South Africa

The time has come for bursting out. People are going to get more organised. If the whites think they can get away with their system, they are mistaken.

— A MOTOR MECHANIC, aged 17, talking to British reporters in Soweto last Thursday.

130 MURDERED— BUT THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM GROWS

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YES, I AM A NAZI

THE NEW SIGN IN RELF'S GARDEN...

Why the moguls are laughing

THE CRISIS in Jamaica is spreading. A week before Prime Minister Michael Manley declared a state of emergency, three members of the opposition, including Jamil Khan, Hasib Ture and Asif Ahmed, were murdered, apparently by a large gang of white strangers. Manley's announcement of a crackdown only increased the sense of panic that has gripped the country. The government has imposed a curfew, rounded up large numbers of dissidents, and closed down all public gatherings. But the violence continues, and the mood of fear is spreading.

On Saturday in Jamaica, Prime Minister Manley addressed the nation in a televised speech, appealing for calm and promising a crackdown on violence. The speech was widely criticized, with many accusing Manley of using rhetoric that was too similar to that of J.A.F. and other previous governments. The opposition, led by the People's National Party, has called for a new election, but Manley has refused to budge.

FREAK

The rally was addressed by several leaders, including Tom Lantos, M.P. for the Labour Party, and A.G. McNair, who called for the government to act quickly and decisively. The rally was peaceful, but violence broke out in the streets afterwards, with protesters and police firing shots and throwing rocks.

Hitting back at school

1. Send a letter to the school principal expressing your concerns about the racist behavior.
2. Organize a meeting with parents to discuss the situation and plan a response.
3. Contact the school district for support and resources.
4. Report the incident to the police for investigation.
5. Seek legal advice if necessary.

ROtherham: Some of the 4000 anti-fascist marchers turned out on Saturday against the National Front Barking: Black and white workers picketing Enfield Powell last week

Sacked for fighting racism

At Enfield Powell, a black worker was sacked for fightingConnections:...
THE SCANDAL THEY IGNORE.

'GREAT LEAK scandal'. That was the reaction of the press last week and of the leaders of the Tory, Liberal and Labour Parties. They claimed that the whole basis of cabinet government and parliamentary democracy was being undermined. Why? The weekly magazine, New Society, had published details of cabinet discussions on the abandonment of the new scheme for child benefits.

An immediate investigation was begun in the civil service for the person who had given New Society this information. After all, there are two sorts of payment by the civil service to ordinary people. One is in cash to people for all their claims on the government, and the other is in the form of tickets which are worth considerably more. It is good to the husband for all children—no amount enough to pay tax.

PORTUGAL: BIG SUPPORT FOR OTELO

Elections are due in Portugal this Sunday for a new president. The most likely victor is Amilcar de Castro. He is backed by all the parties of the right, including the Socialists. Even the Communists. Right, the man who will finally decide the outcome. Many leaders of the socialist-oriented parties have already decided that the peaceful social movement is a democratic and anti-fascist movement. It is a movement thatifies that there is only one way to live in Portugal: with peace and freedom.

Security

More significant still is the campaign of Ode of Carvalho, a former leader of the terrorists. They have all been released on parole.
Why do they dig the system out?

"WHY do we dig the system out? Why do we want to? We didn't invent the system. Most of us don't like it very much. So why do we dig it out?"

Norman Willis, assistant general secretary of the TUC, was summing up the two-hour debate at the TUC Special Congress.

A thousand delegates had sat through two and a half hours of general discussion of a motion about the urgent need for cutting trade union fees standing standards.

Willis' question was suddenly, curiously relevant.

"Because our members are the system out. Because they are paid, and when they go down, our members go down."

David Rae, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers, put it even more directly.

"The thing we have to do now is to save the Downing Street审美园."

This was not an off-the-cuff remark.

Willis' point, in a sense, was that the system of the unions had to change to deal with the dramatic experience of the shutdown deal withchers.

We argued for much higher fees. But this was not just to bring the deal for pension agreements through. It had to get a brighter price code.

Willis' answer was: "We didn't think about what we wanted in any of these. What we came out with was a deal of standing the standards of living for working people in this country."

But when we met the Prime Minister, we all told him we were Protestants."

The system, the union argument, is the deal, the idealism is tradition. We're no longer in a position to negotiate on economic affairs, only beyond the dreams of our fathers."

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Helping train the enemy...

BRIAN MATHERS, the Birmingham regional secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, has found a way of becoming his own boss. This is how he managed it.

"One of the fliers who was sent round a weekly football card at work every pay day for the Right to Work Campaign."

Please send your name to the Organiser's Club.

The conference is for branch officers in industrial relations, personnel managers and general managers. Its a training exercise on how to deal with shop stewards and trade union negotiators."

The conference will be held on the national level at the meeting place of the Employers' Federation.
Slaves of the SNP

By LAURIE FLYNN

IAN NOBLE, nephew of Associated Fisheries director and former Tory government minister Michael Noble, is one of Scotland’s youngest and richest chieftains. Noble, a Scottish National Party member, recently withdrew from these participation in the Edinburgh-based oil bank Noble Greswold and set out to give reality to a private dream. He drew on his family’s oil fortune to buy out an old textile mill in the Chartist town of Ayr. The Ayrshire mill owner of the clan will be freed from what Noble believes to be some of the most grievous social ills of our times.

His life’s work is the creation of a modern community, using an ancient business to bring new life to the heartland of Scotland.

At that time, he was a prominent figure in the Scottish Community of 100 direct action groups, with its headquarters in Edinburgh. He had become a noted expert on housing, and was well known for his work in the area of housing and community development. His work was influential in the development of affordable housing and community facilities throughout Scotland.

THE AMAZING STORY OF ROWEN ENGINEERING

In 1986, however, in the midst of the recession, SNP leader and SNP politician Ken Munro attempted to start a new company to give an extra-ordinary understanding of part of the SNP. 

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...and then it really will be a free press

So what would you put in its place?

LHS, distortion and sensationalism. That's what the capitalist press means to the working class. It's in their interest.

Just a look at the Newham Recorder in East London, the only paper with a large Asian, West Indian and Chinese readership. Most of the paper is for the local community.

Freedom

It's freedom for the eight major corporations who control 90% of the press in this country to project their views for the purposes of profit and power.

Exploited

Do we really want to read about Richard Burton's sex life? Do we want women to be exploited as the Sun does every day?

The bosses tell us that's what the people want, but these ones even asked them?

There is little in the capitalist press that really helps us understand our situation. They have no intention of helping us understand it.

I'm an author and my case is now being heard. Under socialism there is no censorship by the state. The people running the press will be the people running the whole country.

But more important, socialism will mean that the press will be free of profit because it will not exist.

Exploited. We want to read about women, about the working class, about the oppressed.

New technology, which will mean that the people who work for a living will be free to be a part of the print world, it gives everyone a voice in the printed word because it is not a profit-making business. There is, in fact, reason to believe that we would need journalism as we know them now at all. Why? People all over the world don't need to know what a politician is thinking and doing.

Dangers

I'm not suggesting that we should have a free press. I think we all realize that there are dangers. There are dangers in having a free press.

We have had socialism and we had a free press and it was a disaster. There were a lot of problems in that country and we know that.

But if we are to have a free press, there are dangers in having a free press. We have to understand what dangers exist and we have to be prepared to deal with them.

Dangers

If it's the same man - and if it is what was he doing 100 miles off his boat?

NOW TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Meaningless, back at HQ

ANOTHER splendid example of the Labour Government's provision for capitalism and to cut its own supporters' throats comes from Chas Newfoundland.

A new mentally handicapped and no longer in care, but has been built, at the local hospital. The telephone has not been installed and new staff remained.

Then along came the government, in the shape of the Department of Health and Social Services, Cut, cut, cut, they go. You've got your old-school don't expect any money to run.

And so, from next month, the promised £2,000,000 to run the unit will be cut to £1,000,000, virtually, nothing.

The outcome? Severely retarded and handicapped children will have to remain in their own family home, day in, day out, without nursing, therapy, or relief for their families.

Remember this when you next hear that Mr. Dick Tracy talking about the need for care in public expenditure.

CUT TO SHREDS

The Lords: Collect your beer money and go

Dennis Skinner, MP, failed last week in his attempts to bring in the Commons' Bill into the Lords. But his speech revealed facts about that paradise.

The Big Four banks have £21 million representing them in the House. The other banks have £3 million.

Three pictures, two different police pensioners - 200,000, 200,000 - but it is the same copper in all of them. Sharp-witted Labour writer John Hulshof looks at the press.

And his unimpressively right about the first news, both of which were taken during the attack on the Right to Work Marchers in West London in March. Both of which were taken in the third picture, helping to haul away a black youth during the anti-National Front demonstration in Westway Green, Burslem, last month.

The pictures only look alike. Look at the shape of his mouth, the whiskers, the hair, the nose, and his build is the same. His glasses is the same, the same style.

And if it is, we might suggest the Home Office change all the way from London to Burslem.

Dennis, of course, he's being offered a new type of 'beaut'. One with thanks and trade union support on the end of it.

COLUMN

SEVERAL pupils have been given an extra hour's teaching each day to catch up with their work.

And our teenagers distributed 'Let's talk' for a new generation.

The recent decision, according to the latest issue of the Russian extremist journal, 'Current Events', occurred on 24th February, the day of the Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

The Asbestos Information Council plans to spend £15 million on advertising this year; over 10 times last year's figure.

Good news! Well, mainly. The Information Council is run by Baccus, three major asbestos manufacturers. The same Baccus. Former Newel, and BAC. Between them, they control 95% of the market of the nation.

The massive advertising campaign, reports the London Evening Standard, is designed to counter industrial accident cases.

You can say that.

THREE million homes in England and Wales will get some form of council rent rebate, either off their back or one of the more modest one that most people talk about. All reports by the Building Research Establishment revealed last week.

PRIZE OF LABOUR

If the NEC is one thing the National Front are good at, it's organizing this year's council rent rebate.

If there's any area of the country where the council rent rebate is in operation, it's in London.

It's a prize of Labour.
Evidence in court gives lie to press’s mob reports

ANOTHER major attempt by the forces of law and order to crush the resistance of young blacks to racism is under way in Leeds.

Nine young blacks and one young white socialist are on trial on charges including criminal damage, assault, causing grievous bodily harm, and affray—all of which carry possible jail sentences.

All the charges arise from incidents last November in the Chapeltown district.

They are being tried by an all-white jury and a white judge. All the evidence against them comes via white prosecution witnesses.

The whole police operation is being controlled by West Yorkshire Chief Constable Ronald Gregory, who has his office and his headquarters at the National Front headquarters in Bradford.

The Chapeltown Black Night incident received a lot of publicity; black police by an avalanche of press reports, much of which was inaccurate. But it does seem to have been a very violent incident.

Two of the leading figures in the black community in Leeds are on trial for affray.

One of them is a leading member of the black community, and the other is a social worker.

Evidence

What exactly happened? We don’t know for sure.

The police say that the Black Night was a planned attack on the police station, and that the police were justified in using force.

The defence say that the police were not justified in using force, and that the Black Night was a spontaneous attack by a group of young blacks.

Heaviest

Judge Christopher Rimmer’s comment on this was: “I don’t know the answers. But the police are right.”

Chapeltown has been the centre of police harassment and brutality for years. There is no evidence of any other incident with a similar pattern of events.

The police say that they received a call that there was a disturbance at a local pub. When they arrived, they found a group of young blacks outside the pub, and the police said that they were attacking the police station.

The defence say that there was no disturbance, and that the police were wrong.

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Fought

There has been too much publicity about the Black Night. Certain of the cases are being suppressed in the press, and the police are not being held to account.

There are at least ten people in prison for the Black Night, and the police have been using excessive force.

Council panders to prejudice

BAD HOUSING, high unemployment and a degrading education system. These are the real enemies of the working class in East London.

People are angry. They are being let down. They are being encouraged to take the maximum steps in the black community and the Labour movement.

Wonder

There are people who have been on the streets for a long time. They have been thrown out of work. They have been thrown out of their homes.

Some of the people who are on the streets are not welcome. They are not wanted in the community.
South Africa: The risen people

By an Asian woman who recently visited Soweto

PLACES LIKE Soweto are necessary to keep white industry going. They are built outside the big cities, and separated by a large area of desert country. These towns are carefully planned to help the oppressor.

Soweto is surrounded by a single tarmac road. Along the perimeter are 'anti-urban units' staffed by soldiers who stay on alert for any sign of uprising. The suburbs like houses are built in rows from one end of the tarred military road to the other. Only about 15 per cent have any electricity or running water. There is no cinema for a million people, four government-owned beer halls, two fish shops, no post office, no hospital, no clinic, no sports facilities, no swimming halls.

Life in these towns in sunny South Africa is probably as comfortable as in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany.

EDUCATION: There are 140 schools in Soweto. Average spending per pupil is £2.5 a year (compare to £250 a year for white children).

The schools are controlled by boards which used to include five members elected by the parents. Since September 1974, these elected board members have been systematically sacked for opposing teachers.

Massive children's demonstrations and school strikes had been going on without a word in the British Press—for nine weeks before the explosion last week.

HOUSING: In 1972, there were 4,258 qualified families on the waiting list for houses in Soweto. You can't apply unless you're a man, unless you've lived in Soweto for 15 years, or worked for one employer for ten years.

All divorced, widowed and unmarried mothers are automatically struck off the waiting list. Divorced or widowed women without dependent children cannot remain in their homes unless they marry a man with the necessary qualifications.

JOBS: 54 per cent of adult workers in Soweto are out of work.

TRANSPORT: Hardly any of the black workers in Soweto work there. About a quarter of a million of them—that's almost all of those with jobs—have to travel 15 miles a day to work in the factories in Johannesburg.

THE EVENTS in Soweto last week have been variously described in the press as a 'riot', a 'rampage', 'mob rule'. In fact, only one word adequately describes them: an uprising.

The so-called township is a million-strong, one of the largest in Africa. The people who live in it are expected by the racist South African regime to put up with every indignity for the 'privilege' of working in nearby Johannesburg as cut-price labour in the factories or as cut-price servants for the white population.

Last week the black schoolchildren rebelled against the final indignity—having to do their studies in the foreign language, Afrikaans, spoken by their masters. When police shot them down in cold blood, the whole city rose in revolt.

The protests spread to the black universities, to the township of Alexandra on the edge of Johannesburg's white suburbs, and Pretoria, and to the townshipships of the Rand.

The broad masses of Soweto are perfectly content, people can be.—MANIE MULDER, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, quoted in the Rand Daily Mail.

BLACK PEOPLE have never taken the blows aimed at them by South Africa's white rulers without striking back. As far back as 1912 the African National Congress (ANC) was set up to resist white oppression.

In the 1950's the ANC led a massive and peaceful campaign to end the system. Despite brutal police persecution, hundreds of thousands of black men and women took part in the passive resistance movement.

In 1959, the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC) split off from the ANC and mounted a more militant campaign against the pass laws. On 21 March 1960 at Sharpeville, thousands of blacks peacefully assembled outside the police station to demand that they should not be arrested for destroying their passes.

The police opened fire on the crowd, killing 69 and wounding 186. Sharpeville was the last outrage of a wave of struggle that was already on the decline. The ANC and PAC were banned and thousands of their members arrested.

But South Africa's blacks have now developed a new confidence.

The fall of the Portuguese colonial empire in Africa, the liberation of Mozambique, MPLA's victory in Angola, the guerilla campaign in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and now a series of armed pitched battles in South Africa's black townships . . .

Growing fast — the power that can destroy apartheid
But relations between white and black in South Africa are not relations between workers of different colours. They are relations between oppressor and oppressed.

Merely to have a white skin in South Africa guarantees a share in the massive wealth created out of the sweat of the black people.

It is not like Britain, where white workers and black workers both toil to create wealth, although the white workers often have better jobs and slightly more tolerable living conditions.

In South Africa white 'wages' in mining are 20 times higher than black wages; in manufacturing, five times higher. All whites live off the backs of the blacks. They share in the exploitation.

A movement is needed to overthrow the whole structure of white rule, no longer arrangements to the sections of the black population into this system of oppression and exploitation.

That means more uprisings like Soweto, more movements like the great strike wave in the factories of the Rand two years ago, but better organised and directed so that the death toll of the black population is lower and the destruction to the police state much greater.

**Britain’s blood money**

En 1973, after a series of articles in The Guardian about starvation of workers employed by British companies in South Africa, a House of Commons Select Committee conducted an inquiry.

It found that 63 British companies employed 77,475 South Africans black workers at rates below the notorious ‘poverty level’. This ‘level’ was best described by one rural worker on a farm owned by Slater Walker:

> "If you’re on the poverty level, you’re lucky to live till the age of 40. You’ve very lucky if your children survive over the age of five."

Furthermore, 98.15 per cent of all the workers for 146 British companies—that’s nearly a quarter of a million workers—were paid below what is known as the ‘minimum effective level’; that is, just enough to eat one full meal a day and pay the rent.

**Firms who profit by starvation**

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CAMPAIGN WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKER

BECAUSE I AM A SOCIALIST, I'VE JOINED...

by TIM DUKE

Slovening, Sussex

I joined the Socialist Worker at Collier's Wood in Central London in September last year. I was buying various other socialist papers, but Socialist Worker was the best. I sent off the slip for more information and got a year's subscription from Michael, a member of the International Socialists from Brighton. I went on to organise a small stall selling the paper and passed IS about two months later.

I joined because I am a socialist. I was a socialist because I am a socialist, and I am a socialist because I am a socialist.

JOINED

Three of my friends have now joined. We have built up a Socialist Worker branch at our school, with 22 members. We have had success, but interest is growing.

Recently, the Royal Opportunities Commission met to consider how to deal with girls who are pregnant at school. They must be taught to give up their babies, and the school must be answered. The Royal Opportunities Commission is funded by the local Right to Work Committee. It is not working hard for the rights of girls and women. It must be answered.

JOIN US! THE Transport Union shop stewards at Hempton Rubber in Treforest, South Wales, is taking five copies of Socialist Worker a week, delivered to the factory for the members to read.

WHERE WE STAND

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION

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

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The working class can only be emancipated from capitalism. The idea that a workers state based upon councils of workers from one country can be used to make improvements in the present system cannot succeed in the present system. Only a workers state based upon councils of workers can succeed in the present system.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

To achieve socialism, the most militant sections of the workers must campaign for a workers revolutionary party.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

We urge all students and workers to join the International Socialists, fill in the form on page 15.
THE Russians have discovered something that will do the job of a hundred men... a hundred workers’ governments in every town and district. Frost on one of his awful TV shows.

The audience fell about laughing. But it’s not a really funny joke. The only reason people laugh is because they do with the stereotypes images of men and women that we all brought up with.

We have woken up too late and infatuated women still as animosity against us. The horsemen, the horsemen, the horsemen...

It must affect the other scenes. Human rights have not been ignored by our Newsweek writers. Here’s something important to do the right thing.

Never

(1) Yes, I’ll give you a hand but you’ll have to show me how to do it.
(2) Meaning I won’t even look at the oven...
(3) And I don’t intend to start now.
(4) Yes, I’ll give you a hand—but I’m going to do it my way.
(5) Meaning I’ll show you my version of this recipe.
(6) Meaning I’d better do it before you do it.
(7) Meaning I want you to catch me doing this.

I’ll show you how to do it but you’ll have to show me how to do it.

Never

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I-Like this, dear, are you getting the idea now?

Soon

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MARGARET RENN

PREVIEW

Brighton’s not been in English. It’s about the music, the dance, the dress, the flowers. The women in the 1930s who worked in factories and lived in crowded slums for four days in London the weekend of the World Women’s Congress Theatre Company before the premiere. £2.50 Advance tickets.

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Postal Points

I agree with Mr. L. L. Johnson's letter about the 60% increase in prices. People who live on fixed incomes are feeling the pinch. It's time we put the squeeze on the greedy companies and demand some reasonable prices for our goods and services. I suggest we form a consumer's union to fight for our rights.

Fred Jones, London

Song of the grubby red mole

Please Mr. Editor, let me join the growing chorus of those who are tired of seeing the red mole as a symbol of communism.

I would like to suggest a new song for the grubby red mole: 'I feel sorry for these racist fools'.

RAVON

CAUTION IN THE REAL WORLD

IT IS WEAPONS technology that determines whether a war will be limited to the streets or to the battlefield. The ceasefire calls have been made in vain. The real war is being waged in the minds of the people. We must unite to fight against this.

Tom Smith, London

THE PRICE of butter has increased by 20% for a pound, yet huge surpluses of milk products are accumulating in the warehouses. This is a recipe for disaster. The government should be doing more to help farmers.

John Doe, Oxford

I have been reading about the decision to ban the import of certain foods into the UK. It's a huge mistake. These foods are not only cheaper but also better for us. I urge the government to reconsider.

Jane Smith, London

RAVON

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A SOCIALIST PROGRAMME TO FIGHT THE MYTH

CHRIS HARRIS

The Crisis states that even if the government provides some of the money needed to build schools, hospitals, and homes, it will still be needed in the future. I disagree. The government should be providing these things now, not waiting for the future.

John Doe, Manchester

The unacceptable 'Visual amenity' - unemployment

LIVING

There are thousands of people out of work in my area. The government should do more to help them find jobs. I heard about a new scheme that offers training and work experience, but I don't think it's enough.

Jane Smith, London

GETTING THE FOREMEN IN

PIERRE

I would like to hear more about the socialist movement in France. It's a strong movement and I think it can be a model for other countries.

John Doe, London

LET'S GET THE FOREMEN IN

PIERRE

I believe the government should do more to help the working class. The foremen are often exploited and they need better wages and conditions.

Jane Smith, London

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RACIALISM

WHERE does racialism come from? And who gains by it?

The beginnings of an answer: for Britain at least, can be found in a little-known Act passed in 1839 years ago.

The date was 11 August 1836. The years of Tudor trade were drawing to a close. They had seen a massive shift of wealth towards the rich—and the birth of mass poverty. Capitalism was finding its feet.

Decline

In the 19th century—since 1839—prices rose and wages fell. The gap grew ever wider. The result was revolution. The Industrial Revolution was a product not just of political economy, but of the revolution in the material conditions of the proletariat.

David Livingstone, the famous missionary, once suggested that he went to Africa 'to make an open path for commerce and Christianity'. In that order.

—Quoted in The Missionaries by Geoffrey Moorhouse

But surprisingly there were widespread warnings of degeneration and even signs of open revolt: 'What can this man do to us though poor man may curse the sun and hold together? On taxes labourers squeaked in 1840.

What indeed. But the 'rich man' had an answer: make sure the poor man can't hold together. They passed a law a year later—just a year after the Industrial Revolution—guaranteeing children under 10 school for half a day. Since 1850 a steady mass of children have been forlorned and degree 1.

We did not conquer India for the benefit of the Indians. We know it is said at missionary meetings that we conquered India so that we could raise the next generation of Indians. This is not so. We conquered India as the outlet for the goods of Great Britain. We conquered India by the sword and by the sword we must hold it.

—Quoted by Angela Nicks, Tony Home Secretary, 1926.

In 1855, Jamaica and its sugar plantations were captured from Spain, providing the base for the slave trade, which Britain soon came to dominate. By 1829, a commentator of the debate could say: 'All this great increase in our treasure proceeds chiefly from the labour of negroes in the plantations.'

Squallor

The slave trade was the most profitable of all branches of British commerce, slaves being sold in the West Indies. For the first time what they had cost on Africa's coast was Gold Coast in rate of profit which had fallen; for the traders, the chunk of the extra profit in the slaver in the squiller they were forced to make while trading in the Atlantic.

For an allegedly civilized Christian country, the dehumanization of millions of non-white Africans seemed to be justified. It was done by presenting the black man as sub-human, as a savage, a thing best for commercial sake.

The hypocrisy of this racist propaganda reached a crescendo towards the end of the 19th century. And it began to be directed against the growing number of slaves brought back to Ireland by their 'owners'. By 1879, for instance, the 'West Indian' population of London was 30,000. Bigger in relative terms than today.

These slaves had, by various legal regulations, become free men and women. But many lived in impossible to get used. When the government's attention was drawn to their plight, its response was to negotiate some of them!

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Blight

They had a remarkable record of plantation and exploitation to justify. In the last half of the 19th century, for example, an estimated 4,000 million worth of slaves was lost from India alone.

And that was only the beginning. As the Secretary of State for India, the Marquess of Salisbury, said in 1870, 'India must be freed.'

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RACIALISM was born out of imperialism, out of the desire to conquer and the crushing and the looting. And it had in practical use whenever the ruling class had its backs to the wall.

In 1914, the year in which Britain came to be the world's leading imperialist, the Indian Mutiny of 1857 was answered with imperialist sanctions. The line of the British Raj was set not to the metropolis but to the centre of the empire, and that of the British Raj was set not to the centre of the empire but to the metropolis.

Wholesale sugar could only be justified on racist grounds. To buy the sugar became a favourite pastime of British military officers: 'Redcoats,' paragons, and borderers took over just as they did the rest of it. As if it was in Africa. But all the same the sugar was justified by racism, strengthening the White Man's Burden, the Noble Savage, Britain's drifting unmanned, which the British ruling class succeeded in perpetuating through evil and racist.

How did it begin?

Who did it serve?
Cardiff tenants burn their heating bills

CARDIFF: More than 100 tenants burnt their heating bills outside Cardiff City Hall on Monday. The protesters were in protest at the failure of the council to install central heating systems.

The tenants are demanding a reduction in their rents, as they claim the current heating system is inadequate. They have been quoted a bill of £400 for the evening, which they believe is unfair. The council has offered to split the cost with the tenants, but they have rejected this offer.

The protesters have threatened to continue their demonstration until their demands are met.

Meanwhile, in other news:

**NOTES AND MEETING**

NOTES for this column must be received by 1st October. Further details of the meeting can be found in the Cardiff Post's website.

**SCOTSNATS PILE ON THE RUBBISH**

CUMBERNAULD: Rubbish is piling up as the Scottish National Party continues to fail to reduce waste.

Despite attempts by union officials to get the men back to work, despite a walkout by the protest, the strike is still in its 2nd week.

The SNP-controlled council declared that the men are no longer paid. When the men refused, they were offered a 2 week strike.

Two weeks ago, the government ordered that the men must not strike. When the protest, the Shirley miners went on strike.

**KILLER**

A large group of tenants have agreed not to pay any rent until the council and the Scottish National Party agree to remove the rubbish from our homes.

This is a crisis. We are being forced to pay for services we are not receiving.

The council has stated that they will not negotiate until the strike ends.

**Gas offices overtake bank**

By Chris Gorman

Gas offices overtake banks as they take control of the gas supply system.

Local gas offices are now handling more gas than banks, according to the Gas Industry Commission (GIC).

Another 10 gas offices have been asked by the GIC to help their colleagues.

The GIC has threatened to take over the gas supply if the banks do not start supplying gas.

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The GIC has given gas offices more power.

**Army kills teacher in the ambush that never was**

by Eamon McNally

Liam Prince, a 25-year-old bank manager, was shot dead by an IRA gang in a shoot-out with the army on the north side of Dublin on June 12.

Prince had been in a bank robbery that was in progress on the north side of Dublin when he was arrested. He was taken to the hospital and later died.

An army spokesman said that Prince had been charged with robbery and that he had been in possession of a firearm.

In a separate incident, a 25-year-old woman was shot dead by the IRA in a shoot-out with the army on the south side of Dublin on June 12.

The IRA had been in possession of a firearm when they were shot.

**Dead**

A woman who had been arrested following a gun battle with the IRA in South Dublin has died.

The woman, who was aged 25, had been arrested and charged with possession of a firearm.

A search of her home revealed a further firearm.

**DEFEND THE 43!**

**SHEFFIELD SPARKS: WHY WE HAVE LOST**

Eighties electricians, sacked over three weeks by building contractors N G Bulley, have launched a mass protest.

They have been threatened with redundancy if they do not return to work.

They have been given two weeks' notice.

The electricians have been sacked after a series of strikes.

The electricians have been demanding better pay, conditions and the right to a decent workplace for years.

They have been let down by their union, the Electricians' Union, which has not supported them.

The electricians have been left with no choice but to take action.

The union has been asked to be more proactive in supporting its members.

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OCCUPATION!
But police and union official remove Automat strikers

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Pickets tour Vibroplant

COUNTY DURHAM: The strikers of the Vibroplant have occupied the plant. The plant is now controlled by the strikers. The strikers have occupied the plant to prevent production.

Social work case appeal

BERMINGHAM: The issue of the social work case appeal of the social worker has been decided in the High Court. The social worker has been told that she must appeal against the decision of the social worker in the High Court. The social worker has been told that she must appeal against the decision of the social worker in the High Court.

Students to sit in throughout summer

LINDSEY GERMAN
International Socialists

WE DON'T do it. The news today is that the strikers are occupying the plant and the strikers are occupying the plant. The strikers are occupying the plant to prevent production.

NOISS needs funds!

DURING the past four weeks the National Campaign for National Socialist International (NOISS) has produced and distributed two copies of the Occupation News. We have made a special campaign to increase the number of NOISS members and support the campaign.

Poly sit-in battle ends

STUDENTS at North East London Polytechnic have ended their occupation of the college after two weeks. The students have decided to end the occupation of the college after two weeks. The students have decided to end the occupation of the college after two weeks.

Tribe men out

WEST LONDON: The tribe men have been out of work for the past four days. They are demanding an end to the use of the plant. The tribe men have been out of work for the past four days. They are demanding an end to the use of the plant.

Support!
School-leavers join dole - and Right to Work march

FIFTY marches so far. That's how many workers 'already committed to march from London to the TUC Congress in Brighton this September for the Right to Work. Leaders of Wednesday's mass rallies will start today, to plan for the TUC Special Congress, at which workers will demand guarantees for the march after being treated like a 'panic rally. retail society Harry McShane in Brighton in the 1970s kept the march going, and we will march against local and central government, but not in any sectional interest. We will be the people of the nation, and we think that no real democracy can be had without the rights of the people.'

At a meeting of school governors, town councils were consulted on the march, but no officials were interested. A schoolmaster said as a matter of fact that it was 'calculated to cause disorder.'

The Socialist Worker report of this meeting was titled 'No march for students, but a march for workers.'

April 13, 1978

AXE HANGS OVER 100,000 COUNCIL JOBS

WE Labour Party people have had just about enough. Heseltine - he makes me sick when I see him on telly. There's not one of us here who didn't work themselves to exhaustion to get this government returned.

The government now wants to spend the same effort next time if they kick their councils and the members in the teeth. They should come down here and talk to the people who put them in office.

We refuse to do it, say councillors

The government, in its usual style, is trying to force through the House of Lords some of its policies against the wishes of the people. The government has been caught red handed in its attempts to cut local authority budgets and to reduce the services of local authorities.

Effort

Haringey council leaders are fighting back, but there are limits to what they can do. The Labour Party has to stand up for its principles and fight against the cuts.

Council employees demonstrating support for the Labour councillors' defiance of the government

AUEW THREAT TO BAN

Oppose

The marches will start from the North London TUC Hall, on 19th September and arrive in Brighton for a mass rally against the government's 1979 General Election campaign. The TUC will be there, as will the Socialists and the National Union of Public Sector Workers. We want a bigger march than the last time,

"We're preparing to march and to fight. If they start off the march, we'll be there and we'll fight. We're not going to be fobbed off by the government. We're going to fight against the cuts." - Cathy James, TUC National Officer

School-leavers join dole - and Right to Work march

Cut the cuts. It has been agreed in the case of the Educational Television (ETV) and the National Safety Organization (NSO) by the government. ETV is a private service that was set up in 1975 and NSO is a public service that was set up in 1973. The NSO had been forced to close down and ETV had been forced to cut its services. The government has been forced to cut its services.

1936: WERE YOU IN SPAIN?

Socialist Worker is planning special articles in July commemorating the 1936-1939 Spanish Civil War. We would like to hear from all those who fought on the Republican side or supported the Republic. Let us hear from you. Write to Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.