Call this a Labour government?

They're cutting vital public spending. They're closing hospitals, abolishing nursery schools, cutting back on council houses.

Hospital workers, teachers, building workers will lose their jobs.

Already overburdened hospitals, crowded classrooms, year-long housing lists will get worse. The old, the sick, the homeless, the schoolchildren will suffer.

BUS and rail fares are to go up. Fewer people will be able to afford to travel.

With buses and trains half empty, the railways and buses will lose even more money. They will sack more workers. Services will get worse.

There will follow demands for still higher fares, for even more cuts in services and for even more redundancies, which will mean still fewer people travelling...

They're giving £2,500 million extra a year—that's £2.50 a week for every worker in the country—to the City moneylenders in extra interest payments.

They're spending an extra £156 million a year on the means of destroying other workers in other countries. It's called 'defence' and will cost every worker in the country £5 a week.

They're marching against this madness
MARCH FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!

TO RIGHT TO WORK

The rewards of being inadequate

A SMILE from Mrs Thatcher and two weeks without pay. That's what you get for moderating in an election campaign.

The rewards of being inadequate

Millions of people still desperately need washing machines. Millions of women spend endless hours in drudgery because they have not got one.

The JUDGE THEY CAN'T GET RID OF

Judge Miffed Stevenson is in trouble. He told a man to plead guilty in the cell of the Edinburgh Andromeda, and the man got up and walked out on him for petty theft.

The rewards of being inadequate

The occupation at North East London Poly in West Ham. Last Thursday between 40 and 50 students and mothers brought children into the Poly directors' office demanding nursery facilities. The director, G S Brogan, reacted by calling in the police, then locking the occupiers in the room for 48 hours. One of the occupiers told Socialist Worker: "We're let up with waiting. We're going to force Brogan to provide these facilities."

The rewards of being inadequate

Sacked! For doing a job well

Ray Holmes used to be an Adult Education Centre Community Development Project worker. In December Kirklees Labour Council sacked him.

Unfair

They organised the election of black shop stewards in the mills and training courses for these shop stewards. They successfully fought union dismissal cases at industrial tribunals. They had begun to organise courses in labour law.

When the National Front decided to march through Dewsbury, Ray and a friend decided to walk with them and work for the International Socialists and other socialists organisations to mount a counter demonstration.

They were stopped at Dewsbury harbour and arrested. Ray was also arrested for speaking to passers-by. His lawyer was talking about how the天生的 trade union was a good thing. The National Front wanted to take a march against immigrant workers and the trade unionists.

The National Front has organised one of the worst anti-semitic campaigns in history. The National Front march will be opposed.

Up to 30,000 socialists will join Ray and his friend in march through Dewsbury. The march will be supported by the International Socialists, the Yorkshire Council of Socialists and a variety of other organisations.
Call this a Labour government?

WHY do people support the Labour Party?

The answer comes from Arthur Proulx, chairman of the Twickenham Labour Party, in The Guardian this week:

"They expect that a Labour government's policies will be concerned primarily with bettering the lot of those in the bottom half of society."

Arthur Proulx and thousands of others up and down the country have put up with a lot from Labour Parties and governments throughout the ages. Broken promises, corruption.

But they've stuck to Labour because they hoped for slightly better schools, slightly better housing, slightly better hospitals.

Now, Arthur Proulx complains: "We all know what Healey's cuts mean and we know where they'll take effect. Each one of them will hit directly at those members of society that Labour was elected to protect."

PENSION WORTH LESS THAN AT LABOUR'S VICTORY

PENSIONS are worse off now through inflation than they were two years ago when the pension was £28.80.

The single pensioner's pension of £16.30 is worth only £13.04 in 1974 figures. The married couple's pension of £21.50 is worth only £16.30 in 1974 figures, equivalent to £13.40.

Age Concern found this disgusting fact when they analysed the government's own figures in the Retail Prices Index.

Pensioners have to spend a larger part of their income on food than on a working household does—50p per cent more. They have to spend more on fuel.

Pint

Which doesn't leave much over for leisure like a new pair of shoes or a Sunday pint!

Every year pensioners picket the TUC Conference to demand a living pension. Every year Transport Union leader Jack Jones shows their hands, matters are delayed, problems, and forgotten for another 12 months.

But when trade unions insist on their struggle, we will get a living pension. A pension equal to the average of the working class. It's not an optional extra. It's a matter of life and death.

Meanwhile electricity prices double

ELECTRIC G LEERING GAS

WISH you had an 'all electric' house—just like in the ads?

Just like Mr and Mrs All Evans, who live in a three-bedroom semi in Prospect Road, East Finchley, London. They have electric underfloor heating. If I had my way, £2 would be £1.50, said Mrs Evans. They have a pay a fixed charge of £1.66 a week for the electric fire in the living room, £1.40 for the oil heater in the hall, and a fan heater in a bedroom to keep it warm.

The cost of electricity has doubled in the past two years. The new 'big six' scheme is so selective that electricity is not included—and it's due to go up another 11p in the pound in a couple of months. So gas is cheaper. At the moment.

But the Coal Board, the Electricity Board and Energy Minister Anthony Wedgewood Benn are pushing pressure on the Gas Board to raise their prices.

Their up-and-down argument is that if a tax on gas is put the price up—in line with the ratepayer's fuel bills—then the government could use the money from the tax to buy some kind of supplementary fuel benefit to poor people.

Meanwhile the national press has gone very quiet about pensioners suffering from the cold. The slightly warmer weather means that they are not actually freezing to death. The cold and damp is still making life a misery for them—but that's their news. That's their battle.

The Right to Fuel groups should demand to have local authorities pay pensions to fuel deficient pensioners. They should demand not a protective pocket on any house where disconnection of fuel supplies is threatened. They should demand of electricity companies No Disconnection.

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But Jack Jones

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But Jack Jones could stress that the movement is still united—meaning that it's united behind Denis Healey.

The Tribune group of MPs have shown slightly more principle.

Protest

But one of their spokesmen, Arthur Latham, admitted that the group was in difficulty about how to put across their reformist effect. Apparently, the group is frightened, even afraid to protest.

Their indecision shows that the betrayal of the movement cannot be fought by their own tactics of politics, the politics of parliamentary pressuring.

Some of them have demanded the recall of the TUC and Labour Party Conference. We support such a call.

But no one should be surprised that such conferences are alienating, that no one wants to go. The cuts are part of the Tory programme, and Wilson and Healey are part of that programme.

The TUC and Labour Party are in contest and the TUC is the only real force that can organise action from those cut, those cut-back, fighting for every job.
WE ARE so used to hearing about "socialist" that many people are surprised at the moral view that, properly speaking, there is such an animal.

It is not only that the East European states, with their hierarchical armed forces, privileged professional officer corps, vast bureaucracies, uniformed and secret police forces and so on, call themselves socialists.

Preaches

Every Tory newspaper not only agrees with Brezhnev that Russia is socialist but also preaches, day in and day out, that "socialism means more bureacracy, more regimentation, less ‘freedoms’.

Of course, you can’t expect the truth from such sources but their dishonest misrepresentation, reinforced by that of preachers, is so pervasive and so puerile, is so overwhelming that pretty well everyone is influenced by it to some extent.

So we need to emphasize again that although socialism means less government, it also means less inequality. It is certainly possible to achieve both while institutionalized inequality is the basis of society, while there are rich and poor and a whole series of deprivations.

The state machine exists precisely to maintain the class system and it is indispensable to the society. That is why the army and the bureaucratic apparatus are envisaged as a ranks from the Field Marshal and their civil service equivalent, to Stakhanovite in superior pay and privilege to those underneath it.

Useless

Such an instrument is not only useless to a socialist society; it is positively disastrous. One thing especially was proved by the Paris Commune, Marx, namely that the working class cannot simply lay hold of the ready-made state apparatus and wield it for its own purposes.

Of course, you can’t expect a hammer for sewing nor a police force for freedom. Now the core of any state is its armed forces. The first decree of the Committee of Public Safety on the creation of the standing army, and its first supplement, the "Law of June 10", Lenin, commenting on this, added:

"This demand now figures in the programmes of every party calling itself socialist."

Needless to say, the socialist democratic parties, with a demand long ago and now the social democrats of the British Labour Party and the German Social Democratic Party, all call themselves the creation of a workers’ state.

State

Lenin’s comments on the question, at the moment being quoted, are not only quite unnecessary, but all possible, is transformed from bourgeois into pro-capitalist, state from the state (a special force for the suppression of a particular class) into something that no longer has the proper state.

Abolishment of the standing army, all officials elected and subject to recall, all public officials paid the average workers’ wage.

These were, for Marx, the direct features of a workers’ state. And so they are for Lenin.

Crush

It is still necessary to warn against the dangers attached to socialist resistance.

The organ of suppression, however, is here the private property of the minority and not a minority, as in the case under slavery, feudalism and serfdom.

And since the majority of the people are oppressed, a socialist party can be a "special force" for suppressing the mass of the people necessary to the sense that the state begins to withdraw.

(That’s the argument.)

- All of which is a long way from Wilson’s Britain or Brezhnev’s Russia.

A fact which merely emphasises the fragility of their ‘socialist’ pretensions.

Lord Roberts: A few questions

If you make him money he is an important man to the new capitalism.

And his politics make the true nature of it a giveaway.

Two years ago, Bonner was responsible for the publishing of a pamphlet by HJ Mills’ Millenium Really!

This revolting little work produced ‘evidence’ to the effect that China was a war crimes and prove that only 300,000 Jews died in the concentration camps.

A record by the Daily Express, Bonner said: "Our purpose is to remove all the Jewish propaganda of the past."

He went on: "Don’t you know that we live under Jewish domination? The whole mass media is Jewish controlled."

It is time that we, as British people, dictated our own destiny."

This is the man who Kingsley Read, privately and quietly, ushered into his new organisation, while publicising and legitimising his pro-Auschwitz activities by proclaiming that organisation to be reviving "the spirit of neo-Nazism."

An organisation which also, for example, contains within its ranks such infamous neo-Nazi John Neve, who once addressed Hitler in a right-rhetorical address in the Train Square. The National Front, has no chance whatsoever of winning next week’s by-election.

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Andrew Fountain, 25,400 Increase in Labour’s National Front vote in St Helens. Fountain bought a flat in the St Helens area. He is a member of the Hitler Youth and also, for example, contains within its ranks such infamous neo-Nazi John Neve, who once addressed Hitler in a right-rhetorical address in the Train Square. The National Front, has no chance whatsoever of winning next week’s by-election.

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The DISGRACE party of Gorrillly over the money, to spend on... the noise of people in the 1972 miners’ strike.

FILM: The plane was not passing over Selby. On the north-east side, you can see thousands of miners picking out the holes in the 1972 miners' strike.

FILM: Beier still, show yourself out and make them ALL happy.

The FOLLOWING letter was recently sent by the BBC to one of its viewers.

Thank you for your in-... Our current account on Asbestos. The wide reaction indicates that the programme received a great deal of... attention.

I am sure you will understand that this means it will be impossible for us to... re-show it in the future. Yours sincerely, Anthony M. (Assistant to David Martin, Assistant to Managing Director, Coronation Affairs.)

SEEN in a newspaper’s window in Blackheath. Works—prefers to a retired gentleman to clean computer desk. Rolly Royce 3 days: a lazy 3 months. Must be extremely conscientious.

On 11 January, Fifth Column Column reported some details of the meeting of John Aiken, Tony M. and B. S. (Page One, 11 January). It was held at a house in south London. It took place in 1973. In fact, they took place in 1975.
The victory that’s giving hope to 20 million people...

LOVEMORE HENGANI is an old peasant farmer. He has lived all his life on a kraal in Madziwa, a tribal trust land in north east Rhodesia. One night just before Christmas, a gang of men arrived from the Ministry of Internal Affairs. He was told to pack his belongings and leave. His cattle were confiscated ‘to pay for transportation’. Lovemore’s family were dumped five miles away on a patch of barren ground inside a barbed wire fence which was lit up by searchlights. They are allowed to work back to their farm only during the day, but must return by nightfall.

But today, they are all smiling.

FACT

600,000 people—one in ten of the black people in Rhodesia—have been herded into ten detention villages. These are like the ‘strategic hamlets’ of Vietnam. Their object is to cut off the freedom fighters of Rhodesia from the black population who support them. Their effect is equally simple: to condemn a tenth of the country’s population to death by starvation or disease.

...IN ZIMBABWE

NURSE Rauna Nambinga, aged 19, is lying in prison in Windhoek, Namibia (South West Africa). She is on trial because, according to her charge sheet: ‘She did cross into Angola to meet a group of the South-West Africa People’s Organisation and did hand over to Miss Kafela, one of its members, a dress, a bar of soap and a sanitary towel.’

If Rauna is found guilty, she goes to prison for ten years. She may not last that long.

But today Rauna Nambinga is smiling.

QUOTE

I would like to let you know how I and the others are treated in jail. We are accused of being guilty of killing Fremen Elies. Our legs and arms are tied. We are hung from the roof and tortured.

The people in jail are watched over by soldiers so that they do not get a chance to sleep. The soldiers do that in turn.

If the others are treated in the same way that I was in jail, then they will die or their mental capacity will be damaged.

Thosaphilus Kalimba, a member of SWAPO, who was arrested by Namibian police last August, and escaped to Angola.

...IN NAMIBIA

FACT

A MPLA soldier after the capture of Huambo, in southern Angola, and (left) Labourer Foreign Secretary Callaghan with Joshua Nkomo of Rhodesia.

THE FACE THAT TERRIFIES APARTHEID AND TWO WHO WOULD PROP IT UP

FACTORY worker Peter Matsheba is starving. He cannot move from Bophuthatswana in the Western Transvaal.

He has been confined there by the South African government since he left prison last year after a ten-year sentence for ‘furthering the objects of the African National Congress’.

From six until at least six in the morning, he is locked in a tiny wooden hut. In the daytime, he has to report to the police twice a day. There is work for him—and no income.

He tries to get a meal each day from friends or comrades, but they themselves have barely enough to survive.

But today Peter Matsheba is smiling.

QUOTE

Black workers must not be burdened with superfluous appendages like women and children...— G. F. Vani L. Froneman, when South African Minister of Justice

...IN SOUTH AFRICA
By Alan Sandham and Laurie Flynn

If you're a 19-year-old suspected criminal like Mark Andrew Rowntree you don't get the treatment from the Leeds police force.

They might pick you up on suspicion of murder. But once they've got you down the station it's not long before they make certain important discoveries.

That you talk nicely. That your dad is managing director of A & E Turbine Components of Yeadon and in every sense a pillar of the community. That you have immediate access to the best lawyers in the district.

That you clearly ought to be released and treated with kid gloves.

Beating

As Reg Gale, top man in the police union, the Police Federation, put it so nicely at a summer school on the law: 'There is one law for the poor and another for the rich. Position and money is power.'

That's why if you're a young working-class kid in Leeds and the police pick you up, you do get the 'ata boys', bullying and little 'encouragement' to confess in front of the police station.

If you're a young working-class kid and you get that treatment - in a particularly concentrated dose.

That's what's happening to 11 young blacks from the Chapeltown district of Leeds. The story of the Chapeltown Twelve - one white - begins on Bradford Night last year. By 7pm the young blacks and their bosom friend in Royston Grove, a small side street in Chapeltown. By 8pm 100 youths had gathered in a local pub. They lit fires and having themselves.

Story

Then police patrols set out. One large police personnel carrier, one Triumph 2000 patrol car, the Panda cars, one unmarked CID car and two patrol vans.

Chapeltown's young blacks have good reason to fear this kind of police presence. It usually means home parties are going to be raided, people arrested, some 'fitted up'. Like London's dockers and the Yorkshire miner's youth workers, each has a story to tell about police persecution.

They saw their Bradford Night about to be ruined. So they decided that this once they weren't going to let the police walk all over them.

So they drove a few cars they thought were CID cars. They went down and the shooting stopped immediately the mistake was realised. But then the police formed a convoy and drove down Spencer Place to show who was boss. The result was a hail of bricks and stones.

The police fled and one abandoned CID car was turned over. By 9.30pm the police were back, with forty reinforcements and dogs. They advanced up Spencer Place and rained tear gas and making arrests. They arrested six people.

One was Max Farrer, a young white man who edits the local community paper, Chapeltown News. He had tried to stop the attack and was himself beaten over the head.

Max then stopped another policeman, said he had been assaulted, and demanded to know the attacker's police number.

The usual police solidarity prevailed. Max was promptly arrested for threatening behaviour. He now has three police witnesses against him ready to swear that Max Farrer stood in front of the line of young blacks and incited them.

Once

More than 100 youngsters were involved in the Chapeltown events. After a massive police investigation the police decided to carry on for an offence which amounts to this: the young blacks of Chapeltown were so provoked that they responded to the attack in kind. They did to the police what the police have done to them a hundred times.

In case you are in any doubt, consider this:

In 1973 Leeds policemen killed Daniel O'Callagh, a black man. Since then there have been more racist incidents.

In January police stopped a car on North Street. They didn't ask the driver for licence or insurance. They accused him of beating the car, his own car.

The 11 young blacks face a battery of charges. These range from threatening behaviour and causing damage to causing grievous bodily harm.

There are already strong signs that when the case comes to trial later in the year the police intend to get the blacks heavy sentences. Already they've extracted 'confessions' from one or two, and the defendants insist are obtained by force.

Combat

West Yorkshire Chief Constable Ronald Gregory has also weighed in behind his boys in Chapeltown, announcing that 'older men with known anti-policemen's views' incited the violence.

Gregory is a highly political police officer. He was personally responsible for setting up the specially-trained flying squad of police to combat criminals' pockets in the 1974 strike.

Chapeltown is a cause that the working-class movement in and around Leeds must rally to. We cannot let the defence of the children of Chapeltown fail. We cannot allow the lives of 12 young men to be squandered by the legal mining and fitting up machine.

Funds needed for march

All money collected from:
- Football cards
- Collection sheet
- Sponsorships for marchers

Should be sent immediately to the Right to Work Campaign, 45 Prince George Road, London N16. All orders with money.

WALSALL
6885 unemployed
147 vacancies
March arrives 9 March

These are the marchers

NORTH WEST

South East

Manchester
Jack (CHOSE, Blackpool. (NU), Liverpool. Arthur Larnard, Blackburn.

South East

...and more are joining the March!
Why they're marching

OFFICIALLY
1,300,000 ARE UNEMPLOYED

UNOFFICIALLY
TWO MILLION

IS YOUR JOB NEXT?

In Germany, in Italy, France, Britain and Japan, in every country of the world they told the workingman:
There's one law of the market, in the fight to noble trade:
It's turn out products cheaper, as good or better mark.
So cut our costs and sacrifice and we'll achieve our dream;
That means—in the street, in the factory; in short, don't be extreme.

Make more of that, the bosses said, make more of that and this:
We promise you prosperity, if not eternal bliss.
The workers—trusting souls—they listened, they believed;
They did not know—do they know yet?—how much they were deceived.

But now to their alarm they find the goods are so abundant.
The market is glutted, that millions are redundant.
The bosses and their spokesmen, they have the gallant crest.
To smite it the workers' fault that boom has turned to bust;

Institute the right to work, although they do admit
That here or there a mild reform might be a bit of.
One says change this, the other that, they look at every part.

The only thing they fail to note—it has any heart.
Its driving force is profit, its single passion greed,
It cannot but its nature give the people what they need.
As sure as night must follow day, it takes its heavy toll
Of broken homes and broken hearts, of millions on the dole.
Machines are made to unman men, since all that counts is cash.
So those who feed and house and clothe the world are made to feel the lash.

What murmur on the wind is that? The sound of marching feet?
Is true democracy aint then on the highway and the street?
Are we on the march together, are we on the march as one.
To build the world over—the Cities of the Sun!

HUGO DEWAR
STUDENT UNITY: A CAUSE FOR CONCERN

The following letter from the IS National Student Committee has been sent to the Broad Left Editorial Board, Communist Party National Student Committee, Clause 4 and the National Organisation of Labour Students:

Dear comrades,

We were very distressed to read in the Morning Star of 16 February that the Broad Left Editorial Board and the National Student Committee of the Communist Party had issued a statement which also appears to have been issued by the Federation of Conservative Students and the Union of Liberal Students.

In recent months, the National Union of Students has been under increasing attack from the right wing in various forms. This is why we feel the federation action is essential for the maximum unity of all left wing students against this right wing attack.

For example, the last NUS Conference we approached you for advice on the need for defence in a democracy in your The Campaign to stop the right wing attack. For example, the last NUS Conference we approached you for advice on the need for defence in a democracy in your The Campaign to stop the right wing attack.

We agree entirely with the statement in the Broad Left Supplement on democracy where it states: "Under the guise of democracy, they are seeking to weaken the NUS at the very time it needs to mobilise its maximum strength of student power to resist these attacks." We ask you formally in the interests of the unity of the whole left in the face of the right wing attack to make today clear your opposition to the Federation of Conservative Students and your refusal to co-operate with them.

In particular, we ask you to organise the widespread rumour circulating in some unions that you are considering electoral deals in NUS with the Federation of Conservative Students.

We have been certain on this issue. We feel that the leadership of the NUS is under increasing attack from the right wing. We believe that we can only be achieved by the independent workers' movement.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution can be achieved in isolation. Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist but state capitalist. We support the workers' struggle in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling class.

The revolutionary party: To achieve the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party, and Socialist Worker must build towards this party by fighting for a programme of political and industrial unity. All struggle strengthens the self-confidence, organisation and class consciousness of the working class.

The revolution of 100 per cent trade unionism. Against all violence by trade unions, old laws or ruthless strikers and effective picketing. We are for rank and file control of the trade unions and the regular election of all full time officials. No union leaders can be voted on by mass meetings.

Against products of productivity or efficiency deals. Against income policy under capitalism.

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the Internationalists, fill in the form on page 15.
Kicks for King Rayon

BET you're been to one of those plays by well-meaning, left-wing, middle-aged radicals...

Sit in your seats, engrossed, watching a play...between telling in how ghettoResults (how they've made their calls to life...)

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Then I saw a new phenomenon. One woman near me...

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The story is about all new about themselves. For being a full-time employee of a football paper to see...The way they sell...the way they sell...they have just watched. At some small floor, who's being told their mill...the local media, with little or no...the local media, with little or no...at least...the local media, with little or no...

Now parallel with this is the history of the run to power and...just-when they were selected. Well, King Raymon himself, on the backs of the...the local media, with little or no...

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Here you can play your...the local media, with little or no...

DAVE HALLWORTH

North West Spanner

New Right to Work play at...at...at...at...at...at...at...at...

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The story is about all new about themselves. For being a full-time employee of a football paper to see...The way they sell...the way they sell...they have just watched. At some small floor, who's being told their mill...the local media, with little or no...the local media, with little or no...

Now parallel with this is the history of the run to power and...just-when they were selected. Well, King Raymon himself, on the backs of the...the local media, with little or no...

The play has its weaknesses, but it's moving...the local media, with little or no...

Here you can play your...the local media, with little or no...

DAVE HALLWORTH

North West Spanner

New Right to Work play at...at...at...at...at...at...at...

Library Theatre, Oldham, Monday 1 March
March, 21 Pancras Place, London, B41 (Women's Voice concert)

Library Theatre, Oldham, Monday 1 March

Tuesday 5 March, Wigan.

Library Theatre, Oldham, Monday 15 March, Northampton.
**A letter from the TUC**

**THIS DISGUSTING SECETARIANISM...**

I WAS DISGUSTED to read (14 February) about the sectarian attitude of the Communist Party in the TUC. The Communist Party leadership over the Right to Work Campaign. Any trade union must be a multi-national and could not let a single issue divide its members. We have no fundamental differences between the TUC and the Red movement, we have always worked together to fight for the rights of workers. Our members are not divided along sectarian lines.

**Stop these chippy jibes**

NO ORGANISATION, least of all the TUC, is anti-socialist, we have been fighting for workers' rights for years. However, the right-wing media has been attacking us with baseless accusations in recent weeks. We are committed to fighting for workers' rights, not sectarianism. Our members are united in our struggle, and we will not be silenced.


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**3000 meetings in 1976**

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**BALLOT SCANDAL!**

**A BALLOT SCANDAL in the country's biggest union is being ignored.**

The newspapers and television scream about improperly-conducted ballots when left-wingers win. In this case they couldn't care less—because the victors were right-wing 'moderates'.

The elections were held last December among members of the Transport and General Workers Union in Oxford and Coventry. They were for positions on the union executive, its automotive committee, and the No 5 regional office of the union.

**Craig Parsons, known as the wish-bearer of the left**

For the first time in living memory, the right-wing were forced to resort to frauds for votes. The results, announced immediately for each plant, showed a fantastic drop in the candidates' vote.

**The Oxford TGWU executive committee proposed a right-wing slate.**

Bill Roche, branch secretary for the huge British Leyland Body Plant at Cowley, for the executive.

Reg Parsons, chairman of the Cowley Assembly Plant, for the automotive committee.

Jack Addams, convenor of the No 5 regional office, for the regional committee.

The results were a stinging blow to the mass of ailing right-wing candidates. They lost their regional positions by over 4000 votes. Roche and Addams won their positions.

**Robert Parson's, known as the wish-bearer of the left.**

REG PRESIDENTS, KENNEDY, for the executive.

Reg Roche, convenor of the Cowley Regional Office, was the most popular candidate in the whole of the union.

**Incredible!**

This was incredible. Most of the votes for Addams and Parsons can only have come from the two right-wing branches in Oxford—The Cowley Body and Assembly plants. The assembly plant voting figures were published. Roche 399 votes. Parsons 289 votes. Parsons' election committee voting votes in his own plant—289, Addams 187.

So if the overall figures are correct, Parsons and Addams must have got all their votes in the Body Plant. That's not far off being the total TGWU membership in the plant!

**What is the price of silence?**

That's the mystery puzzling members of the main union, the ISTC. For twice in the past six months official and executive members of the union have attended meetings in London at which nothing was said, nothing done.

There are the executive council meetings of the Combined Association of Metallurgists, when there appears to be an attempt by the ISTC to promote unity among the unions.

We reproduce the minutes of the August 1975 meeting (31 present) and the November 1975 meeting (29 present). Surely all those present don't sit there all the way to London on union expenses just for nothing?

**WHAT DO STEELMEN PAY FOR SILENCE?**

The Combined Association of Metallurgists

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT INNES HOUSE, 28 GRAY'S INN ROAD, LONDON, ON FRIDAY, THE 10TH OCTOBER, 1975, AT 9.30 a.m.**

There were present—Mr. F. J. Evans, president, Mr. J. H. Brown, secretary, Mr. R. E. Williams, and Miss E. S. T. Williams, treasurer. Mr. F. J. Evans presided.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING—The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting held at Innes House on the 12th July, 1975, were read and agreed to by the Chairman as recorded in the Agenda, the meeting terminated.

[Signature: F. J. Evans, President]

**DO YOU WANT YOUR FRIENDS SHAMING CLEANING, UNEMPLOYED, NEAR DEATH, REFORM, OR INSURANCE, HEALTH LIKE ROBERT WILKIE?]**

[Image of a cartoon showing a worker saying, "Do you want your friends shaming cleaning, unemployed, near death, reform, or insurance, health like Robert Wilkie?"]
LEN BLOOD’s election campaign for Assistant General Secretary of the Engineering Union got a boost in Ipswich last Thursday.

With one abstention, the Howard Rotator’s shop stewards’ committee voted unan- imously to support the Engineers candidate.

Steve Barker, convenor at the Ipswich Division of Howard Rotator’s, explained that the stewards read through the election address before the meeting. There was nothing there that they didn’t believe was true about the candidates.

"The main thing that our stewards support for the Howard Rotator’s was that it has been sold out for years. Then we agreed that we want to fight against any wage limit—whether it’s £8 or £10. We think there should be an official stance by the union to fight unworkable wage settlements."

**Visit**

The campaign for Len Blood heeds in earnest this week. He will be visiting the first week of the Right to Work March, followed by engineering factories on the route and speaking at a series of meetings.

He is the only candidate, who as per 0.25 per cent behind the right to work campaign.

**LEN BLOOD MEETINGS**

Support for Engineers candidates continues for the Right to Work Movement.
- Monday 1 March, 7.30pm: Friendly and Thorne, Ipswich.
- Tuesday 2 March, 7.30pm: Ipswich, Norwich Common Club, Westfield. 36, Ipswich.
- Sunday 7 March, 6.30pm: Southwold. 3, Southwold.
- Wednesday 10 March, 7.30pm: The Garden, Royston. Arms, Bishops Hill, Ipswich.
- Thursday 11 March, 7.30pm: Milton Hall, Milton Hall. Milton Hall.
- Other meetings have included: Suffolk Railway: 24 February, Sheffield on Thursday, 25th, Warrington on Wednesday 20th. (Glasgow and Belfast on Monday 25th, London on Wednesday 16th, and London on Wednesday 17th.)

**Engineers: Charter, 46 Priory Close, Ipswich, E.61, telephone 01-249 1207.**

**Two man-sit-in**

WINCHESTER: Engineering union, metal Mick Marshall’s one-man sit-in at Canals Engineering in Winchester has become a two-man sit-in. Both men are now sitting down outside the company entrance, with no management control over them. They have been refused through the national agreement. The union representatives are also present.

**Notes and meetings**

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**SOVIET WORKER, CARLTON WORKS, COTACRENS, IPSWICH.**

- **249-50 for 60-hour week, with steaks and meal restaurants. The strike committees also called to:**

**NEW SERIES ON THE ALTERNATIVE TO CAPITALISM:**

**SURELY you can’t be serious about abolishing the police force? There’d be chaos! You must have somebody to enforce the rules.**

The idea that human beings need to be repressed is deeply unpatriotic. And no wonder. It’s at the very heart of all religion and all the arguments is the law and order brigade have developed over the years.

**Ludicrous!**

Yet just because you’ve yawned around your workmates and you’ve said, no-fuss—no-bullshit—no-problem—

You’ll notice that the fundamental thing about working people is their basic decency, a decency which incidentally the bosses exploit to the full. But our masters don’t just rely on our own decency and restraint to keep us in line. They also have highly organised bodies of armed men like soldiers and policemen to keep us in line.

There can be no doubt that socialism will involve the abolition of the standing army and the police.**

- **Sacked!**

**Laden Blood.**

- **Dead area district secretary for the Northern branch of the union, Andrew Cordwell, has advised his members to accept a verbal offer of £8 a week pay rise.**

However, the strikers never discus- sed a wage rise. They are only giving any allowances already en- joyed by other workers on the camp. The strike committee also called to:**

- **KENT: Laggers at the Isle of Grain power station site are now in the fifth week of their safety strikes against the big Russian companies.**

- **Savage: Of course, for a fair length of time under a socialist society there would still be local police, who, for example, run a bus service or another, would break the law.**

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Celanese: How We Crushed The Right

By Stan Simpson, TGWU Shop Steward
British Celanese, Spondon

Derby: Workers at the Spondon British Celanese plant, part of Courtaulds, have voted to come out in a strike over pay and conditions. The company, which has 4,000 workers, is one of the biggest employers in the area.

Celanese is owned by the giant US company, and it is one of the few companies in the UK to pay its workers in pounds sterling. The company's profits are used to fund its research and development initiatives.

The strike began today, and it is expected to continue for at least a week. Workers are demanding a 10% pay increase, and they are also seeking improvements in their working conditions.

The company has offered a 5% pay increase, but this has been rejected by the workers. The company's offer is below the rate of inflation, and it is not enough to meet the workers' demands.

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Joseph Gormley, OBE

Take another mighty stride last week towards that heaven on earth which beckons all trade union leaders willing to sell out their members—a seat in the House of Lords.

The president of the National Union of Mineworkers brought approval nods from those champions of the working class—parliament, press and television—as he did not have an inconsiderable hit to get Langeth Wick closed and a few more miners through on the scrapheap.

His voice was telling on the miners’ executive sitting, by disgraceful proportions, the will of their leaders to fight the Coal Board’s plans.

Worse, they have assisted the Board in its battle to close down other economic as it brings Scoby and other massive new developments into production. Last week’s NUM executive meeting opened with Gormley saying that he wouldn’t attend the talks with the Electricity Board about the future of the industry if the miners’ overtures had been continued.

It’s a great shame that he won’t been taken up on his blackmailing offer.

Thuc, one of his creations, Ken Toone of South Derby, moved into action. This gentleman, who represented the former members of the miners the same voting strength as during the last election, made the miners’ move for the ban to be called.

Grotty Toone had voted for the ban on the Labour Party last Thursday, he had had a ‘consequential charge of heart. He was seconded by Roy Parry, another man of the Midlands, another man of the Midlands. Meanwhile, Sid Stover, of the NUM, was hoping that there would be no wrong instruction of the ground (Langeth Wick has two main points—Abbot’s Well, concluded the chairman, who was in charge of the logic, in the future some scientist might come along and find a way of getting it on.

Objection Stover has not heard of that recent discovery, he said, between the miners, but the mining community had not been given too much consideration, even on the cost of mining.

Frank Smith of Leicester had been telling words. He had sympathy with the miners “but they are politically motivated” he said. Smith is in charge of the miners’ political committee, which has been media-motivated.

The miners have been new information. We have got to get for the miners’ industry. But by closing pits, presumably

Will this be the reward for Joe Gormley, OBE (Order of British Employers)?

Those who wanted to fight for the miners was pointed out that there were dozens of closures in Lancashire, Yorkshire, South Wales and even Nottingham. But they were defeated because the right has a built-in majority, thanks to the rotten bourgeois system of representation which gives tiny right strength as confidence for its later.

Ban

Nevertheless, the fight over Langeth Wick is just beginning. The struggle against closures is now being actively considered by thousands of rank and file miners.

It’s already resulted in Nottinghamshire miners at Tinsley Colliery deciding to keep the overtime ban in operation until they get an assurance that the pit will not close.

A number of cases did not want to maintain the ban, but strong miners’ resistance were reported at the meeting. There was a lengthy discussion of how Gormley could be got rid of and of how many workers could be elected for short periods and then made for stand in election.

All the way. But meansimmunity the right trade unionists on the NUM executive—who refused to have a small conference—have organised a ballot to try and put the re-election of Langeth Wick endorsed.

Curb

It is vital that rank and file miners campaign to make the No vote as big as possible.

What’s more they need to organise to change the union structure so that the representative moderate power at national level is cured.

Until then, it’s done. The national strength of the miners’ union will not be used effectively to resist closures and whatever other schemes the employing coal companies.

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COVENTRY: Vote demonstrate...

THAT five-yearly circus known as the election is due to be a special visit to Coventry next Thursday.

The elections of Coventry North West will be able to examine the freedom by the community of the right, a man of the far right and two benefactors.

Labour’s candidate, Geoffrey Robinson, not only supports mass unemployment at the former boss of Jaguar and a sometime financial director of Leyland’s he is paying off a fine in creating it. Against him are three candidates.

Jonathan Gormley, former head of the right-wing Tory Monday Club, Andrew Fountain, a National Front and member of the Daily Telegraph, is the National Front’s candidate in the by-election had to give up and a man of the far right, a man of the far right and two benefactors.

Assemble: The National Front are marching through the Asian community on Saturday.

COVENTRY: Vote demonstrate...

In response to a demonstration called by the Coventry and Warwickshire Right to Work Committee A counter-demonstration is being supported by the Trade Union Congress.

The Coventry Citizens’ Forum and Coventry City Engineers shop stewards committee, the University of Warwick Student Union, the Coventry University Students Union, the Coventry City of Industry (Massey) and other working class organisations.

Some of the bus boycotters who lodged their MPs last week at part of their national industrial action against the massive cuts planned by the government and the National Coal Board.

The lobby was preceded by a rally addressed by Jack Jones, master of the bus workers’ union, the TUC.

But not even Jones’ usual rhetorical fire could not persuade him that he and his officials, while talking about a campaign to fight cuts, are not pursuing a round in circles to make sure business is better and the men at their work and strike in support of the cuts.

The cuts can be fought—but only by mass actions of those likely to be affected: the rank and file, not the likes of Jones.

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...keep fascists out!

COVENTRY: Vote demonstrate...

THAT five-yearly circus known as democracy is paying a special visit to Coventry next Thursday.

The elections of Coventry North West will be able to examine the freedom by the community of the right, a man of the far right and two benefactors.

Labour’s candidate, Geoffrey Robinson, not only supports mass unemployment at the former boss of Jaguar and a sometime financial director of Leyland’s he is paying off a fine in creating it. Against him are three candidates.

Jonathan Gormley, former head of the right-wing Tory Monday Club, Andrew Fountain, a National Front and member of the Daily Telegraph, is the National Front’s candidate in the by-election had to give up and a man of the far right, a man of the far right and two benefactors.

Assemble: The National Front are marching through the Asian community on Saturday.

COVENTRY: Vote demonstrate...

In response to a demonstration called by the Coventry and Warwickshire Right to Work Committee A counter-demonstration is being supported by the Trade Union Congress.

The Coventry Citizens’ Forum and Coventry City Engineers shop stewards committee, the University of Warwick Student Union, the Coventry University Students Union, the Coventry City of Industry (Massey) and other working class organisations.

Some of the bus boycotters who lodged their MPs last week at part of their national industrial action against the massive cuts planned by the government and the National Coal Board.

The lobby was preceded by a rally addressed by Jack Jones, master of the bus workers’ union, the TUC.

But not even Jones’ usual rhetorical fire could not persuade him that he and his officials, while talking about a campaign to fight cuts, are not pursuing a round in circles to make sure business is better and the men at their work and strike in support of the cuts.

The cuts can be fought—but only by mass actions of those likely to be affected: the rank and file, not the likes of Jones.