EVERY WORKER in Britain should welcome the Asians who want to come here after being driven by persecution from country to country.

Those press lords and politicians who argue otherwise lie when they pretend that an Indian or a Pakistani worker is a threat to English or Scots, Welsh or Irish workers.

They say the country's overcrowded. That's LIE NUMBER ONE.

It may be tough going in Blackheath or Stepney or the Gorbals. But you should try Warrington in Cheshire, Knaresborough or Berkhamstead.

There's no overcrowding there. Indeed, most who live in these places are so wealthy that they own two or three other homes as well.

Jack Jones, boss of the Transport Union, reckons that at any one time there are 800,000 fully-furnished houses empty because their owners are staying in their second or third homes. And the richest of them have vast country estates besides, where there's stacks of room.

They say this is 'our country'. That's LIE NUMBER TWO.

How much of it do you own? For 20 or 30 years staving to pay off a mortgage you'll get three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bathroom and—with a bit of luck—a tiny garden.

When it comes to the land itself, the situation is even more unbelievable. According to a survey for the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Wealth, an amazing 2 per cent of the population own 72 per cent of all land values.

Now you know why building land is so dear. Now you know this is their country, with us crowded in the towns and cities to work for them.

They say immigrants are flooding into the country, or scheming to get past the immigration controls. That's LIE NUMBER THREE.

Last year the overall population of Britain fell. And every year since at least 1961 more people have left Britain than have come in.

Figures in the official publication Population Trends show that between 1970 and 1973, 1,215,000 people came into Britain and 1,209,420 went out. A net loss of 5,580.

As for the nonsense about floods of people lying and scheming to get in, there is a staff of British government bureaucracy in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh specifically designed to make it as difficult as possible for those who are not entitled.

They say that the agitation against immigrants isn't racist. That's LIE NUMBER FOUR.

It's racist to the core. No amount in the press propaganda that you'd never guess that more than three times as many immigrants to Britain come from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka together.

According to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, 42,180 came from Australia, Canada and New Zealand every year from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. In the past six years the totals were 288,700 and 109,900.

Add in the Asian refugees from Uganda, Malawi and Kenya, and there are still far more white immigrants coming in without a murmur from the press or a question from an immigration official. But the numbers of people coming in is not the problem.

LIE NUMBER FIVE is the biggest of all.

Neither black nor white immigrants cause unemployment or bad housing.

There's been bad housing and a shortage of housing in Britain for hundreds of years. But housing and a shortage because housing is built for profit, not need. Unemployment was rare in the 1930s when there was less immigration.

No, it's not black and Asian, or even Australian immigrants, that give workers the stick. It's profitable companies such as GEC, the Steel Corporation, the Coal Board, IT and Chrysler.

And far as the press and the employers succeed in getting white workers to blame black people, they will be laughing all the way to the bank.

The working class will remain packed into tiny corners of this and other countries, stuck on the receiving end of every twist and turn of the blind economic forces that control this society.
1,500 march to defend the 43

FIFTEENTH HUNDRED demonstrators picketed Hendon Magistrates Court last Friday in support of the 43 unemployed workers and trade unionists arrested after the police attacked the Right to Work March at Staples Corner on 19 March. The public gallery was packed, loud cheering and clapping greeted the marchers as the police escorted them into court.

Fifty-two marchers were detained on bail until their trial begins on 17 September. One, John Davis, secretary of the Right to Work Campaign, was detained as NUTFLP bail was set on 18 June. When the court date for his case at the Old Bailey will be announced.

When the marchers left the court they marched at the head of the demonstration down to Staples Corner where the police had attacked the march.

Unemployed workers in action

A RECENT front page of the Skelmastone Advertiser shows the success of the Right to Work Campaign there. The main story is about an occupant of a RHODES home who employed workers in a factory by 24 women who had been sacked. The Unemployed Workers Action Committee gave the occupier a chance to stop putting up a new group of unemployed workers.

The occupation ended in victory, with management now agreeing to pay full wages for the period of the action. The successful occupation has shown that between meetings, there would be trade union involvement. By the London October 5th.

The next meeting of the full right to work meeting was held on Saturday, 3 July. John Davis told Socialist Worker after the meeting that the Right to Work Campaign had successfully petitioned trade union leaders to support the campaign.

The meeting was attended by trade union leaders from across the country who expressed support for the 43 unemployed workers and called for the right to work to be restored.
The three men who spewed on democracy to help cut every engineer's wages...

IN THE CRUCIAL wages debate of the week's National Committee of the SWP's engineering section, three delegates voted directly against the line of resolutions from their branch.

Had they voted in line with the resolutions, the National Committee would have been able to cut the Heylin pay deal by 26 votes to 25.

As it was, they rejected the proposed 12 per cent cut by a margin of 20 votes to 23.

Passed

Bill Rowlands went to the national committee from Division No 15 (Lewisham, Canning Town and North Wales). His division sent this resolution to the national committee, which passed it unanimously by all 17 divisional committee members, including Rowlands.

The national committee thanked the council for totally opposing state intervention in wage bargaining and pointed out the support to the miners in their efforts to maximize wages, as wage controls in a capitalist society can only lead to a reduction in the living standards of all workers and their families.

The motion was composed as part of the main letter resolution opposing the 12 per cent pay deal.

Record

The two delegates from Kent were J Lamburn, Mining and Engineering member (Ashford) and J Simpson (Croydon, five years' membership). Their division (No 21) also submitted a resolution asking the national committee to record its continued opposition to any form of intervention in wage bargaining, and to support for collective bargaining.

J Lamburn and J Simpson voted for the pay deal.

MURDERED - by the racists of Fleet St.

TWO STUDENTS from overseas were murdered in South Woodford, East London, on Saturday. They weren't assuming anybody. They were walking to a local restaurant where they were attacked by a gang of white youths and killed.

The police have arrested four youths and seized a car used in the killing. One of the two students was a student at the University of London and the other was a returning visitor from Tanzania. The two students were from Tanzania. They had been in London for two weeks.

The police are trying to trace the other two youths, who are believed to have fled the scene.

WHAT TO THINK

IF IT MUST BE NO!

Why every miner should keep up the Healey pay deal

Miners, too, have to wake up to the threat of overmanning in demand and pressure on coalfields.

This letter from Gordon Horsley, NUM President, gives a flavour of the problems facing miners in the present economic climate.

Miners, too, have to keep up the Healey pay deal.

The government and the union leaders have two arguments for a yes vote. The deal will deliver more money to miners and will reduce the danger that the miners will strike again.

The miners want to accept the deal.

They are influenced by the following arguments:

LOW PAID WORKERS GET MORE PAY ONLY WHEN THEY FIGHT FOR IT

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THE Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is under sentence of death.

If the sentence is carried out, trade union organisation in every engineering factory will be irreversibly damaged.

The sentence was passed last week by the AUEW's Engineering Section National Committee, which split 28-20 on the executive's proposal to ballot the membership for closer amalgamation of the union's four sections.

Under these proposals, the four sections would be abolished and replaced by one executive and one national committee. 91 delegates—43 from engineers, 26 from the white-collar section (TASS), 20 from the forestry section and 13 from construction.

After the second vote, the president, Hugh Seaton, declared the proposals passed. The committee voted 28-20 for closing the section which insisted on maintaining representation on the new national committee of only one delegate each from TASS and the forestry, and three from engineering.

These proposals will almost certainly be thrown out by the smaller sections, and the amalgamation could proceed as a result.

Does this matter? Yes, it matters very much indeed. Trade union organisation is being damaged by the alienation between white-collar and blue-collar workers.

The only way to reverse this is to bring the white-collar and blue-collar sections of the union into closer contact, with the same executive, the same rules, and whites which can be built into a single organisational structure, such as the AUEW.

It was the reason for the merger with TASS.

The defeat of the last week's AUEW-TASS merger is a disaster for all trade union organisation in engineering. If allowed to stand, it will open the divisions between blue-collar and white-collar workers.

The defeat was the work of the unions.

AUEW does this mean the death sentence?

by Paul Foot

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Yet certainly, the right wing were allowed to emerge from the怆s as the protectors of democracy and rank and file control. Their point was that under the amalgamation proposals, existing TASS abilities would have to stand for election, even though all other functions of the union would remain the same. Watts, too, felt that the right-wing policy would be allowed to stand for other offices in the union.

Safe

As Andy McKay, a veteran from Newcastle, put it: "When we stand elections and lose, we're out on the streets. When these TASS officials stand, they've got a safe job to go back to."

One could answer these arguments on four points:

- Section and several left-wing unions were critical about TASS officials and their chances of winning.
- The executive committee of each new section would have to be elected.
- The new section's ability to elect officials was not immediately threatened. As it is, the legal contracts of service of appointed TASS officials would be more important than the rank and file control of the union.
- There was a simple solution to the deadlock. The executive committee could have been amended to allow for regular rotation of TASS officials. Such a rotation would almost certainly have been carried and would have ended the deadlock.

The executive committee after right-wingers spoke against the appointment of TASS officials, the president, Hugh Seaton, was asked whether the executive had decided to increase the executive's power. The answer was yes.

The right-wing is the national committee and the local section.

The exec committee has decided not to increase its power. The president put this to the executive committee.

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Handed

Safe, so the right-wing unions will lose and for vote for election of officials through the amalgamation, the local section, the Right wing handles the argument and the vote to the right wing on a plate.

There is no justification for the appointment of officials.

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The division also decided not to recommend the resolution 'the early transfer from the supervisory branches to TASS'. The left and middle layers voted against allowing the membership to vote on amalgamation. Explaining his position, young told the committee: 'Our division of the AUEW has always been very careful about giving the membership a chance to vote on amalgamation. But the majority of our members have always been against amalgamation. They are all members of the AUEW and want to keep them as members of the AUEW.'}

What we can do about that ugly face

by JIM ATKINSON

Secretary, London South West EETU branch

and file movement at shop floor, branch, and district level around a programme of union action.

election of all officials.

Executive committee composed of branch and shop floor representatives. Annual conference of branches will determine the campaign.

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NORTHERN TUC LOCAL MEET-UP

AUGUST 20TH 8.30 PM

EETU Rank and File London South West EETU branch

Meeting:

Senders: Barry Williams (Rank and File)

Rank and File candidates for EETU general secretaries: Barry Williams (Rank and File), Chris Neal (Rank and File), Andrew G. Wright, and David Ford (Rank and File candidates).

EETU Rank and File London South West EETU branch

Thursday, June 14, 6.30 p.m.

The Ugly Face of the CHALLIS union

EETU Rank and File National Meeting

No TUC deal with Heath

Build a fighting rank and file front

EETU Rank and File London

Meeting:

Smash the Right

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EETU Rank and File London

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We've been trained as a primary teacher. It's anything, the syllabus for primary school teachers is even worse than it is for secondary school teachers. As far as I know, none of the trained primary school teachers in that college have got a job yet. I've applied for a job and had an interview.

But I've just heard that I've been put on the waiting list with hundreds of other primary teachers. I'm really worried. It all seems to be more of the same. That at last people are talking about our jobs, and who's been talking about it in the newspapers.

How teachers are fighting for jobs

Teachers in more than 50 London schools are operating a policy to create more jobs. They are refusing to take classes for teachers absent because of sickness or other causes.

The vital demand: the NUS voted down

The executive of the National Union of Students called for the occupation of the university to force the government to act at the school of education at its meeting on Sunday. It also called for other colleges to stage sympathy occupations.

The resolution calling for action was moved by NUS member Graham Threlfall. Most of the executive had no plans for action and voted for most of the NUS resolution. But, reproachfully, they voted down a couple of important points.

These members of the NUS executive are frustrated to hear on the floor of the union on motion leaders who do not want to fight unemployment.

How we can spread the occupations

- Send sites to the public. Spread the occupations by sending sites to the public. Spread the occupations to other sectors of the education system.
- Send sites to the public. Demand that teachers refuse to cover for vacancies.
- Visit other groups of workers affected by the cuts, such as prisoners, railway workers, hospitals. Send sites to local factories. Ask to see convos and shop stewards, and put the students cases to them.
- The NUS executive voted seven days before even putting out a press release about the occupation of the Scottish colleges.
Held up to ransom...

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Duncan Dallas

A bunch of profiteers give the orders. And the Labour government slavishly carries them out—too our cost.

WE HAVE too many relying on too few. We need more hands and fewer callers.

These careers of wealth come from Barrie Heath, from GKN, one of Britain’s largest multinational companies.

Heath is certainly a bully—he beats the horses too slowly for his tastes and makes anything of his own horse’s strength—but he is just one of many.

The work of flying by helicopter round GKN plants, making sure other people are doing something different, is an extraordinary valuable task. And some of the companies bring him in for a week after stoppages.

It’s quite a bit of a time for Heath to spend. But after a few months in the cockpit, he finds nothing better than a week end in the cockpit.

Boat

This time it’s his power boat, which runs between the Solent, helping to repair the breakwater, every fourth of the day.

No wonder, one of the most serious problems at GKN is the lack of workers, especially during the week-end.

And Heath was charged a mere £2 for the week-end, and a substantial fraction of the cost.

Now you know what he means when he says we have too many relying on too few.

A Captain of Industry, showing how much work he does...

WHY GARY VANN... THE ELECTRIC RAIL...

There are 544 people now sitting on Death Row in American prisons, waiting for the Supreme Court to decide whether the death penalty is constitutional or not.

Of these, 313 are black, Mexican and American. American cattle in Puerto Rico.

And of those 539 people received since 1936, 396 were black or white members of other minorities.

Crime

Death Row is filled with black people—be it in New York or even in the South. But because in America to be black is a crime. To be black and to stand up for your dignity is an unusual offence.

Take the case of 17-year-old Gary Tyler. He was convicted of shooting a white youth. Convicted by an all-white jury—and sentenced by a white judge.

The shooting happened in October 1974. All black students were getting on a school bus to go home when it was attacked by 200 white students and their parents, using tear gas and guns. One of the white students was shot dead. The police searched the bus for the gun. During the search, Gary Tyler objected. That is why the death row police department was held up the students began to fight. He was arrested for obstructing justice. That is why he was charged with obstruction of justice.

Natalie Brown, a black student who said a statement saying she saw Gary with the gun, also denied her story.

On the night of the shooting, she was seized by the police station. While she was in custody, she was raped by the police and later was charged with perjury.

Gary Tyler was held on this false statement. He was convicted and sentenced to death.

That’s justice—American style. His case is not an exception. It’s the rule.

Framed

Gary was framed on this false statement. He was convicted and condemned to death.

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINERS

巡逻 guards say that the police have never seen him since his sentence. They said that he would not go to the prison. But the police still have him in a cell with 200 other prisoners. They have no contact with him.

The police are afraid of the possibility of an appeal. So they are holding him in a cell with 200 other prisoners. They have no contact with him.

What the cuts really mean

If you are a socialist, you should know about the cuts. They are not just cuts in wages. They are cuts in public services. They are cuts in education. They are cuts in health. They are cuts in housing. They are cuts in transport. They are cuts in everything.

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This is ‘liberal’ Spain...

THEIR CRIME
- being active in a trade union

JUNTA ENEMY SEIZED
EDUARDO ENRIQUEZ—one of the leading members of the Chilean socialist organisation, the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR)—is now a prisoner of the Junta.

He was arrested in Argentina last month and then, on the orders of the Argentine military government, sent back to Chile. He is now in the custody of the National Guard.

Socialist Worker understands that Eduardo has been taken to the hotel in a police van and then back again to the hotel in a red light police car.

He may be allowing a few reforms for the middle classes. But, for the workers, there are still the civil guards, the rubber troopers, and the torturers who prospered under Franco.

May he be taking the picture that shows the insertion of a catheter because of kidney damage.

Remember these pictures must time a television program going on about the new ‘Bolivians’ of Spain under King Juan Carlos.

Francisco Teilez Luna was photographed in the Barcelona hospital after being tortured by the civil guard in Badajosa. He was arrested for taking part in a picket. The photo shows bruising and the insertion of a catheter because of kidney damage.

A photo: He was arrested for picketing. Below: She had been active in her factory.

GROUP STRIKE IN ATHENS
By Chris Stevenson
ALL PUBLIC transport was at a halt in Athens on Monday at the beginning of a 48-hour general strike.
Up to a million workers were expected to join the strike called by the unions to protest against the government’s decision to abandon the nationalisation of General Com-Pel-Ha.

Offence

The strike was a protest against the proposed trade union law which Prime Minister Konstantinos Karamanlis is expected to model on the British Industrial Relations Act.

The law would make political activity within the workplace an criminal offence.

The General Confederation of Labor has called on its members to ignore the strike and the government has banned a dozen competing all government employees to continue working.

LEFT CANDIDATE IS ‘BANNED’

OTEO de Carvalho, the senior military commander of Lisbon, has been banned from actively campaigning for the Portuguese presidential elections (due on 25 June).

He is not allowed to speak at meetings, neither is he allowed to leave the Labour area.

The elections will be a fierce battle in the threat of divorce for the centre-right Partido Socialista.

The campaign around Oteo is extremely significant for the left.

For the first time since 25 November, the revolutionary Left is making some impact.

Together

Unlike in the elections for the legislative assembly, the 20 presidential candidates—of the Left—the PFL, MES, UDP and PSP—are working together. They are campaigning for Oteo.

The campaign is having some impact. Communist Party sponsored such as the Socialist party are strongly supporting Oteo.

In Lisbon, a recent campaign speech attracted 300 people.

Meanwhile in Coimbra, Oteo went to a CP dominated fish refrigeration center and was among the Pre-Orchid power covered the day of the azimuthal black.

To the people of the agricultural cooperative of Alcochete, Lima in Almada, Communist Party members were saying: “Voting is the main weapon in today’s situation. We mean that the campaign for Oteo.

Said Oteo de Carvalho, the main of the votes, the campaign has shown that the workers’ movement, which has been in two years, is not distracted.

The Communist Party has been historically divided. As expected in last week’s campaign, the Socialists don’t want to put up a candidate because of the split of their own, their own moderate leaders, PSL. But there are problems with the left’s campaign for Oteo.

Perhaps Oteo is a man of the people, but his history is one of oscillating between the revolutionary Left and the moderate Right.

Last summer he urged a compromise with the group of moderate right leaders.

Even after the ‘red’ had been excluded from the Left, he had voted for the attack of 25 November.

Oteo is a man of the people. But his history is one of oscillating between the revolutionary Left and the moderate Right.

Oteo himself has been leading the military coup that overtook Portugal two years ago. He will never lead the workers’ revolution.
We've taken enough: Now we fight back

'THE TIME has come to make a stand.
'The British message for the racists in Blackburn, and beyond Blackburn: We're here to stay. And we're going to fight to make sure our lives are free from this constant harassment and abuse.'

The words of a young man who has been hounded out of his home and who has no intention of being hounded from anywhere.

I am Khadijat Hussein Quarrashi, from Uganda, who was in Blackburn in 1972 as a student. I am one of the many people who have been hounded out of our homes and who have no intention of being hounded from anywhere.

Khadim and Mohammed Quarrashi (above) talk to Peter Fielding and Laurie Flynn.

Special report from Blackburn—one of three major cities in Britain where the racism of the National Front and the National Party has pulled off significant successes in the local elections.

Khadim and Mohammed Quarrashi talked to Socialist Worker about their feelings and their determination.

Khadim: 'We came here in 1972 in different conditions and not by chance. We had British people and had nowhere else to go. This isn't going to be a happy day for the people of Blackburn.

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RACIALISM CLAIMS TWO LIVES

DINESH Choudhuri, 19, and Rishi Ahладdī, 22, were stabbed to death by a gang of white youths in the early hours of Saturday morning. They had gone out for a Chinese meal after studying for exams.

It was the third attack on foreign students from the university residence halls in South Woodford, London, in a few weeks. Racial violence has flared round the country since the press has been -about the Malayan Asian living in luxury hotels.

Attacks on Bongsas in Tower Hamlets in East London have increased. Several youths have been threatened Asian, demanding money and cigarettes, throwing bricks and bottles.

The youths hung around York Square, carrying sticks and following Asian as they walked from the bus stop on their way home from work or the cinema.

Rahul Farrier was recently attacked on his way home from work. He was able to get help and then went back to fight them.

His head was not open with a broken bottle. He had to have eight stitches.

That same night three men were from a local Asian owned by a member of the National Front entered the street.

The three men were packed together outside the house in Austin Street where the Bengal lives.

ATTACKS

When local people challenged them, the racist drivers threatened to make a racist反应.

Residents believe the drivers use their radio to co-ordinate the attacks on the Asians.

Not the local community, in spite of the attacks, are receiving no support from the police. Although there are only a few people—Bengalis and Asians mixed around the streets. They used away from groups of live youths who were threatening some Bengalis.

Rahul Farrier told Socialist Worker: "I was attacked. I heard of many attacks. I didn't know how to info."

I asked to go around for three nights. There have been so many attacks.

We are telling everyone. We are too afraid of the people who tell us false stories. We all come out.

TROUBLE

When I came home from work in my car, I drive around on the road if there is any trouble. That is the police. When I gave my statement, the police was very much a happy because they were saying the National Front are serious trouble. We will not allow them to bother us.

Some of the people interviewing the area have distributed a leaflet in the nearby council centre, explaining the latest attack and their action to stop any further attacks.

Another group has put an end to this violence and from this attack now. Or there is no saying where it will end.

The friends of Dinesh Choudhuri and Rishi Ahладdī can tell them.

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![Protest against National Party in Blackburn](image)

Action against racism: the placard that says it all.

THE LATEST issue of Flame is now out.

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CAMPAIGN WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKER

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Fighting back in Brum...

BERNIE MANTON International Socialist have sold between 600 and 700 Socialist Workers this week. The issue has a special poster back page "Defend the Handsworth 28". Local organiser Sheila McGregor said, "We did special pub sales on Friday as we went round to take collections for the defence fund. It's helped a lot in the fund-raising, especially when we sound with collections sheets."

"We are doing street sales on the route of the demonstration. A lot of the black people who were on the demos are taking half a dozen or a dozen copies at a meeting where a Jamaican opposition leader spoke. We've sold a lot at the Saturday open meeting in the Bull Ring." A Socialist Worker

CHESTER: SW PACKS 'EM IN...

Paul Foot speaking at last week's packed meeting.

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WHERE WE STAND

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION

The workers create all the wealth under capitalism. A new society can only be constructed when they collectively take control of that wealth and plan its production and distribution.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up or reformed, as the established Labour and trade union leaders say, it has to be overthrown.

SOCIALIST WORKER is a revolutionary paper that seeks to organise its supporters around the following principles.

1. THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

2. The structures of the present parliament, army, police and judiciary cannot be taken over and used by the working class. They grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling classes against the workers. The working class needs an entirely different kind of state - a workers state based upon councils of workers' deputies and workers' militia.

3. At most, parliamentary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system. Only the mass action of the workers themselves can defeat the system.

4. INTER- NATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is part of the world-wide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers in other countries.

5. We oppose every kind of imperialism

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise and demand the right to govern themselves, and support all genuine national liberation movements.

6. The Revolutionary Party

We are for real, social, economic and political equality of women. The experience of the working class has been a struggle for all of these.

7. To achieve socialism, the most militant action of the working class has to be organised and directed by the Revolutionary Party.
THREE ENDLESSLY REPEATED MOVEMENTS MARK OUT a man's life. A worker at British Leyland's Speke plant on Merseyside.

by JOHN VILLIERS

Jaguar, Coventry

WITHIN a minute on the line a worker in the trim department had to walk about 20 feet to a conveyorbelt, pick up a front seat weighing 50 pounds, carry it back, place it under the robots, rush from one belt to another, and in four belts, first hand-starting the bolts and then using an air gun to tighten them.

It was steady work when the line started at 60 cars an hour. When it increased to more than 100 cars an hour, the number of operations was not reduced and the seat became almost meaningless.

In 30 seconds the worker had to perform at least eight different operations including walking, lifting, bending, replacing the carpet, bending to tighten the bolts by hand, tightening them by air, replacing the carpet again and pushing a weight on the handle. Sometimes the bolts fell off or the belt. The gantry refused to function at the wrong speed. The seats were defective or the threads were broken.

But the line does not stop. Under these circumstances, the worker ends up immersed in "the hole," which makes the floor seem a four floor building. The work and the heat make it hot.

After two, three and a half hours, if you get lucky, all the work is done. You have been stopped at the line for 13 hours.

THAT is a passage from a book titled False Promises. The author is Tony Cliff, in Ludorstown, Ohio, USA. After rationalization it was producing 101.6 cars an hour, or one every 36 seconds. The line is in Britain, at Ford's Dagenham, makes 70 an hour.

If you want a rise, the procedure is easy. Hand, if you're lucky, a brief man will send in for you, usually after a half-hour wait. Your name is taken from a book called "The worker," because you appear to work at your own pace. It's not there, or you get a week's suspension.

Additional work such as fitting an extra washer to a seat can result in an explosion of conditions.

In October 1969 at the Chrysler plant in the United States, Johnson, a black production worker with a "Scott Ferguson" tattoo, was killed. He got home, got his gun, came back and killed two foremen and a union official.

The following day workers all over Detroit struck the press reports on their foreman's death.

At Detroit Johnson, killed instantly, brought about work in making, sales and design of the plant. The judge and jury visited the plant. The verdict was a manslaughter verdict.

Since General Motors opened its last Detroit plant, they used only an emergency and beer-ridden workers. Workers tell this to Jack Jones...
Postal Points

I AM FED UP with people selecting racial equality. My husband is a senior officer in the DSNS and he has to deal with sexist and xenophobic issues. He is not alone. Many men are.

It is no wonder people who work in the DSNS get better at these people. All their work is paid for and they are left with nothing.

They talk to the so-called hierarchy that don't do no work, except to dictate to other people and are paid for as a result, Lord, or Your Majesty.

53 Waldorf, Devon

HUGH SCANLON: HE TOSSSED AWAY MORE THAN A COIN

At the AUW National Congress last September, Scanlon was made a member of the Standing Orders Committee. This committee decides the rules of the National Congress Committee. All members of the executive body are nominated by Scanlon and his allies. The congress will debate and vote on their motions and decisions, which will shape the policy of our union.

Split

The AUW split was not a result of the scanlonean led workers in the factory, it was a result of the AUW Convener, Dubliner, FIUT.

May I thank you on behalf of all my members for your support in our recent article on our dispute.

It was very clear to all who read the article and helped to ensure that justice was done, and that the workers were in the factories.

Since Williams, AUW Convener, Dubliner, FIUT,

THERE ARE NOW 60,000 workers at the Rotherham and their elements have gone on strike. The strike has been supported by the National Union of Bank Workers. There have been big pickets outside the factories. Some don't bother to vote, but many have voted. The Local Government Union, which is the postcard, did not vote. Some estimations have said the strike may be out of 62 votes winning a strike.

Worrying

This strike for the Front is worrying. It shows that working people are fed up with working hours and conditions. It is killing off their hopes of a better future. It is a solution. In the days before the election, the local paper ran a headline with the words "AUW: A Struggle for the Front". The same headline has appeared in many other local papers. It shows that working people are fed up with the Front.

If there was an answer

Romieu has said that the Front is not the answer to the problems of workers, that workers could smash the Front. If there was an answer, they must be stopped.

For too long, black workers and trade unions have been used as a means of breaking the AUW's huge population.

Stop this Censorship!

On 18 March, the General Post Office (GPO) in Dublin was attacked by the British Army under the guise of a "People's Convention" in Northern Ireland. The attack was carried out by elements of the British Army, along with the infamous Special Branch, in order to silence the voices of workers and activists who were fighting for a better life.

Darning

It had been made by the Irish Marxist group Lotta Hitte, People's Democracy, and it carrying a message that said, "We are the working class of the post-war world, but we are not alone."

If there was an answer

If there was an answer, they must be stopped, and the workers' struggle for a better life must continue. We will not be defeated.

Lecture series

EDINBURGH 1970

Wednesday, 18th May, 8 p.m.
Ravenscraig Road, Edinburgh 3

- "The Meaning of Marxism" by Duncan Hallas
- "The Meaning of Socialism" by John Maclean
- "The Meaning of Communism" by T. Commet

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Thursday, 19th May, 8 p.m.
Jacobs Hill, Oxford Street, London W1

- "The Meaning of Class Struggle" by John Maclean
- "The Meaning of the Proletarian Revolution" by T. Commet
- "The Meaning of Internationalism" by Duncan Hallas

How do we get the troops out?

The attacks on British soldiers in Northern Ireland have led to a radicalisation of the Provisional IRA. The group is now seen as a legitimate resistance movement by many workers in Northern Ireland.

Majority

As the major campaign for the elections, the National Congress has divided itself into two leading groups. The First group is the AUW. The Second group is the AUW. The First group will hold its meetings in the Mainau and the Second group will hold its meetings in the AUW.

абORTION...

ABORTION... AGAIN.

Many SW readers like Cathleen Dally (Letters, 16 April) continue to argue that abortion is a matter of personal choice, not the right of the unborn child. Of course it is a matter of personal choice, but this is not to say that the issue is simply a matter of personal choice. If we are ever to become truly equal society, we must have the ultimate right to decide on our own lives, and on the lives of our children.

To argue against this is to give the right to decide in common, rather than allowing women to decide for themselves.

To be anti-abortion now is to be biting the hand that feeds us. Women have their own livelihood, and it is not for us to interfere with their decisions.

So let us all stand together. Women who support the women's movement must put their weight behind the women's movement. Let us all stand together.

Sorry...

May I offer my deepest apologies to Brian Calton of NUPE for causing him any difficulties in his work. He has been a true friend and colleague. We are all grateful for his dedication, and his work has been a true inspiration to many others.

Emerson and Dorey, Portland.

General Strike

I CAN REMEMBER the 1926 General Strike for one thing. It was 1926, and my parents were living in the West End in London. It was a time of great changes, and the strike brought about a lot of new laws and regulations.

With regards to the future, it seems to me that the future is quite uncertain. The world is changing, but we must not give up hope. We must always strive for a better world, for a world where everyone is equal and free.
Is this socialism?

The most amazing thing about this pamphlet is that it begins by half-admitting that the things that ought to characterise socialism do not exist in Russia.

The author, David Pindyck, says that some or all of the following requirements are lacking: a high degree of popular self-activity, no marked differences of income or status, and accountability of all state officials.

He then argues that this does not logically entail that the USSR is not a 'workers' state of some kind.

Marx, Engels and Lenin would have agreed with his general if they had had their time. For them, the essence of the revolutionary tradition was the taking of control of all society and the overthrowing of all institutions in which government officials were elected on the principle that this meant the control of all officials, without exception, by the populace, and the application of the principle of election and at any time of any officials who were in any way corrupt.

Pindyck next says that everything has changed since Marx's time, and that even the workers' state of Russia is not what it used to be.

He says that, under capitalism, the state has taken on various forms, from a fascist dictatorship to a socialist one.

But the argument falls flat when the moment you look at it. Whether a government is in power, the capitalists own Russia.

Sabotage

Why? Because of their 'military' imperialist policies. These cause industry and so cause sabotage the actions of any government.

Workers? State?

Pindyck quotes a party propaganda leaflet in Everybody's Magazine: 'Russian workers have economic power in their organization and in the state.' Of course not.

He does not decide whether factories are built, whether steel works or ship factories will be opened, who will get what amount of armaments.

He leaves even greater aims for the state without being questioned by the workers.

Pindyck prefers to vote Russian, as he says, because 'they are my own people.' The thing is to find out who has the right to make war, and who the right to destroy.

Pindyck says that the state has no control over the state, but he has no control over the state.

He is in fact a social democrat, as he is always misquoted.

The key to building socialism is the abolition of the state.

Change

But all modern states plan the economy to greater or lesser degree. We know that the plans in the West always break down. Things happen outside a particular country that complicate a change of policies.

Pindyck ignores this fact. He has actually happened to Russia planning as well.

He does not have the power to control the state. He lives in a society which accepts the decisions of the government. Acceleration of work at one post, accumulation of labor, of immunity, of welfare, etc.

Needs

It is this which forces each industrialist to build factories down in a minimum and to expand industrial supplies to the people.

There exists much competition between rival capitalists inside Russia, but the Russian economy as a whole is involved in constant competition with the economies of other countries.

In part, this is competition to sell things abroad, but Russia produces high-quality steel, iron, machinery, etc.

Even more important is the fact that the ruling class and industrial monopolies form of capitalism that Russia is part of.

The rule of the Russian workers is subject to the rule of the masters. Competition is not equal, but according to some national plan, but on the basis of rivalry between different capitalists.

Action

This makes nonsense of all calls for planning. The level of accumulation is determined by the level of international competition.

As this grows, living standards have to be held down regardless of what must be done within the plans.

That is why Pindyck is also wrong to claim that there are no elections in the Russian state.

No elections may not occur at the same time, or take the same form as elections in the West.
Drivers strike against pay deal

by KEVIN O’DOHERTY

Two thousand rank-and-file drivers in East London stopped work on Monday morning in response to plans in the 4% per cent pay deal to tax their next subsistence allowance for road haulage drivers. They marched to Tower Hill and then on to Transport House to demand union leadership over the proposals.

As spokesman for the marchers said the plans could mean a loss of up to £200 a year for drivers. Normal subsistence allowance is around £2.50 a week, which has to cover hotels and meals.

Drivers outside TGWU headquarters vote to continue the strike.

CABLES STRIKE IN CITY

LONDON: 130 cable and switchboard workers at a Post Office building in the City went on strike only two weeks after striking the General Workers’ Union, against the threat of redundancies. They have been working at the Post Office building at Wood Green, Upper Green, since early this week. On Monday, they were joined by TGWU members after the announcement of redundancies.

The company they work for, American Personnel Services, claims they are not entitled to the money, and the Post Office has announced a new system to deal with the situation. They are also demanding better working conditions.

POLICE CALL IN MERCENARY DOG OF WAR

JOHN BANKS is a dog of war. He was in the news last year for recruiting 200 mercenaries to fight in Angola against the black freedom fighters. He is now working under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He has been involved in several cases in the PTA and released with no charges brought. He is now fighting for the Defence Act. He has been in trouble before, with a number of cases under the Act. He has been in conflict with the PTA and the courts.

The police released Banks on bail. He was in charge of a group of two men who were arrested for possession of explosives.

Now they have been charged with possessing explosives. They have been charged with the IRA. The Trade Union Committee against the Prevention of Terrorism Act has supported Banks and the PTA. They have been in conflict with the PTA and the courts. They have been in conflict with the PTA and the courts. They have been in conflict with the PTA and the courts.
**SPARKS STRIKE ON 14 SITES**

**SHEFFIELD:** Electricians from 14 sites are still on strike demanding the reinstatement of 18 men sacked from the Bessey's Bailey house site in Barnsley.

The senior steward from the site told Socialist Worker: 'Management came into the office on Monday and just announced the removal of an allowance, which cuts our wages by £48. Previous firms have always paid them.

**RIG SITE THREAT TO 600**

By a ARMIGATE METHIL: Half the 200 workers at the Methil yard of the oil drilling firm of Holweg, whose construction site is threatened with closure, have voted for a general strike.

Letters from management last week did not give a reason. After the vote was taken on Wednesday, the yard workers voted for a general strike, saying that the management has nothing to lose.

The yard workers were then told by management that they would be 'red flagged' and instructed to leave the site.

**Better**

One steward from the Methil site said Socialist Worker: 'We've been on strike for two years. We're not afraid of them.'

**SCS: NARROW SLIP FOR DEAL**

By Gordon Blair (SCS)

The 4.0% per cent pay deal slipped through the creaking doors of the Scottish Council of Civil Servants who, on 23 November, voted to accept the 4.0% and 4.0% pay rise for 360 employees in North Sea oil as part of their agreement with the government.

The fight in Glanmor has not ended and the workers must be prepared to fight for their jobs.

**Dustmen defy cut**

**EQUITABLE PAY**

By Second bus garage out

By DAVE FANTHAM

TGWU, Wandsworth bus garage workers at Lower Road, Wandsworth, are taking industrial action this week in a battle to stop London Transport from laying off hundreds of workers.

London Transport have been laying off workers for the past two months, claiming that they cannot afford to keep any more workers on the books.

Management claim that the workers are working longer hours and that the number of workers is too large for the workload. However, the workers have been working shorter hours and the number of workers is too small for the workload.

Management have been laying off workers without any consultation with the workers. This has caused a lot of resentment and a lot of people are looking for other jobs.

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**Greenwoods picket firm after 7 weeks**

**WARRINGTON:** The spirit of strikecreedinGreenwood's picket line" is still alive and well, with more than 40 workers still on strike at the company's factory in Warrington.

The picketers have been on strike for 7 weeks, since the company announced plans to close the factory and relocate production to a new site.

The workers have been in dispute with the company for several months, with disagreements over wages, working conditions, and job security.

The pickets have been joined by members of the TGWU, who have been providing support and solidarity.

**Socialist Worker: Please send me more information about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists**

Name:

Address:

Send to: National Secretary, International Socialists, 8 Cottesmore Gardens, London, W2 8DN.
Why we should all support the student teachers

TENS OF THOUSANDS of student teachers have taken an initiative that should be backed by every other section of students and by the whole working class movement.

They have given a lead in the fight for jobs that should be an inspiration to everyone. Their case is simple. In college after college, more than half the students finishing their studies this year cannot get jobs.

They're fully qualified teachers. They could quickly help deal with the so-called 'scarcity' of qualified teachers which the right wing press is always harping on about.

But they are not allowed to become the educators of the children of the working people because the right wing press is always harping on about.

They could help improve teaching in millions of schools and colleges. They need the support of all of us.

A Labour Government is running them off in an inflexible period hanging around home offices instead of teaching.

No wonder they are angry. Their lives are threatened with ruin. And for no reasonable political purpose.

They are being sacrificed on the altar of an unscrupulous economic system. Like a gang of all unscrupulous politicians they want to keep the workers, they are purging the unscrupulous politicians out of the public service and the public sector.

They are being forced to work long hours, they are being forced to keep the public service running.

Wealth

There is a government which means the wealth, the apparent necessity to keep the unscrupulous politicians out of the public service.

More schools and colleges are not yet open, more factories are closed down until even low wages are created.

But instead of fighting back against these policies, the students teachers are fighting for their jobs.

It is a fightback that students teachers support of all the other sections who face the same situation, the railway workers, the nurses, the hospital workers.

Dole

It is a fightback that should be supported by anyone who wants a decent education for their children.

Above all, it is a fightback that should be taken up throughout the educational system in the country where students who want to be paid properly in the public sector education colleges in the country who want to be paid properly in the public sector.

It is also a fightback that should be supported by anyone who wants the students teachers to be paid properly.

SUPPORT THE OCCUPATIONS

LINK UP THE FIGHT!
Meeting for delegates from all occupied colleges of education in London to discuss setting up a coordinating committee.

Southwark College, 6 Parkside, Wimbledon 3pm, this Thursday, 27 May.

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