These children have a Labour government. But they can't get a school dinner.

'I've had to give up work as a waitress to collect my children and give them a meal. So have lots of other women in the area. None of us can afford it. The government and the council are quite happy to spend millions on things that don't matter: a new civic centre, new offices at county hall. They sit in comfortable offices while our kids go hungry. 'There's always money for the rich areas. In one new village outside they've built two new schools in the past ten years. But here among the working people in the growing cities, I just can't remember when they last built a new school. 'It makes me flare up every time I think of it.' 'We're not going to let them get away with it. We're going to shout and demonstrate until we get our kids properly fed.'

PORTUGAL: ARMS TO THE PEOPLE!

'ACED with the offensive by the bosses, the advance of the anti-worker offensive and the attack by capital and its lackeys, our reply can only be one: to come out on to the streets and advance to the struggle, showing unity and strength and the revolutionary aim of exploited people. If the bourgeoisie want war, let's fight.'

That was the statement from the Portuguese metal-workers' union on Monday as they called for a mass strike to coincide with demonstrations all over Portugal calling on the government not to yield to 'pressure from the bosses'.

It has been another week of open class struggle in Portugal, as the government has tried desperately to stem the rising tide of class consciousness and militancy in the army and the working class.

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I see what the boycott

THE WORKS CANTEEN at SACOR (Shell, Portugal) is a modern building seating about 1000. The food is excellent, three courses average 450 francs or 20 francs for cheese or fruit followed by coffee and a little something. Three.
The wall at the head of the hall is covered by an enormous Portuguese flag alongside the algarves, the red and green pro-
duction. The Workers' Commission dominated by Communist Party and Socialist Party supporters.

Stoppage

Along another side is a table laden with literature. There is a poster/leaflet announc-
 eing the one day strike on behalf of engineer-
ing workers as a first shot in defense of an agreement signed by the厂家 concern which the employers are refusing to implement.

The meeting was disrupted, one of three states for the elections in the Engineering Union. The demands are for unity in the work-
ing class, power to the workers' assemblies and total independence of the working class.

The discussion today is very heated. The previous evening the workers at SACOR had attended a mass meeting in Lisbon along with other workers in the Petrochemical Industry (CIDLIA, BP, Sonapet and Petrualize). About 2000 attended to discuss the length of the workweek.

A good number of workers, particularly the clerical, already worked less than six hours. Just as many worked more. The resolu-
tion from the platform was for 40 hours for every-
one. SACOR wanted 35 hours for all but were defeated about 3-1 after a meeting which lasted from 9pm to 1am.

Sections

Today SACOR are upset at the stupidity of their comrades but it's only the beginning. We will continue the discussion and they will see we are right.

In one of the boardrooms, a combine com-
mittee meeting of 50 delegates has been in session discussing how the 40-hour workweek would affect different sections in the

plants. I interrupted to explain that I was in Portugal as a delegate from the International Socialists (a body in the US associated with the I.W.W.) and from the Massey-Ferguson shop stewards committee in Manchester to investi-
gate the extent to which British multi-
national firms were involved in sabotaging the stoppage.

I explained that we had contacted the workers at Massey-Ferguson, Tractorbase, and Portugal, whose stocks of tractors were now only 50 compared to 350 before 25 April because of the change in the credit system which demanded they now pay for each tractor before delivery.

On top of this, 70 per cent of their parts came from Manchester and we showed long lists of these which were no longer being

sent. We knew similar policies were being em-
ployed by other companies, some of which had recently introduced policies in Britain, be-
cause of 'lack of work'.

Spanish

It was our intention to return to England with as much information as possible to build the liaison in the factories. We hoped, but could give no guarantee, that this might happen.

The Massey-Ferguson Combine who had forced the release of a Spanish worker, one of the 40 who were shipped from Portugal to Madrid and was about to be executed by Franco.

I was taken round the maintenance depot

I SUPPOSE there will be civil war.

That was how the corporal at the Radio Renasencia building summed up the feelings of many Portuguese workers after the events of last week.

On Monday, he had been sent as part of a small team to to stop the building and prevent it operating underground.

The same thoughts were apparently expressed by Major Onn de Almeida, commander of the left-wing army units RAUS, who refused to obey an order to advance before daybreak. He had 3000 GJ automatic rifles from the Belenos arms depot to a right-wing unit.

He said: When civil war is inev-
itable, the greater the firepower on your side, the less will be the cost in terms of blood.

He is also said to be prepared to give Belenos' arms to the people.

South

Civil war has also pre-occupied the ruling Military Council of the Revolution. Last week they dis-
cussed their reaction to the possibility of 'communism in Lisbon'.

In the event of this happening,' announced right-wing weekly Expresso, 'it was hoped that the government would be able to defend itself rely-
ing on the military force of the south, centre and the north.

Neither nor our left have felt strong enough to attack each other. But they have been gathering the forces and there is a mounting fear of civil war in the near future. The government's aim is to smash completely any section of the army which attempts to side with the workers. It pins its hopes on the commandos led by Jaime Neves—men of whom only recently returned from Angola—the military base at Sata Feres, and the para-

military force of Seta.

It also believes it can rely on the two para-military police forces and so began distributing arms among them a few days ago.

An elite intervention group, AM,

based on hand-picked troops from all regiments, is being groomed to maintain 'order'. Ex-Angolan settlers are being organised into a shock police force.

SWOOP

If this is true, the government is building a Portuguese version of the notorious Black and Tans. All the atrocities practised in Africa under Custado and Salazar will now be practiced in Portugal.

The aim of all these forces will be to smash ruthlessly all expression of dissent. The right-wing troops in control of the radio were armed to the teeth with mortars, rifles, tanks, rockets and heavy machine guns. The commandos swooped again near Oporto at 11pm on Friday and closed down a left-wing regi-

ment, CICA.

These weeks ago, CICA threatened to turn their guns on any officer who tried to stop them observing a minute's silence on the second anniversary of the Chilean coup.

These preparations by the right have been more than matched by the left.

Sides

On Tuesday, the RAUS unit organized a barricades meeting of representatives of virtually all the military units in Lisbon, plus a large number of workers' committees and representatives of EUR, the American Revolutionary Front. Left-

wing units told to hand the TV stations over to right-wing units refused.

The military police have refused to obey an order to disband, and continue to operate. Portuguese troops in occupation of one of the army barracks attacked right-wing demonstrators last week.

In purely military terms, the two sides are almost equal, although the left may have

strengthened and could win in the Lisbon area.

The real difference is in the relative strength of the workers. Demonstrations and pickets of workers have often shifted the balance inside individual units away from reactionary officers to the rank and file soldiers' movement, SIV,

This was shown at the Beja airbase last week. It had been announced that 49 soldiers were to be moved from the base for taking part in a worker's demonstration. As soon as this was made public, a second demonstration of 500 soldiers and their families called on workers to demonstrate in front of the Beja base.

The call was taken up by the organization of the revolutionary left and a number of important unions. Workers demonstrated outside the base and were joined by large numbers of agricultural workers whose demand for the right to town was half paralysed.

Similar

The workers made it clear—if the commander didn't back down there would be a total strike. A mass meeting at the local artillery barracks voted full support for the strike.

Eventually, the commander withdrew the threats and agreed that the soldiers could go on any demonstration they wanted.

A similar meeting took place in Setubal and rank and file soldiers in Setubal early in the week broke the hold of the right wing commander over his troops.

The events in Setubal and Beja point the way forward. The Portuguese revolution depends on the formation of joint soldiers and activists in the localities. Committees with every weapons depot and arms factory. Committees which would exercise a monopoly of armed forces in the locality. Although such a development, workers could create a structure to rule the country.
SUBDUED CONCERN FOR 'DEMOCRACY'

THE DECISION by the Foreign Ministers of the Common Market countries to freeze relations with Spain has nothing to do with any genuine hostility to the fascist regime.

Of course, the wave of protest in the European working class movement and elsewhere tells us that no political terror is one of the factors Castilian and Basque nationalists have to take into account.

But their real concern is to establish "democratic" credentials for intervention in Spain when the fascist regime cracks, and an event may appear in the near future.

Their aim would be the withdrawal of the Spanish military and police forces behind a "democratic" facade and support for the most right-wing government feasible in the circumstances. The means would be economic aid and the threat of a boycott.

Last summer the then Portuguese government, headed by Costa Gomes, appealed to the Common Market for aid.

"If July, when Portuguese democracy was far from safe," the Guardian sanatorium, Mr Wilson and the other nine heads of government declared that the EEC was not in the business of propping up dictatorships, and Portugal got nothing.

Admiral Azevedo is doing better than his efforts to "restore order." Already the Common Market has agreed to send E80 million.

A little later, Wilson joined with Willy Brandt, Francois Mitterrand, Olof Palme and other social democrats to establish a Committee of Friendship with Democracy and Socialism in Portugal. Its object, is, of course, support for capitalism in Portugal.

Wilson served in the British government that went into NATO with the Salazar dictatorship (1948), he headed the British government which NATO partners included Cartago's Portugal and the Colonels' Greece (1964-70). Now a word from him then about democracy, let alone socialism:

Now that there is a threat to capitalism from the working class, today in Portugal, tomorrow in Spain, 'democracy' is the watchword.

Wilson's "democracy," Common Market "democracy" is a dishonest label for the defence of capitalism. Common Market intervention is invariably directed to that end.

Sudden Concern for 'Democracy'

Reginald Mouland, Tory spokesman on foreign affairs, has been criticised in his Party for not being more active.

"There is no difference between government and opposition views in most foreign policy areas."

Indeed there is not. Abroad, in the Third World, the Labour government serves big business.

THE DEMONSTRATION called on Monday night by SUV, the rank and file association of workers in the firms that manufacture high-class fur coats in Oports since May Day.

On Monday night they were joined by more than 100,000 workers and soldiers, which protest demonstration. The demonstration surrounding the barracks and at the front of the prison is now: we are your hope, come over to us comrades', which soldiers and civilians cannot be on this side. Come on, so you can see the demonstration that comes over to our side.

All donations please to Socialist Worker Solidarity Fund, Cotton Gardens, London E2 8DN.

Republican, the paper under workers' control, reported last Wednesday. In Setubal they have created committees of struggle made up of workers' committees, tenants' committees, local organizations and a soldiers' committee elected in the 11th Infantry Regiment (RI II) and intended to include all the factories and factories in the industrial zone, spreading information about the actual political-military situation and mobilizing workers in preparation for the defence of the country already gained by workers in particular at Radio Renascença and Republica.

On Monday morning, a mass meeting of workers in Setubal decided to send a group to Lisbon to defend Radio Renascença and another to the Infantry Regiment to find out the position of this unit.

At the barracks, a meeting elected an ad-hoc committee of soldiers which, together with the commanders of the unit, received the Setubal workers and some others. The workers obtained from the commanders a promise not to shoot at the people in any circumstances, and from the committee of soldiers the certainty that they would be unconditionally on the side of the working class.

As a result of this, there took place in the regiment on the same day various meetings leading to the formation of pickets made up of popular vigilance and soldiers, that night occupied various strategic points in the city and patrolled the streets.

Meanwhile, meetings are taking place throughout the country.

During Monday's attempts at mobilization, the Setubal committee contacted many enterprises: Sidergas, Lusino, Sapex, Socad, Selcom, Lina, Barreiros, Inprespa, Enterpoj, Moretojo, Sorrelame, Prostam, etc.

However, many "false arguments" were used to demobilise the workers, who were advised by their leaders to remain in their workplaces.

STREETS

In the Setubal, the workers were quite old and had been in the streets for many years. They were not ready to fight in the streets.

In other places, people claimed, it was the same story. The streets were the only streets, as the troops were occupying the country. They planned to prevent by infiltration and by just numbers.

Many workers, tired though so many meetings, discussed the practical results, believed these stories.

REPUBLICA organised a meeting on Friday attended by 1,000 others and tomorrow. At ADFI, the war invalid's association, told the meeting that they planned to organize committees to defend the country as part of their campaign for the rights and good treatment of war invalids. Instead of collecting tolls on the bridges, they would collect contributions.
THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE

ALBERT ROBERTS, MP for Normanton, Yorkshire, is sponsored by the National Union of Mineworkers. The union pay the full cost of his election campaigns. And if he ever attends a miners' meeting, the union, that's the man in the pit, pays his expenses and subsistence.

Albert Roberts is also a public relations man for Fascist Spain. For more than ten years now he has been speaking up for Spain in Parliament and outside. He is a constant and welcome visitor to that country.

Worm

He also helps to arrange trips there for other MPs. Hardy a year passes without a delegation of Labour MPs going to Spain, care of Mr. Roberts.

You might have thought that the worm might have kept underground during the recent events in Spain. Not a bit of it.

In the same week as the Labour Party conference came out unanimously against the Franco regime and two weeks after his own union had moved a resolution at the TUC bitterly denouncing the Franco regime—Roberts appeared in public in his accustomed role as apologia for tyranny.

On the Today radio programme last Thursday (audience 20 million), Roberts described the Franco regime as 'liberal at a point'.

He also said 'If Franco had not succeeded there would have been a Communist Spain . . . Spain has never threatened the peace of the world since Franco came to power.'

He didn't agree with everything in Spain, but the way to change it was to go to Spain and talk to the Spanish government about where they are going wrong.

This is disingenuous. The Yorkshire Area Council of the NUM should act at once. They should remove sponsorship from Roberts, and make it clear they will put up another man if he doesn't resign.

Speaking up for Franco isn't Roberts' only sideline. He has also got £899 (minimum) from J. P. Poulton, the corrupt architect, for 'helping his business'.

This included 'making things easy' for the former Portuguese dictator, which Roberts also supported.

Roberts helped Poulton get a lucrative contract for building a harbour at Mozambique, Angola, and wrote a letter to the Maltese government to try to get him a contract for building a hospital on the island of Gozo.

When are the miners going to get shot of these friends of Franco?

The two men were so close you could almost speak in the same room. Rumour has it that they did a deal. If Gormley worked for McGuire to get the NUM sponsorship as Labour candidate atlace, McGuire would work hard for Gormley to become NUM President.

Well, it worked. And who knows? Maybe that's why Joe Gormley goes to Spain so often, too.

A Jemmy jamboree

The attempt to avoid, by stealth, a right-wing take-over plays into Boyd's hands. The right are now crowing about how they are opposed to the election of full-time officials while the Broad Left maintains an embarrassed silence.

This sort of thing has happened before. When Foulkes and Haexell were in the driving seat of the ETU, they did a similar thing to the NUM. The way to build amalgamation that works is on a policy of fighting unemployment, 1-y-o's and wage controls.

One must be fountised at the base, with united shop steward committees of TASS and TEC selection representatives. This would create a more democratic union—not a captured machine.
Soldiers leafletted as 'disaffection' trial begins

THS trial of the 14 supporters of the British Withdrawal from Northern Ireland Campaign opened last week at the Old Bailey. The 14 were charged with conspiracy to contravene the Ulster Workers Council Strike Order Act.

All 14 either pleaded not guilty or refused to plead, some making political statements about the nature of the trial. When Michael Wedderburn pleaded 'guilty in a world of war, love in a world of hate, free speech for all and an end to politically motivated trials,' the judge, Justice McKinnon-"If this goes on, I will have to have a medical report on you."

Most of the first week was taken up by the prosecutor's opening speech which stressed the alleged conspiracy, emphasizing to the jury that it was "irresistible" what they thought about Northern Ireland.

The trial opened with a number of solidarity demonstrations and actions both here and abroad. In London there was a Weekend of Action which began with a picket of the Northern Ireland Office and the Home Office on the previous Saturday, when a petition with 4000 signatures demanding that the charges be dropped had anarchist procession on Sunday night and a mass picket of the Old Bailey on the opening day of the case. A Statement of Complicity with the 14, with 600 signatures, was delivered to the Home Office on Monday morning.

News came through at the weekend that four supporters of BNWW, who had distributed "Some Information for Disinterested Soldiers", the leaflet the 14 are charged with distributing, had been charged in Aberdeen under the Incitement to Disaffection Act.

Squadries

Supporters in Aberdeen were undeterred and leafletted the Army Recruiting Office there with the same leaflet. Young Liberals distributed the leaflet at a barracks in Lichfield on Saturday. Comrades in Germany distributed the leaflet to British soldiers in Hamburg, Krefeld, the Ruhr area, Wür and West Berlin, where two people were arrested but later released.

In Northern Ireland, four people gave out 200 copies of the leaflet in squaddies on the streets, accompanied by television cameras, on the instructions of the London Office. The British Union of Fascists, but the RUC is forwarding the names and details to the Director of Public Prosecutions, so more arrests may follow.

On Saturday in London, a socialist, libertarian and pacifist papers published "Some Information for Disinterested Soldiers" to coincide with the opening of the Unionist Worker, Peace News, Freedom, International Times, The Librarian, Newsweek, The People, People's Voice, Red Weekly and Roadrucker. Some 30,000 were given out and action at the RUC headquarters."Instead of a deposit policy, we have a copy of the leaflet as a result.

The campaign is backed and supported for the packet is particularly renewed all over London and at lunchtimes on other days. For information please telephone: 01-837 0794.

LAST Friday was Victory Day for the black parents' and students' movement in Norsey, Hertfordshire. Cliff McDaniel was cleared in a Middlesex Crown Court of using insulting behaviour 'with intent to provoke a breach of the peace' and assaulting a police officer.

It all started on Thursday, April 13, when Cliff and two friends were coming back to school after dinner. They were waiting for a friend who was picked up by a police car driven by Constable Ryan David, with Constable Fry as operator and Constable McCulloch as observer, passed them and turned at the corner. They, almost immediately, reversed and drove up beside them.

Constable Ryan David then provoked an incident. He picked on Cliff and demanded to search him. Cliff was pinned to the wall, punched and kicked.

More policemen came calling, making seven in all, a van and a car. Badly beaten, Cliff was thrown into the van. In spite of police tactics, pushing away witnesses from the scene, Cliff's friends and other students saw what was going on.

Two school welfare assistants saw the incident. One was pushed aside and told to mind her own business. Cliff cried out for him to come in the van with him for he knew what was to take place in the van and the police station. More beating and beating—and a charge of assault!.

Outcry

There was an outcry in Norsey. This was not the first time, but it had to be stopped. A Black Parents Movement was formed and a Legal Defence Fund set up to fight this and other cases.

Then on Thursday 26 June at the Highgate Magistrates Court the whole lie machine was put on show. Constable McCulloch, who had been in the police force for only four months and was going on his first job as an observer, claimed he observed nothing. He had been looking away from the scene of the action.

Constable Ryan David, who was driving, and Constable Fry said they saw Cliff making a masturbatory gesture. David claimed it offended badly pushing a pram nearby and he came to this conclusion by watching the expression of disgust on her face. This woman was never produced as a witness.

While Cliff was "arrested" and "restrained", the observer claimed to have been watching people on the other side of the road who attracted his attention but who apparently made no attempt to interfere in the situation.

The magistrate—a civil servant, a toy manufacturer and the owner of an off licence—found Cliff guilty on both charges and bound him over in the sum of £40 to keep the peace for one year.

An appeal was launched. 150 people picketed the court. The police evidence was shown out, and Cliff was cleared. Great. On to the next struggle.

NEW WAY TO SOLVE TEENAGE UNEMPLOYMENT-SLAVE LABOUR

A NEW way of solving unemployment among teenagers has been developed in North Durham by the 770-pupil Hermitage Secondary School at Chester-le-Street, County Durham.

Naylor runs what he calls an 'unemployed school' where boys do real jobs for real money. He sends out his final year pupils to local firms where they work for six days a week, six hours a day every Monday. In exchange, the firm pays Naylor for the boys when they officially leave school.

The school—in other words the taxpayer—also provides the boys with overalls and other clothes needed for work.

The main beneficiary of this new form of slave labour is the Caterpillar factory at Morley, which gets about 40 hours of free labour every week.

The Department of Employment is delighted. Said a spokesman: 'This school's efforts appear to be very worthwhile.'

Perhaps that's the sort of 'initiative' which Employment Minis-
ter Michael Foot and the other mandarins of his department like. But it isn't so popular among local trade unionists.

Unemployed among engineering workers in the North East is rising at more than 10 per cent. The 'pains-taking' efforts of the headmaster can only make it more difficult for people to get jobs in factories like Caterpillar.

But then Chester-le-Street has never been a strong area for trade unionists. Its MP, Gilles Kivose, is sponsored by the General and Municipal Workers Union, whose former boss in the area, Andrew Cunningham, lived in Chester-le-Street until he went to prison for corruption last year.
Terror and hypocrisy

CERTAIN MORAL deflectives on the right have been doing their best to help the bloodthirsty old dictator in Madrid by attacking the international campaign of resistance against his latest murders of political opponents.

Shot

The protests are hypocritical and misguided, they say. Hypocritical because the protesters never denounced repression in Russia—which is a downright lie as far as Socialist Worker is concerned—and misguided because the victims are "terrorists" and so deserve to be shot.

What in a terrorist? "Anyone who attempts to further his views by a system of conciliation, intimidation," according to the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary (1944 edition), which adds that the term was originally applied to the Jacobins and their agents and partisans in the French Revolution.

The date of the edition quoted is put in because it is significant. Political words are never neutral and in 1944 the American government of the day was supplying arms, explosive, money, leading and transport to groups of men who were carrying out assassinations of policemen and soldiers. This the Labour government who collaborated with them, in territories controlled by the German government of the day. That government was a fascist dictatorship like France's.

So the Oxford Dictionary, an establishment which if ever there was one, defined terrorism in a very general and international way, and, in the only example it gives, refers to the actions of a government (the Jacobins were in power when they were called terrorists).

Heroes

When five Czecho, armed and trained by the British and purchased from a RAF aircraft, succeeded in killing the German Foreign-German of Bohemia Moravia, they were hailed as gallant heroes by the BBC and the British Press. The man they killed, "Buchy" Heydrich, was described by Fleet Street—"with perfect truth—as the head of a monstrous machine of police-torture and torture who richly deserved to die.

Time changes. For Fleet Street, that's the end of the Spanish blood and torture machine; hence all of the bbc's Buchy Frenzy.

William Tell assassinated the tyrant Goden and became a folk-hero in 1832 before the ruling classes had equipped themselves with TV, press, radio and the press machine of the media.

A modern Tell is represented as a terrorist, a public enemy of definition, and a modern Goden is the representative of lawful authority, guilty perhaps of some unfortunate excesses, but nonetheless a man against whom the use of violence must be condemned.

Against

So much for bourgeois morality. Yet marxists have always argued against the policy of attempting to change human nature without changing the social conditions in which that person exists. The ruling classes had equipped themselves with TV, press, radio and the press machine of the media, and in the case of Tito, the use of violence must be condemned.

In this abstract form, the question does not exist at all for us," wrote The New Statesman.

"Conservative Soviet bourgeois ever since the day of the terrorist William Tell." Our sympathies are with the French, Russian, Polish and Hindu terrorists in their struggle against national and political oppression.

Masses

"However, not the question of mass instant reaction but the objective expediency has for us the decisive significance. "Anchors the policy really capable of leading to the goal? In relation to parties, to both parties, and to parties, it is a question of whether we can create a situation where the masses are not the only in a mass movement can you expedient current for your heroic party." That's the point. Terrorist groups run an anti-mass campaign, the tactical situation is that mass action, 'to make the masses hate the bourgeoisie and its representative' as Trotsky put it, and so to isolate themselves. That is the marxist objection to mass action.

But the man or woman who is, in spite of all the TFP against Goden, with the ETA against Carrero Blanco, is an revolutionary.

Without Comment... 1

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'NOTHING BUT A TRAVELLING DEATH TRAP'

FRANK McCONVILLE'S car gave him another little surprise this week. He braked in the wet, and the car swayed across the Newmarket by Whitby Bay Road before turning on its side.

No normal car would have done this. But Frank's is an invalid tricycle. Invalid tricycles are not normal cars.

Said Frank, 38 years old and invalided by multiple arthritis. He has wheels and engine. They keep out the rain, but the road is not a murder trap.

I've had one previous miraculous escape, he explained, as he was driving along Newcastle's Walker Road, with a dog stepped off the pavement. I braked and swerved slightly. Unluckily, I hit the bollard which caused the truck to jump into the air and turn over. The dog ran off home. After that, Frank's tricycle gets a mangle wreck with me inside.

Frank added, I bargained for a better life.

Both these accidents show that invalid carriages cannot withstand the normal stresses of ordinary life. Their design faults have knocked Frank unconscious once, and have now given him eleven stitches in the head.

This has happened in the last improved Model 70. In his previous two models, the front two bodies could not withstand the stress of driving. The door fell off several times. Once while I was driving the internal bicycle, said Frank.

Quick

The standard doesn't stop with the design. The AA has just uncovered a 50% rise in reported thefts of government approved service agents. They claim there are one in five cases of theft.

In the last outbreak, 1000 invalids were placed.

The department being taxed.

All the corruption of capitalist business, officially explained away as an isolated case, has been operating against an almost unlimited section of the working class.

Wealthy invalids don't have to put up with lethal coaches. Obviously no disabled worker would compete for this form of charity from the government if he could afford to do otherwise.

Frank and his friends put it this way: 'Lethal injections are obviously an unethical way of disposing of an old-work-invaluable. So a sneaker, more sensitive method of getting us into suicide is provided'.

To improve the design of the tricycles is impossible. They lack even elementary safety features like roll-bar, which would prevent the roofs collapsing in the frequent overturning accidents they have.

Saloon

But what invalids need is not even a modified chassis but a fully automated and power-assisted saloon or estate car, which allows the disabled to travel with their families or friends.

Interview with disabled worker

Frank McConville by Tony Wild

instead of being on their own. The standards should ensure maximum safety, comfort and ease of control, of the minimum.

Said Doreen, Frank's friend: 'I could never travel round the town in a Frank, even if the rules did not forbid it. It's too small. I'm always worried when he's in the car. If anything goes wrong, he has to rely on strangers to help him.'

Doreen works full time. She has to do that so Frank can have something approaching a normal life. It's easier and less harrowing for her to work than for both of them to be thrown into the arms of the Social Security.'

The isolation of injured individuals has other terrible effects. 'When Doreen takes me out in the wheel chair', says Frank, 'people talk to me through her, as if I'm a child. It makes me feel as though I can't get along well with them. If they're not afraid that helps. But many people imagine that if your body is in a wheelchair, then you must be slow and childish.'

Because only a few disabled people are able to get jobs, they are isolated yet again. Frank would love to get another job - he's still working for five years. But no firm wants him for a long time. He is a potential perceiver and telephonist.'

'Let's admit', he says, 'it's much nicer to have a daffy bird with a 38-inch butt in the foyer than a disabled man of 38 years of age.'

Being able to think things out for himself has been of great value when tackling the local and national government bureaucracies which are constantly ragged against vulnerable people. Frank is used to dealing with other people. He used to be assistant manager of a cinema. He realises that bureaucracies exist to protect the establishment from 'unreasonable demands on scarce resources'.

Quick

'Since this is unlikely, I support the overthrow of capitalism and its replacement by a socialist society controlled by the working class. Only a society like that would be willing to devote the resources to solving such problems.'

In the here and now, there are other things we can do. At least we can stop treating physically disabled people as if they were children.

We can demand that our boss employs a fair quota of disabled people at full union rates and with full special consideration.

We should demand the strikes be replaced by modified production vehicles - Ford and Bedford ambulances are only modified vans. We must also make certain that the factory workers who make the strikes don't get put on the dole.

We should demand that the vital regulations surrounding invalid car ownership be scrapped and that those who cannot work are given enough financial assistance to keep the vehicles on the road in good condition.

Real changes in the here and now will only be got by working-class action. Without it, the invalids of the future will get just as shabbily treated as invalids get now.

They refused to pay for installing a telephone, but after we had got one in ourselves, they agreed to pay the rental. 'Sometimes', a man is going to come round and see about re-designing the bathroom, although if he takes much longer I'll have disappeared under the accumulated dust. It's not possible to get into our bathroom to wash."

The dictator would have loved it

Ian Birchall on Ethiopia

The regime has become more repressive. Workers' leaders, referred to as the 'dictators' plans to slow down the Confederation of Ethiopian Labour Unions and called for what workers' leaders re-call the nationalisation of the financial institutions, have been intimidated and imprisoned.

Jailed

A few weeks ago about 1500 left-wing youths who were siding with the landless peasants in the countryside were beaten up and jailed. Some were seriously injured and are in hospital.

While starvation and disease continue, a vicious war is being fought against the Eritrean people who are demanding self-determination.

The new regime is closely linked to the United States and is keeping to the military pact with the US made by Haile Selassie. The junta has stated that foreign private investment will be given ample opportunities and will be assured fair and adequate returns.

There is growing opposition to the regime in Ethiopia. One sign of this is in the recent coming into the open of a new opposition party - the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP). This has been in existence for three and a half years, and since last year has been publishing underground papers Abib (Revolution) and Democracy.

On 1 September it distributed thousands of copies of its programme in the main languages of the country. The programme calls for a People's Democratic Republic, demanding better education and health, a people's army, equality for women, and the end of unequal treatment with foreign powers.
NORTH WEST LONDON, once the heartland of British engineering, is now devastated by a terrible slaughter of jobs.

The figures are almost incredible. In the 1960s census, there were 140,760 people at work in the borough of Brent. By 1971, the figure had dropped by 24 per cent to 110,290. The employment exchanges won't give the figures now. Perhaps they are too ashamed.

But we know that if it has fallen below 100,000 and is dropping at the rate of 1000s a week.

In the last five years, 60 factories have closed in the area. A member of the post office workers' union has told us that at least 10,000 workers left their jobs.

Three weeks ago, an auction was held to sell off assets at Beatonsome engineering works, where 800 workers lost their jobs.

**Plans**

In Willesden, Hitachi, Littlewoods, Rotaprints, Steel Tubes, Thames Living and a subsidiary of Smiths-Creekwood have all closed down and moved out during the last few months.

Cheshunt Bottling is closing soon. So is Autos on the North Circular Road. Guinness has cut all plans for expansion.

Associated Automation are looking to take 190 redundancies. Almost half the workers lost their jobs this week at Ken's Xerox.

Aluminium in Leighton Road is threatened with closure. Smiths-Creekwood, the huge clock and motor accessories firm, has just sacked half its workforce in a purge of its militants.

The firm is preparing for further closures. Frigidaire, the Kenwood plant of General Motors, has been off and on for a four-week period.

**Boom**

Why is our area being murdered like this?

As an excuse, the employers point to the ramshackle chaos of Willesden with its appalling traffic jams.

But the chaos has been caused by their own intransigent union movement for profit. In the boom years of British engineering, they built haphazardly, without planning, and now they are working out any consequences.

More than half of the factories were built on land not allocated for industrial purpose. The result is that the road network is not transport chaos. The real reason is the bosses' own workers' 'labour costs'.

Secondly, the redundancies and closures result from firms moving machinery and production to where union organisation is weak.

**Dole**

They are not only 'saving' money by cutting jobs. They are providing an illegal trade union organisation built up over decades.

For working people in the area, the consequences are dreadful. Even the government agrees that living in London is more expensive than living anywhere else. But the dole money is the same.

And the dole is the only growth area in Brent. Ten years ago, a spokesman for Willesden Labour exchange told The Times: "This is an area where people want to work and there is a lot of work available.'

It is an area where people want to work and they can't find it. The figures speak for themselves.

In September 1965, there were 1150 workers in Brent. In September 1974, 1378. In September 1975, 1450.

That's a 300 per cent increase in one year.

If things go on like this, our area will become an industrial desert.

We'll still have the traffic jams, the smogs, the crumbling slums, and the rotten services. But we won't have the jobs.

For thousands of workers of every description, from skilled engineers to black teenagers, there will be nothing but chaos and despair.

Of all used-up and employed—have to fight back and stop the cutting of any more jobs or the area will be an industrial desert.

We'll resist the cutbacks in wages, the work intensification, and the conditions of work which are the real cause of unemployment.

Many of the stories of the redundancies that we have seen have been those of workers being sent back to the factory where they can't find work.

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The FACTS and figures on this page should shock every North London worker. All our jobs are at risk. We must use our power to save them.

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But it must not become another talking shop for the same tired old voices that we've all heard before. We don't want to hear about pressure and layoffs. We want to know what we can do to organise a real fight back from the shop floor.

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Such a fight back needs co-ordination right through the area. Regular meetings between stewards and militants in different factories. Regular information and bulletins for shop floor workers. Contacting and involving those isolated factories which are often the worst hit by sackings.

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Brent Trades Council can help start these lines. The suggestion on this page is the start of a real fight back.

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UVF: Banned by Rees, courted by the Army...

By Eamonn McCarr

MERLYN REES, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, may find in the next few weeks that the Army will carry more weight at his command, is extremely reluctant to implement the ban. He has just imposed on the ultra-right Ulster Volunteer Force.

Rees announced the ban on Friday after the UVF admitted responsibility for the lateness of the Army's soldiers. There is mounting evidence that the Army in Northern Ireland no longer automatically accepts orders from the Labour government. Instead, they have been collaborating with both paramilitary and paramilitary forces.

On 17 September, Ian Paisley met Arney Neave, Tory spokesman on Northern Ireland, for an hour in Belfast. Afterwards, Paisley said he had been able to supply Neave with confidential information about security policies. Neave did not deny it.

Claim

However, Neave, in keeping with his policy of refusing to discuss politics in Northern Ireland, is regularly briefed on all aspects of the Army's actions in Northern Ireland.

So how could Paisley possibly have been in a position to supply him with "confidential information"?

Leading weight to Paisley's claim was a statement a week earlier from Arney Neave confirming that a document mentioning IRA chief Seamus Twomey, which Paisley had displayed at a press conference late in August, was, as Paisley had claimed, a "key document".

The document, a weekly summary of Intelligence gathered by 40 Commando, operating in Andermont and forwarded to Army HQ in Lisburn, clearly someone somewhere along the line had stolen a copy for Dr Paisley.

Confidential documents also appear to have been readily available to the UVF's staff.

In July, the UVF announced the formation of the 'Ulster Counter Intelligence Unit'. The UCIA claimed members in both the Arney Neave and Ian Paisley camps who, so it was said, supplied "confidential information to the UVF".

At the time, the UCIA was generalizing that there was a "high proportion of some UVF man's fevered imaginations".

But in mid-August, as if to prove the point, the UVF showed仙女澄 Britain's list of local Catholics complete with addresses, descriptions, photographs and even car registration numbers.

Denies

Then, on 6 September, a South Armagh man, Aloysius Garvey, was granted a temporary licence, the object of the licence was to stop a retinue of the UVF and all they stood for. He was granted a temporary licence, the object of the licence was to stop a retinue of the UVF and all they stood for. The licence was granted on the condition that Garvey would not attend any UVF meeting. The condition was met and Garvey was granted a permanent licence.

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Socialist Worker news… and WHAT’S ON

Far from frozen in the north

IN CITIES, it’s fairly easy to sell Socialist Worker outside factories. It’s not so easy up here, in the far north of Scotland. The bus stops usually own the factory and the fields surrounding it.

The police can move you on so that you’re selling SW in the middle of nowhere. They had found other ways of getting the paper across.

We now have newsgate sales SW over an area of 60 miles—Inverness to Ullapool to Invergordon. We have some difficulty and the police say they agree to take it than have refused.

We make sure one contraide is responsible for one group of newsgate agents, which are visited from time to time to ensure SW is on display. Too often the paper might be tucked away under a counter.

The police will sell if prominently placed. In the tiny village of Ullapool we sell 15 copies a week.

Estate sales have fallen away and our greatest success was on the Mallaig Estate at Ainslie four of our sold 60 papers a week and there are only 300 houses on the estate.

The sale later ended out at 13 a week.

The success of the sale was proved by a public meeting we had in Ainslie. Half of those present came from that little estate.

A week before that meeting three of us went to sell 20 papers and sold 43 papers in an hour.

We have used a number of things from estate sales which other comrades might want to bear in mind.

• Don’t try and do too big an area—concentrate on a smaller area and do it well.

• Be regular—this is important.

• Work, where possible, towards an event, such as a public meeting.

• Try to get someone on the estate to do the rounds.

• Get people to take extra copies to work.

• Pub sales have also been successful, though the disadvantage is a lack of regular contact with the buyer.

Tory

Our sales of Socialist Worker helped enormously to organise the two public meetings we arranged in Inverness and Aisla.

About 30 people attended the Inverness meeting but not for the small ultra-Tory SNP town. A member of the General and Municipal Workers from Perth, Scotland, said: This is a historic day in the history of Toryism. This is the first time a revolutionary socialist party has held a public meeting in a Tory town.

Most of our work has gone, however, into public meetings which Alwyn Andrew, Aberdeen, and one even from Liverpool.

If you also had the benefit of some magnificent speaking at the various meetings. It was the first time for Soft and McArthur, IS full-time organiser in Glasgow.

SALES of Socialist Worker have taken a sharp rise in this area in the last two weeks. In a letter to the Socialist Worker we printed a few weeks ago Mr. John Brown, of 50 Blyth Street, North Shields, taxes, £1.50, said a large number of copies had been sold in the past two weeks.

He said: I am sure you will be pleased to hear that the Socialist Worker is going well in North Shields.

Over the last two weeks, the circulation has gone up by more than 200 copies.

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Hull bookshop gets trade council support

SOCIALISTS, the new bookshop opened by Hull International Socialists, has got off to a good start. As the only full-time bookshop in Hull, we are attracting a lot of trade, especially with workers from the local radio station who are on the mass meeting, Father’s Union Hall.

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The Hull Trades Council agreed at its September meeting to circulate trade union branch affiliation to it—more than with a lot of the shops and individual publications. It is going to offerpublishing a socialist newspaper.

Already we have held our first weekend sales and we are now preparing for a further meeting on Sunday.

The bookshop now has a new member of staff on the staff only a week after opening. Socialists’ discussion groups are being held every Monday evening of 6.30, starting on 13 October, and we hope many residents of Socialist Worker in Hull will come along.

Anyone interested in setting up an IS group should contact us by writing to 8 Cottees Gardens, London E2 8DN or by ringing 020 7249 1038.

WOMEN’S VOICE Rally: Saturday 29 November, 11am, Belle Vue, Manchester (Cumberland Hall), Entrance 15p. For details write to Women’s Voice Rally: 8 Cottees Gardens, London E2 8DN.
Portugal: An open letter to the revolution

LAST weekend 2500 copies of PORTUGAL—THE WAY AHEAD, a special pamphlet by Tony Cliff, were flown into Portugal for distribution among Portuguese revolutionaries. It was written, translated into Portuguese and printed in two days. It received the warmest support for the hard work both of the translator and the Socialist Worker printers.

The pamphlet was commissioned by the central committee of the International Socialists at its meeting last week. The urgency of the situation in Portugal and the rapid political changes there had made it critical, in the committee’s view, to give our analysis and our advice to Portuguese revolutionaries in struggle.

Its two central points are the need to build workers’ and soldiers’ councils, the ‘soviets’ of the Russian Revolution, and the need to transform the PRP, the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat, into a mass revolutionary party. This is an extract from the pamphlet.

Mass revolutionary party is vital

A revolutionary government without the support of active councils would be extremely unstable. It would not be able to implement its revolutionary measures. It could not rely on the old state machine and it could not have the active, organised intervention of the workers in every area of society needed to build a new sort of state.

Even if it controlled for a period the majority of armed force, it would be like the fifth column government—operating in a vacuum, unable to implement its decisions, unable to solve the economic problems and the everyday needs of workers.

That is why a revolutionary government—whether constituted by the left parties or one or other revolutionary group—would be useless for the revolution unless it was based on real workers’ councils, binding together the army and the workers.

But such autonomous organisations of the class cannot take power unless there exists a mass organisation of the vanguard of the class which shapes and guides the more backward workers that their experience shows the need for such a power, and fights to build it.

A mass revolutionary party is vital in organising and leading the struggle for power. It is even more crucial in consolidating workers’ power.

Our history has shown a number of cases of the working class coming to power without mass revolutionary parties. In Paris in 1871 the Commune survived for 25 months, in Hungary in 1919 for 4½ months, and in Bavaria in the same year for less than one month. Almost in all cases, the lack of a mass party led quickly to disintegration and defeat.

The reason is obvious. After the working class comes to power the strains on the new regime are extreme. Economic difficulties, mass reactions, propaganda and military pressure tend to the limit the nerves of a working class not yet accustomed to holding the reins of power.

Premature rising may be tempting

In Portugal today the Revolutionary United Front (FUR) has led straight to the creation of SUV—Soldiers United Will Win. On 23 September a huge demonstration in Lisbon was called by the revolutionary left through SUV. About 15,000 soldiers and 60,000 workers turned out. The demonstration came to a climax when tens of thousands of workers and soldiers went to Turtuca Military Prison to force the release of two arrested SUV members. Barracks were set up against commands sent to restore order. All SUV and FUR are not workers and soldiers’ councils. Councils of workers deputies in the factories and linked with SUV—that would be a workers’ and soldiers’ council.

With the massive power of SUV and FUR, and with the right to stand in by-elections, the working class, it may be tempting to launch a working class revolution without the existence of the two key weapons for the seizure of power—the workers’ council and the revolutionary party. The right will do its utmost to provoke a premature rising, without workers’ councils.

It would welcome a revolutionary coup based on GPU, a Workers’ Front in the style of the right-wing regimes—if the workers did not move and build councils. For the result would be an impotent regime, which would easily be overthrown soon after.

The GPU government, not backed by workers’ councils or led by a mass revolutionary party, would fall under fascist pressures and strains, as did the Hungarian and Italian Socialist Republics in 1919.

That is why the question of building the revolutionary party—not at some indefinite point in the future, but now, is a life and death question.

The GPU has nothing else to do, it is its doom. Portugal is slipping away to Fascism, soon to be followed by Spain. The GPU has nothing to offer, except a hideous and bloody Fascist regime.

Operational workers’ councils

The revolutionary party can only lead the class in building real, operational workers’ councils if it can organise the most advanced layer of the class around itself. The GPU has neither the organisational discipline, nor the mass revolutionary party, to build workers’ councils.

They cannot be built without the ideas of the revolutionary party being taken into the party and into the party.

That is why Lenin always placed so much stress on the paper. That is why even at the height of the German revolution in 1918-19 Rosa Luxemburg devoted herself to work on the daily paper Die Rote Fahne (The Red Flag). She knew that without a paper there could not be a fight against reaction, where it really mattered, in the depths of the class.

The FUR can be a bridge to the party. But not if it leads to a drifting in towards the half-reformist and half-revolutionist ideas of some of its components. Every deviation, every hesitaton of the MRP, the MNR, the SDKP, is a danger to the FUR, Agreement between leaders must not lead to half-truths before the class.

Again the party to build in the FUR. Again the question of the right to build the revolutionary organisation is central. All sorts of tactics will be used to bring the best workers to the GPU but the aim must be to build. At every meeting and demonstration the GPU must resist massively.

Every member has to understand that unless an organisation is built, the revolution will be destroyed.
CONSPIRACY: A LETTER FROM PAT ARROWSMITH

It is gratifying that Socialist Worker has come in solidarity with the BWNC (4 at present on trial) under sentence to incite soldiers to disaffection. We are delighted that the paper has agreed (27 September) the full text of Social Information for Disinterested Soldiers. If there is one comment I would like to make on your article about the case. You say the admission 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 organization and militancy.' I do not disagree with this point. In fact, BWNC's policy is not just to call for individual soldiers to take a conscientious stand. In our published launching statement, which was posted up at Parliament Square, we said, 'We the undersigned intend to campaign among British civilians and soldiers to be asked to consider refusing postings to Northern Ireland, singing sit-downs, demonstrations in North, and in the final resort, deserting.' In other words, BWNC is committed to encouraging mass action by soldiers as well as individual action. The political value of civilians approaching members of the armed forces is in this way surely illustrated to the rest of the world. 

The disaffection rife among GIs which certainly helped along to the Irish problem was hard. The reasons why the US was finally sent into the South-East Asian war were: Bernie Arrowsmith, London N8

Thanks!

JUST A PERSONAL note to express my thanks for your fantastic gesture to let me have a second copy of the paper. I have sent the original back to you.

In laying yourself open to prosecution I feel I have shown you as you truly are. (More than of the spectacle) have died in the DMZ. Keep up the good work. Thanks once again. No one is free unless everyone is free. TERRY LIGHT (defendant)

Army demo

FOOTNOTE to the publication by Socialist Worker of the leaflet, Some information for disinterested soldiers. I recently gave a soldier on the M6 near Birmingham. He told me about his entry in Darmstadt in West Germany.

An American soldier held a demo outside the camp in support of a United Ireland and distributed literature.

The army authorities got wind of this and the soldier accepting a leaflet would be on a charge. Just to make sure the soldiers obeyed, uniformed 'Redcaps', and men from the Special Investigation Branch of the army, were posted to the picket. Any soldier who stepped forward was under close arrest.

Some of the 'squaddies' had got hold of Socialist Worker and were discussing the events in Ireland. In such an atmosphere, how do you think the authorities would receive your militant publication of the leaflet mentioned above? THOMAS NELIS, Falls Road, Belfast.

19 more

NINETEEN socialists were recently arrested on the trumped-up charge of 'trespass after peacefully occupying the LST which docked in Vigo, Spain.' They were seeking to draw attention to the recent trials in Spain and the recent execution of the Basque socialist worker. Given there. There can be no excuse for complacency as long as the law remains on the statute book.

Could its next target be a factory occupation? - BARBRA CROUS, JOHN STEEL, NORMAN HENDERSON, GEORGE CRIPPS, D F SPENCER, Apex workers, British Airways.

There is an increasing tendency in Socialist Worker and in other left-wing newspapers to refer to the use of the term 'imperialism' as the key to understanding the world situation.

The basis of the law is not, in fact, governed by any Act of Parliament but is the result of the application of law to law to the government. It is to this extent that the law should be interpreted from its own Act. The law does not define the boundaries of the Act. The law does not define the boundaries of the Act. The law does not define the boundaries of the Act. The law does not define the boundaries of the Act.
ODE TO REGGIE PRENTICE

I tell a tale of Reggie Prentice
Who really is a 'laid off miner's wife',
Which meant he's silly in the head
For everywhere he's seen red.

In his bed and on his chair,
Our hero sees everywhere,
Just tells us he's prepared to keep
They've got him in his cabinet.

Though critics may throw flour and water
His finger points at Michael Foot,
One of the truest and kindest men
And others of a pinner hue.

But should you mention Tony Kelly
His little legs will turn to jelly.
Now wicked Tony, we are told
Has pockets full of Russian gold.
This help was needed to end the goal
Of throwing Reggie on the door.

But comrades lost you shed a tear
Our little friend to bring you a cheer
Our lad has found some bosom pals
Some really wonderful pals and all.

Old Wye Jenkins from South Wales
Who keeps the pickets in his pockets
And Shirley Williams--so aloof
While prices spiral through the roof.

They're living in cloud cuckoo land
From whence all Trotskyists are banished
But bosses here are the true风景
With such a pool of unemploy.

Ye social democrats--don't fear
No danger of a Newham here
May wish a happy new strike
The MP's job is yours for life.

So comrades let us with wicked scheming
Rudely wake him from his dreaming
Come on and join me with Tony Smith
By shouting--Prentice--you're a Tory.

GEO. MORDAN, APEX

SPECIAL WATCH-HIT CROSSED

THE CONFEDERATION OF British Industry, the bosses' trade union, is directly involved in fingering trade union militants and staging victimisations.

This week the recently-elected CBI memo leaked to--and then suppressed by the Sunday Times and The Guardian.

In January 1972--at the height of the miners' strike--CBI deputy director general John Whithorn submitted a report to the CBI's Josiah Stamp Committee on the organisation's executive. Its members included the 'deputy Boss's Who of British big businessmen.'

The report--better set out the varying functions of the FBU, familiar whitewashing organisation--aims OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES (IRS)--and appealed for more money for the trade union 'CBI staff', a 'critical source of the background.'

In 1971, the President and Director-General of the CBI had talks with a number of heads of companies who are worried about subversive influences in British industry and about the climate of public opinion.
MR Justice Centlivre isn’t the only judge who’s been getting his comeuppance (AUEW v. Workshop HR) in the High Court. Last week, Socialist Worker revealed his shareholdings in several companies concerned with engineering, at a March 19 High Court protest in London in favour of the AUEW right wing.

The two previous court cases brought by right-wingers earlier this year have, the union executive committee were both heard by Sir Raymond Henry Watton, Socialist Worker has established that Sir Raymond owns shares in the engineering company BPC. 

The previous court cases brought by the National Union of Shipbuilding Employees (NUS) were both heard by Sir Raymond Henry Watton. After several of the later court cases brought by the AUEW right wing.

CHILE: Rule to turn the promises into action

The National Rank and File Organising Committee (NRFOC) will be appealing against the AUEW right wing’s decision to fire its rank and file organizers in Chile, the South American country where the AUEW has its largest foreign affiliate.

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AUEW JUDGE HAS SHAPED THE ACTION

WHILE newspaper and television have done their best to whip up support for the right wing at the upcoming AUEW elections, the Engineers Charter has instead been a relief to the left.

The Charter, which has been adopted by the Engineers Charter, is the best way to stop the cuts and redundancies in the area.

The Engineers Charter is a way to contrast to the lack of action by the Transport and General Workers’ Union and the NEC secretary, Graham Phillips.

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THE FIGHT FOR JOBS

THE battle for jobs in the Plessey group, where the bosses are looking for 2,000 redundancies, is in severe danger of being sold out even before it starts.

The bosses’ skilful games of divide and rule has already won a big victory.

LADDBROKES: WE NEED MORE SUPPORT

GLASGOW: The strike of 280 members of the Transport Workers Union (TGWU) at Ladbrokes the bookmakers is now in its 15th week, and now only the strikes are beginning to get the kind of support that will help them win.

The problem for the strikers has always been that the industrial strength they build would not be of itself beat the company. They need the help of other trade unions. But the TGWU never extended the fight as it could have done.

When the strike committee pickedet Ayre’s bookmaker’s, while Ladbrokes were operating the race chess, the TGWU delivery driver just got a bunch on beer suppliers—but only the Ladbrokes race and not completely. But the delivery driver blacked the whole company. Ladbrokes would have been forced to acknowledge the strike committee’s claim.

The TGWU could have instructed their members to black every postcode. One, Elmwood, is avoided by Ladbrokes—it has a lot of postal vote双十一活动。In a second, the strike committee fee they are beginning to win.

Donations and messages of support to Michael Doherty, Ladbrokes Strikers Committee, 216 West Pigeon Street, Glasgow.

THIS IS A ‘SUPER-DEAL’?

The years have been full of praise for British Leyland’s supercar. Last month their share of the home market rose to 39 per cent. A super-coupe warranty has been announced for two years.

But for British Leyland workers the supercar is not so attractive. More and more redundancies are announced, along with extra workloads, 100 per cent price mobility, and a breaking down of all shopfloor democracy.

At Longbridge another 190 voluntary redundancies have been offered. The management has spent so far in detail where they can be made, and why they are being made.

The question is just to cover heavy production programmes that has been abandoned, and it is clear that the intention is to achieve a higher rate of productivity per worker than ever in the past.

Workers at Longbridge have told the Evening Standard, which are not enough, they are just for a time. The acceptance of the proposed redundancies is a very important part of the deal. The management has agreed to the acceptance of the redundancies. The two unions have agreed to the acceptance of the agreement. The two unions will be written for several years in the future.

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Calling all activists in the motor industry...

The Rank and File Organising Committee have called a conference on the Clyde Motor Industry for Saturday 15 November in Birmingham.

Gerry Jones, Transport Workers Union shop steward at Chrysler, Stoke, told Socialist Worker last week: "This conference is a major opportunity to get the attests together across the whole industry."

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The factsheet asks: how many jobs are threatened? Are the workers ready to fight back? Can collective action control an attack?

Details of the conference from the Rank and File Organising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London, E10. The factsheet costs 10p a copy plus £2.50 a copy for five or more. Contact: Rank and File Organising Committee, 75p for a hundred.
How Crosland fixed the vote

DAVID NITTALL, a former Labour councillor in Clav Cross, has accused Anthony Crosland, Environment Minister, of fixing a parliamentary vote against the majority decision of the Labour Party in conference and in parliament.

The result, he says, ruined the careers and probably the future of up to 40 Labour MPs who were in the Commons on Monday night against the Vote.

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By PAUL FOOT

Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Rotherby, is not at all surprised to hear about the fixed vote. There was a smell of betrayal all that day," he told Socialist Worker.

"Many left MPs were allowed to go away by the Whips. But they had to work very hard to lose the vote. Only five Labour Unions were in the house to vote against. The Scott Nats and Welsh Nats abstained. The only way the Whips could be sure of losing was by Labour abstentions."

Many supporters of the Clav Cross councillors hoped that this year's Labour Party conference would force the government to continue with legislation.

David Skinner, another of the eleven, explained: 'My union—NUPE—had a motion down calling for the lifting of the fines and the disinvehicle rationalisation."

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NATIONAL Front members have recently been appearing on London streets with "petitions against the Nugees".

A new housewife was physically attacked when she challenged such a group two weeks ago.

This is just one more reason why the annual general meeting of the National Front on Chelsea Town Hall this Saturday must be stopped.

Since the board of governors of the Hammersmith Hospital joint shop stewards' committee told Socialist Worker that they would not support all supporting the packet, there should be none.

Several thousand people outside the hall by 2.30 am could prevent the meeting taking place.

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