support of the entire working-class movement in the area. Socialists and militants everywhere must start to forge links between shop stewards committees, unemployed workers' and school leavers' organisations for a co-ordinated mass rank and file campaign for the Right to Work.

DEMAND THE RIGHT TO WORK

Supporters of the National Rank and File Organising Committee in the North will be demonstrating for the Right to Work at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool on Tuesday. This is an important campaign against unemployment, bringing together the employed and the unemployed.

Rallies will be going to Blackpool from Liverpool and Manchester organised by local trade union branches and shop stewards' committees, so that the unemployed can travel free.

LIVERPOOL: Coach leaves Mann Island, Pier Head, at 9.30am and the Golden Eagle, Kirkby, at 10.45am. Further details phone T Course 051-621 0224.

MANCHESTER: Coach leaves St Peters Square at 9am. Further details: phone M Herbert 061-734 9792.

PART of last Saturday's great demonstration in solidarity with the Portuguese working class.

The march was led by a series of banners from trade union bodies, including Centre AUEW, North East AUEW, Glasgow EETPU, Camden Trades Council, Islington Trades Council, Westminster Trades Council, Nottingham and District Trades Council, CPFS British Museum, Tower Hamlets NALGO, and a host of others.

Socialist Worker was the backbone of the demonstration. 1,500 yellow-and-red placards ran through the entire march, calling for 'No Chile in Portugal', 'NATO OUT', 'Support the Workers' Councils'.

As Joao Goncalves, from Radio Renascença, the worker-controlled radio station in Lisbon, said at the end of the march: 'This march gives confidence to workers in this country who don't support the social democratic betrayals of their government over Portugal.'

Socialist Worker thanks and congratulates all its readers and supporters all over the country who travelled to London in such enthusiasm and strength for the great march.

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Portugal must not become another Chile!
The great march the press ignored

At least 6000 people marched through the centre of London last Saturday in solidarity with the workers of Portugal.

Not a single word about the demonstration appeared in any of the newspapers the following day. There was no mention of the march on television.

On Sunday, less than 3000 people marched through London demanding a better deal: lower taxes – for the self-employed. Slogans on the march included McCarthy was right! Pictures of the marchers, interviews with its organisers, and articles, editorials about it appeared in all the newspapers.

The march was also heavily covered on both television channels.

If there was any doubt about the deep bias which distorts the ‘news coverage’ in the press and television, the treatment of these two demonstrations should settle it once and for all. The dominating voice was ‘solidarity with Portugal’. The Porto workers—Coordinating Committee had gone on strike and marched peacefully to demand the self-employed, of the Porto workers, councils, and fund raisers for them. The march was called a precursor of the Porto workers councils, and fund raisers for them.

Set up ‘Hands off Portugal’ committees of trade union delegates. Counter anti-working class pro-paganda with local bulletins and posters. Work for a national trade union ‘Hands off Portugal’ delegates conference.

Contact the committee for help with industrial action and contacts between workers in different occupations. Talk to your branch of the National Front, Front blocs which marched with the self-employed.

None of this means that press and television can be ignored. In future, we must put up our struggles to the same level of activity. But it does show that, as the crisis deepens, the labour movement will have to rely more and more on its own press for any fair coverage at all.

Solidarity action ‘crucial’

JOAO GONCALVES, from Radio Renascencia, Lisbon, told the rally in Hyde Park: ‘There are two mutually exclusive freedoms in my country: the freedom for workers and the freedom for capitalists. Mario Soares was a professional who is behind the door to the second freedom. He suppressed any opposition to the interests of the rich. Is it imperative to prevent external support for Soares and the social democrats? This is why we welcome this demonstration. The best way you have to struggle for our liberation is to struggle for your own.’

RITCHIE, from the national executive of the Labour Party, raised some jeers when she spoke for Mario Soares and quoted him favourably on two occasions. She attacked the ‘international strike of credit and capital’ that had been created against Portuguese nationalism.

JACK COLLINS, from the Kent medicos, described the ‘two-wing social democracy’ in Portugal and in this country. He referred scathing to the ‘anti-working class’ that had spoken at the Trades Union Congress. Workers’ movements in Portugal as though it were the same as fascism in Spain.

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Broken promises, broken party?

Maintain and expand social services by redistributing income. That would never do, it would destroy the "incentive" for the rich to get richer. The job of a "social democratic" government is to run capitalism—nowadays rechristened "the mixed economy"—to make it sound better. That, for Crostand and all his colleagues, is fundamental.

DECLINE

All the same, Crostand is shrewd enough to see that unless working-class voters can see some difference between Labour and Tory policies, they are not going to go on turning out for Labour in sufficient numbers to enable the Crostand of the Party to hold cabinet office. The long-run decline in Labour's share of the total poll—Labour has got fewer votes at each successive election since 1966—will speed up and, dreadful thought, the revolutionary socialist left will grow. So some gestures must be made to show "we have not lost our direction, which is a specifically Labour direction". Now there is not the slightest chance that Crostand's advice will be taken. He will indeed, be a great deal of talk at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool this week about the need to do something about unemployment. There will even be some "cosmetic" measures announced, and money for retraining and the like. But whatever the Party conference resolves, government policy will continue to be as it is.

Unemployment will go on rising—and the latest economic forecast is that it will not reach its peak until 1977. Spending on welfare—including housing and pensions—will continue to be squeezed. Real wages will continue to be cut below the £8 limit. All this will happen because it is the price the capitalist class in Britain and internationally, demand for their cooperation.

Any attempt to reverse these policies would trigger off a run on the pound, a further cut in investment and all the other forms of pressure that the millionaires and big companies can exert under capitalism. Of course they could be counted on to back the banking industry and the banking system out of the harm of this. That is something the so-called "social democrats" rule out—permanently.

So Crostand's proposals are, in the most literal sense, utopian. They cannot be carried into law by a government committed to running capitalism. The "deep alienation" that Crostand fears is not going to be prevented and it will open up the possibility of developing a massive opposition to Labour's Toryism.

"It is our job to see that the alienation is channelled constructively," that Socialist Worker becomes the voice of the discontent, that the revolutionary socialist party grows at the expense of declining Labour.

Black defence—against the police

BLACK parents in North London are stepping up their campaigns against police attacks on their children. Next week two trials of black school kids who have been assaulted by the police reopen.

Four schoolgirls from Hackney face charges of assaulting the police or obstructing them. This follows an incident at Clapton Park Comprehensive School in July when police were called by the headmistress to remove a girl from another school who had agreed to leave anyway.

They immediately seized the girl with an armlock, grabbed her sister when she protested, and two other girls who called out to them to stop. A white, teacher, who tried to assist the girls was thrown bodily across the road by the police.

In a police van, the arrested girls were punched, abused, shorned with racist insults and kicked. As the police station the same treatment continued.

Protest

A majority of teachers at the school have signed a statement saying that the police should not have been called in the first place. Despite this, the girls had to appear in court on 14 July. They face a resumed trial on 1 October. The Hackney Black Parents Movement has been formed to protest at this. The police in Barking behaved similarly in April when Cliff was pumped up in the dinner hour only a few feet from his school. Seven policemen and two police vehicles were sent to track him. He was punked in the kidneys, and had his pants lifted. He was dragged before Highgate Magistrates Court charged with assaulting the police.

For black people the message is clear. There is no police force you can be sure you'll be then charged with attacking the police.

Cliff's appeal comes up before the Middlesex Crown Court, to sit at Greenwich. A successful defence will mean the police can't even be sued for assaulting the police.
You have just broken the law...

Just for possessing this leaflet, you can be jailed. For distributing it, these 14 people face unlimited sentences.

YOU ARE breaking the law. Why? Because it is a crime to have this leaflet (left) in your possession. The Labour government gave permission for last week's protests and you were not considered for asylum. After you have registered, you can then go to the Swedish Social Bureau which will get you a place to stay, give you money to live on and help you to avoid Swedish language classes.

A British AWOL soldier can apply for the type of asylum that has been granted to American and Portuguese AWOL soldiers. It amounts to the Swedish Government making a pass-muraille to stay on the best of special circumstances, but as a type of humanitarian asylum. However, when you go to the police, you are advised to ask for political asylum so as to make sure that the Alien Commission and not the police makes the final decision on your case.

To Eire, you should know that this destination has proved to be dangerous for the British AWOL soldiers. Your situation may be exploited by violent extremist groups.

In other countries you should know that groups in the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland are trying to help British AWOL soldiers but if apprehended in any of these countries, you are liable to be returned to the British authorities.

In Britain, you may have difficulties over employment (no insurance cards) and accommodation (anyone who shelters you is liable to go to prison). You may have to keep moving to avoid arrest. If you are considered going AWOL in Britain, you should therefore plan ahead very carefully.

If you intend to refuse to go to Northern Ireland you are likely to be court-marshalled. You are entitled to be represented by a civilian lawyer if you so choose. The National Council for Civil Liberties or At Ease (addresses below) will advise on a good one who is sympathetic to your position.

If you wish your action to be publicised, so as to set an example to others, you may want to get involved in some way with the Government's counter-terrorism policy, then contact the British Withdrawal from Northern Ireland Campaign (address below).

The Government's announcement that this action simultaneously, it would make a great impact on public opinion; both inside and outside the army. Such an action could lead to Court Martial and imprisonment, if you believe it is right to do it, that it is wrong to be in Northern Ireland, we ask you to consider whether it is better to be killed for a cause you do not believe in or to be imprisoned for re-fusing to take part in it. The opposition of American servicemen forced partial withdrawal from the war in Indo-China. The Afghan war came to an end partly because it was supported by thousands of thousands, including soldiers, who refused to take part in it. British soldiers could save lives in Northern Ireland.

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THE INCITEMENT TO DISAFFECTION Act was introduced by the right-wing National government in 1934. The Labour government explained that it was necessary because of the circulation of two journals—the Soldiers Voice in the army, and the Red Signal in the navy.

A big campaign was mounted against it. An enormous meeting in London's Central Hall was addressed by Clement Attlee, later to become leader of the Labour Party, Harold Laski from the London School of Economics, the leader of the Liberal Party, leading trade union leaders and a host of other personalities.

The Labour Party in parliament pledged itself to repeal the Bill.

Now, 41 years later, a Labour government has given the rod for the biggest prosecution ever staged under the Act. Worse, they are sponsoring a prosecution (for conspiracy, to break the Act, which means that the person is guilty of the crime.

Why have the police and army authorities taken so much effort to try to prevent Mr Sam Silkin, Labour's Attorney General, to promote this prosecution?

Simply, because they are terrified of any loss of control of the army, especially about Ireland. Now fast changes in the armed forces is fundamental to the survival of capitalism. Over the last two centuries, the ruling class has gradually conceded the right to workers' opinions, demonstrations and newspapers.

But it has used all its ingenuity to protect the armed forces from the limited "free expression" which it conceded to the workers.

It knows that once it has lost the autonomous allegiance of the armed forces, it cannot any longer be sure of holding on to its property.

By CHRISS HARMAN
Editor of Socialist Worker

Socialists and radicals in the armed forces should not desert. They should stay where they are and organise.

Similarly, the battle to Free the 14 to stand up in Parliament in the Central Hall, Westminster.

Outry

When Tom Mann was prosecuted in 1912 over a leaflet calling on soldiers to refuse to shoot strikers, he was sentenced to six months in prison on a charge of seditious libel. Recently, that he was released after seven weeks.

The sections of the movement must come together on this issue. Trade union branches and shop stewards' committees must argue for letters to MPs, the Home Secretary and even to Attorney-General Mr Sam Silkin calling on him to

FREE THE 14
DROP THE CHARGES

The government has also given permission for an even more serious trial, due to start in London this week. Fourteen people are charged with 'conspiracy' to distribute the leaflet.

Despite the judge's prompting, enough of the jury refused to accept that it was a crime, so Andrew Lloyd is now due for retrial.

Serious

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The trial has been brought under the Incitement to Discipleship Act, which makes it illegal to have in one's possession any document, which if circulated to a member of the armed forces, might "incite" him from his allegiance or duty to

Her Majesty.

In plain English, it is a crime to possess any document that might make a rank and file soldier question the orders of his officers.

We are re-printing this leaflet, not because we agree with its policies, but because it is a basic question of free speech and the freedom of the press.

The desolation of a handful of conscientious objectors will not assist the fight for free speech in the armed forces. These rights will be won only by trade union organisation and militancy.
12,812 unemployed—this they call a boom!

The directors of the Drypool group, which builds and repairs ships, can’t make any more profit.

So they’ve told the 1200 workers at their three yards and the 100 who work for their suppliers that unless they work longer hours they’ll be out of work. The workers are stunned. They have always believed in ‘the maximum co-operation with management’. Now the maximum co-operation is taking them straight to the dole queue.

The dole queue in Hull is already long. Earlier this year the giant multi-national combine Litton Industries announced the closure of Imperial Typewriters at 1200 Hull workers lost their jobs. Today, more than six months after the closure, 800 of these workers are still without jobs.

After the Imperial closure, a leading Labour councillor was reported in the local paper as saying: ‘Future prospects for employment in this town are extremely good’.

If this is what they mean by ‘extremely good’, we’re all in the shit.

In Hull there are 12,000 workers on the dole. That’s not just the highest since the war. It is the sort of figure which people expect in the worst years of the 1930s. Everyone is said about it. We’ve got two very left-wing Labour MPs in Hull, and they’re worried. The trade union leaders are worried. The employers are worried. Everyone is full of sanctimonious worry.

But worry won’t solve the problem.

Fight

Are we going to fight unemployment, or aren’t we, that’s the question.

The trade union leaders and the Labour Party talk a lot in Hull about fighting for us. That’s good, but the hard way at Imperial Typewriters. The workers there placed all their faith in the Industry Minister Wedgwood Benn and the Transport and General Workers Union. And they were wrong.

The workers have got to fight themselves against unemployment.

The workers at Drypool must occupy the yard and run the occupation themselves. The machinery and boats under construction should be held until the government nationalizes and guarantees jobs.

The workers of Hull, employed and unemployed, should come together to form a rank and file committee which will fight every closure and fight for every job.

REPORT:
John Gordon

PICTURES:
John Sturrock

Sid Oliver

Drypools: Save these jobs and give us hope!

TERRY TAYLOR was sacked from Drypool’s when he had finished his apprenticeship as a marine fitter just one year ago. Since then the only opportunities have been short periods of casual work.

‘Will Drypool’s closure mean to him a as a tradesman in the shipbuilding industry?’

‘Today there are 369 shipbuilding workers in this town unemployed. Drypool’s closure would throw another 1200 out of work. Jobs are hard enough to find now, if this happens we don’t stand a cat in hell’s chance.

‘The reason for the closure is obvious. The yards are incapable of producing anything efficiently. This is due to the lack of any investment despite government grants. Most so-called new equipment is either second-hand and out-dated before it gets in the yards or unsuitable for the job when it is installed.

‘One example of this is when an horizontal boring machine for large work was unable to do the work it was required for, so they scrapped it—after several thousand pounds spent on its repair and installation. This is only one example. Machinery that has been in the yard since the turn of the century is still in operation.

‘The long-term solution is for total nationalisation of the industry now and under our terms—that is, we must say how the job’s run and controlled in the future. But Drypool’s workers must start the ball rolling. If they can save the jobs then there’s hope for the rest of us.

ONLY ONE ANSWER
CHANGE THE SYSTEM

ONE of the established industries in Hull is fishing. If you were prepared to work upwards of 100 hours a week, accept a basic wage of approximately £20 a week, take a chance on the size of the catch before your bonus depends on it, and risk your life and limb in an industry that has the highest fatality rate, any man could get a job.

But so long is this true—that if you’re desperate enough you can go fishing. Things have changed for the worse.

Sid Oliver has been a fisherman for the past 22 years and, at the age of 61, he’s been thrown on to the scrapheap. Sacked—without a penny redundancy money. Work in the fishing industry is casual, so those workers do not qualify under the terms of the Redundancy Payments Act. What prospects are there of his getting another job?

Sid: ‘There’s no prospect. What is it now? One and a quarter million unemployed and it’s still going up.

Mind you in the 1920s and 1930s a man could still get a job fishing.

Today you can’t! That must be significant.

‘There’s only one answer to unemployment and that is to change the system that’s causing it. The gaffers have run things their way long enough and look at the mess we’re in.

‘At one time I believed the Labour Party did look after our interests. But it’s obvious that they don’t.

‘I can say this from personal experience. I’ve written numerous letters to my MP—who’s supposed to be a leftist—and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries about the present state of unemployment in our industry. And I’m sad to say that they could only offer me sympathy—and you can’t buy much with that.

‘One of the most demoralising things in the industry is the amount of corruption that goes on with unemployment. It is not a matter of being good at your job anymore, it’s who gives the gaffers’ backing that gets you a job.’

Socialist Books
Hull International Socialists this week opened their new bookshop. Socialist books, pamphlets and newspapers from all over the world. Come and call.

238 Spring Bank, Hull.

A family unemployed

RAYMOND WHITE is 17 years old and left school just over a year ago. In that time he has only had one job—as a labourer in the fruit market on £1 a week.

By the time I’d paid things out for board and so on, I was left with the same as I’m now getting on the dole.

It’s accepted that there’s no work in this town to employ exchange never bother to offer you a job. Fish-houses are the only jobs going. I was offered a job sweeping-up or putting breadcrumbs on fishers.

A lot of my mates have gone into the forces.

My dad and my three brothers are all unemployed—we get a lot of hassle because of that. The dole office is packed out with kids of my age. Many of them get by with theft—thieving—I could tell you stories. It’s not right to do.
The ‘democracy’ that is class rule

WHEN he was asked in a radio interview whether he favoured bourgeois or socialist democracy, Mario Soares, leader of Portugal’s Social Democratic Party, replied: “There is democracy, period. It is of the people, by the people, and for the people, and it is not the dictatorship of the proletariat.”

I take this from an American social-democrat as having surprising, if highly enthusiastic truth. But what in fact is the state of social democracy in capitalist societies? Are they not revolutionary socialists for the most consistent and thoroughgoing democracies of the age? Are they not revolutionaries because they are completely undemocratic?

Some adamantly and all-embracing democracy, in the workplace, in the union, in the army, in every area of society. But at the same time we disagree completely with Soares. It is simply not true that there is ever been, or ever can be, “pure democracy” irrespectively of other class interests served.

The very meaning of the word democracy, in its original sense, takes this for granted. It comes from two Greek words signifying “rule of the people” as opposed to the rule of the rich minority, for which the word is oligarchy.

The ‘people’ in the ancient Greek city-state more than a class, the free citizen other than the rich. This did not nor included slaves, the most productive class in democratic Athens. The women—two groups who together made up the bulk of the population. Nor did it include the populations of the vast states—of Athenian democracy rested also on imperialism, the subjugation of other states or cities.

Which is not to deify it unduly. For the people part, no Athenian society in the 4th BC was indeed a great deal more democratic, even in the popular sense, than Britain has ever been. Given the primitive techniques of production then existing, which made some form of forced labour inevitable, it was probably as “free” society as was then possible.

The first point that matters for us is that it was a product of class relations and a form of class rule. In all class societies, including “pure democracy,” there is always a rule the last resort the rule of one class over all other.

The second point is equally important. To rule means to be active in ruling, to take part in person in the making of decisions and in carrying the consequences. The Athenian citizen was to be a legislator and he had to be a soldier.

If for either of these functions is "delegated", if a class of professional administrators and military is allowed to become separated from the ‘people’, then the effectiveness of the rule cannot be challenged nor by formal means nor by means of its rule. In ancient Athens, as in medieval Spain, where participation was a condition of citizenship,

But if for either of these is impossible in modern industrial societies? All the bourgeois ‘democracy’ for the is such a thing, soars notwithstanding—claim that it is.

At a matter of fact, the opposite is true. The tremendous productive capacity of modern industry makes it much more possible than ever before for a small professional and administrative, police, administrative, and executive, and industry, to be made on a scale that is impossible.

Second, there is a system of rules or of ‘class rule’, just as a private property operate and which are built around private property, and which even, especially private property in the production and distribution of goods, is to the right of some people to live off the labour of others.

The two these features exist in all forms of capitalist class rule, including, fascism. Bourgeois democracy adds a third feature, a legislature—and institutions other than the executive— which is elected and periodically subject to re-election, which is the ‘democratic’ icing on the authoritarian cake.

The coming of bourgeois democracy is decidedly superior, from a working-class point of view, to industrial democracy, to the bourgeoisie, and to the possibility of such a democracy being restored. The existence of such a class rule does not, of course, in any way, affect the organisation of political activity. The political activity.

Threaten

But it is still capitalist class rule. The state, as we have come to know it, is the culmination of a development that has been in the making for decades, and which is now becoming a reality. The state, as we have come to know it, is the culmination of a development that has been in the making for decades, and which is now becoming a reality.

The biggest J Arthur of them all

THE tragic news about the brutal elimination of Rank Executive Graham Dowson is only slightly surprising. The abolition has taken place, and is not surprising. The elimination of this man will not have to sue for unfair dismissal, as he has been found to have stolen £150,000 sweaters in exchange for a piece of his wedding cake. No similar payments have been made to any of the 19,525 workers Rank has sacked since 1968.

The average wage of those who remain is £32-89 a week, which means that it would take a rank worker 100 years to earn M. Dowson’s farewell. That’s equality.

KIM GORDON

Daily Mail, 18 September
**Portugal: Workers resist right-wing government**

PORTUGAL'S sixth provisional government, formed last year, is dominated by supporters of capitalism who want to stop the further extension of the revolution.

Four seats are held by the right-wing leaders of the Socialist Party, two by the right-wing Popular Democratic Party, and two by members of the right-wing group of officers now at the top of the Armed Forces Movement, who say the revolution must go no further.

**Force**

The government clearly aims to begin deporting Portugal's workers of the gains they have made over the last year. As a senior economist for the Bank of Portugal told a Guardian reporter: 'Force will have to be used and the extension of living conditions'... The government must have the support of the army to drive this through'.

That is why the right-wing leaders of the Socialist Party have become so keen on token Communist Party participation in the government. They want the CP to prevent an open opposition to the government from militant workers in the Lisbon area.

The CP has accepted the derisory post of Minister of Public Works. It claims it has to be in the government so as to check the drift to the right.

**Solve**

But the new government will not be able to solve the economic crisis, or quell the struggle of the workers. Right-wing policies will only result in more unemployment and hardship. Already, it is operating in the Lisbon area of something it would not have dared do a month ago.

Right-wing officers within the armed forces command - the Armed Forces Movement - and the government have promised to deport workers and file soldiers' movement and the armed groups of workers.

By its action, the government is not merely attacking workers. It is also opening the door for forces much more right-wing than itself.

**LAW AND ORDER IN IRAN**

THE IRANIAN dictatorship so beloved of Lord Chalfont and moderates and businessmen everywhere is to bring in a new and even more ferocious law and order apparatus.

A statement from the Iranian Confederation of Students in Britain spells out what it means.

**NEW**

Automatic life imprisonment faces anyone who forms or runs an 'association' with the 'prohibited associative aims', anyone who is against the so-called constitutional monarchy or anyone who assists such organisations.

The new law has been specifically framed to cover all Iranians, outside as well as inside the country.

Many of those sentences will be carried out against anyone who uses arms against the Shah and his White Revolution.

**Benefit for the Confederation of Iranian Students Defence Fund**

Twenty-nine members of the Confederation are facing capital charges following their arrest in Iran's London Embassy, by the murder of a British tourist in the former Iranian embassy in London earlier this year. The trial opened today and is expected to last a week. The trial is expected to last a week and the Crown's case is expected to be heard in the next few days.

As part of its fund-raising activities, the organisation is holding a showing of the famous film 'The Cow', which was screened in Iran last year. It was banned by the government.

**Party members tear up cards**

A NUMBER of workers' committee under Communist Party influence called a demonstration in Lisbon last week. It was put to the government, so that it would include more Communist Party members.

But, faced with the threat from the right, this approach had no effect. The demonstrators, numbering around 5000, took part in a mass and file demonstration and later in the Auto-Reconstruction plant in Setubal tore up their party cards in disgust.

**Critical**

The workers' committee in the factory have come out in favour of the policies of the United Revolutionary Front, which is made up of organisations that oppose the new government.

At other factories, such as CUP and the Sonegrafa brickworks, the workers' committees are increasing in number and file. In the Auto-Reconstruction plant in Setubal, workers tore up their party cards in disgust.

The demonstrators mainly carried the national flag. There were just two red flags on the whole march and the demonstrators put pressure on the new government, so that it would include more Communist Party members.

**GENERAL STRIKE HITS LAND-OWNERS**

**THE SOUTHERN agricultural province of Alentejo was paralysed by a general strike last Thursday. Agricultural workers stopped work in defiance of the law for land reform and were backed by industrial and office workers in the towns.**

The strike followed an attempt by big landowners, backed by the right-wing troops, to seize cattle from workers who had occupied the land. The cattle were killed, and demonstrations took place outside the landowners' offices. Peaceful protests were attacked by the police and a number of people were injured.

By its manoeuvres, the CP is creating the conditions in which many can come to see victory for the right-wing as inevitable.

**That is why the development of a movement that builds workers' and soldiers' councils is a life or death matter for the revolution.**

All smiles: Soares this week with, left, new premier Azevedo and Guerreiro, leader of the Popular Democracy.
PHILIP HIGGS

I'm a millionaire newspaper columnist. Please vote for the AUEW right, or moderate, and keep me in the Galloids to which I am accustomed.

Brian Wyatt, my plucked hard of the postal ballot

WILLIAM LEW

We are now in the most serious economic crisis for the political life of the AUEW. The solution achieved at the summit of the Community is in a shambles.

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Reduced living standards will not mean less unemployment, but more. Because there is less work available, we must be all the more able to buy less and live better.

Over the years, the AUEW has rejected government attempts to introduce a package of cuts. But, in their rush to save a few million pounds, they have still failed. The cuts imposed by the government, in the form of reduced wages, are the only formal action of workers not to have secured a meaningful national wage increase in recent years.

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There should be a new national chairman and a new national committee to reflect the new economic and political situation. We urge all members to support Brother W. E. Law for the position of national chairman of the AUEW.
THE recent earthquakes brought Turkey briefly into the news in Britain. But as usual the newspapers and television failed to get remotely near the real story.

It is possible to build to take account of earthquakes, if the resources are made available. But in Turkey as elsewhere the great god profit is so powerful that little or nothing is done.

Since last century there has been report after report on how to build in earthquake-prone zones. The reports come from Turkish government departments and from construction engineers, all of whom have answers.

But their reports are left to grow dust on the shelves. When another earthquake comes along—try to come once a month—they are joined by yet another report, yet another examination.

The situation is so bad that there are still many people homeless because of earthquakes in the 1960s.

If the various governments have been inactive on this front, there is no much to say about another. Since the 1971 earthquake, for example, still lies in the west province of Burdur have been banned. Strikes, you see, may be dealt with by police

So of course they’ve been banned on grounds of emergency, national security, national interest.

No such prompt measures are ever taken against the business operators who make a lot of money every time.

The Kiriş massacre, 1972—on example of the everyday methods of the Turkish police.

by Kadir Peker

Turkey is hit by turmoil from the workers

THE BEREC batteries factory went on strike over health and safety at work.

But the union was forced to call off the strike because of vicious police repression.

Nevertheless these developments are of great importance. Previously workers who have tried to step out of line have been brutally victimised. There have even been cases where people who stood up for themselves have been ganged down on the factory floor.

While the British press does out its fake, "instant compensation" for the victims of the earth-

THE unemployment at the end of March, was 3 million, a very significant development indeed.

In Istanbul 1300 workers at a plant last month 360 workers pounced the plant to stop the victimisation of two men.

Management claimed these were "troublemakers", who had no right to be there.

The occupation ended in three weeks, by popular agreement.

Harun Kadaris died recently from cancer. Harun was only one of thousands of working-class and student militants who worked in jail during 1971-72. We call that period "Parliamentary Fascism".

Throughout that period, which is described in detail in the Pluto Press book Turkey, Terror and Turkey* the prison cells were classrooms for the CIA-trained torturers. On an average of bodies of our comrades they got their practical training.

Lack

Harun was accused of being a member of the banned Turkish Communist Party. Eventually the charges were dropped for lack of evidence. But in the intervening time a cancer had grown in his arm. He sought permission to get to England for treatment. But the government delayed and delayed.

Finally Harun got away for treatment, but it was too late.

His arm was amputated but even this failed to save his life. Now he is dead, another victim of the struggle for basic rights.

Bulent Ecevit and his Republican People’s Party respond to this heroic regime with the sordid slogan "Social compromise". The leader of the Workers’ Union, M. Ozer and his supporters they seek a few minor changes and positions for themselves.

But the workers of Turkey are not fools. They are standing up and demonstrating: becoming more and more class-conscious and less and less fooled by the expansionist ambitions of the ruling class. They are getting ready for greater struggles in the future.

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Now things are looking up!

Flame is burning! Spread the fire!

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Some in the audience cheered... An ugly film for ugly people

THE KNALSMAN is an ugly film. It starts by showing a dozen Ku Klux Klansmen having a little fun one afternoon. They pay a mental victim $1,000 to rap on a black woman while she stand in a circle ripping off her clothes and the cities to occupy. The sheriff (Lee Marvin) gets there and breaks it up, but makes no arrests. As he says: "I just try to keep things cool. If I arrested people every time they did something, everyone in the country would have a record as long as your arm." The film is frightening, filled with violent action: burning houses, castration, rape, murder. It's plastic Hollywood action through.

More frightening was the reaction of the audience in the screening at Dalston, East London, where the National Front are organizing. Some people in the audience were cheering for the Klansmen, surprising since all the familiar rot was coming out. We're not just racist country boys. We don't hate blacks—just want to make sure they stay in their place. Who do they think they're registering to vote? We need racial purity.

The Klan have been quiet in the States for the past few years. Black militancy drove them underground. But with the economic crisis, the Klan are surfacing again.

In Kentucky, Louisville, and the Klan are in the forefront organizing against busing, which would integrate the schools. They are using this as an excuse—a just the way the National Front is using the same to stir up race hate. Blacks are being sworn at in supermarkets and on the streets.

Brick

When a black woman and her children are arrested and a neighborhood by car, they were forced off the street by four white men in a car, and a brick was thrown through their windscreen.

What is encouraging is that the opposition in Louisville is totally different to that of the film. In the film, the opposition is one or two individuals sitting on their own. A local black (J D Simpson) who picks off one Klanner after another (without getting a scratch). Some who own a mountain (Richard Burton), who tears down Klan posters and lets blacks live in their shops on his land rent-free. The shots of black resistance are far too few and far between: trying to keep the Klan's behaviour "reasonable".

BY JENNY JACOB

Well, I guess you wouldn't expect Hollywood to throw a movie full of blacks and whites. That is the problem that they are trying to stir up race hate. Blacks are being sworn at in supermarkets and on the streets.

There are a difficult job, need- less to say. Three unions—the electrical workers, mechanics and carpenters—support the anti-busing campaign. Tension is increasing between black and white workers in General Electric—and the company is taking this opportunity to attack working conditions.

Represent

But, as Abdul 'Brother Ben' told Workers' Power, the paper of the US International Socialists: 'As blacks what we know the Klan state. We are not more than murderers. The city officials want us to think they are just a few fun- loving guys, draping in pinstriped suits, that will be if ignored. We know they represent the repression of black and white workers, their unions, and the geno- cide of all non-anglos. What's needed is for progressive organizations to keep up anti-racist attempts and to educate the masses so we can move toward the issue in terms of a base of black and white unity among all those affected by these killings. But we can't be totally involved in looking at the Klan, which is a distraction from the real enemy... the rich capitalist class who support any movement that divides workers, and their power. While we are watching the Klan, reactionary white racists without sheets arebastion on our backs.'

THE KNIFE of Clubs, in the East End of London, reopened on 11 September. The club was formed by a left-wing theatre group called The Combine and is an attempt to provide a platform for theatre and singers in the East End.

It has built up a good reputation for presenting a wide range of entertainment from Ireland, Chile, France and India as well as from Britain.

The club meets every Thursday at 6pm at the Knife of Clubs pub in Bethnal Green Road. If you have a spare evening in London, drop in.

ON THE BOX

The only real highlight of the week is the last days of DOE, by Terry Clement and Ken Loach, of Cathy Come Home. The Big Flame and Kas men. This last episode reaches the 1956 General Strike and the climax of the campaign in the steel war that took place during the First World War. Everyone should watch.

The rest of the week has little of interest to recommend it. As usual, the old films are marginally anything than anything.

SATURDAY: If you want to take a gentle the midnight movie on BBC 2 is GOLDFI FILL THE MUSHROOMS with James Cameron SUNDAY: WEEKEND NIGHTLY TV is a good pick. The current affairs programme is sometimes accurate and contains useful information—which is presumably why it is on such a strange time.

THE EXPLORERS (BBC 2, 7.50pm) on Harry Styles, the man who found Livingston. More important, Styles was one of the leading explorers who smashed a way into Africa armed with guns, gear and a Bible. In his famous expedition across the continent hundreds of explorers died, thousands of blacks who resisted the expedition were massacred and whole new areas of Africa were opened up to exploitation.

CHIPs WITH EVERYTHING (BBC 1, 8.15pm) by Arnold Warner, was a famous comedy, left-wing play in 1962, probably hasn't stood the test of time, like the people who praised it.

THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE (ITV 9.00pm) is a film about his attempt to kill off a character in a radio series. What thought of by some in the Socialist Worker, but the best old film of the night is probably REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE (ITV 10pm). It stars James Dean in a famous American film of the 1950s. It was widely denounced at the time for corrupting and depressing American youth.

MONDAY: For night-shift workers with afternoons incomin the BBC is bringing new-updates of the LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE.

Are your meetings boring?

THE socialist theatre group CAST have two plays they are ready to put on for audiences of Socialist Worker. Both are suitable for performances at Socialist Worker meetings and for trade union audiences.

Screening

Hardy Murtagh, the first, traces the career of a 'left Labour' MP through 30 years at Westminster. With a lot of humour it shows Sam trying to square the circle of being a socialist and a Labour MP—time and again he chases after the mirage of the latest left-wing figure to appear on the narrow horizon of Westminster—from Ravel to Benn, Sam keeps his faith in the possibility of getting politics through parliament. The play puts the case against the left MPs and for a real workers' party in an amusing and inter- esting 75 minutes.

CAST would like to start the play off with a few big meetings, so if you can get a large hall and a large audience, they will be glad to let you have the world premiere.

Come in Hilda Murtagh, the second play, is about the world of working people and on TV. The play is on a smaller scale and lasts 30 minutes. Both plays can be booked, from CAST, 1 le Cabbell Street, London NW1.
Portugal: Get it right, SW!

I had never really come into contact with the inequality of wealth until I became the trade union secretary at the Royal Berkshire Hotel in Ascot.

I started what I thought was a 40-hour week. My wage was £26 before tax, £19 after tax. Instead of a 40-hour week, we managed 30 hours over seven days.

She did not, and said there is no such thing as a 40-hour week, so the hotel was cheating the owner to pay our fair due.

The previous day I served a meal to four upper-class patrons, who had ordered wine and cigars. One bottle of wine came to £30. The total cost of the meal before the 15 per cent service charge was £50.

After a second week of this refusal to work, I also refused to leave the staff house until I got paid my over-time. The owner held out for four days, then got the police to remove me.

The trade union is desperately needed. Some of the wages are atrocious. One man is getting £12 a week. Any ideas, friends, on how to start up such a body?

People like my last boss would soon be put out of business. Mind you, they can afford to be-

MARK CORBULITH, Norwich.

THE VIEW FROM INSIDE

A COMPREHENSIVE...

I started my first teaching job last week at a so-called comprehensive school.

Comprehensives were supposed to end selection and give an equal education to all children. I have discovered that this doesn’t happen in my school.

On their arrival, first year pupils (11 year olds) are given an IQ test, which asks the meaning of such everyday words as ‘drill’ and ‘dilute’. On the basis of this test, the kids are grouped into Copp, middle and bottom classes.

Not surprisingly, the children placed in the bottom group (predominantly middle class) feel failures, don’t work or try, and so become failures.

Those in the top group, however (predominantly middle class) will be the future workers. Those in the bottom group may well become the future unemployed.

I think the system is a failure.

I think Socialist Worker has improved over the past six months, but it’s not just being destructive about the capitalist system. You’ve got to go into the alternative thoroughly and be constructive and clear about your aims. What really needs to be presented is a political education which shows the workers what is going to happen in the long term.

M. G. New Malden, Surrey.

Sympathy

I am expected to teach without textbooks in halls and stockrooms. I must be careful with the paper and stationery supplies. Another teacher has to teach two different levels at the same time.

And, of course, the cuts are beginning to bite. At the moment, they are felt in small ways. We are told that the Education Committee are cutting down on in-service training for teachers, but we can expect plenty more cuts in the next year.

Name and address withheld.

So much for the miracle...

I’ve just read a newspaper article about unemployment in Japan, which said:

One-fifteenth of the 1619 major Japanese companies have cancelled their entire new employment plans for the year. Nevertheless, the companies have still not decided to engage new staff. The number of people seeking work for the rest of the year will be decided in the next few months. The mass media tell us we can’t get a job because the Japanese or someone else is working harder or being more efficient.

Now it seems that many of these people are in the same boat as us: they are unemployed.

LAIN BROWN, AUEW, London W15.
The Pedlars of workers' participation schemes got a kick in the teeth last week from Fidelxstowe dockers. Larry O'Donnell, for six years the full-time Convenor at the docks, accepted a directorship with the Transport Workers Union, who said: 'We need strong union leaders.' O'Donnell had been key to help make officials - instead of waiting at the bottom for results).

The Fidelxstowe dockers is an official policy in most unions. And increasing numbers of members of management fear of having one or two trade unionists on the board as attractive if it helps to reduce shop floor militancy, while achieving 'union co-operation' at the top. The company have found O'Donnell another job, advising on safety. And, of course, he keeps his directorship.

Fidelxstowe is the largest privately-owned port in the country. Profits are up by 13 per cent this year. While other ports have lost 25 per cent of their trade. Fidelxstowe has risen by 15 per cent - thanks to containerisation.

O'Donnell proudly boasts of 'high wages', but with the uniquely high productivity in the world's most modern container port, the level of exploitation is higher. It is startling that Fidelxstowe is known as 'The Boozes', Haven.

Any Donnelly is a staunch unionist. A firm believer in private enterprise and an input of nationalisation. Although he denies any political affiliation, he sits on the management committee of the club.

Under his leadership, the Fidelxstowe dockers have been slow to give adequate support to national dockers. At the full-time convenor of this sort would be an asset to any Board of Directors. We are told: 'It's like having a friendly bank manager in the warehouse.'

Workers' participation at Fidelxstowe would have meant the end of the directorship, sitting at closed, confidential meet- ings, and responsible not to the members who elected him but to the bosses who appointed him.

The notion - promoted by Tony Benn, Jack Jones and others - that trade unionists can also be a boon, has run into rejection. Fidelxstowe dockers have shown the way.

We don't want directorships. We want power, not power! We want control.

£30,000 missing? Police ignore it

NEW EVIDENCE came to light this week about the disappearanee of £30,000 from the Bangladeshi bank of which John Stonehouse, the Labour MP and strong swimmer, was a trustee.

The fund, set up in 1971 during the invasion of Bangladesh by Pakistan, raised more than £1m. It was left to the Bangladeshis for the defence of their country.

But the fund accounts published much later, showed only £76,568 was transferred to Bangladesh.

A group of Bangladeshis in this country have been trying to get the police to find out who was responsible for the missing £60,000. The police have consistently refused to do anything.

This week, we received a statement from S. M. Mullik, K R Chowdhury and K. U. Chowdhury, respectively lawyer, auditor and treasurer of the former Bangladesh Act Committee in London.

At the time of Bangladesh freedom movement, we along with others formed the Action Committee for the Republic of Bangladesh. We collected and deposited directly to the fund and the amount of £1,532.33 plus £23.85, totalling £1,757.18 paid to Bangladesh.

We also paid £1,200 through Bangladesh Association (Lancashire and adjacent counties) Bangladesh Fund was £2,917.18. John Stonehouse, Abu Saeed Chowd- hury, A. L. T. Whittaker (who were also trustees of the fund) Bangladesh Association (Lancashire and adjacent counties) of Stockport Road, Manchester.

The trustees and members of the Steering Committee produced a fabricated story to cover up its own part in the theft of their chosen people. We have no knowledge that such accounts had ever been produced.

Later this week we received a notice that our contribution from our committee has not been received.

We demand that the authorities concerned in this country get to the bottom of the theft of the Bangladesh Fund.

Details have also been provided of collections for the fund in Lancashire.


In all cases, not a penny was recorded in the Fund's accounts. In Oldham, £11,725 was collected, of which only £1735 appeared in the accounts.

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Disappeared

Together, in more than one, £30,000 was collected which never appeared after being sent to the Fund. All these facts and a lot more besides have also been passed to the police.

Taking candy from a baby: John Stonehouse, MP, back in Walla last week

NATIONAL FRONT BOOTED OUT

TEN NATIONAL Front members were evicted from the TUC offices last week after they had burst into a meeting of the TUC's Labour Committee against Racism and Fascism last Sunday.

The meeting was called to discuss anti-Nazi activity, especially the National Front. It was held on 11 October at Charles Town Hall.

As soon as our meeting began, the thugs came in, announcing themselves as NF members. The meeting exploded in angry debate over the NF, on the front and forced them out of the building.

The police, who took their time coming, charged one with criminal damage, allowing nine others to slip away.

The incident underlines the urgency of building up a campaign against the National Front, on the front and forced them out of the NF.

Local protest is mounting. Last Wednesday, members of NALGO Action in the borough protested against the council's decision to let the Front hire the Town Hall.

And Hammersmith Council has called a demonstration outside the Town Hall on 11 October. With proper support, it can be turned into a full-scale protest.

Inner West London International Socialist League has 10,000 leaflets and hundreds of posters in support of the campaign. This week, we will be organising street meetings, reminding the main shopping areas with loud-speaker cars, and campaigning on the estates. Throughout next week we will be holding factory-gate meetings.

£50 to the miners: Scotland Yard swoops

By Lindsey German

IN ANOTHER exclusive report last Friday, the Daily Express revealed that Scotland Yard was investigating the finances of the student union at Napier Polytechnic.

This 'news' was on the front page of a national newspaper? Had the union handed a £50m golden handshake to one of its employees?

Not at all. The police were investigating something much more serious. According to the Express, university officials had allowed 75 left-wing militants to fester in the union.

All donations were democratically agreed and none had been made by the students union. The amounts are a pittance - about £50 on average.

The union has been made by Lord Aynan, the Provost of Uni- verse, Dr. Tony Miller, MP, Robert Adey. And one of the reasons cited by the police was that the presidents of North London Polytechnic Students' Union for the past few years have been members of the International Socialists

Militant

That is certainly the reason behind the Express' exclusive. Student- s at North London Poly have a reputation for being the most militant in the country. They have consistently been advised to the police by their leader, Terence Miller. He is the man who a few months ago said he would like to hang sti- dent militants. The Inner London Education Authority is funding his campaign too much of an embarrassment.

But Miller is trying to rally his support in an effort to hold on to his job. He is trying to attract the campus to the main anti-militant front and he must attack the main opposition front.

A police investigation of its finances has already begun.

The Express article seems care- fully worded to coincide with the arrival of new students for the beginning of term next week. A new round of attacks is to be written by right-wing members of staff. It seems the right-wing is planning a campaign in defence of Miller. The students must be ready to fight them all the way and to Miller thrown out.
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POLICE

MANCHESTER: 100 police with teams of dog handlers stormed into a social at Hulme Labour Club on Friday in a blatant attempt to put an end to the Shrewsbury pickeret. Ricky Tomlinson. The raid was described by the police as "normal enforcement of the licensing laws".

But Ricky Tomlinson, who with his wife Marlene was there as a guest of the Building Workers' Charter, told Socialist Worker: "I'm convinced that it was aimed at me and the Shrewsbury Campaign and so is everyone else because they're interested in any kind of trouble at that club."

What they succeeded in doing was to show clearly the role of the police. One young copper spied the banner out of one of the Transport Workers' Union officials what it all about, he replied. "I don't know."

And Tomlinson added: "If they think they can frighten me off like they did to Ricky, then they can think again. I'm going to carry on as before and I'm going to be."

The real reason for this police raid was to try to make sure that the police was to check if all the picket was either members of the club or affiliated CP members. When asked about the use of dogs, they said they were there to protect the vehicles from vandalism.

The room had been booked for a private social. But the police still insisted on everyone signing the visitors' book, which they later took away.

With Ricky Tomlinson inside the club, the police were obviously trying to provoke a confrontation during which they could have framed Ricky on some minor charge. If this had happened, it would certainly have led to his parole being revoked.

UNABLE

Unfortunately for the police, they were unable to provoke any incident and make do with the address and addresses of most of the building workers militant in Manchester.

There was considerable anger at this open confrontation, but as Walter Alwight, a building worker and member of the North West Regional Committee of the Construction Workers' Socialists, said: "There could not have been a better illustration for all the building workers present of the real role of the police and judiciary."

Trade unionists in the Manchester area should protest against their unions in the strongest possible form.

A farce.
NALGO!

By Pete Roscoe, NALGO

DELEGATES from branches of NALGO, the local government workers' union, attended an equal rights conference in London last Saturday. Their reports have been described as an equal rights charade.

Last year the union set up an equal rights working party, whose report clearly showed how the union's policies are not accountable to its women members, who make up 40 per cent of the total membership.

The union's National Executive gave the go-ahead for the equal rights conference to decide policy, so that contradictions passed would only be noted.

The conference included demands for equal pension benefits, the formation of ship stewards' committees, child care and child care centers, shorter working hours, the maintaining of adequate staffing levels, and social services giving free contraception.

Resolutions were also submitted to reject the government's incomes policy, and not to take responsibility for the effects of the cuts.

However, in spite of many useful contributions from the delegates, the day's debate could be dismissed as a hot air, a sop from the union leadership to its women members.

Northallerton defeat

NORTHALLERTON -- 60 members of the Transport Workers Union at York Tractor Trailers have lost their five-week battle for the reinstatement of sacked shop steward John Borich. He was sacked last year for returning home on his lunch hour to get his dog for a walk.

But the pickets in Shrewsbury are not the only ones where the police are being used to try to quell the pickets. In Shrewsbury, the police fired tear gas and rubber bullets in an attempt to disperse the pickets.

The Shrewsbury pickets have been forced to leave their position and return to their homes. The police have also imposed a curfew on the pickets, preventing them from participating in the picket.

They tried to contact the local AUEW official, but he said the men: "They're not going to get in touch with him at all. You can't get anything from him. He won't come near the place."

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SWANSEA -- On the picket line at Morangite Electrical, 100 members of the Electricians Union and the Engineering Union are on strike for status.

After lengthy talks, management tried to suspend some of the men. "It was a straight set up," they told Socialist Worker.

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BRISTOL: NURSES WIN FIGHT FOR JOBS

By David Bridge, NUEP student nurse, Gloucestershire Psychiatric Hospital, Bristol

The campaign, a full branch meeting decided to give them until the following Monday to come up with a plan. If not, we instructed the shop stewards to call what action they felt necessary to achieve our aims.

Before then, on Monday, we had agreed to finance the picket line and the re-opening of the shop. The picket line has been reduced to staff shortages. This would be done in full consultation with the union concerning the staffing level.

By the strong trade union organisation, we were able to save 10 jobs in one of the most difficult and challenging tasks in the future. We have also improved the working conditions which in time will lead to a better level of service and care for patients.

DRASTIC

It is interesting but also sad that in many general hospitals where the Royal College of Nursing is the main organization, with all its 'the patient must not suffer', 'we can't take industrial action', management are getting away with drastic cuts in nursing levels and hence patient care.

The only way to stop the cuts is through the trade unions. At local level, the strong psychiatric nursing branches must approach the small number of unionized nurses in the general hospitals and organise a joint campaign, if necessary backed up by industrial action by the stronger branches.

Celebrate the workers' victory over Mosley in 1939

Saturday 4 October: 3pm, All Nations Club, 5 Martello Street, Hackney, London E8.

Spennymoor: Courtaldua strikers battle on

SPENNYMORE: The strike of 160 Engineering Union members at Courtaldua in Marylebone Street, London, the men are demanding the full £2 a week pay rise.

There has been no news of the negotiations between national unionists and management, which are due to take place on Monday. The mood of the pickets in Spennymoor is militant, and it is expected that any sell-out will be totally rejected.

Some members of the Blachers and Dyers Union, who have been laid off during the strike, have now been made redundant and have no prospects of return. The Engineers.

The National Union of Public Employees, which also represents workers in other Courtaulds factories, has said it will not join in any action over the strike.

The administration had been protesting with stewards in other Courtaulds factories, in other factories, and in the area nearby.

Deductions to Brian Gibbon, AUEW, c/o Bolivian Block, Ferryhill, County Durham.

Mervyn women walk out

MERYTHY: 300 women members of the Tailors and Garment Workers' Union walked out at Evesham last week in support of their demand for an equal pay rise.

The rise is due in November, but the women decided to strike while the order books were full and the management was under pressure on management.

Linda for Courtaulds, who owns the firm, full-time union official Lilly Cavanagh, tells the women to get their notice back to the company 'after the dust settles'.

Teague told Socialist Worker: "One factory is fighting against a giant like Courtaulds and stands no chance of success." Even so, the union is committed to the men and the women at national level.

Obviously the union executive will not lead a real fight for the £6 but workers at Mervyn can take one last out of Little's Tame's book. They can link up now, at shop-floor level, with the women in the group and prepare for a joint fight.

Police finger in the PYE

By Mick Hignell, POEU

CAMBRIDGE: Law and order is being maintained by the police.

International Socialists were handing out leaflets, leaving PYE Unican last Friday when, in response to a management phone call, we were visited by a police constable.

He made it clear that there were no plans to be got on, that it wasn't worth while stopping people out of leaflets anyway.

On Monday, even more so, and the fact that my mate and I just happened to fit the description of a pair of people they were looking for at the time of a bomb hoax.

The leaflet that made PYE panic warned workers of the likelihood of getting onto nurses and religious leaders and persuaded them to become fully and actively unionized.

The fight against unemployment

Clapham guards chalk up a victory

SOUTH LONDON: Railway guards have defeated British Rail’s attempt to break a national agreement on guards work at Clapham junction.

Ernie Andrews, a guard, had informed the Clapham railway office that he was not available for work before his proper notice period. He was allowed to do his normal duty on Monday and Tuesday but was barred from work on Wednesday.

In a second case, Grant Grogan’s duty allowance was terminated. Grogan was prepared to work if allowed to do so. The office refused to do so, claiming it was unable to secure permission from the company.

The guards claim that the company is trying to force them out of work by not allowing them to start or finish work on time. They believe this is a matter of discrimination and are taking their case to the Industrial Relations Committee.

THE SOCIALIST WORKER GUIDE TO WORKPLACE SURVIVAL NUMBER 9.

DUNDIE: 267 delegates representing more than 20 different unions met last Saturday to discuss unemployment.

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LAUNCHED: the campaigns against sacking

HARRY MORTON, chairman of the National Union of Railwaymen, said that the National Federation of Railwaymen had been working closely with other trade unions to ensure that no redundancies were made.

He said: "We are determined to fight against any attempts to make redundancies. We will continue to resist any attempts to reduce the number of workers in any way possible."

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400 PICTURE GLC

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Garrotting—the barbaric death facing these eight

ELEVEN OF OUR Spanish brothers and sisters are set to die this week. They are due for execution by the most barbaric means known. One by one, they will be dragged from their prison cells. Each will be bound down and an iron collar clamped around his or her throat. Then a screw will slowly be turned to tighten the collar, until the victim eventually dies from strangulation or a broken neck.

The last person to be killed in this way, the anarchist militant Puig Antich in March last year, was in agony for 11 minutes before he died.

Two of the condemned are pregnant—but that is not deterring those bent on judicial murder.

The crime for which the eleven face execution is any Socialist Worker reader would be proud to be accused of: active opposition to the regime of General Franco in Spain. A regime spawned in the 1930s through the efforts of Hitler and Mussolini and with the mass murder of socialist and trade union activists. Now in desperate crisis, it is trying to preserve itself by a new bout of mass murder.

APPEAL

The laws under which the eleven have been condemned allow no fair trial or of any normal process of appeal. But one thing can stop the murder of our comrades. The activity of working class organisations, including those in this country.

The Spanish government was able to murder Puig Antich last year because there was not enough working class protest and action. By contrast, international protests stopped the murder of Basque nationalists in Burgos five years ago.

A similar wave of protest is already under way against the planned execution of the eleven. In France, the dockers' union has blocked Spanish shipping. In Italy, dockers and airline workers have blacked all Spanish-bound traffic.

It is Spain itself, where the forces of the left have to work illegally under the threat of the same laws used to hunt down the working-class organisers and committees against the death sentences.

STRUGGLE

It is up to working-class organisations in this country, where conditions are much easier, to throw our weight into this struggle. It could be decisive in preventing the Franco murderers from carrying into effect their last desperate, murderous strategy.

That is why we appeal to every Socialist Worker reader to fight for the lives of our Spanish brothers and sisters. Make sure your trade union branch, shop stewards' committee or trade council has made the feelings known in no uncertain terms.

If there is a Spanish consulate or tourist office in your town, make sure it is packed! Try to get commitments for immediate demonstrations if the date and time of the execution is announced.

Above all, follow the example of those Socialist Worker supporters who are living off their fellow workers who deal with goods or ships for Spain, calling for industrial action as the best way to make their horror at these sentences turn into real pressure on the Spanish regime.

Send donations now to:
Socialist Worker Typographic Fund, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

BIRMINGHAM WOMEN FIGHT ON

— Eight women have been picked on for an all out attack by the police on the Women's Liberation Movement. They have been arrested at their homes and workplaces. They are fighting for their rights and freedom.

— They are fighting for their right to work and play. They are fighting for their right to live as free women.

— They are fighting for their right to keep their jobs and their homes. They are fighting for their right to be treated as equals.

— They are fighting for their right to be heard. They are fighting for their right to be listened to.

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