FOOD PRICES are rising faster than ever before in living memory. Sheltering behind a mild increase in the price index this month—and completely unreported by the newspapers—is a staggering 3.3 per cent increase in the price of food.

Food prices are usually stable through July and August. Even last year, when the price index was rising twice as fast as now, food prices remained the same.

If carried on through the winter, that 3.3 per cent increase will mean at least 40 per cent over the next year—an extra $4 on every $1 you now spend on food.

The Labour government says it's getting inflation under control. But food prices—the most important for working people and for pensioners—

Food could rise by 40p in £ in next year are soaring.

They are not the result of "normal seasonal fluctuations".

They are not the result of "world shortages"—though under Common Market rules Britain now has 14,599 times more meat, 40,395 times more of butter in store to keep prices up.

They are certainly not the result of "wage increases".

Nor has anyone yet claimed they are the result of the drought. They are the result of deliberate policy by the Labour government, and shameless profiteering by the food companies.

The government is cutting food subsidies this year from £772 million to £608 million. That's why a pint of milk went up a penny recently. That's why a loaf of bread went up a penny recently. That's why tea will go up 20p a packet this week.

WHO BENEFITS?

Then there are the food companies and their own special organization called the Common Market. The chairman of Associated British Foods, Britain's biggest bakers, said the other day: "Apart from the loss of subsidy, bread will go up 2p by another 4p a loaf over 18 months under agreements signed between the government and the European Economic Community." Who will benefit? Associated British Foods. Their profits are already up from £45 million last year to £85 million this year—even though loss of their food was bought and eaten.

Eggs are being eaten every year. In 1972, we ate 273 eggs per head. This was down to 346 per head in 1973, and is down again this year.

But J B Eastwood, Britain's biggest egg producer, who makes a loss last year of £500,000 have recorded a profit this year of £7 million.

As the consumption of milk slumps, the profits of Britain's biggest milk producer, Associated Dairies have jumped from £7.8 million to £14 million, and Unigate from £8.6 million to £12.8 million.

EAT CAKE!

Two hundred years ago Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, was told of the starving bread shortage in the working-class areas of Paris. She replied: "Let them eat cake!"

Last week Colin Callinanon, managing director of Britain's biggest butchers, Dewhurst, called a press conference to tell journalists: "If the British want to go on eating meat, they had better live on at least the burgers, breast of lamb and bellies of pork—and leave the better cuts for richer consumers."

The French workers had a suitable reply for Marie Antoinette. They had a revolution and cut off her head.

Seamen: What benefits?

ASS Socialist Worker goes to sea. The seamen's union are still negotiating with the employers over 'brute benefits' suggested by the TUC.

These benefits are worth much less to the seamen than the £6 a week that they were offered two years ago when the TUC was fighting the sector contract.

If as heavy industry, employers and union alike, the seamen have been sold down the river ever again. The need for a strike and the movement which will be formed will be more desperate than ever.

If the employees decide to fight the seamen ever again, the case for the seamen's strike is stronger than ever, and the seamen will deserve the support of every worker in the country.

Some of the 5000 trade unionists, mainly teachers, who came out on strike for half a day on Tuesday and marched through Oxford. They were protesting at education cuts planned for Oxfordshire which could mean the sack for 500 teachers. The NUT made the strike official.
THE SCROUNGERS' PARADE

AN UNEMPLOYED worker from Merseyside, Jimmy Bettleton, asked his local social security for a loan on Tuesday. He wanted £10 to buy his third child a new coat, her first coat.

The man at the SS looked thunderstruck. 'Sorry, he explained, 'there's no provision for a loan of that kind.'

Last November, Sir James Goldsmith, millionaire food speculator, approached the banks of England for a loan of public money. He wanted a little matter of £40 million.

The reason? Sir Lester Walker, of which Goldsmith is chairman, was going bust, and it was 'necessary' to save the shareholders from total bankruptcy.

The Bank agreed at once. Goldsmith got his £40 million the next day. He can pay it back whenever he likes.

THE LOAN

The Treasury announced a new government loan issue this week. They are selling off £1000 million worth on the open market—at 14½ per cent interest per year until 1994, when you get your money back.

The government will be paying £87 million in interest charges every year. In seven years, they will have paid out in interest all the money which they borrowed.

By 1984, they will have paid out a fantastic £1,522 million in interest alone. And then the government of the day will be footing the public spending cuts to 'meet their commitments'.

Three years ago, Jim Slater, founder of Slater Walker, was King of the City. He advised every money-grubber from Prime Minister Heath downwards. He was the 'uncrowned master of private enterprise', the best argument for 'soverign government controls of industry'.

Now the report reveals that Slater Walker was a bubble-headed charade from the moment it was started by Slater and Peter Walker, who later became Secretary for Industry in a Tory government.

It used its 'freedom from government controls' to buy up industries, sell off their main assets at a profit and then sell the companies. It bought and sold its own shares, and those of its satellite companies. It produced nothing, improved nothing—except the fortunes of the peculiarly fatuous group of sharks who swarmed into Slater's legions.

In 1973, as the company started to collapse, Mr Slater got a mortgage loan of £1,875,000.

Tom Buckley, a vile speculator, begged some cash to start a few gambles on the stock exchange. Slater Walker backed him £725,000.

Other top executives in the company received loans and mortgages worth £299,000 between them.

Next time you read in the Sun or the Daily Mail about 'social security scroungers' remember the story of Jimmy Bettleton's child's coat.

And remember Jim Slater in his enormous house, or driving to another speculating job in his Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud.

And remember Tony Buckley and his unhappy little debt of three-quarters of a million pounds.

Well, it's a free country! Another beneficiary of free enterprise—in his case he was known as 'another Jim Slater'—is Ralph Hilton, who built up Hilton Transport into one of the biggest transport undertakings in the country.

In a Department of Trade inquiry this week, Hilton is exposed as a liar, a forger and a tax fiddler.

Hilton made his name and his money by lying about accounts—pretending he was making profits when he wasn't, and then making them become everyone believed him.

And those who are left to rot....

WANTED: A second-hand car to this man?

Bribes

He got his accountants, Thomas Millermack who headed the Civil Service accounts in the Robbins years, to agree to the group doing publicity when they knew he was taking bribes.

He got money and support from the Industrial Commercial Finance Corporation, an extremely prestigious Co-op. He was helped in this by having a 'friend in the I.C.F.C.'

How is Hilton doing now? Very nicely, thank you. He's found public life exhilarating, and is now back in business.

It's a free country after all, especially if you're a liar, a forger and an anti-social bum.
Ian and Janet: living on a tight rope

What rubbish! So Woman's Own get the truth about Smith and Rhodesia

As Labour meets, the real revolt lies elsewhere

HERE WE GO AGAIN...

Michael Foot: remember the red flags of socialist victory?

NEXT WEEK sees the repeat performance of a long, drawn out farce. Day after day, the television and press will bring us elaborate reports of the Labour Party conference in Blackpool. They will try to minimize or distort your talk with talk of 'spin', of threats from the left of 'strongly worded resolutions'.

But all the time you will know that by the end of the week nothing will have changed. Power will still lie in the hands of the fewer, more frightened to say bone in a land that is far from over. On Monday the press went full of a resolution presented by a sub-committee of Labour's national executive which condemned the government's cuts. Horror of horror, it was actually passed at a meeting chaired by Wedgewood Benn in person.

The Tory press screamed. But the 'Wedgie' was taken in. The resolution was forgotten. But the Tory press was the article promoting it. The Guardian could not report: The Cabinet will be advised by the Defence Minister and the Prime Minister to scrap the cuts and keep the cuts. It was reported in the Daily Express that the government would be advised to scrap the cuts and keep the cuts. It was reported in the Daily Express that the government would be advised to scrap the cuts. It was reported in the Daily Express that the government would be advised to scrap the cuts.

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HERE’S MY SAVINGS, SAYS A WORKER BEHIND BARS

KEEP UP the good fight against the Choppies of this world. That was the message sent last week with a collection of £10 16 taken by two men in two strokes from Percy's Auto 45 of their fellow workers. The cab was at the station in Blackpool. They helped to bring in £163.65 to fund pay to the legal costs we owe Frank Chappie, head of the electricians union, the EETPU.

Another £1 donation came from a young apprentice in the Communist Party in Greater Manchester. He is a member of the Manchester City Labour Party and his union and his union and his union and his union have all been shot by the Labour government. They have been shot by the Labour government.

Belle Vue Manchester 6th November 6-8pm

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK FIGHTER

The occupiers demanded the right to reply, and eventually the editor agreed to one of them getting his reply in the Advertiser. Not sure that was the best way to deal with the issue. The next morning, they broadcast the building's workers, explaining their action and calling for support for their right to reply.

Socialist Worker DEFENCE FUND

4000
3500
3000
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100

Send collections and donations to SW Defence Fund, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

The Editor of Woman's Own got a shock on Monday afternoon. Supporters of the newly-formed Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign occupied her offices. They were protesting against the sale of a magazine 'about' Ian Smith, the racist ruler of Rhodesia and his wife. The article presented them as kind, decent people, concerned only with doing good. There was not one mention of the gridlock of workers and farmers that have marked Smith's years in power.
THE PRICE OF LABOUR...

By YVONNE WALKER
a Hackney Housewife

WHEN WE moved house recently, I dug out a Daily Mirror 1974. It had two pages devoted to prices in Tesco’s and Fine Fare.

On average, prices had doubled. The most amazing thing was potatoes at 15p for five-pound box.

DOUBLED

Now it’s 15p a pound and more. Only a few weeks ago that 50p would have cost £1.50.

Small items of baby food were up in September 1974. We were now 95p. Breaking steak was 39p a pound. Now it’s over 90p.

It’s the rich that get the pleasure, it’s the poor that get the blame. If there’s an abundance of a particular crop they inure. They shoot good cattle and buy them rather than let the price come down.

Worried because farming is no longer the bank of many, now the bank of none.

It’s not a very big business.

And acres of land are owned by farm managers, who only concern is profit.

You’re up in the prices every week. That puts more pressure on householders who are more vulnerable. They’re up in the rent. They’re up in the gas bills. They’re up in the tv licence. They’re up in the petrol.

And those rich-living houses put tons of good food to waste so as to line their pockets and keep their profits up.

The profits these managers have made over the past few years would keep them going for some time.

They don’t even consider themselves trying to feed their families, or priorities trying to keep themselves alive.

Only when we have to do things to save money and their survival system will we be able to feed and clothe ourselves properly to do our work and meet their profits.

Yvonne Walker... prices nightmare

WHAT'S GOING ON TASS?

WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE TASS, the white-collar section of the Engineering Unions?

With the AUEW’s three other sections, they are committed to forming one big union for engineering, the dream of millenarians for more than a century.

But these plans haven’t been bogged down, and now the falling through. Only last week the construction section announced that it was considering a merger with UCCAT, the building workers’ union.

Before the merging are the rights to the new union in the engineering section and the following at TASS.

Engineering section opposition has been led by John Menzies, the official who wants the union to resist every possible building.

Objection

For one of the most effective right-wing unions in the industry.

But the AUEW has been accused of an unusual action—under the heading of “legal protection”.

TASS and AUEW, unlike those in other sections, were being allowed to stage elections.

And a fringe groupizzazione was not possible because the UCCAT had a “hard line”.

The “hard line” group was too small to form an alternative.

The AUEW’s confirmed last May proposing a single union representing the amalgamation—-a common method of dealing with the problem.

The work to be allowed, three years to bring themselves into reflection.

Resolution

These proposals were reluctantly accepted in July by the holiday and construction sections.

The future of the amalgamation now rests on TASS.

On 20 July, an agreement was put to the TASS conference which would have committed the union to go on in line with the AUEW.

If that failed the executive would then have no open discussion with the other three sections on how to bring TASS into line with the AUEW.

The resolution was not because we could not afford to get stuck on the resolution.

It is simply a question of time that is required for the organization to work out.

Under capitalism, comrade, man exploits man.

But here in the Soviet Union, it’s the other way round . . .

United . . . a century-old dream is now in danger.

If you think Russia is a socialist country, read the latest issue of International Socialism journal.

366 (inc postage) from ISJ, 6 Cotterai Gardens, London E2.

You’ve heard of the Brain Drain... this is the Brainless Drain

GEORGEY DRAKE, general secretary of the local government workers’ union NALGO, has blubbered.

During the economic debate at the TUC, Drake got carried away with his own speaking and referred to the thousands of lobsters outside.

He said: "We can only simply keep the cost, and so several thousand more men will wander around this place saying exactly what today.

Among the several thousand, those was a large group went by the executive of the public employees union.

GEORGEY DRAKE...

Create imagine new fighting the cost

The general secretary, Alme Fisher, was talking to the lobsters. NALGO and NEPF are supposed to be organizing a joint campaign against the lobsters.

There were no fewer than 600,000 members of the lobsters, including an official delegation with their banners from Islington.

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WHO CAN IT BE?

[Boxed note: The following should appear in The Guardian last week:]

As the first seven of the arrested Right to Work Marchers face trial Socialist Worker says:

Defend the 43

These men, pictured here on the receiving end of truncheons, fists, elbow and feet, are now standing trial for assaulting policemen. Three others in the dock with them - Nell Rogall, Marcus Luck and Dave Hayes - tell equally horrifying stories about the brutality they saw and felt.

The seven are the first of the 43, arrested workers to be tried following the incident at the end of last spring. Right to Work March from Manchester to London.

Protest

The trial at Hatton Regis magistrates' court is a key to the Netley trial which opened last week. All seven face six or seven charges.

So the defendants' defence can be measured outside the courtroom - among trade unionists who might otherwise be silent on the lack of the press - the following facts should be of interest.

PETE FYSCH, a member of the General and Municipal Workers Union, is being set upon by three policemen. He was beaten again inside the police station and has to have stitches in his stomach. His nose was broken and he required some medical treatment. He is being charged as one of the police who were attacked.

MIKE ALDERSON, a journeyman from IG Metall and a member of NUEF, being assaulted by police. He was hit with a hafted stick so hard he had to have three stitches in his head, and also received other injuries.

MIKE LYNCH, a cobbler from Fife and a member of the Labour Party Young Socialists. He was dragged along the pavement and semi-conscious and dumped on the floor inside the police station. The main injuring him, JOE CROMSHAW, is alleged to have obstructed him because he insisted that Mike needed an ambulance.

After being pulled out of this they were charged with...assaulting the police.

NOW YOUR CASH IS VITAL

Some advertisers are holding off because of the violent events. The employers have already completed their own report on the incidents, serving on the inquiry has already completed its own report on the incidents. Serving on the inquiry was the Defence Solicitor. It is not clear whether the defence will take up the matter.

AND REMEMBER that the employers have come 90 miles without victory and have a great deal at the Albert Hall to look forward to.

VIOLENCE

REMEMBER that this affair involved the police in relying on complaint investigations in a matter which has already brought the employers to court.

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The report, available from the Right to Work Campaign concluded:

LIES

Since the time of the Harlem masterpiece, the Hyde Park and Trafalgar Square parades, and the spontaneous meetings and marches of the 1960s, the right to protest has only been established in the face of the oppressive violence of the police.

If the Committee had placed evidence that on 19 March the violence of the police was on the march another incident is being covered up by the police. The evidence before the Committee is to the contrary.

No payments or the police were made for the report to be destroyed.

The report will be available from the Right to Work Campaign.

Report

An attempted attempt to win a march leader and grab the flag banner makes no sense unless the aim is to break up the march, discredit the marchers' cause, and disillusion their prospects.

Under the court's orders, the police have already been ordered to protect the marchers and the marchers' cause, and to support the campaign itself.

Send to Right to Work Campaign, 256a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Get your shop stewards to circulate union branch or district committee to send a donation. And get them to support the campaign itself.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK

COVENTRY Right to Work Campaign meetings

The campaign has been stopped in 1973. The campaign has been stopped in 1973. The report has been stopped in 1973.

The power of the right to work is not going to be harnessed out of existence. We will fight on against the threat of unemployment. But to do that we need your money.

If you want to be part of the campaign, please send your donation to Right to Work Campaign, 256a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.
A READER in Wolverhampton asks for some discussion about the importance of individuals, particularly leaders, in deciding what happens in the world. It was always taught that it was not important for the individual. But now movements always throw up some leaders anyway. For example, if Hitler had never lived, Germany would have been fascist.

The reader is not at all happy with this situation, perhaps the function could have been prevented from gaining power if the leadership of the German Communist Party had not been so different. To accept that leaders are determined by their movements is to accept that function was inevitable.

But you do not accept the inevitability of events and deny the ability of the individual to influence them in any great extent? This is an old question which some people have tried to come up with something like "If there is a great man, then the system is therefore in place of getting its way..."

It is not a cheap phrase by the Moderate. A man's words have the power of the individuals who have them. Everyone is his or her own philosopher, as the old saying goes, and that is the power of the individual.

I am not saying that individuals are not important. They have a great deal to say, but you are not going to get a great man theory of history, which was very popular in conservative quarters and was (or should it be?) being written by someone.

You know the sort of thing. Big King Led the Dutch against the Dutch in the wicked pagans Danes to stay out of England.

But they came back in force to get more and more and nearly killed the country until Lord King Alfred the Great during the Danish attacks. Everything was made to depend on the personal qualities of Alfred and Beowulf. This is what the historian E. H. Carr calls "nationalism". That means nationalism. Ideas are also weapons.

Therefore we must have a new social and political framework. The great man theory is obviously not sufficient to explain the great man theory of history.

When Germany was defeated in World War I, the Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed and the war turned into a war of annihilation. Everything seems to depend on what happens at the top. Hitler and Mussolini and... "and..."

Another leader of law and order, a man, was up in the House of Commons in the House of Commons in 1912, Richard Devon was the leader of the right-wing Monday Club. After a dramatic evening in which his close friend, a clergyman, who was supposed to be in police custody in France, was released. Like any good. Devon was that good. The right-wing daily press, like the Daily Mail, was the first to pick up the story but it was not a great event. It went against his policies because the Daily Mirror was not in favour of local magistrates. This is why the Conservative Party now have to leave a little before he can read out his private member's bill to introduce a new form of election. It was against his policies because the Daily Mirror was not in favour of local magistrates. This is why the Conservative Party now have to leave a little before he can read out his private member's bill to introduce a new form of election.

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: As you are aware, the British and American secret services in Scotland joined forces to ensure that the Russian mission in London was a great success. The mission was closely supervised by the Hyde Park Oil Corporation. The mission was closely supervised by the Hyde Park Oil Corporation.

THE NEWSPAPER: London Telephone Regional general manager from the Daily News was quoted: "We have to plan for a world war and we have to do it, not only for our own people, but for the people of the world."

ANOTHER Freedom fighter is Terry MSP Stephen. He said that the plan was drawn up in 20 weeks on a mixture of note-taking and sketching. He said he would ring the bell to begin his own personal protest against the Russian action. The Russian action was described by the Moscow correspondent as a "great success".

The Daily Telegraph, 14 September

What Causes Inflation? Quite Simply

If you do not understand the second and third model you cannot prove it scientifically.

So much for you.

Now let's see how you cause higher prices for instance this jar of peas.

To get us out of this mess you will need qualities of patience and heroism and self-sacrifice and also you need to be prepared to believe this rubbish.

Delicious.

When in Rome... duck

In an intriguing court martial under way in Rome, Italy...

In the dock is Captains Salvatore Margherita, a police officer who was accused of shooting and killing agents of law enforcement.

He is charged with "corruption activities" amounting to destruction of evidence and provoking violence. Margherita's aim was to create a spectacle of law enforcement agents in order to prove that there is a lack of professionalism among law enforcement agents. He says they used special tactics with steel balls and tear gas to prevent him from winning.

Meanwhile, Margherita has become a symbol of hope for a reform movement which is growing fast within the police force.

The movement, now the basis of the "Gus" party, seeks to bring about change by appealing to the public's desire for reform.

The party's slogan, "When in Rome... duck," reflects its commitment to the idea that change must be achieved through peaceful means and not by force.

EDITORIAL

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Consumer movement: The Manifesto of the "New" Consumer Movement against the "New" Consumer Movement. A group of young people and workers has formed a new consumer organization to fight for their rights.

The movement, now in its fourth month, has won the support of many young people and workers, who feel that the "New" Consumer Movement is working to the benefit of large corporations and not to the benefit of the working class.

The group's slogan, "When in Rome... duck," reflects its commitment to the idea that change must be achieved through peaceful means and not by force.

Socialist Worker
IN THE DAYS following the racist murder of Gurudip Singh Chagger in Southall last July, a grassroots anti-racist youth movement developed.

The movement has since been side-tracked and has lost much of its momentum.

Much of the energy that powered this force has gone to the struggle against the racist police attack on the youth who have continued to campaign for justice for Gurudip Singh Chagger.

THE SOUTHALL YOUTH MOVEMENT was set up to combat racism and to fight for the rights of the black community.

A demonstration was to be held on Saturday afternoon, at a short notice, a clear indication that the police were not prepared to tolerate this kind of activity.

The demonstration was called the Southall March for Justice and was attended by hundreds of people.

It was a peaceful march of thousands of people who came together to demand justice for Gurudip Singh Chagger and an end to racism.

The march was organised by the Southall Youth Movement and was supported by many local community groups.

The march was a powerful expression of solidarity with the families of those killed in the riot, and a clear message that racism and violence would not be tolerated.

The march was a powerful symbol of the determination of the people of Southall to fight for justice.

We must continue to support the Southall Youth Movement and ensure that their work is not undermined.

We must also continue to raise awareness of the issues at stake and to support those who are fighting for a better future.

We can only achieve this by standing together and by working together.

Let us support the Southall Youth Movement and ensure that their work is not undermined.

THE SOCIALIST WORKER
THE WORDS THAT TERRORIZE KISSINGER AND HIS BACKERS:

We are our own liberators.

Jean Gray and Chris Harman look behind Kissinger's wheeling-dealing in Southern Africa to find the profits and exploitation he's trying to protect.

WHAT is at stake in South Africa for Kissinger's policymakers was shown last week when British Leyland and it could not recognise black trade unions in its South African factories because the apartheid system prevents this. For along with the ban on such trade unions comes guaranteed cheap labour — and high profits.

The political situation is not as it was, for instance by buying Rhodesian farms, Kissinger can see clearly that the blacks are going to win in Rhodesia, in a matter of years at most. He is worried that the conflict will spread to South Africa, just as the Chinese do not understand that the blacks are going to win in Rhodesia. In this he is not alone, for there is also a growing sense of unease about the situation in South Africa. For instance, in 1975 a report by the British government found that there were 330,000 black workers in South Africa who were paid lower wages than their white counterparts.

Black and coloured schoolkids march through Cape Town — the sort of protest to which the white response was the murder of a child who had been killed by a black kid. For the black kids, who are the victims of this system, there is no escape. They are denied education, health care, and basic human rights. The government has been cruel, and the boys and girls have had to fight back. The last 20 years have been marked by violence and unrest.

For the moment it is the strikers rather than the violence that worries Kissinger most. There are signs that the rebellion which began as a protest against black schools is now taking an anti-capitalist turn.

Most employers are refusing to pay workers who stay away from work in South Africa. This includes British firms like Metal Box and Premier Milling, as well as Harry Oppenheimer's Anglo-American Corporation.

Sunday Times, 19 September 1976.

The situation in which Courtland workers are forced to live is typically appalling — filthy houses, overcrowded conditions with maggot-infested food...

If your firm is a member of the General Electric Company (GEC), in which you have sold shares, you may want to consider the implications of its operations in South Africa.
**Black freedom fighters have begun to win significant victories in the military struggle against South Africa.** The victory is particularly important since weather conditions are still relatively unfavourable for the freedom fighters. In six to eight weeks time this will change with the beginning of the rain.

That's why Kissinger is in such a hurry to push through a compromise. He wants a ceasefire before the blacks, workers and peasants see that they have the power to take on not only Smith, but the British and American owned companies.

Kissinger wants to be seen as the man who displaced Smith. He and his class are terrified of the slogan of the Zimbabwe People's Army: "We are our own liberators."

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**MASS SACKINGS IN THE HOSPITALS!**

Socialist Worker warned Social Worker's front page last week as area health authorities studied the latest government decree on the cuts.

Hucknall district health authority had called for hospital closures and cuts which would result in 400 jobs lost—including at least 250 senior staff.

On the case that Socialist Worker was published, other Nottingham health authorities announced closures and cuts. Finally, Hammersmith and Hounslow announced the closure of most departments including the large 133-bed Western General in Fulham.

After the closures, it's the same old story: fewer names taken on, restrictions on buying medical equipment, "natural wastage" of jobs.

*What does it mean?*

*Says Bill Trammel, NUPE steward at Hammersmith Hospital.*

*"It means more. Not quite as bad as in East London, but still dreadful."

"We've got 200 people on the waiting list at Hammersmith. Our casualty department was built to deal with 20,000 patients a year, it now has to treat 30,000. We have patients left in corridors and cubicles."

"These cuts and closures will mean more patients and less people to do the work."

But perhaps the worst thing about these cuts is that they don't come anywhere near meeting the government's target. If the government is really serious about their target, then they will have to start closing down wards and theatres soon."

"Already there's a new black health centre at Hammersmith which they can't open. Already they are closing down one casualty department every other day, a saving of only £500."

"The right-back is already going strong. The joint union committee for all hospitals in the area lobbied last Wednesday's meeting of the Area Health Authority."

*Ben Bow, NUPE steward at Charing Cross Hospital, tells Socialist Worker: This meeting was a fiasco. They're closing hospitals without even consulting the unions. Their idea of consultation is to put a paper on the table which they have already accepted."

"They say that they are going to spend a weekend, a day or an evening with people."

"Clients and supporters of Socialist Workers have agreed to give time to the campaign."

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**VICTORY TO THE BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA!**

Build the solidarity campaign

Thursday 23rd September: NEWHAM, 14.30.

Thursday 24th September: TOTTENHAM, 10.30.

Friday 25th September: HAMMERSMITH, 10.30.

Thursday 26th September: WIMBLEDON, 14.30.


**MASS SACKINGS IN THE HOSPITALS!**

**WE ARE NOT TAKING THIS SAY STEWARDS**

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**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Both candidates are in urgent need of volunteers to help in the campaign. Especially welcome are typists, workers with medics and motorbikes. We will be campaigning throughout October and early November.

If you have a spare-time job holiday, why not spend it in the Midlands?

Candidates will come to an interview and spend a weekend, a day, an evening in the Midlands.

I want to help the Socialist Worker campaign. Send a postal order for the cost of a stamp to:

Socialist Worker

33-35 Southwark Street

LONDON SE1

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When can I help?
**Brushes at the Ready, Dundee**

**SHORTLY AFTER** the occupation of a Calcutta nursery school in Dundee on the 9th of the month, a letter was sent to Mr. Scott, deputy superintendent of administration on the Tayside Region.

The occupation and our poster campaign around the city seemed to make a big impression on him. In fact, he was so impressed that he is now fighting for the right to work for poster strippers.

But with the massive cuts in public spending, who is going to pay for the work? Well, Mr. Scott has thought about demonstrating and NIAC to pay. After all, we are fighting for the right to work so shouldn’t we be prepared to pay for it?

We will help Mr. Scott to create jobs, but we will not be paying for the seats he employs. We will give them more work — our banners, poster and the people who are ready and waiting!

**Leaving Parliament to reformists**

Another socialist worker during a Hustings meeting in London hit Jimmy McCarroll at the hustings in abstention as the alternative to the three-party system. This is a condemnation of the three-party system. But liberals cannot come out against a three-party system as the only alternative to the unions.

Nicola Sturgeon said we should be on a political platform but not the hard core. Part of the problem seems to be only too ready to argue.

The need to oppose the tories at the polls, the public opinion survey shows.

**Surprise for Hortensia**

LAST WEEK at the offices of the Civil and Public Services Association a presentation of an marched effigy was made to Senator Hortensia Allard. The effigy was worn by members of the CWA and the TUC who said they would be on strike for the next three months.

The Sun and Mirror and Daily Express have been using the same arguments and were behaving like B E B.

**INDIA: Stop torturing**

IT WAS only after the declaration of the Emergency in India on 26 June that the country began to show signs of political pressure. In India’s political system, grossly 40,000 political prisoners have been detained during the Emergency. The majority of them have been arrested under Article 136 of the Constitution. Over 3,500 of these political prisoners have been kept in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The majority of them have been kept incommunicado.

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George Fernandes, Secretary of the All India Congress Committee, has said he would work for the release of all political prisoners in India. He has also said that the Indian government has beenốing kept in the dark about the emergency situation.

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A torch for the dark

SONG OF THE SA MAN

My hunger made me fall asleep
With a belly ache.
Then I heard voices crying
Hey, Germany awake!
Then I saw crowds of men marching
To the Third Reich, I heard them say
I thought as I'd nothing to live for
I might as well march with them.
And as I marched, there marched beside me
The fattest of that crew
And when I shouted, "We want bread and work!
The fat man showed his teeth.
The chief of staff busied himself
His feet meanwhile were on
But both of us were marching
Whirlwind-like in step
I thought that the last road led forward
I said to myself, I was wrong.
I went the way that he ordered
And blindly sagged along
And those who were weak from hunger
Kept marching, pale and thin
Together with the well-fed
To some Third Reich of a sort.
They told me which enemy to shoot at
So I took my gun and aimed
And, when I shot, saw my brother
Was the enemy they had named.
Now I know, as once there stands my brother
It's hunger that makes us one
While I shoot with the enemy
My brother's and my own.
So now my brother is dying
By my own hand he fell
Yes I know that if he's dead
I shall be lost, as well.

BRECHT

BERTOLT BRECHT, playwright, poet, dramatist and song-writer, was one of the greatest socialist writers.

Born in Germany at the turn of the century, he never faltered in his belief in the capacity of the working class to change the system even through the dark years of fascism, through exile in Stalin's Russia and the United States. As this collection of poems shows, he was the poet of the crisis years.

DIFFICULTY OF GOVERNING

Ministers are always telling the people
How difficult it is to govern. When the ministers said, "Corn would grow in the ground, not upward.
Not a lump of coal would leave the mine if the Chancellor wasn't so clever. Without the Minister of Propaganda no girl would ever agree to get married. Without the Minister of War there'd never be a war. Indeed, whether the sun would rise in the morning."
Without the Father's permission is very doubtful, and if it is, it would be in the wrong place.
It's just as difficult, as they tell us
To run a factory. Without the owner
The toil would fall and the machinists run, as they say.
Even if a plough could get made somehow
It would never reach a field without the Cashing words the factory owner voiced the peasants who could otherwise tell them that ploughs exist, and what would become of an estate without the landlord? Surely
They'd be swinging now where they had set the peasants.
If governing were easy
There'd be no need for such inspired minds as the Father's.
The person could tell his friends from a distance
They'd be no need of factory owner or landlord.
It's only because there are so stupid
That a few are needed who are so clever.
Or could it be that
Governing is so difficult only
Because avoiding and exploitation take some learning?
WHAT'S ON

HULL, Humberside: Social Worker meeting, 8.30 p.m. (details from Social Worker Union, 122 London Rd., Hull HU3 2DJ).

STAFFORDSHIRE, Stafford: Social Worker meeting, 8.30 p.m. (details from Social Worker Union, 122 London Rd., Stafford ST17 4DS).

RACISM: BUY FROM A BLACK TRADE UNIONIST!

DERBYSHIRE: The Socialist Worker Union is holding meetings in Derby, Derbyshire, to discuss the racism in the workplace. The meetings are open to all members of the trade union and will be held on Monday evenings at 8.30 p.m. in the union building.

SNOW: The Socialist Worker Union is holding a meeting in Snow, 50 St. John St., London WC2Y 6EB, on Tuesday evenings at 8.30 p.m.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The Socialist Worker Union is holding a meeting in Revolution, 24 New Oxford St., London WC1N 1AL, on Wednesday evenings at 8.30 p.m.

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OUR TARGET: A SERIOUS


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SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE TO LABOUR—A PARTY THAT FIGHTS

And now we're launching a fighting, all-action youth movement, too

By Geoff Heston and Jane Lowe

IT'S OUR organisation and we're going all out to build it for ourselves.

That was the message on Monday from young delegates about the launching of the Socialist Worker Youth Movement.

Sessions 1 to 3 will be held in London, Edinburgh, Manchester, Hull, Leeds, Cardiff and London. Other areas will be opened up as soon as possible.

A meeting of 15 unemployed young workers, apprentices and school students from as far apart as Edinburgh and Cardiff met Saturday to discuss how to broaden the fight of young people after the Right to Work March.

The march revealed that large numbers of young people not only want to fight unemployment but want to get rid of the system that causes it.

"We're young, we're angry and we're going to fight" was the mood of the marchers.

Action will be the key. The Youth Movement will be picketing, marching, occupying factories and offices as well as creating an alternative to unemployment.

Seum

We will continue the union leaders about unemployment, online rights for apprentices and interns. We will fight the government's version of a youth unemployment strategy that makes the unemployable.

We will build within the schools, colleges for school students' organisations.

We will mobilise solidarity campaigns with young people faced with the huge cuts ever, like the school students in Birmingham and Glasgow.

It is important that we have our own newspaper. The monthly FIGHT must be written, produced and controlled by young people as well as members of SWM, who is independent of IS.

SOCIALIST WORKER

Workers' Party!

The Right to Work Campaign never became a popular movement amongst workers who are struggling, and an international movement against the social contract on every issue.

The Right to Work Campaign was a popular movement for all who are struggling, but it did not grow. It did not do the job of generating excitement, by pulling out all the stops. Enchanted workers, for instance, will want to go along and back James Callaghan. They won't want to attend Workers meetings.

The day of action called for 27 November, by NUEO, NEPE and the NUT against the cuts, will have to be fully supported—out in strength, but dry.

The Campaign needs to get as many people as possible on that day.

But while the Campaign pushes forward as fast as possible, it has also to remind the Labour movement of the attack on us.

Four of the Marches were arrested and charged after the first Right to Work March last spring—and seven of them are now facing trial.

These 45 must be defended.

The argument about their arrest must be won in the movement.
NEVER HAD A CASE SO FIRM!

By LAURIE FLYNN

KENT: For 17 weeks, Baitheath sport and service workers at the Isle of Grain have been on strike against the reinstatement of 28 of their fellow workers.

The 28 were sacked for deciding to work under certain conditions without protective clothing, 900 of their mates came out in their defence.

They're also on strike to ensure that they, their families, and the working community they have to work with, as recognized as neighbours and that their protest is imposed immediately.

Scandal!

Don't want to have to wait half a century until the long list of their names goes before an inquest. The industrial relationship of the men who lost their lives here make that Blackpool might be dangerous. But the workers don't want a repeat performance of the scandals of the Bagnold fighting for their lives last week.

Last week Bagnold and Austin announced a second increase in profits. Yet they do not want to go on giving way on free overalls.

They are determined to stay to get the job they have to do. They are determined that the workers who are on strike are determined to see that the people's lives are not lost in the system of free overalls.

That's why even though they are facing the same problems as the workers, they are backed by the factory leadership and the Health and Safety Executive. They still retain the right to go on striking.

Haidin: "We say that this decision is not a decision. We say that we are doing this to see that the people's lives are not lost in the system of free overalls." A week ago, when this strike started, the workers did not go back to work. The workers decided this strike was not worth fighting.

A familiar calling card, as Don Pattison, one of the leaders of the strike, said: "We say that this decision is not a decision. We say that we are going to do this to see that the people's lives are not lost in the system of free overalls." A week ago, when this strike started, the workers did not go back to work.

All this makes the men think that the strike is not worth fighting. The strike is a way of life. It provides them with the means to fight for their lives. It provides them with the means to fight for the things they believe in. It provides them with the means to fight for the things they believe in. It provides them with the means to fight for the things they believe in.

JOHN DAVIES, secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign talks with pickets.

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Busmen take action against service cuts

By Bobbly Marriman

BUSES at the North London Garages are stepping up their fight for the work they were promised.

Lisboner buses voted at a mass meeting on Monday to increase their non-discharge policy by introducing one-day stoppages every Saturday.

Cuts in services from 1 October would mean redundancies in the West End, as well.

The Lisboners are already supporting a bus on other parts of the city. Spike and Stevenage garages are continuing with their work-to-rule.

And Riddles buses at Bexley and Aylesford are linking up with them in an effort to present united front against all cuts in services.

The busmen are already linking with other public sector workers in the general fight against public spending cuts by joining the Seamen Against the Cuts Campaign.

UCW meets this week to decide how the busmen can be helped in their fight.

KEBAB STRIKE WINS SUPPORT

LANCASTER: Major support for the strike at the Steak and Kebab restaurant has come from rank and file Transport Union members and Right to Work supporters, who have organized collections and supported the picket.

A packet of Kenilworth in Manchester, owned by the same firm, has been set up by Manchester and Stockport Right to Work groups.

The strike began in August when shop stewards Maggie Chapple was sacked just a few days after she joined the union, the TGWU.

Unfortunately, support from the official trade union movement locally has not been forthcoming.
TRICO STRIKE: All those in favour...

THE BIGGEST strike the workers ever in British history- the Trico Strike in West Condensation still as solid as ever.

The 460 strikers have organized the latest "offer" of Trico's for a 3½% increase which will bring them up to wage levels of women doing the same work at another place in the same locality.

The Transport Union has not yet made its decision, but the women are not getting their pay rise. Industrial officer Tony Askey argued that this is because they are refused their own flat wages.

Disgrut

Some of the men are still working. Said Ray Bell: "The women wage is the only source of income. We're no longer living at home, and no one's seen the strikers since they went on strike."

The women are feeling very isolated, and the strike is not attracting the support they need.

THEY will win say EAE lads

THEY, the group of women workers at the Boot factory, have declared that they will win the strike. They have been working under very difficult conditions for the last few days.

FORD'S BLCKSITIT:

FORD Motor Company is in the middle of a strike over blacklisting. The strikers have been blacklisted after a meeting with the management.

SILICON: No sackings!

The strike at Fords has been settled after talks between the company and the strikers. The union has agreed to accept a 5% increase in wages.

ROLLS SIT-UPPED

BLUMENTALY: Rolls Royce workers have been stepping up the pressure against the company's attempts to shut the factory. The strikers are planning to increase their protests in order to force the company to reopen.

Plants

The occupation has continued with support from the other plants in the area. The striking workers have been joined by support from other factories in the area.

For more information, please contact...
POLICE BUST RIG SITE PICKET

But some 'scabs' join strikers instead

THREE HUNDRED trade unionists at the oil rig construction site in Methil, Fife, are fighting for control of management. Loads of scabs brought in from all over the country and escorted by police, and their own union officials and connerors. They are fighting for the right to work in reasonable safety. They are fighting for trade union control.

Redpath Dorman Long (RDL) is just one of the oil rig construction sites in Scotland that face closure in the next six months. Some 6,000 jobs will be lost on five sites.

At Methil 1,500 men will be out of work on 18 February if the present rig jobs end. Yet union officials and union officials have been promised to get the job finished as soon as possible. They agree that the situation can be improved, but not by the RDL to keep the site open.

To the end they have notified safety conditions. How they are negotiating trade union organisations. Three pickets—Jim Kerrmac, Jimmy Stowatt and shop steward Tom Moroney—hold Socialist Worker banner.

'This is a fight to save our working conditions, which we've fought for over the last four and a half years. The police force a way through the pickets for the strikers' coaches on Tuesday meeting some strikers threatened to coincide if the agreement wasn't finally accepted.

The Beclam reinforced by police, had his position long when he said, 'We don't think it's something that we should worry about.' The agreement by the workers, but that the strikers are going to take the pickets over the weekend. The pickets will meet on the waterfront.'

by STEVE FAITH and JIM BARLOW

from their local branch. All these are keen about the strike. We're not sure if the agreement was fully accepted.

The RDL strikers' picket line at a meeting of a group of strikers on the waterfront. They include Jim Carrick, RDL executive committee member, John McInnes, the RDL's strike committee member, and Jim Morfey, the RDL's strike committee member.

The pickets are trying to make us work in bad conditions, in the rain, on wet.

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If the 1,500 strikers win their battle for safety they will be on the way to winning the fight to keep the site open. It's a militant trade unionist and not giving in to the employers, that will save jobs.

The men crossing the picket line are ensuring that the site can be shut down. The picket line is being strengthened. A divided workforce will be unable to sustain a strike.

Closed

The pickets, who have now been met by the company and some men live under the threat of eviction.

NAMES of delegates elected by trade union members into the Right to Work Campaign's (RTW) National Conference are already reaching the campaign office.

Trade union organisations across the country are being asked to send delegates to what could prove to be one of the most important conferences for many years. It will discuss the organisation of the Right to Work Campaign against all the policies of Labour's Social Contract - the massive cuts, the mass unemployment, the wage freeze. Delegates met so far are from Manchester CCEA, EFA, East Northants NUJ, GEC Coventry ASTMS, Oxford Area CSI, London Hospital NUPE, Whiteley No 2 ASLEF, Warrington Trades Council, Holborn School NUPT, Guildford EETPU, TGWU 1/5, Lambeth Teachers Association, Coventry No 1 AMST, and RfWing shop stewards committees, Glasgow.

Make sure this vital conference is held in your local union branch, shop stewards committees, trades council, district. Make sure all workers now in dispute are asked to send delegates.