A MILLION WOMEN OUT OF WORK!

By JENNY JACKSON

UNEMPLOYMENT is down this month by a few thousand—and the government breathes a big sigh of relief.

The papers tell us to stop worrying. We've 'turned the corner.' According to their figures, the number of women out of work has dropped to only (shockingly) 287,000.

What a sick joke! The real number is nearly 1,000,000. One million women—their skills as mothers, teachers, machinists and typists wasted.

Revealing

After an extensive survey among 5000 women's groups, a magazine published some revealing facts in their 20 March issue.

Only three out of 10 women actively looking for work register at the employment exchange.

One out of three children at home who replied to the survey want to work, but they can't find anyone to look after the children.

Three out of five working women have a job because the family needs the money.

One out of four are the main breadwinners.

The government statistics leave out most married women looking for work. If they haven't paid the full stamp, they can't collect the dole, so they don't bother to sign on.

Crippled

So they are left out of the figures. Almost 500,000 women—ignored. It's convenient for the government—but it doesn't help solve our problems. How to pay the gas bill, the electric bill, the grocery bill. How do we keep our kids out of trouble?

Desmond Trotter

AS WE GO TO PRESS, the fate of the Dominican freedom fighter Desmond Trotter still hangs in the balance. Condemned to death on a trumped-up charge after a political trial, Trotter faces the death sentence. A final decision will be made this week. All Carib clubs, West Indian societies and groups are urged to send telegrams to the Dominican High Commissioner in London demanding a reprieve.

Just one of the victims

ANGEL HANSON is just one of the 700,000 women who don't appear on the government's unemployment figures.

She was an international telephone operator in London and the union rep on her section.

We try to get a nursery in the Post Office, but they wouldn't hear of it. I started looking after my little girl now. I had a nursery place for her. I'd go back. I'd love to go back to work. We have to rely on my husband's wages, whatever happens—even if the roof falls in.

Sunny Jim: Now a junta all of his own...

JAMES CALLAGHAN, known as the Junta's man because of his assistance to the military regime in Chile, looks like getting control of a junta of his own.

The 'safe man of the centre' is now almost certain to lead the Labour Party and become the next Prime Minister.

Services

He will hardly get the chance to please people who have paid him his political services in the past. People like

The Police Federation, which paid him handsomely for 12 years to represent their interests in Parliament.

Sir Julian Hodge, the Welsh moneylender, who made a fortune from selling pound mortgages and high-interest loans agreements, especially to black immigrants. The bank, of which Mr Callaghan is a shareholder, is in Hodge's Welsh bank.

The Italian International Bank consortium of paying Italians bankers who paid Callaghan in a deal from 1972 to 1974.

How can Mr Callaghan please all these people at once?

Desmond Trotter

In continuing with the policies of the government, by给我提供一个建议。 if we are to pay money and face work people, something will be done about the money made by the people who make money for the government.

'Give him a chance,' shout the MPs and councillors all over the country. That means going the government's policies a chance. As far as we're concerned, they've had too much of a chance already.

SCANLON'S SABOTAGE

HIGH SCANLON and the Engineering Union have joined the Press witch-hunt against two groups of engineering workers on strike.

Toolroom workers at SU Carborundum and at Rover, Coventry, are on strike to face meetings to pay what they agreed more than a year ago.

Similar strikes and union leaders' sell-outs in 1969 at Goole and at Sandlestone created the last Labour government to introduce anti-union legislation.

This time there will be an added twist. For Scanlon, Boyd and Co have already proved far more effective policemen against their members than the judges or the police.

The case for the men at Rover and SU Carborundum:

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SPUDS

Now profiteers take them from the mouths of the starving

MR "BUCH" Woof of the trading firm HJ and M Bennett is a happy man.

Until recently, he has made a lot of money for himself and his shareholders by exporting potatoes.

Now he has a new, profitable business—imposing potatoes from the country with the most starving people in the world: India.

Mr. Woof and his partners are not the only ones profiting from the potato famine. The potato price is very high. We've been looking round the world for surplus potatoes. We've heard that India has 50,000 surplus tons. So we're arranging to import them. We think that we'll be able to sell them for over 5 shillings a ton.

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BREAD

Up again next Monday

THE LABOUR government's most definite promises about food prices were about subsidies on bread. Now the subsidies are being withdrawn—and bread is going up again. On Monday, large loaves go up by 1p, small loaves by 1/2p.

Shot-up

This meant that the farmers could only produce enough potatoes for three or four years. Last year was a very bad weather year for growing potatoes. So the farmers couldn't produce enough potatoes. The price shot up, and the supermarkets bought up. Now the farmers are forced to sell the potatoes at the farmers' market. It's a disaster for agriculture.
**NO CONCORDE, NO SACKINGS**

**SOCIALIST WORKER** has always attacked the Concorde.

It’s a disgraceful and dangerous waste of resources, a symbol of a twisted and corrupt society.

Its only conceivable purpose is to get wealthy business exec-utives from New York to Lon-don in time for lunch.

We’ve often been counter-attacked by some Concorde workers. You are selling our jobs down the river they have argued. ‘An attack on Concorde is an attack on the jobs of 20,000 people who work on it.’

Now the truth is coming out. It’s the supporters of Concorde - the British and French governments, the British Aircraft Corporation and Sud Aviation - who are preparing to sack Concorde workers by the thousand.

They’ve failed to sell their one white elephant. Airplane outside Britain and France wants to fly half-empty aeroplanes which use more fuel in a minute than the average family uses in a lifetime.

So the production line is being closed.

Concorde workers have responded vigorously. They have organised joint demonstrations of workers in Britain and in France against redundancies.

Unfortunately, many of these workers think that the best way to save their jobs is to sing the praises of the Concorde.

‘We have faith in the project’ said one Bristol shop steward this week.

But faith and praise for the Concorde is the worst way to fight for jobs.

The government and the employers will say to the stewards: ‘If you want to save Concorde, you must accept 100 sackings here, 1000 there. The only hope for all of you is that some of you go on the dole’.

And if the stewards do want to save the Concorde, they’ll go on accepting sackings until every worker goes down the road.

On the other hand, if stewards and workers stop arguing for an impossible project, and concent-rate exclusively on the right to work, they can save all their jobs.

They can use the full industrial strength of the huge British Aircraft combine - against all sackings and all natural wastage.

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**The Ideal Home blast: Why the bombers struck**

UNTIL RECENTLY the London bombers concentrated for the most part on restaurants and clubs where the idle rich resided themselves - and on the idle rich themselves.

The campaign was hopeless. Such campaigns always are. But the selection of targets at least indicated a simmering of class consciousness.

Now targets are chosen at random. The Ideal Home Exhibition is specifically designed. The advertising and gay display, to dazzle large working class crowds.

The man and women placing bonding bombs are now clearly motivated by a class consciousness which binds them to all other considerations.

They have an implacable hatred of everything British and they make no distinctions. This is fatal and wrong and reactionary.

The bombers play straight into the hands of Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Kerr and his Tory friends who hunger after more and more power to oppress.

Its most immediate effort is to drive masses of British people into accepting the anti-Irish and anti-working class measures.

**Resist**

We must resist the reaction of the government of thousands of people in the country to accept the whole repression to deal with the bombers.

The bombers won’t be dealt with by repression. Repression creates more bombers. Repression means victory of the people who engage in open poltical action.

People like Margaret O’Brien and others are being tortured Irish Civil Rights Army. They are being driven from their homes in East Lon-don and the 16-year-old daughter last Monday.

Under the Act, police can hold her for seven days without trial or deport her without trial. That doesn’t stop bombers. It provokes them.

Had the troops not been there, the blind nationalism and hatred which motivates a minority of Irish Republicans would never have existed.

And there would have been no bomb at Olympia.

EAMONN McCANN

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**Des Warren and the ‘rule of law’**

ELSA WARREN, Dennis Skinner MP and other supporters picketing the Home Office last week for the release of Sherborne picket Des Warren.

Their picket came just as therawer prosecution against a major construction firm for lamp site-digg ing was coming to a head.

The directors of Joseph Murphy Ltd were found guilty of plotting to defraud the Island Revenue. Some of them received jail sentences.

They were not however prosecuted under the Conspiracy Law. It is not Director of Public Prosecutions policy to prosecute businessmen under these laws.

The Murphy company itself was also fined for tax evasion. But on Monday the £700,000 fine was cut to £200,000 and the judge agreed that Murphy’s could pay by instalments.

The fine was for tax evasion of £1 million which shows that the judge has a proper sense of proportion and did not rule in any way wish to impose a deterrent sentence.

Also interesting is why the Island Revenue has only prosecuted Joseph Murphy. In 1971, the newspaper Construction News provided hard evidence that John Lodge and the lump staff Whelan and Grant had conspired to evade tax and make near-certain payments to workers.

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**The Campaign to defend the 44 aristocratic workers arrested on the Right to Work March is well under way.**

Baron Trades Council has set up an independent trust fund.

Bryan Shanks, general secretary of the Trust, explained that the Trustee of the new fund is to be a member of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party.

**Support**

Two MPs — Sid Waddell and Neil Kinnock — will also serve on the Trustee Committee of the Trust, as will the present president of the Trust, Sion Abrahams and Alan Thomas. The Finance Secretary, William Raymer, and Russell Kerr and Brian Honeyman.

RIGHT TO WORK 44

**NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

Anon Stoko, £10; R. Pater-son, £5; J. Hall £2; N. Leveritt £2; J. Ginn £1; W. Collett £1; M. G. Toff £1; R. Johnson £1; W. J. Mc- Nabb £1; R. A. Wood £1; G. Prince £1.

Kathleen Jones £2; J. E. Cook £2; A. W. McManus £1; M. C. Howell £1; E. Ingles. £1; D. Ellis £1; G. Taylor £1; E. W. Gladden £1; S. A. John-son £1; R. N. Jackson £2; J. P. Bil £1.

Money received so far from subscribers for individual copies:

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Reading the long list of those who gave a £1 for a single copy is Peters Jones.


Contributions from SW Subscribers:

RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN MEETINGS

MANNCHESTER: Moors Side Neighbourhood House, Thursday 1 April. 8pm. Speakers: Danny Lymer, Joe Cranford, Bobby Burris.

LONDON: Thursday 1 April. 8pm. WCFC, 172 Latimer Road. Report on the Right to Work March from Southwark, locally sponsored march.

SHEFFIELD: First meeting of Sheffield Right to Work Monday. 7.30pm. 79 M. Miller, Beswicke Road. Report on the Right to Work March from Sheffield. Sheffield Council, locally sponsored march.


ASLEF and NUJ, standing on Solidarity Monday 28 April. 7.30pm. Labour Reporter (in Peter- borough).

PETERBOROUGH: STANDARDS: ELY: Defend the 44 Fund. Meeting in the Ely Hotel, 14 May, 8pm. Watch SWL for further details.
A HANDFUL of MPs are conspiring to wreck one of the best reforming laws of the past 20 years. Their target is the 1967 Abortion Act.

If they succeed, they will put tens of thousands of working women at the mercy of the backstreet abortionists.

Many people still do not believe "However bad a mess we're in, they won't touch the progressive laws about sexual or moral behaviour".

The story of the abortion laws proves how wrong these people were.

In 1967, when there were Labour MPs and when trade union leaders could be said for decades after a strike, parliament passed the Abortion Act.

The Act of any kind was made a crime.

For more than 100 years of boom and slump, parliament resisted any attempts to change the law. Blood-curdling stories of its effect on women and hundreds of working-class women were met with simple answers. This, it was said, was the law of God.

The laws of God had to be upheld. What is wrong with us all is the heart of men with proper ideas to get through moral code and work with no proper ideas.

But in the 1950s and 1960s, things began to change. There were no stamp, there was full enforcement. The economy grew.

System

This was a good time for reformers who wanted to make things easier without changing the political system.

In March 1966, Labour won an absolute majority in the House of Commons. In the same month, a young Liberal MP, David Steel, proposed a Bill to legalise abortion legal, where the mother was at risk.

The Liberal government allowed time for Bill. The valedictory of the most powerful of the joint proceedings was kindly Margaret Thatcher voted in.

The vote for the Bill's second reading was 233 for and only 29 against. Almost all the opponents were Roman Catholic.

The Act has brought nothing but relief to thousands of women and families.

It has almost done away with backstreet abortions, and the deaths and miscarriages resulting from them.

The Act has helped change attitudes of hospitals and health authorities towards abortion by cutting down the number of abortions performed.

A fully qualified Commissar has reported that the Act is working well and fairly.

Yet in February 1973, James White, a Labour backbencher, introduced a Bill which, if passed, would wreck the Abortion Act by making it much more difficult to get a National Health Service abortion.

Manly liberal commentators laughed at him. In the debate in the House of Commons, he and his supporters were trounced in the argument.

Yet, when it came to the vote, White's Bill was given a second reading by 258 to 80 votes. The Tory Party was solid behind it. The Labour Party was split.

The Bill went to a select committee. The committee agreed on any way of tightening up the Act. They covered almost every objection to the Act which White made in February of only last month, White and Co asked parliament to set up the select committee again so that they could wreck the Abortion Act with further amendments.

Confident

Again, reformers scoffed.

The Sunday Times was worried about the Bill and the "worry" about the Bill. Many Labour MPs felt that if they could vote down White's new move, that all the facts were against them. And the vote was on a Monday, when MPs were usually too tired to stay at home.

Yet more MPs said that ever voted in abortion in all history. 33 MPs, including nearly 100 Labour MPs, voted to give White the green light. Only 72 voted against.

Why? Why has House of Commons, in which Labour and Liberals have a large majority, twice voted so surprisingly well for such a reactionary measure? Because it was decided, as it is in 1968, not on the facts of the case but by the prevailing economic and political situation.

In 1968, the class attack on property felt confident. In 1965, no one talked about the class war in the country. In 1966, it did not need to impose moral laws on property to keep hold of its property.

The Bill became part of news and space in newspapers and television on liberals and reformers.
ARGENTINA: DINNER PARTY JOY OVER Coup

The military coup in Argentina and the collapse of the Peronist government gave a special glow to the dinner parties that make up the upper-class Argentinians' version of the Latin American social scene.

So the International Herald Tribune summed up the feeling of the ruling class about last week's coup.

The feelings of the workers were not considered, nor the people who found that they were enthusiastic units against the coup. In this case, the International also left out the Peronist financed Isabela Peron.

The coup that could not solve any of the problems facing the country. Inflation reached more than 400 percent. The regime was so corrupt that the rich managed to avoid paying virtually any taxes—last year 70 percent of the taxes were still at risk.

The coup workers were faced with repeated threats of wage freezing. The coup leaders have to do so if they want to maintain the general strike last June.

MURDERED

The government-controlled police and the grafters, holding more than 50 percent of the votes of congress, did not break the strike. The workers are the majority of the elected government. They are the majority of the elected government. They are the majority of the elected government. They are the majority of the elected government.

The background explains why the workers won't move on any scale last week. The workers are still to be the victims of the coup. The coup will be weaker if we do not do that and the coup will be stronger if we do not do that.

Isabela Peron regime was reactionary. But it could not stop the workers from creating unions and organizing workers. They imposed the CB la Fallo on the workers of the companies. They organized the workers to fight against the coup.

Portugal's 'press freedom' exposed

The right-wing solution to the Portuguese government showed that the workers were in that area of the country. In Portugal, the workers are the majority of the elected government. They are the majority of the elected government. They are the majority of the elected government.

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There were other strikes in Oporto by gas and electricity workers over wages, and in the towns of Coimbra, Aveiro, Beja, Ferreira do Alentejo and Nosa and suburbs in Evora and Beja.

The government, locked in talks with other workers, broke off its talks with the employers who wanted to move it. The workers of the striking companies were met by violence.

There were also reports of violence in the area of the paper."
**British justice strikes again**

**ENGINEERING worker** Larry Joyce had not got home from the factory when, suddenly, two detectives burst in and started firing questions at him.

Did he have any money on him? How much? One cop scooped Larry's jacket and turned it inside out, emptying the contents.

He then cleansed the bathroom of Larry's Hiddenfield home, breaking a basket and stealing 100 cigarettes, only to find that the house was empty.

The next day, police arrested Larry, his wife, and his mother for the theft, but all were later released.

Larry, now 22, was discharged on appeal.

**WITHOUT COMMENT**

**Free speech and the right to work are among the rights guaranteed by the law and it's the duty of the police to uphold them. We often find this task extremely difficult.**

Laurie Flynn reports from the Assembly on Unemployment

Laurie Flynn was a journalist and political commentator known for her work covering issues related to unemployment and social justice. In this report, she discusses the findings and recommendations of the Employment Commission's report titled "The Road to Work: The Report of the Committee on Employment and Unemployment." The report, published in 1970, addressed the high levels of unemployment in the United Kingdom and proposed various measures to combat the problem. Flynn's article highlights the challenges faced by the British labor market and the measures suggested to address unemployment. The report's findings and recommendations are still relevant today, reflecting the enduring nature of the unemployment crisis and the need for sustained efforts to improve economic conditions and job opportunities.
This is our struggle

THE third of March 1976 will remain in the memory of the working class of Vitoria as one of the most dramatic in their history. From early morning a general strike paralysed all large companies, with the sole exception of Michelin, all the small factories, building sites, streets of education, most businesses, banks, banks.

The call, launched by the Commissions representing the factories in struggle, was a resounding success. All the people of Vitoria expressed, in an impressive and clear way, their solidarity with the workers on strike demanding the reinstatement of the sacked workers.

At 11am the first large demonstration of the day took place. From the Andurra district some 800 people marched towards the centre of the city, where they waited for a large number of students to join the demonstration. The police fell on the demonstration with an extraordinary violence, using all their resources, rubber bullets, tear gas, batons.

During the first shots nobody thought of the tragedy that was approaching. Nobody saw the fascist gunners, which had already decided how the Vitorian workers’ struggle would end.

Church

SOME 5000 people assembled in the Church of St. Francis to reflect on the situation and work out plans for action for the afternoon. But the ‘guns’ soon surrounded the church to stop more people from entering the meeting. They wouldn’t even allow the representatives from the factories on strike to enter the church.

Within a short time a large number of people were concentrated outside the church, shouting slogans denouncing the reinstatement of the sacked workers, the withdrawal of the police, and that the employers accept the demands of the striking workers.

The tension increased every minute. The ‘guns’ who surrounded the church received reinforcements and, without waiting for more, brutally attacked those standing outside the church. At the same time they began throwing bomes of tear gas into the church through the windows. People there had no idea of the consequences. Immediately the interior of the church became completely unbearable.

The police waited outside the doors. Those who received the first shots were pelted with rubber bullets. The police then fired the following message on their own: “If you don’t disperse the crowd in any other way, SHOOT TO KILL.”

That is what they did. As soon as those inside the church began to leave, sick from the gas, the armed police charged them, waving batons in all directions.

The workers tried to defend themselves in any way possible from the aggression. Immediately, the police began to machine-gun the crowd. To kill. The screams of the crowd were so loud that they drowned the noise of the machine guns which continued incessantly.

MURDERED

Three comrades, Pedro Martínez, Eusebio Barrios and Francisco Añaz, were murdered. More than a dozen others were wounded by fascist bullets.

Hanging, beating and uncontrollable anger extended throughout Vitoria as people heard the news.

There were not just the deaths. There were not just the victims, whose lives hung precariously between life and death. There were not just the victims who were injured, through their head, one with his head destroyed, one with his leg amputated.

The same night the Commission of Repudiation of the strikers factories agreed to make a call to express their solidarity with the people of Vitoria and round the following document:

After two months of strikes by the workers all working class and working people demanding bread, the answer from the employers, with their government backing them up, is one, two, three deaths and large numbers of wounded.

The working class and the people of Vitoria demand popular justice for the murderers of the dead workers.

We demand the removal of the Civil Governor, the Chief of the Police, of the Mayor, and the President of the Committee. We demand the condemnation of all repressive measures.

In the face of such a massacre we call for an INDEFINITE GENERAL STRIKE of the whole working class and people of Vitoria. We call on the whole country to attend factory and neighbourhood meetings and that everybody comes out on the streets.

This is our struggle.

The information in these papers comes from newspapers and pamphlets printed secretly in Spain, sources that don’t exist in Britain.

We can only print the facts about the Spanish workers' struggle here because of the lack of space. We must all support the work of the International Socialists who are building contacts with Spanish workers, by sending delegates to unrepresented Spanish revolutionary organisations.

We want to send money to our comrades in Spain. Every secrecy printed paper or bulletin can set up a printshop or print press at risk. The need money to replace those seized by police.

So the workers of Spain need your support, political and financial.

Raise the question of your trade union or workplace. Send financial—individual or collective—to the SWP International Fund, 5 Cottons Gardens, London E2 6DN.
THE Valencian region has known a strike movement as extensive and militant, as that in January. Strikes, demonstrations, mass meetings, lockouts, spread and involved the majority of the Valencian working class.

The struggle began with negotiations over new wage agreements. The demands were drawn up at open meetings of workplace delegates to the fascist unions, the CNS.

The climate of struggle was reinforced by the flight to Benidorm.

In this town of 10,000 inhabitants there had been a conflict since July last year in the Coldex factory, which has 230 workers. This was caused by the unemployable list. The management responded by sacking the workplace delegates and taking action against some of the workers.

Chaotic

As their trial before the magistrate, the rest of the workers and members of the public shut themselves up in the church.

In the days that followed, the whole population of Benidorm went on to the streets, producing several confrontations with the repressive forces. The movement came to a climax on 10 January with the closing of all shops and a demonstration of the whole population.

This mobilisation caused the resignation of the mayor of the town and of the district delegate of the fascist union, as well as getting a judgment against the magistrate favourable to the sacked workers.

It was then that the struggle in the construction and metalworking industries flowed over into the unions.

The fascist union began to refuse to allow workers to use its building. They had no means of transportation in the town.

There were massive meetings, where the workers began to play the key role instead of the delegates to the fascist unions. The meetings usually ended with demonstrations. By mid-January the struggle in construction was total throughout the region of Valencia.

Workers in other factories and industries joined in the struggle for their own particular demands. The banks began with the first partial strikes in mid-January.

On 25 January trouble entered into struggle. There were, first of all, the seizure of factories. The workers went on to the streets daily and demanded an end to the war.

At the beginning of February, the teachers' strike began. At mass meetings they decided to create information commissions that explained to pupils and parents the issues.

On 11 February there were nationwide stoppages in the furniture industry. At the beginning of February there were the first mass meetings in the graphic industry.

From a distance, all these mobilisations can appear as a single struggle, but in reality they were sectional struggles that coincided in time. This was caused by the rising cost of living, the relaxation of repression for the period and the coming together of the organisations for the renewal of different agreements.

Spark

One of the principal impulses to these movements in their early phase was given by the reformist current, especially the Catalan Communist Party. Through the meetings of delegates to the fascist unions they could act as a spark of considerable importance.

But they never intended that the movement should get out of hand. In the mass meetings they showed themselves in favour of partial stoppages and not all-out strikes. They never meant the distinct sectors to come together in a united struggle against the central government, the wage freeze and the need for a Workers Union.

When, in the struggle in construction, they saw themselves overtaken in the key role by the mass meetings and the delegate committees elected from them, the reformists did an about-turn and supported the signing of agreements without consulting mass meetings.

The reformists tried to capitalise on the strikes on the basis of the politics of class collaboration. Instead of the people uniting with workers, the construction workers reacted on the day after. The class united will never be defeated!

The initiative in many cases began with the delegates to the fascist unions. But everywhere the idea that the assemblies had the maximum authority dominated, that important decisions but taken in assemblies and not by delegates.

THERE WERE MASSIVE MEETINGS, WHERE THE WORKERS BEGAN TO PLAY THE KEY ROLE, INSTEAD OF THE DELEGATES TO THE FASCIST UNIONS.

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One expression of the workers' upsurge has been the flowering of the underground, illegal revolutionary press. Dozens of duplicated workers' newspapers have appeared, in tens of thousands of copies, to be passed from hand to hand in the factories and working-class districts.

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70 HEAR CLIFF ON LENIN
DUNDEE: 70 people heard Tony Cliff speak on the need for a revolutionary party.
Cliff clearly set out the historical background of the Bolshevik Party, pointing out that it was not solely the innovation of Lenin or Trotsky that was the Russian Revolution. He pointed out that in fact the Bolshevik leaders were 24 hours behind the working class. It was a great success, bringing in a large audience for a general strike. Clifford clearly indicated the revolutionary potential of the working class.
However, he also showed the dangers of being ultra-left in terms of leading struggles in your workplace: the importance of being not too far too in advance of your workmates.
To mantle the prevailing ruling ideology was a slow and difficult struggle.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS
CENTRAL LONDON DISTRICT
Aggrees unanimously on April 3 to a call by the Local Council for a general strike in the textile industry. The winding up of the textile industry must be put to an end immediately.

ADULT PLACES still available
There is still time to take up available adult places. See your Socialist Worker salver or write to Socialist Worker, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 6DN.

TRANSPORT to Skegness
There will be heavy booking of coaches during Easter so Skegness Organisers should book transport now.

TIME OF ARRIVAL and Departure
Time your transport to arrive any time after 1pm on Friday 4 April. Coaches will depart after lunch at 1pm on Monday 17 April.

PAY UP and Keep Happy
Send the balance of your money for Skegness to Socialist Worker (Skegness), 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 6DN.

ENTERTAINMENT
Long discussions are now bearing fruit. Next week you will see the top-class entertainment in store for Seven-a-side Football
Price: Barrels of Fullers Real Ale. Encouraged by the entries for the competition, Socialist Worker is donating time gallops of Fullers Real Ale to be taken back to the triumphant district.

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SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS
NO RETURN TO BACK STREET ABORTION
Womens Voice and Socialist Worker public meeting, NEWHAM: Thursday 1 April, 7.30pm, Lawrence Hall, Cumberland Road, London E7.

WALTHAMSTOW: Friday 2 April, 8pm, Rose Hall, corner of Church Hill and Hoe Street, Walthamstow.

BROMLEY: Saturday 3 April, 3pm, Bromley Town Hall, High Street, Bromley.

BRADFORD SW public meeting. Call the Labour government: Stop the cuts. Saturday 4 April, 8pm, Central Hotel, Westgate.

LAMBERT COUNCIL WORKERS SW public meeting, Saturday 4 April, 8pm, Lamberts Hotel, Newhall Lane, Leamington Spa. All welcome.

DUDLEY SW public meeting. More on the government's budget crisis. Dudley, 7pm, Dudley Town Hall, Dudley, Saturday 4 April.

CHESTER SW meeting. Saturday 4 April, 7pm, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

CHESHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE SW meeting. Bradley and District Socialist Club, Sandbach, Saturday 4 April, 7.30pm, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

SOCIALIST WORKER EVENTS
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SOCIALIST WORKER RALLY
Friday 16 April to Monday 19 April at the Derbys Miners Holiday Camp in Skegness, £16.25, covering all meals, accommodation and entertainment.

What happens on Saturday...

9am - Moon
FOOTBALL
West Yorkshire Leeds v Crystal Palace, London

CHILDREN'S MATINEE
Lark & Hardy Cartoons

POLITICAL EVENTS
Ray Challinor on The Origins of Britain
Bob Heffernan on The Mass of William Reay

2 - 5pm
FOOTBALL
E & N London v Scotland North East v Liverpool

STATEMENT FROM THE CINEMA
How I Won The War

POLITICAL EVENTS
Michael Kightly on The Changing Nature of Capitalism
Ian Taylor on Football and its "Hooligans"

7 - 9pm
EXECUTIVE ACTION
Viva Marta

KARAOKE NIGHT

8.30pm
INTERNATIONAL CINEMA
Battle of Algiers
Koshima Paradise

3.30pm
LIVE THEATRE
Karlof Kloven

8pm
LIVE MUSIC
Black Wagon in Dance Hall

9.30pm
MIDNIGHT LECTURE
FOOTBALL and its "Hooligans"

Ishmael Band

Newcastle Reggae Men in the Dreamers Bar (seating 80)

This is, of course, a sample programme. In addition, there are nature walks, visits to the Zoo, craft-making, table tennis, crazy golf, swimming, colours TV for kids and adults. There are five separate pubs on site, so if you don't like the noise or the music there will always be somewhere quiet to talk and drink. Bar extensions have been applied for on each night.

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CONVOY!

There's more to this record than it says

'HERCUT takes alive. Looks like we've got a convoy.'

CONVOY! by C.W. McCullum, has been in the top ten records for over a month—both here and in America. It's about the hero's drivers battle to ram their trucks.

Trackers in the US have had their had their health by drinking for long hours, or by having the speed limit in their rigs which may have had brakes, had suspension, had ventilation.

The overall trucker's are a story in the song, too. The longest time it takes to make those miles, the less the pay, they drive an hour an hour to go.

The speed limit is 70 mph. The song is a lasting tribute to the American protector of his freedom.

The Citrus Band of radio waves was the first to sound the track.

Trackers strike in 1972.

Trackers and radio waves are the backbone of the American protector of his freedom.

The American protector of his freedom has got his freedom, but he's called that because of his freedom.

The song is a lesson to all Americans.

So, the truckers speak in codes. Take the song for instance.

Sackings

Bear, or Scskey, the Bear is the star of the song. He's the one who's been tacked to the wall. A teacher's pay. On the American protector of his freedom.

The American protector of his freedom and the Bearing Band were formed in 1972.

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Can socialists support abortion on demand?

SW WRONGLY implied last week that all opponents of abortion are rabid reactionaries. In fact, some committed socialists, while violently opposed to the James White Bill, which only aims to ban back-street abortions, do feel that the difference between a faith and a baby is only one of degree. While the question of "abortion on demand" is to demand abortion for the sake of convenience, for me it is a good enough reason to take away the lives of Mark Womorowanov, Coventry.

I WAS disturbed to read the story SW described Ellen McCorrnah's "illegal abortions" last week. Britain's abortion law is a moral issue. If she claims to be an amateur, just a housewife, she has never even considered a living. While understanding that this may have been an attempt to help her or as a last resort, the implications of this statement are very worrying.

* That housewives don't want to be amateurs.

* That unless a woman goes out to work society is not worth her respect.

* That you are really sorry about housewives ever having an equal role with men.

* The beginning of the social services (as you were at pains to point out last week) this dumping and insulting writing will not do.

* Rose Smallwood, Edinb., Scotland.

Now oppose import controls!

BRITISH Leyland is in action to import an estimated £100 million in Soconey and Mopar parts for the new Rover car. A huge and unbalanced share of the money is to be spent in a continent controlled by a Japanese motor tool manufacturer.

The contract was won against competition from Leyland Cars, one of the Leyland group. It is claimed that the contract is the largest single customer order ever received by the Leyland group.

The major part of the contract will be fulfilled by the firm's own machine factory with Leyland Cars providing the major operating subsidiary.

ADDENDUM: I'm not a professional feminist or 'thinker' but I thought you might be interested in this comment on ccm. I am less interested in the joke, though I would make it a joke if I had a better one. STEWART Dunlop, London.

Cartoons

It's not so much words ago that an Englishwoman who drowned herself in the Thames and really got a raw deal from the authorities. What society we are going to be if we can't laugh at ourselves and must ourselves even begin to read our own jokes.

The ability to laugh, at the same time, is a good thing.

A CASE OF GIVE AND TAKE

READERS might be interested in the latest scandal involving by that well known pervert of the kind, the DMSS.

From April I have agreed to pay tens of time nurses. They are mostly women and mediow the maximum for the present is £320 a year. All the nurses have read a book called "Nurses, this book will not count for extra fees for the basic salary scale. The average charge for a 15 minute consultation for a medical student will also be increased from £1.43.

This is certainly another example of the exploitation of the women medical hand and taking away their rights. The consequences of the DMSS will be felt by ALL hospital workers. But I am not a nurse. I am a House, Harold Wood, East.

A JOKE'S A JOKE OR IS IT?

A JOKE'S a joke—it isn't if it means no more than a member of IS.

As it is generally known that a thick Irish joke was made at Not in My Borough. This is now evidently me a description of a certain fact.

As a socialist for over 25 years and a member of the Anti-Apartheid movement for ten years, I found that I was equated as a racist on the basis of what I considered a harmless joke despite horrible evidence from the Irish, English, Scotsmen, Canadians, Americans, Africans, Brownies, etc. Jokes are not made out of non-patients. On the other hand, I never make jokes about disabled persons or persons with any afflication.

Surely the ability to laugh, at the same time, is a good thing.

I AM DISAGREEED That SW has not found space to call anyone against the protest against the Right to Live for Soweto. This was not that the Western foreign minister.

The reason that every possible opportunity to show his spuriousness, the importance and totalization of the MWB is that it can always be false that the Western foreign minister.

Contact Socialist Worker (General Strike), College Works, Cardigan Crescent, London E2 RDN or phone 01-739 6361

The fight for abortion on demand: our opponents are not as rabid reactionaries!

IN THE PAST month, the BBC has given Alexander Solzhenitsyn and the BBC bias.

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DEAR UNION CHIEFS

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IN KELLY'S

A new edition of one of the leading reference books, Kelly's Handbook of the Building Trade, has been published by T&GWU.

The book contains over 3,000 illustrations and is priced at £5.00. It is available from all good bookshops.

The book contains valuable information for all workers in the building trade, including details of the rates of pay for different trades and tips on how to avoid accidents on site.

 Rank and File members should ensure that they have a copy of the latest edition of Kelly's Handbook of the Building Trade, as it is an essential reference book for all workers in the building trade.

**THE LATER'WAN**

THE government's White Paper on public sector unionism will be submitted to the European Commission for its approval next week.

The White Paper outlines a number of changes to the trade union regulations, including the abolition of the right to strike and the introduction of new procedures for the resolution of industrial disputes.

The changes are expected to have a significant impact on the lives of workers across the country, and will likely result in a reduction in the number of strikes and industrial disputes.

### Rank and File members

**TEACHERS**

TEACHERS all over the country will be voting on the new contract for the first time in their careers.

The contract, which was negotiated between the National Union of Teachers (NUT) and the government, is designed to improve the working conditions of teachers and to ensure a fairer distribution of resources.

The contract includes provisions for increased pay, better working conditions, and a greater say for teachers in the running of their schools.

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Trades council suspended in manoeuvre

By JAMES ANDERSON, treasurer and executive committee member of Camden Trades Council.

THE TUC has suspended Camden Trades Council for refusing to implement the new Rule 14.

The TUC, in a letter of 23 January, was reported as "peremptory to cooperate with or subscribe to the funds of any organisation whose policies or activities are contrary to those of Congress".

WHAT WE THINK

Socialist Worker opposes both the new Rule 14 and the old one as insults. We are against all bans and proscriptions against working-class organisations that have the right to support or be supported by all those who work together. We are against all attempts to destroy the trade union movement, whatever its faults and branches which have indicated that they have accepted Model Rule 14.

In view of the TUC’s decision to suspend Camden Trades Council, subsequently the April delegate meeting of the TUC must be cancelled.

The letter ended by announcing a meeting in May. It is hoped that the delegates will produce written evidence on the Trades Council’s role in the struggle for trade union rights. No further meetings have been arranged to deal with the situation.

The delegate meeting on 1 April will be the only meeting that can cancel the suspension.

The suspension of the TUC has been condemned by the TUC and the TUC has been suspended by the Model Rule 14, the April executive meeting of the TUC will be held on 1 April.

VICTOR'S

The Campaign Against Racism in Camden and the Campaign Against Racism in British Society have been suspended by the TUC.

A meeting of the local Trades Council, held on 22 February, was condemned by the TUC as "unlawful".

The TUC has also suspended Camden Trades Council, asking for an explanation of its actions.

The TUC’s decision has been condemned by the TUC, which has been suspended by the TUC.

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GEC workers vote to go back

by members of the Metal Mechanics Group
at Keith Blackman's
NORTH LONDON. The dispute at Keith Blackman's factory is now in its 12th week.

An official recommendation was announced last week after a ballot that showed a significant number were prepared to strike even though some leading stewards gave up the struggle. TASS shop steward

No recommendation was made by the stewards to the membership of the dispute, so the ballot was only unopposed. Some shop stewards, including two members of the stewards committee, argued that the GEC's aim—to reduce the credibility of the stewards' committee—has failed.

LEEDS: An angry meeting of nearly 60 shop stewards in the Public Employers Union (PEU) has passed a resolution of their issue with the 6 Lees Dee 1100 house, the National Gallery's concern for those left out by the dispute. The LEEDS management has deliberately excluded the dispute by not including them in the 60 wage limit as a way of preventing the pay of LEEDS toolroom stewards throughout the combine. Toolroom earnings have always set the pattern for wages across the combine.

RUGGEY: Staff Cool Creeps in and technicals and technicians were given a two hours' strike. The management had decided not to work on Tuesday instead of the normal three days off for the company for 12 months. The management were unable to give the union a break as the negotiations were both over the skin the personnel manager, when they returned to

HOSPITAL STEWARDS OUT LAW THE DUMP

VICTORY

NLW: The agreement of some of the engineers in the AMDS to take to two days' strike immediately despite the fact that they had already been in dispute in their holiday bookings. This threat to those who supported the strike was withdrawn when it became clear that they would be supported by the union. One of the AMDS members said: "We are determined to fight on our behalf and our organization.

TOLROOM workers in three British Leyland plants are facing a vicious press witch-hunt. The TUC is threatening thousands of jobs, according to the Daily Express and the Sun. Leyland management claim all that our future is now are jeopardised.

by Sheila McGregor

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If toolroom workers at JSW broke the freeze, thousands of other workers could follow. Leyland want to end all the local bargaining throughout the company. The freeze would be negotiated with senior full-time trade union officials and stewards.

ENDS

The pressures are on to continue the action. The picket line is still strong, and the negotiations are still going on. The workers are determined to fight on to the bitter end.

50,000 out in Glasgow

GLASGOW: The call for a strike on Wednesday by Glasgow district committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions got the support of thousands of workers in the West of Scotland.

In Glasgow more than 50,000 workers stopped work on Wednesday. The action showed the tremendous resentment there is against the management. The growing rank and file resistance to the cuts.

But most factories only stopped at 3pm. For most workers the strike lasted only lasted for a few hours. Apart from that there were no demonstrations, no protests, no pickets, and no focus whatever.

At BOLTON, the Engineering Union members at the Metal Spraying company have been on official strike for 11 weeks fighting for the right to work and the right to belong to a trade union. They're won.

At the past two to union organizations has succeeded in doubling rates of pay. In a determined attempt to break the union organization, management have used redundancy to victimise two union members, the shop stewards.

NIGG BAY RIG SITE WORKERS SAY: "WE STAY OUT"

SCOTLAND: 2000 workers are still on strike at Brown, Root and Woodhouse Nigg Bay oil rig construction site in Rosshair, near Nigg Bay. The reinstatement of convenor Bill Reaburn, and stewards Alan McPhail, who were suspended after being accused of sleeping during eight shift.

The two stewards totally deny the accusations.

A mass meeting of the men last Thursday overwhelmingly voted to continue the strike and the site has been closed by effective picketing.

Construction Union officials have not been able to get the handover of the rig or to get a return to work and acceptance of the work.

RIGHT TO WORK WON

The men were sacked for going on strike against the redundancies. Regular picketing of the site and goods entering or leaving the yard was prevented.

The Bolton district committee of the UMW ran up a mass picket. The Company has had to face the fact.

The Bolton Right to Work Committee of the UMW, provided transport to get workers round other factories and held a meeting which was attended by the workers. Three of the Right to Work Committee members, the shop stewards spoke at the meeting. The workers are determined to continue the fight against the redundancies. Regular picketing, picketing of the site and goods entering or leaving the yard is now going on.

"Support!

Alek Gaunt, 10 Seaforth Gardens, Dingwall, Ross-shire.

AUW calls one-day strike to back bakery workers

EYEW: After four months on the picket line the 20 AUW members at the 28 bakery workers on the picket line. The picket line has received a boost last week. The picketing committee has had a one-day strike for a stoppage of all 28 bakery workers in Liverpool on December 12. The picketing committee said that they have also called for a mass in the picket line.

The 20 are demanding the reinstatement of three shop stewards, sacked after supporting a stoppage by other workers in the plant.

Sayers bakery shops in Liverpool should be boycotted and picketed. Leaflets are needed in every factory, workplace and AUW branch urging that everyone stops on the day and joins the picket line.

The pickets will continue to scream at the stewards that they are endangering all jobs at the Leyland by staying out. Management will call further "top-level" meetings of stewards to try and put pressure on the stewards and to increase their isolation.

Letters have already gone to all the River strikers telling them to return to work in the best interests of everyone. It is up to the trade union movement to ensure neither of these strikes is lost. The strike committee at S

CARBURATORS and River should start organizing joint meetings to link the disputes. Pickets must start visiting factories all over Birmingham and in other parts of the country to raise money and support.

AUW members should also move pickets throughout the combine, and picket the companies like a mass picket.

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"Some of the unemployed workers who were on the Right to Work March seen picketing outside the headquarters of the TUC. They asked to see TUC general secretary Len Murray but were told he was 'unavailable.'

Before the marchers left, Manchester wrote to Murray asking to see him when they got to London.

Send to: National Secretary, International Socialists, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2, EDN.
This is why women have a right to choose abortion

by DEBBIE DELANEY

I had a bad trick done to me. I have been pregnant four times. My first pregnancy was ten years ago. I then had a miscarriage. My next two pregnancies were in the last two years. My last pregnancy was in the last four months. I was forced to have an abortion.

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