JOIN THE FIGHT FOR JOBS!

This is a public scandal. This is supposed to be about unemployment, but there are pensioners dying of the cold while you are stuffing yourselves up here.

TONY MORRIS will never forget Bloody Sunday. Not just because Paratroopers murdered 13 of his brothers and sisters in Derry four years ago, but because of what happened to him in South London two weeks ago.
He was attacked and beaten round the head with truncheons on his way home from the Bloody Sunday Commemoration demonstration. Tony believes the attackers were Special Branch.

On 9 October 1976, Tony Morris was served because the Special Branch secretly told his boss, Henry Gold, that he was a fund-raiser for the IRA.
Last March a London tribunal contemptuously refused to hear his claim that he was wrongfully dismissed. It also refused to hear detailed evidence from Transport Workers' official Ron Todd. Henry Gold had admitted to Ron Todd that the Special Branch had told him Tony was a 'suspected IRA collector'. But Tony didn't let the matter rest. He kept raising it with his MP. Tony, Robert Carr. For months Carr insisted there was no evidence against the police.

Then, last month, Tony received a letter from Carr explaining that he'd been elevated to the peerage and was dropping the case. Enclosed with the letter was a photostat of a letter from Roy Jenkins.

Part of this read: 'Mr Morris's employers were, however, told that inquiries were being made on behalf of the Special Branch and, knowing that Mr Morris was Irish, they may have assumed the rest.'

In other words, Jenkins confirmed that Tony Morris's account of his unfair dismissal was 100 per cent correct.

But although Robert Carr had washed his hands of the case, the Special Branch had not. And the Special Branch would certainly have known about the Jenkins letter.

Stepping off a bus on his way home, Tony was offered a lift from a man in a Volkswagen. When he turned it down, the man drove off to pick up another man, did two U-turns and came as him again from behind.

The man got out of the car and set about Tony. Then another man attacked him from behind with a truncheon. This missed his head, but the man brought his back and hit Tony twice. Fortunately Tony was able to break for his car and run in front of the vehicle.

Tony takes his concerns to the National Council for Civil Liberties. But the experience is difficult for an Irishman who went to the UK to escape about the Special Branch was named Kenneth Lennon.

He was eventually found in a ditch with a bullet through his head.

THE Right to Work Campaign is winning growing support from trade union bodies all over the country.

This week the Hull Port shop stewards' committee agreed to back the campaign, locally and nationally. They will sponsor two unemployed pickets for one day each.

In London docks, Tony Merrick, one of the Pentonville Five charged for fighting the Industrial Relations Act in 1972, agreed to sponsor the campaign. So did John Lear, TGWU official in the Surrey docks.

The Clay Cross parish council — successors to the council that defied the last Tory government's Race Act — sponsored the campaign. So has the Clay Cross branch of the public employees union, NUPE.

The Miners' lodge at Lea Hall in Staffordshire has affiliated to the campaign, sending £77 — the money in their strike fund. The lodge at Pendlebury pit, Lancashire, is sponsoring an unemployed Belton engine Jack Cummins for five weeks to 'Fight Back to Work March'.

Fight Back

More than 130 trade union bodies — branches, shop stewards' committees, trade unions — are now backing the campaign, which is being run by Rank and File Organising Committee. They have sent extra money to support marchers on the Right to Work March from Manchester to London, starting in two weeks' time.

Alan Kirkby, deputy chairman of the dockers' campaign, told Socialist Worker: 'Hull dockers welcome this initiative in the fight against unemployment.' They are sending two delegates to join the Hull Right to Work Committee.

Graham Skinner, one of the Clay Cross eleven and secretary of Clay Cross NUPE, told Socialist Worker: 'The cuts in public spending — the shedding of the ranks of the unemployed with NUPE and with other trade unions — is a far more serious situation than it was before. We've got to stop the slide. We've got to build a political movement of ourselves when it comes through Clay Cross, and I urge all my members to join it too.'

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STRUGGLE

Most encouraging is the growing support in the Engineering Union, So Far four district committees — Worthington, Wolverhampton, Bradford and Dudley — and 34 branches have sent in their £1 for sponsorship.

Twenty-four shop stewards' committees are now sponsors.

Finally, thanks from the Campaign to John Forrest, assistant general secretary of the AUEW (TASS) and a member of the Labour Party National Executive. After speaking to a meeting on unemployment in Huddersfield last week, he offered £1 to Right to Work marcher Steve Kind.

'That's going to help,' he said.

RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN NEWS — pages 4-5.
Abortion vote is threat to every woman

by MARGARET RENN

A VICTORY for blind prejudice and reaction. That was the vote on abortion in the House of Commons.

There were never more than 60 MPs in the House to hear the debate; but when the vote was taken enough MPs rolled up from the government benches to turn the Select Committee's promises to the Commons to votes of 337 to 271.

That is 100 more votes in favour of the James White Bill than when they voted this time last year.

There can be no previous now that they are voting against some abortion. The Abortion Act. The book Babes for Burning, which got so much publicity last year, has been shown to be nothing but lies.

In fact, perhaps the number of abortions has actually fallen since 1971. In 1949/50, I was in charge of Baby Unit gun for Britain to abandon abortion. Why? Because changes in the abortion law in its own country has made it easier.

Continue

Changes in the abortion law in this country will drive more women to the back street abortionists, and into the hands of the private doctors who will bring in huge profits for price. That will be the out-come.

The MPs who voted for the committee to continue its debate, and most of those who said on the committee that they didn't believe women have any right to decide about abortion for themselves,

They are the same MPs who are pocketing the profits in hospitals and shops, growing unemployment and increasing prices. They are specifically hostile about the right of the unborn to life, yet vote to increase gas and electricity prices, roasting the deaths of millions of people from cold.

That is the level of their hypocrisy.

They have no right to decide about life - the right of their own lives. We want abortion to be freely available on the Health Service for all women.

We must now support the demonstration called by the National Abortion Campaign on Saturday 3rd April. Make sure that every trade union branch and students' union has a mortality campaign to build up to the Right to Work and Support the campaign, commit itself to support the demonstration against the unfair campaign actively against the James White Bill.

 organise a public meeting in your area at the end of March to campaign for the demonstration.

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 Use local radio, newspapers, posters, pickets and collections to build the campaign against the Bill.

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Tickets 80p. All proceeds to the Right to Work Campaign.

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Who's SPLENDING NOW?

HARRY MISHANE, Socialist Worker's secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, which led the 'hunger marchers' in the 1960s and 1970s, says the Right to Work is a joke. His colleagues say that the Right to Work is the right to work.

"Almost every month which I have been on the NEC was opposition to the TUC and the Labour Party. I was always told 'you are bringing down the trade union movement. It is a right not to work and walk out.'

"It's all part of their obsession with their membership. If it will help them they will do it. They don't care about the leaders. We want to win.

"Harry McShane is supporting the Right to Work. He is not a member of the International Section.

Harry McShane

Constitutional Secretary, National Union of Railwaymen

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SPARKS REFUSE TO CUT SUPPLIES

THE support flowing into the Right to Work march and Rally has not, regretfully, stopped other union officials trying to sabotage the march.

They have sold jobs and conscripted their members to try to turn union members against the march and rally against the march, just as they have done in the past when they attacked the 1964 'Yes to Democracy' campaign, 'politically motivated' by a Section 43 of the 1960 Race Relations Act, which has regrettably been aided by a newspaper that claims to support workers' struggles, the Morning Star. There hasn't been work the march and rally.

The Star has not divested anything like the same space to attacking union leaders, and into the hands of the private doctors who will bring in huge profits for price. That will be the outcome.

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Jenkin's victim

FRANK STAGG is dying as we go to press. The hunger striker who was imprisoned for 'conspiring to bring about the taking of arms' left hospital after a breakdown.

STAGG, 32, was on a hunger strike at Dunbarton, in west Scotland, to protest against the jailing of 81 men and one woman for refusing to serve in Northern Ireland. He said his hunger strike was a protest against the jailing of 81 men and one woman for refusing to serve in Northern Ireland.

He said he had not been allowed to see his wife or his children. He had not been allowed to see his wife or his children.

Yet still Home Secretary Roy Jenkins is refusing Frank Stagg's request to be allowed to serve his jail sentence in Northern Ireland.

Indeed Jenkins is even refusing Frank Stagg's family permission to see him. If Frank Stagg does it is possible that some Republicans will, on the black side, appeal to the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal.

We wish to make it plain that that suggestion was totally unfounded. Mr Jenkins must not be confused with his views. We wish to make it plain that that suggestion was totally unfounded. Mr Jenkins must not be confused with his views.

Terry Comerford

In its issue of 3 August 1975 we published an article concerning the dismissal of Judy Cotter by the super- visory staff of AMSP. The headline, taken together with the article, suggested that Terry Comerford, a district officer of AMSP, had brought about Judy Cotter's dismissal for reasons connected with his views on abortion. We wish to make it plain that that suggestion was totally unfounded. Mr Jenkins must not be confused with his views. We wish to make it plain that that suggestion was totally unfounded. Mr Jenkins must not be confused with his views.

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Socialist Worker
KILLERS THE ARMY TRAINED IN IRELAND

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WORDS FROM A LONELY BRITISH MERCENARY IN A FAR-AWAY LAND

HELP PRINT THOSE VITAL COPIES

Sending a flack to the U.S. in a 'cold war' column. This means a rise in the price of a newspaper, which will cost more.

Carib trial restarts

Hospital memo: Be ready to sack migrant workers

A MEMO from the Hackney Hospital management to all heads of departments in Social Worker's possession.

The suggestion that we be informed by the Department of Employment that the permits held by employers who are migrants will be treated as vacancies when the permits held by the employer who is the employer to be permitted to recruit the employee will issue.

The Department of Employment will attempt to produce candidates for these jobs and, if suitable, British nationals are available for work they will be expected to employ them in place of the foreign national concerned.

The memo goes on to point out that when the Department of Employment issues a permit "we will not be subject to appeals against unfair dismissal."

So far as Hackney Department heads are concerned this policy is not a new one.

Permits

The research office of the white-collar union ASTMS has investigated the memo and discovered that the TUC has asked the Department to liquidate the number of permits issued, but little has yet been done.

The Department did, however, make clear that current policy is as yet not in the same, although they have considered it and may introduce a review.

In other words the hospital management is heading for a struggle to push through these proposed policies policies. All the hospitals are concerned in this and the Department has announced that they will be consulted as soon as possible.

The TUC's proposals are a direct challenge to the big employers, instead of fighting for positive policies against mass unemployment, it sides with management in its attempts to make foreign workers we can't do anything about it.

Foreign workers are no more exploitable than the British. Getting rid of a few Chinese will not make the bosses, what it leaves a vacuum which others will fill. It is no way out of the question of mass unemployment.

We must fight the right of all workers, and work, and attacks on the employers' attempts to split us and sell us out.

A BIG push is planned for Socialist Worker sales during the Right To Work-March.

Anybody who can, take a chance to tackle the problem of the foreign workers sell in their mates or nieces.

The money a rise in the price of a newspaper, which will cost more.
Four more for the March

What They Are Marching For

These are the ten demands of the National Right to Work Campaign, which is organizing the march:

One: Opposition to all forms of redundan-
y. No voluntary redundancy. No job loss
through natural wastage. No productivity
dealing.

Two: For 100 per cent trade union closed shops with shopfloor trade union control of hiring and manning levels. No discrimina-
tion or blacklisting. Trade union district registration of all jobs and protection of dist-
ict manning levels.

Three: No co-
operation with the employers. No to all participation schemes.

Four: Uncom-
promising opposition to all forms of recrimination and discrimination. For the equal right of
women to a full-time job.

Five: For the 35-hour week without loss of pay. For official over-
time bans to force more jobs.

Six: Five days work or five days pay. For occupations in force
the nationalisation without compensation of firms that cannot
attain the right to work.

Seven: Stop the cuts.

Eight: Break the freeze across the board to increase living stan-
dards.

Nine: Full wages for the unemployed and no means testing. £6/
week increase now for all unemployed workers as an immediate step
towards this.

Ten: For full trade union rights for the un-
employed.

Demands

John said he was going to march from Manchester to London and added that one of
the main demands on the march would be: "Stop the Hospital Cuts!"
Kevin and John were well
received. In the rush, we
decided:

To sponsor the national campaign for the Right to
Work.

To sponsor John's march for as long as pos-
sible.

Collections would be
held every Friday for four
weeks. Football cards would
not be sold.

To sell raffle tickets for the
campaign. We took 150.

To put out an appeal for
furniture for the Right to
Work occupied premises at
Sandringham Road, Har-
ky.

To call for immediate
action from the TUC on
what we see as the biggest
scandal of all, that people
can have their unemploy-
ment benefit cut off if they refuse to work at non-union
rates.

These decisions were taken unanimously and enthusiastically.

I put a rocket after the meeting from a couple of
porters who said I was too
soft. I had asked for collec-
tions of 5p a member.

They said 3p should be the
minimum...
ANOTHER JOBS CENTRE OCCUPIED

HULL’S Employment Office, occupied by 30 unemployed and unemployed supporters of the local Right to Work Committee last week. Leaflets were handed out to passers-by explaining why the occupation was taking place - 14,000 on the dole in Hull and the likelihood of many moving into the area.

There was good coverage of the occupation by the local press, Radio Humberside and Yorkshire BCC and ITV. Hull University Students Union are supporting the campaign by-sponsored 30 seats on the coach going to the Albert Hall rally, as well as arranging regular collections on the campus. Good collections have also been made by workers at Proctor’s and other factories in the area.

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WHAT THE CAMPAIGN IS ALL ABOUT. By John Deason, secretary of the Campaign, with an introduction by Harry McShane, secretary of the Scottish Unemployed Workers’ Movement in the Thirties.

Watch out for next week’s review of this important pamphlet by Bernie La Roche, father of the federated chapel (convener) at the Kentish Times.

Available, price £1.95 (inc postage) or 10p a copy for ten or more, from Right to Work Campaign, 46 Prince George Road, London, N16.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, a mass meeting of factory workers has voted to support the Right to Work Campaign and the Manchester to London march.

The FACTORY in Crumchields is being closed in North London where, a year ago, workers fought a battle to save their jobs. It now has voted unanimously to support the Campaign.

Workers’ chairman Bill Hayward told Socialist Worker: ‘We support this campaign 100% and we are going to hold regular fortnightly collections to assist the marchers’.

Crumchields factory was one of the first visited by the North London Right to Work Committee after its formation last winter.

Unanimous! Mass meeting back the Campaign.

Support the Right to Work Campaign!

FLASHBACK to last year’s strike: Crumchields workers know about fighting unemployment. Bill Hayward is second from the left.

Crumchields’ shop steward came to the first and well-attended delegate meeting of the Committee on 4 February.

At English Nurnberg Machine, Rights to Work campaigners were asked to speak to the workers’ committee, and won support from the factory as a result.

SOME members of the body are sponsoring the Campaign in the North London area.

Next to appear will be Crumchields, who have written to the London Trades Union Council, AUEW, and National Association No. 1, for help.

Bill Hayward, asking for support and sponsorship, explained: ‘I wish the members success in the belief that every genuine initiative should be supported.

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A LESSON FOR US ALL...

By PHIL JONES

Forest of Dean branch, NALGO

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What about Russia?

GEORGES Marchais, general secretary of the French Communist Party, has just proposed to his 5th party Congress that all reference to that "outdated phrase" the dictatorship of the proletariat should be dropped from the party programme.

In due course, the proposal will doubtless be adopted unanimously, as is customary in these circles.

Oppose

And so it's a very good thing too, you may say. It is surely a step forward that Marchais now condemns "repressive action in the Soviet Union" as well as other countries for cause.

And shouldn't we oppose all dictatorships everywhere.

Certainly, every genuine socialist must condemn the regime in the USSR—which, however, Marchais did not do except by very tawdry and ineffective criticism.

That regime is a totalitarian tyranny. It is a perversely repressive state, taken from a recent "Chronicle of Current Events", a journal produced at risk by dissidents inside the USSR, will serve to illustrate just how brutal and repressive it is today.

And remember, this is 20 years after Khrouchtchev's "speech" denouncing Stalin's crimes, and promising a return to "socialist legality".

C. P. Vin, April March 1974.

Charges: playing an important role in illegal Baptist organizations and in printing and circulating Baptist literature.

The Constitution of the USSR (Article 31) states that the USSR are guaranteed by law, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, etc.

Anatoly Marchenko, Arrested

A proletarian victory means the triumph of the essentially inferior, of the less civilised over the more civilised. —Daily Telegraph magazine, 30 January

YES SHAH, NO SHAH

IRAN MAY BE top of Amnesty International's World Torture League, but it is also top of Britain's most popular export league. Its violence takes no prisoners.

Which may explain why those men of principle who call themselves the Labour government are so anxious to keep a tight upper hand on the Shah's area.

Harsh but true—no one looks at next week's trial in London of 21 Iranian students makes clear. The students protested at the Shah's barbaric regime with a 15-minute sit-in at the Iranian embassy in London.

The Shah was upset. The Labour government was upset that the Shah was upset. So the students end up facing conspiracy charges—and the prospect of being deported back to a fate worse than death. They will be in a regular dungeon.

Moreover, evidence of the Shah's love affair with fellow human beings continues.

from Rolls-Royce factory in Willesden, North West London.

The Shah, it seems, has just purchased a stunning Rolls. Each costing £8000. Each armoured plated. Each bullet-proof. The chauffeur, however, are not so lucky. The bullet-proof panels at the driving seat. Seems it would have cost a mere £3,000 to safeguard each driver.

But what's the odd chauffeur's life when you're butchering people everyday of the week?

No more Vietnams!

The reservations that many of us have now about the Angola policy is that in the final analysis—after Vietnam—the people of this country will not give us the backing we need to go the whole route in Angola.

A United States State Department official, worrying about his government's efforts to crush the MPLA in Angola.

A HUSBAND who said he needed £15 a week to feed himself, his wife and their baby was told by a High Court judge yesterday. You are asking too much.

Sir George Baker, president of the Family Division, said: "I take the view that people do not live in barracks. That is a couple of pounds too high."

The £15 figure was put forward by the father, who left to go to

from the Newcastle Journal, 28 January. Sir George Baker eats £400 a week. Tax-free, of course.

When are YOU going to write something for FIFTH COLUMN?

The Rule of Law

EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW: The following three cases appeared on Page 13 of the Daily Mail on 6 February

Lionel Gobin, a Frenchman, remanded in custody in Scotland for stealing saucers and unattended watering cans. Me Gobin is on the dock.

Edward Maudling, given a conditional discharge at Westminster Court for stealing tapon worth £75.

The magistrate told him: "You have already suffered enough to be put in the dock."

Mr. Maudling is the son of Reginald Maudling, the Shadow Foreign Secretary.

Sir Vyo Robert have to remain at home and look after the house. £125 at Thetford for bringing a woman to his hotel, and £150 for shoplifting chickeches to the tune of £100. Mr. Sis is the son of a former RAF security chief.

February 1975. Charge: violating the conditions of parole as a condition of release from previous sentence (1956) for public criticism of the regime—in other words he continued his political work.

Sentence: Four years exile in a remote area of the USSR.

And so on and so on. The known cases and the thousands remain are far too numerous to quote. Marchais, of course, is not responsible for all this.

He very probably disapproves of it—if only because he is an electoral handicap to his party in France.

But he is guilty of the crime of identifying himself monstrously with the dictatorship of the proletariat.

And that is a crime because the portrayal of the USSR as a socialist country, a workers state that is both the internal captive of the dictatorship of the proletariat, has done untold harm to the cause of the struggle everywhere.

If that is socialism, say I, then I have come to learn a lot about Stalinism and the way in which, the USSR is not socialist; is not a workers state, is not in any sense an example of proletarian dictatorship.

It is a dictatorship in all those respects of a privileged bureaucracy operating against the working class.

Kettle

Chou En-lai, told the 10th Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party (1973):

"A true Marxist ruling clique, from Khrouchtchev in Brezhnev, has restored capitalism, encouraged dictatorship, and enslaved the peoples of all the people of the world.

If this is called socialism, then a real socialist state, is not in any sense an example of a proletarian dictatorship.

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State

On the contrary, it is a declaration that the French Communist Party is a 'safely reformed (pro-capitalist) party which is not out to establish a workers state in France and so should not be allowed to participate in bourgeois democracy (as it did between 1914 and 1947),

On the other hand, be believes that a state is an indispensable stop on the road to socialism.

But if this is why such, and what this state of leadership really means, next week.

How was the Revolution last
POLICE clashed with thousands of protesters and demonstrators in several parts of Spain last week.

POLICE use tear gas to break up marches of strikers all over Spain

AMONG the opponents of the present fascist set-up in Spain is a vast range of political differences, both about how it should be changed and what should replace it.

The main groupings are:

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The largest of the underground parties, one Spanish news magazine estimates that its 90,000 members.

The Socialist Communist Party (PSC) is the more orthodox of the two, being committed to the establishment of a full-fledged socialist state.

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THE NATIONALISTS

The right wing of the Spanish state, its two main parties, the Falange and the Carlists.

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REVOLUTIONARY LEFT

The International Communist, Lucha Oberta (Workers' Rights), etc.

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THE STRUGGLE FOR ANGOLA

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Who's who in the struggle for Spain

Thousands defy the fascists

BARCELONA 19:4 demonstrators put an anti-fascist flag on the Franco monument: Right, demonstrators fare the police, who attacked them with water-carts and clubs.
The housing lottery
a diary of desperation

Friday 4am:
Carol wakes everyone up. We warm up with hot tea and beans on toast. Start loading blankets and deck chairs into the car. Frank, Carol's dad, drives us to the Housing Department in Paddington.
6am:
We've arrived. There are a few people there already, so at least we're in the right place. A couple of them have been there all night. I buy some papers and we settle down. It's dark and pretty cold. We've about 126 off ground level and exposed to the wind.
9am:
GLC staff arrive. They pull down the blinds so we can't see in.
10.30am:
Men from the housing department give out leaflets about who can apply. We'll be issued with tickets tomorrow morning at 9am. As there must be 100 here already we don't see why they can't give out tickets now.
'They want to sort out who's keen,' one bloke says. 'Sadists,' says someone else. Mark Phillips never had this trouble.

11.15am:
One condition for a flat is 'proof that you are in housing need.' Well, we've certainly phoned and written and seen enough agencies and flat owners. Most of them helpfully suggested that if we didn't have a joint income of £4000 a year we might as well give up.
We've had our name on the Greenwich Council list since 1974 and have been saving with a building society for over two years. Mortgages are right out. The GLC will only give us a £4000 mortgage. We could buy a lovely garage with that.
1pm:
Carol gets some fish and chips. People are still arriving. You can see the looks of frustration and despair on their faces when they see the length of the queue. Some have rows about whether to stay or not.

4pm:
Reporters ask us what we think of the housing situation. We say it's ridiculous for some people to have two or three houses when others haven't got any. Carol says we should make Buckingham Palace into flats.

Saturday 2am:
We talk to others about the trouble with both sets of plans still people arrive.
4am:
This is the first time the wind's picked up.
7am:
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Barbara Haines aged 41
In London a two-room furnished flat costs about £22 to £25. That's not including electricity and gas. How could I manage this?
'The council just don't build much for single people. I don't know where they think we can find a decent place to live

Meanwhile, there are 200,000 building workers unemployed...

John Money (right) a building worker queued two nights for the chance of a flat. I've got two continental quilts, a coat, two jumpers, two shirts, two pairs of trousers, three pairs of socks, and a 160ft-long scarf and I'm still cold!
'There should be enough places for people to live. I mean, there are plenty of building workers out of work. It's ridiculous. I was out of work for two months before I got the job I have now. I just hope I don't lose it for taking the day off to queue here.'

I went to the council for a GLC mortgage. They just said phone back in six months. But I need a place now. I'm waiting to get married. It's crazy. There are places in London that aren't lived in for half the year.'

8.45am:
We've packed our things. Officials have given us 120 tickets.
FACT
There are 400,000 'second homes' in Britain—used only at weekends or holidays. (Shelter estimate)

There are an estimated 3,500,000 families on council housing lists in Britain. This doesn't include many single people or couples without children, who don't bother to apply because they know they don't stand a chance. (Statistics compiled from government figures)

FACT
It cost £170,750 to build a council house in 1974. (Department of Environment average of all councils in Britain)

Interest repayments—at an estimated 12 per cent interest rate over 15 years—would be £22,000. In other words, they could build three times as many houses if they didn't have to pay the moneylenders.

Out of every pound that Islington Borough Council in North London spends in its housing account, 30p goes in building and maintaining houses. 70p goes to the moneylenders in interest repayments.

WHAT WE THINK
There is no reason why anyone should be homeless in Britain. 400,000 families could be housed for a start if all the 'second homes'—used now only for the occasional weekend—were given to families who have nowhere to live.

At least three times as many houses could be built by councils if they didn't have to pay exorbitant interest rates. The 200,280 construction workers looking for jobs now could be building new homes and repairing old ones—homes desperately needed.

This is not pie in the sky. It's a real possibility. This is what socialism is all about. A home for everyone. Not a 35 bed-roomed mansion for one family while others sleep on the streets.

Many working families have managed—or are still struggling—to buy their own homes. Under socialism, they will keep their homes. But the rich will have to give up their 'little hide-aways' in the country or their townhouses in London.

Under socialism, we will all have a home. One each.
...and WHAT'S ON

Student conference biggest on left for years

A REAL SUCCESS - that was the verdict on the student conference run by NOSSA, the National Organisation of International Students at the University of Manchester last month.

300 delegates and observers from all over the country - the biggest conference ever for students for years, discussed NOSSA policy and had the opportunity to put their points of view.

The high point of the conference was generally agreed to be the visit to the Manchester Poly by Michael Lee, assistant general secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign. John Hume was expected to appear, but he did not.

An important case study was on overseas students' fees. Delegates worked out a proposed fee structure for overseas students.

Society and booksellers set up行情

A successful week was planned for society and bookshop representatives.

Notices for What's On should be passed to the Suitable Worker by first post on the Monday before publication. Adverts with PAC (paid advertising classification) accepted by phone. Send to: What's On, Care, Extension, Cambridge, E2 0ED.

SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

EDINBURGH SWR public meeting, 8 pm, Tuesday, 14 February at 23 Waverley Place. Booking essential, tel. 232 5807.

ABERDEEN SWR meetings tomorrow (Saturday), 2.45 pm. Details from David Pirie, tel. 363 0224.

HARLOW SWR discussion meeting on Saturday (March 1), 2.45 pm. Details from Paul Oakley, tel. 363 0224.

AFRICA FORUM Social Workday this Saturday, 26 February. For details on 01-710 6494. Contact: Mary and David Thomas, 172 Western Road, London SW11.

FEDERATION NORTH EAST SWR NW Regional socialist rally and conference, 3rd March. Details from 01-272 0009.

EAST LONDON SWR series of events this Friday, 18 February. Details from 01-272 0009.

CITY OF LONDON SWR SW Regional socialist conference this Saturday, 26 February. Details from 01-915 9191.

CUMBRIA SWR meeting this Sunday, 26 February. Details from 01-624 0009.

CENTRAL LONDON Socialist meeting this Friday, 18 February, 8 pm. Details from 01-915 9191.

BIRMINGHAM SWR meeting this Saturday, 26 February. Details from 01-272 0009.

SOUTHAMPTON SWR meeting this Saturday, 26 February. Details from 01-272 0009.

Go to meetings

ATTENDANCE AT socialist meetings in the last month was not too bad, say organisers, but there was a lot of room for improvement.

SOCIALIST WORKER needs people to work on it

Interested in working on the Socialist Worker? contact us on 01-722 3747 or write to Socialist Worker, Extension, Cambridge, E2 0ED.

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MAKING THE NEWS...

HAY YOU EVER BEEN ON TELEVISION?

Perhaps you were in one of those crowd shots taken outside the factory gates after a walk-out. Or perhaps you’ve been interviewed as the media-baited ‘leader of a strike’. If you have then you’ll know that when you come into industrial relations, all you see on the box bears little relationship to the real facts.

To try and find out how much of this kind of reporting is going on, two young sociologists from Glasgow University, Brian Watson and Paul Walton, decided to look more closely at television news industrial coverage.

RESULTS:

For the first three months of last year they recorded every single news broadcast on all three channels. Then, with the help of a computer, they analysed the results.

Television news, they found, deliberately seeks to ‘photogenic discourses’. The punch-ups, the riots, the public rows, the confrontation, are not what the broadeners are after. Any real explanation of events is left out. Their report criticises the Glasgow district’s strike last year as an example. There were plenty of newsworthy issues, such as pay and hours, to be covered. But in 13 broadcasts, not a word about them. The most over-prominent images involved in the strike were in the news.

Remember Harold Wilson’s speech at Hayton a year ago when he talked about ‘readiness’ and ‘appalling pressure’ on the industry. That speech was closed with the tinny crackle of the news. But within moments, the same sorts of images were in ITN bulletins and some time by some of the local news during the strike’s long weeks.

TROUBLE

The effect was to give the impression of a strike, and only strikes, at the root of all industrial problems.

The report also analyses the coverage of the Ryder report on British Leyland, published in April last year. Ryder had the company’s difficulties down to poor management, and showed all a base lack of investment.

In a pointed history of the company, designed to go beyond the story on the report, the Ryder report’s new model seemed to be declared. In the past, Ryder had specifically described the life of British Leyland as a ‘living death’. British Leyland could be told at the time of a ‘lack of workable force’.

ANSWER:

Far worse than that, the fact is that the news on television was there a mention of what Ryder saw as the key explanation for British Leyland’s troubles—the decision in 1971 to reduce 95 per cent of the firm’s work force. This could be used as an explanation to management for a reduction in plants’ and workers’ salaries, or as dividends to shareholders, or to retain any one of the five per cent for reinvestment.

On 28 January, armed with their findings, Brian Watson and Paul Walton went along to Congress House to meet members of the TUC General Council. They showed them records of ITN and BBC news of industrial coverage.

But there’s more when you are taking on the establishment, you have to use the weight of the mark. The BBC had already avoided the role of a worker’s force.

When the Director General of BBC 2, Sir David Carras, heard the report he was worried that the work of the ‘propaganda’ contained in the report. But he was commissioned a senior officer to go out and draw up a report. Copies were to be sent to the TUC and to the unions. The BBC’s work is not the same as the work of the unions.

SHOWED

The BBC’s reply did what it could to answer the points made in the report, picking up some of the statistics, and pointing out how the BSC’s reports were not just the union’s. The charge that the BBC’s view of industrialism is not impartial— it is the view of the people of the middle-class who are tuning in— is a misrepresentation. The broadcasting industry has a more complete view of the management’s point of view. For take, for example, the BBC’s comment on the strike: "We say the news. And God knows we do."

Ed Fixer
Scottish Nationalism:

YES! FIGHT IT—AND YOU'RE RACIST!

PLAID CYMRU and the Scottish National Party do not agree—as you suggest—that their policies are exploited by the English. Their goals of Welsh and Scottish nationhood are not meant to benefit the English and other members of minority races.

It is the goal of Plaid Cymru and the SNP to work towards the establishment of independent nations within the United Kingdom. We do not believe in the assimilation of Welsh and Scottish cultures into English society.

To equate the SNP with the views of the English is to misunderstand the fundamental principles of the SNP. We do not believe in the merger or assimilation of Welsh and Scottish cultures with English culture.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly. We would be happy to discuss our policies and goals further.

Ask a Welsh or Scottish citizen if they support what you are saying about the SNP. If yes, then they are welcome to join our cause. If no, then we respect their choice and wish them well in their endeavors.

In Welsh, the SNP is in Cymru. In Scottish, it is in Naionrachd Gaidhealach. We stand for the rights of the Welsh and Scottish nations to govern themselves and determine their own destinies.
Why I’m standing for CPSA president

Mike McGrath

We on Redder Tape don’t believe in electioneering for fun. I've been pushed into this decision to stand for President by the scandalous behaviour of the Broad Left movement in the union.

They're supporting one right-wing agitator against another. Don't laugh. That's exactly what they're doing.

Last year the press had a field day when Kay Loniska won the presidency. Loniska is a vicious right-winger, one of the most vicious in the whole movement. She's used her position as president to impose her right-wing views at every level of the union and outside.

I'd really like to see her crushed.

In this year's election, I supported Walter Adamson, who was a strong candidate for the Broad Left. The whole left supported Walter and I would support him again.

Some time before Christmas the Broad Left group met to decide their tactics for this year. They thought they couldn't beat Loniska with a left-wing candidate—so they picked a right-wing one.

**Issue**

They picked Len Lever. He's a colourless ex-president who sidestepped the right-wing on almost every issue.

For instance, since last conference they've had 13 card votes on the running national committee. Lever has voted against the Broad Left majority no less than eight times. Lever is especially reactionary on women's issues, and the CPSA has a large woman membership. He moved that the union should not affiliate to the National Abortion Campaign. On this issue he's been far to the right than Loniska—and that takes some doing.

Redder Tape has always argued against the strangle of the Broad Left. We have said for years that concentrating on the top of the union fouls up unity, conviction, group morale and personal contacts with members.

The rank and file lose confidence in the union leadership. The union leaders lose confidence in the rank and file and so back away from any real fight on sackings or income policies.

We can't allow an election to go ahead in which the rank and file are spurned in the interests of electoral advantage for one group over another.

**Low-paid**

The Redder Tape editorial board, which includes radicals from several different political parties (and of men), decided unanimously to support me, if I'm nominated. I think and hope I will be nominated.

Our union is a democratic union. It is founded on workplace branches.

We have a low-paid membership, which is underlined by government plans for big increases in VAT.

Our members are fed up with being used as voting fodder for cliques in the union, and I think there will be a big response to a fighting programme.

**QUOTE**

From 1975 CPSA president Kay Loniska

"Last August, the Truthkist International Socialists spoke proudly of a thriving new cell in the Inland Revenue Department. We thus have the possible prospect of declared enemies of the system picking their way through the confidential tax returns of 25 million people in search of materials on illegitimate income, on ill-gotten gains, on illegal operations for political purposes."

"In Postings in Readers Digest, for 50 or 1000 words" February 1975.
Don't Let It Become The Isle of Slainte

The thermal insulation companies—many of them belonging to the same group—have refused to issue regulations for protective clothing. Asbestos

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Equal pay battles go on

The GROG 42 men and women at the Cockburn's Walkers' factory in Swindon, who are seeking fair pay, have been warned to keep off strike for another week. The manager, who threatened to close the factory if the GROG's demands were not met, has now decided to close the factory instead.

The GROG, a trade union representing workers in the food industry, has been negotiating with the Walkers' factory management for several weeks. The union is seeking increased pay and improved working conditions for its members, who are employed in the factory.

The factory management has not yet responded to the union's demands, and the GROG has decided to continue its strike action until a resolution is reached.

6000 MARCH FOR RIGHT TO WORK

Manchester: Fight for the right to work. It's no longer just a campaigning slogan, but a harsh reality for the 50 striking building workers at the Pochin Poly site.

Delegations to local building sites raised collections. A whip poll was taken at the socialist workers' conference in Manchester as the weekend raised £111 after a speech by Ian Heyes, the convener of the RISW.

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Private patients battle hot-ups

W. LONDON: The struggle against private practice at Hamme- ston hospital has reached a crucial stage. For more than two years, auxiliary workers have refused to work in the private sector, which is now introducing hot-ups. The workers have threatened to take action against the hospital management if they do not meet their demands. They are seeking increased pay and better working conditions.

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One in eye for Chrysler

LINWOOD: The victory at Chrysler last week was one in a series of victories for workers who said they wouldn't fight. The response—after five years of back to work for just four months, following a month's lay-off—was magnificent.

Not only did they win, they also established a new political and trade union tradition. They also succeeded in putting the national demand for a new contract on the agenda.

The workers are planning a series of demonstrations and public meetings to protest against Chrysler's closure of their Linwood plant.

By a Linwood shop steward

But the overall situation confronting Chrysler workers remains unchanged. It's still the company's 'undecided' intention to close Linwood in about two years.

Siesta Picket Bites

SHEFFIELD: The two-week strike by the Siesta workers continues.

The 50 sacked night club workers, most of whom have been out for two weeks since they joined the AUEW, were managed to get more than 90% of their wages back from the Government arbitration and conciliation service.

Clanson's strike

WEST LONDON: Six workers at Clansons Typerators, Southwark, have been sacked since they joined the AUEW. Management sacked Graham Watson, the electric shop steward, on 2 January. They sacked the others on 14 January when they stayed out to support. New workers have been hired. Heathrow Airport workers are seeking to hold a strike ballot after management sacked five workers, including three stewards, allegedly for inefficiency.

Did you know?...

that living standards have fallen in the 12 months before last November, by £2.40 a week for workers earning the minimum wage.

The Right to Work Congress was held in Manchester. Workers with them on delegated around factories in the area as they raise money to support the Right to Work campaign. On 13 April 50-50 all the cash taken. Management seem to be trying to vi-

Sageways occupied

SOUTH WALES: After making deals with a number of different bodies, including the notorious Salt Walker group, HOPA AUEW engineers workers and 20 TASS members found their factory occupied last Saturday morning.

The workers told them that the recovery had come in and, when they asked to be paid, Sageways, at Ystrad, had produced a memo that there was no money to pay them.

Support

The factor was immediately occupied. Plans were made for the struggle. A written statement issued by the stewards spelled out that this was a fight for the fundamental right to earn a decent living. Deputations were dispatched to the local branches and the Construction Services Trades Council in support of the occupation.

The dispute has already been made official by both sides. The shop stewards have initiated a police charge, and the police have been called to the factory.

The workers are planning a series of demonstrations and public meetings to protest against the closure of their factory in South Wales in their struggle.

Buses: All out next Wednesday

BRITAIN'S 300 services are fanned with competition.

After years of rising fares, cuts in services and loss of jobs those fanning the flames of this service is not yet over. But we are faced with a loss of 100,000 jobs and 99 million miles of route in the National Bus Company alone. Further of militant reaction and loss of membership, the Transport Workers Union has been given the go-ahead to go on strike. The government has gone out of its way to stop the transport workers from taking action.


Support! Please send more information about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists to:

Name

Address

Send to: National Secretary, International Socialists, Bottons Gardens, London, E2

STOP THIS FRIEND OF FRANCO

JESUS MARIA de Areiza, the Spanish Foreign Minister, has been touring European capitals in an attempt to get more and financial support for his regime's repressive policies.

He is scheduled to come to Britain this weekend for talks with the Labour government.

Keeping Areiza out of Britain is a direct way of organising solidarity with the struggle of Spanish workers.

Saturday 14 February:

LONDON: Mass picket of Downing Street, noon-2pm.

MANCHESTER: Break all links with Francolom. Demonstration assembles 11.30am, Oxford Road.

GLOUCESTER: Mass picket of Iberian Airlines. 10am onwards.

Another 'natural' disaster

SOMETHING other than routine misery and exploitation hit Guatemala last week.

It was an earthquake, and it brought with it a wave of despair.

The quakes have long been feared by the people of Central America—death, destruction and disease.

The desolation is particularly visible in the area around Antigua, where death and destruction are evident everywhere.

In a moving article in the New Yorker, Richard Gott told some of the truth about Guatemala.

He wrote: 'Frescoes and Red Cross removed the corpses, most of whom were in the poorest sections of the country where the houses were least likely to withstand the shocks.

The town is constructed so that the paths of the rich and the poor rarely meet. Guatemala may be short of medical facilities for the poor, but that doesn't mean that there isn't help here. Guatemala is not too poor to save its own life.'

It's just that the wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few, the landowners in the coastal belt, the bankers and business men of the capital.

They are not only suffering from the effects of the earthquake, but from their own neglect of the region in an Angolan style operation in 1954.

All in the name of western civilization to be sure. And in the name of western civilization they are at it still.

In the 1974 election, for instance, they stopped the people from voting. The next time you hear of Britain's 'liberal' regime's 'civilizing mission' in some far-off land, remember what this means to the poor and workers in Guatemala.

Remember that two years ago, 30 Indians in the port of Panajachel were being sprayed with pesticides.