Widow, 76, is burned alive

RACISTS KILL AGAIN

by MURRAY ARMSTRONG

MRS MOHAN DEVI GAUTAM was murdered Ku Klux Klan style in her home in Leamington last Thursday.

The 76-year-old widow was dragged from her house by two white thugs. She was shoved in the garden shed and her clothes set on fire.

Then, with three-quarters of her flesh burned away, she was bundled back into the house to die.

Her murder is the result of a campaign of racist riots which has been started up by Enoch Powell and the followers of the National Front and National Party.

Shock

Mrs. Gautam's son, Sadhu, in an exclusive interview with the Socialist Worker, said:

"My mother told me before she died that she had been sitting in the dining room when two white youths wearing gloves and masks burst in the house. One covered her mouth with his hand while the other searched the house and gathered some old papers into a bundle.

Horror

They took her through the kitchen to the shed at the back. They tied up the papers and lit them. Then they set fire to her coat.

Her body and her top and her face were all burnt. You could see her ribs at the back. But she was still conscious.

The doctors were amazed that she did not die immediately.

When the two men pulled her back in the house they put her on the couch. They shook their fists at her before they left.

They never spoke once.

The behaviour of the police has enraged the local Asian community.

They have denied that the murder is connected with racism, just as they denied that the Gurudip Chagger murder in Southall was racist.

They have suggested to the police that their mothers could commit suicide. They have asked neighbours if they know of any family problems. Finally they hinted that it may be some of them gone wrong.

"Why could they imagine that my mother should commit suicide?" said Sadhu. "Especially in this manner."

"It was certain not suicide. My mother was wearing gold bangles, earrings and a gold ring worth more than £100. They were not touched."

"In the garden shed there was money lying on the table and this wasn't touched. Nothing in the house is missing."

"The police are handling this like they handle all complaints from the Asian community."

"They are striking out of this, they are striking out of this in the community."

"Last June two white youth tried to break into my mother's front window. They were seen by a white neighbour across the road. They left big, muddy finger-prints on the water tanks and under the bedroom window."

More to be found on page two

IT'S A MAD, MAD SYSTEM

The biggest ever fall in the value of the pound in a single day. Massive price increases follow in a few weeks.

Why? Not because workers are earning too much. Wages have been frozen for more than a year. Not because too much is being spent on social services. They are being slashed to the bone because of the cuts.

Millions of people are working as hard as ever before. Housewives are extra employed. New factories could be created if the unemployed were allowed to operate the closed-down factories.

Yet instead there are to be more cuts and more wage controls and more unemployment.

Just because of the dealings of a few rich individuals and companies on international money markets.

A mad, mad system where the many suffer so as to solve the problems of the wealthy few.

THE SINKING POUND—page two
The truth about our incredible shrinking £

WHAT WE THINK

IN Birmingham, a Baby Safety Research Laboratory, which could prevent the disablement of hundreds of new-born babies, is closed. The National Health Service hasn’t enough money to keep it going.

In West Norfolk, the Tory-controlled council is planning to sack all its office staff. The Daily Telegraph reports: Large scale sackings are being widely canvassed within the town hall as the only effective way of reducing costs.

In Norwich, K Shoes is sacking 350 workers because its work in Britain cannot afford to buy shoes. Among those who won’t be able to buy shoes will be those sacked by the West Norfolk Council.

But now the Tory press, reaching a new pitch of hysteria in the week of the Labour Party Conference, is calling for more cuts in public spending and more sackings. It seems they won’t be satisfied until every hospital is closed down and every clothing factory shut down.

WHAT’S THE REASON FOR THE HYSTERIA? The shrinking pound. The collapse of the pound fairly this week represents one of the biggest sterling crises this century.

A year ago, the same newspapers told us that the only way to stop the slide of sterling was to freeze wages and accept rising unemployment and cuts in public spending.

Lunatic

It is an instrument of exchange in a lunatic system of international speculation which is entirely controlled by a wealthy uneducated minority. They get rich by bullying sterling and at the same time bring political pressure on workers’ movements every where to make sacrifices.

There is no point in bowing to this pressure. The more the workers accept the bankers’ dictate. the more they are helping them to get away with it.

Yet the main decision of the Labour Party Conference this week is to concede to the bankers, after a few token concessions. the left majority on the Labour Party executive have produced a document calling for nationalisation of the banks within five years time.

Control of the banks in five years time should surrender to the nationalisation of the banks. That’s Labour’s policy.

Our policy is different. We want the take over of the banks without compensation now.

Basques strike for freedom

FOR the second time in a month. the Basques of northern Spain are demonstrating on Monday. The strike is against the dictatorial regime of Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez and against the political prisoners and to the renewal of the Basque Country.

This week we published an article about the Basques in the last issue of Worker. That article is being reprinted in our sister paper, the angry voice of the working class in the Basque country. The Basque workers are fighting for their independence.

Portugal brings back the landlords

IMPROVERISHED conditions in the southern Portuguese province of Algarve are threatened with the fall of the new government.

The fall of the Labour government in Portugal has been brought about by the collapse of the Social Democratic Party, which is the only opposition party in the country. The Social Democrats have always been opposed to the exploitation of the workers by the landlords.

When this government was in power it was opposed to the landlords and to the forced sale of land to the workers. But it failed on both these issues. That is why it has been forced to resign.

The new government is expected to be more sympathetic to the landlords and to the forces of reaction.

...and this was how the police answered

The police were very brutal in breaking up the demonstration. They used batons and tear gas and arrested many of the demonstrators. The police also used dogs to attack the demonstrators.

Portugal brings back the landlords
Remember Michael Foot's 'red flame of socialist courage' speech last year? Since then, unemployment has gone up, prices have gone up, wages have been held down still further—and the social services have been butchered.

LABOUR: A BLOODY GREAT CONFERENCE TRICK

That's why socialists like these are quitting to join IS

'THE LABOUR party? The whole organisation is a complete phantom. We knew from the start that we thought it was controlled by the grass roots. Well, yes!'

'IT'S controlled by the leadership, and the leadership, the Labour Party conference this week just proves it.'

Tessa, who lives in the small North London town of Highgate, gave this view.

Tessa and Tessa are working-class people with strong political beliefs. They joined the William Pugh Labour Party because they hope things change in their area.

'There's a lot of people like me, and you know, we want things to change.'

Tessa says: 'We've been on strike, we've been on hunger strikes, we've been on marches. We didn't want to be在那里, but we had to do it.'

‘Of the 144 members of our local Labour Party, 80 are women, and we meet every month, and we do all sorts of things. We have a lot of meetings here, and we do all sorts of things, and we have a lot of meetings here, and we do all sorts of things.'

NEW MEMBERS—IT'S A RECORD

WE URGED readers last week to join the International Socialists and build the Socialist Workers Party. They need help! And that's just what you are doing. In the first three weeks of September, a record 133

SMASH, SMASH the National Front! That was the triumphant cry of 1200 Asians as they marched through Leyton in East London on Sunday. The National Front had been humiliated.

1983 saw a clear victory in local elections. The Asians had the courage to stand up and fight. They were supported by all sections of the community.

The government was too soft on the racists. The Socialist Worker wishes to express its gratitude to all those who stood up and fought against the Asians. The worker success has been recorded in all the national newspapers and television programmes. The Socialist Worker is determined to celebrate this victory in all our issues.

We will continue to fight for a world free from racism and discrimination. We will not be defeated. We will not be silenced. We will not be intimidated. We will not be silenced. We will not be silenced. We will not be silenced.

The Party that fights racism

Alfred Almea, secretary of the Pakistan Youth Federation and chairman of the Indian Workers Association, said that the NF was a racist party.

'Ve will not be intimidated,' he said. 'We will not be silenced. We will not be defeated. We will not be defeated. We will not be defeated. We will not be defeated.'

The Socialist Worker has been involved in the fight against the NF for many years. We have stood up to the NF and we will continue to do so.

Thank you to all those who have supported us. We will continue to fight for a world free from racism and discrimination. We will not be defeated. We will not be silenced. We will not be intimidated. We will not be silenced. We will not be silenced.
In the teachers' union, 75 per cent of the members are women—but only 8 per cent of the officials. How equal are women in your union?

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**Volunteers Wanted**

Volunteers wanted for the Socialist Worker, Birmingham office. Help the campaign for election!

- **Objectives**
  - To spread our socialist ideas
  - To build a socialist movement
  - To win the war against racism

- ** Tasks **
  - Leafleting
  - Public meetings
  - University student work

- ** How to help **
  - Contact the Socialist Worker office

**The Closed Press**

By Ian Reinecke

AMID the high of press freedom, the news that closed shops are on the rise in the West should be cause for concern. The British Communist Party's Freedom of the Press is a noble title that has been tarnished by the actions of some newspapers and television stations.

In the Bathrooms, the News of the World, closed shops are common. The newspaper, which is owned by the National Reith News, is known for its anti-socialist stance. When possible, freedom is being used to suppress criticism.

- **Decisions**
  - An editorial criticising the National Reith News is banned.
  - All references to the newspaper are censored.

- **Threat**
  - The paper is increasingly being used to spread propaganda.

The real fear of the National Reith News is that it is being used in a racist manner.

End.}

A chance to knock racism everywhere

The anti-race resolution passed by the Trades Union Congress is an opportunity to strengthen the campaign against racism in the workplace and trade unions.

The resolution, passed at the conference in Blackpool, was strongly supported by the National Front and National Party.

The company they keep...

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to involve members in the campaign, please contact the Socialist Worker office.

Volunteers can be contacted through the Socialist Worker, 6 Cottons Street, London E2.

The Closed Press

The only face of the nature is that she shop.

End.
A court says this picture shows Right to Work marchers attacking the police...

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Three Injunctions of the Peace gave their verdicts in the first Right to Work trial at Hendon Court in North London on Monday. The police were disorderly, and three of the defendants were found guilty of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and sentenced to two years each.

Despite the mass of evidence given by witnesses, the court declared that the police were justified in using force to control the marchers. The defendants pleaded guilty to assaulting the police, but argued that the police had overreacted.

The defendants were fined £25 for each of the two injuries, and £5 for each of the three assaults, making a total of £50 for each of the three defendants.

The court said that the marchers were justified in using force to protect themselves, but that the police had acted in self-defence. The defendants were fined £25 for each of the two injuries, and £5 for each of the three assaults, making a total of £50 for each of the three defendants.

A second group of Right to Work marchers went on trial at Hendon Magistrates' Court on Thursday, before the same bench of blantly pro-police magistrates.

The trial is due to last three days, with evidence from witnesses who have been interviewed by the police. The defendants are expected to plea not guilty.

TROUBLE

Mike Lynch, one of the defendants, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined £50 for each of the three assaults, making a total of £150 for each of the three defendants.

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Why Stalinism?

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Duncan Hallas

It was not inevitable—because the isolation of the Russian revolution was not inevitable either. It depended heavily on events elsewhere.

LESLIE ASPIN, the man who helped recruit mercenaries for Angola, as it is by the hundreds, for the right-wing Frelimo in the Angola War. Leslie has been in touch.

Cause

In a recent BBC Radio interview, Mr. Leslie Hallas, a well-known observer of Angola, said that the decision to recruit mercenaries for the right-wing Frelimo in the Angola War had been taken in a moment of exasperation.

Britain's first £200 a week miner

THOMAS TUCKER, a miner from the Yorkshire coalfield, was killed in a mine collapse on October 7.

A LIVERPOOL woman, Mrs. Creese of Roberts Lanes, got a gift of two books, "The Story of the Poppy" by Robert Browning, and "The Story of the Poppy" by Robert Browning, which she had been promised for her birthday.

A British publisher had been asked to destroy a portion of "The Story of the Poppy" by Robert Browning, as it was felt to be unsuitable for children.

A buggered §200 a week miner

THOMAS TUCKER, a miner from the Yorkshire coalfield, was killed in a mine collapse on October 7.

Isolation

Hardly, but much bigger changes occurred elsewhere. Of course we can imagine that what was going on in Angola could have been stopped, but it would have been at the cost of much more dangerous changes than the ones which took place.

Outcome

No, it was not inevitable. It was not inevitable because the isolation of the revolution in the 1930s was not inevitable. It was not inevitable because the isolation of the revolution in the 1930s was not inevitable. It was not inevitable because the isolation of the revolution in the 1930s was not inevitable.

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The options are limited. The options are limited. The options are limited. The options are limited. The options are limited.

SAS terror-in-Wales

TWO TERRORISTS ARE ON THE RUN. The army sends out its crack troops—the SAS—to capture them. The army questions the local population, men, women, and children. But the army finds no information. The army finds no information. The army finds no information. The army finds no information.

The men on the run were SAS troopers. They had been on a training exercise. They had been on a training exercise. They had been on a training exercise. They had been on a training exercise.

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FOOTNOTE: One part of South Armagh where the SAS are less than welcome is Crossmaglen, a town of strong republican sympathisers. The SAS keep the antenna of the Public Security Programme being abolished. The locals keep the antenna of the Public Security Programme being abolished. The locals keep the antenna of the Public Security Programme being abolished. The locals keep the antenna of the Public Security Programme being abolished.

Noble Fleece Prize

GRIEVE go more for Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. He was asked to give a speech in the wake of the Lockheed affair. The speech was a savage blow, but not to mention the least of the trysts.

But now the Dutch government has rushed to the rescue. They have announced that they will pay up to £3,000 a week to fix the situation.
The war is not finished. The guerrilla army has not been fighting to have a black prime minister installed in Salisbury while the machinery of oppression and exploitation remains intact.

—ZIMBABWE POPULAR ARMY, Statement on Mozambique Radio

**THE COMPENSATION**

**THE MURDERS**

SMITH is directly responsible for the deaths of 106 blacks shot for breaking the curfew and 32 for running with the terrorists.

**THE PLUNDER**

A LIFTING OF sanctions would offer considerable economic opportunities for both British and Rhodesian business.

Industrial companies such as Chrysler, United Steel and Schweppe, Metal Box and mining groups such as Rio Tinto and Lonrho have broadened their corporate base and stand to benefit from a return to Black control.

In the financial sector, the banks—Barclays, National Bank of Rhodesia and Standard Chartered—should be encouraged and supported.

The Rhodesian government would have its foreign assets returned.

**HOW WE CAN LEND A HAND**

The campaign will be fighting throughout the United Kingdom and in other countries for:

**VICTORY** for the freedom fighters.

**PREVENTION** for all political prisoners.

**RECOGNITION** of black people.

**STOPPING** all recruitment of mercenaries for the racist regime.

**SUPPORT** for the black freedom fighters in Zimbabwe.

**Victory to the freedom fighters**

Smail Apartheid

Support black resistance in South Africa

For more details of the campaign, write to NACO or SOS student unions, Male Street, London W1.
1. ET the Health Minister come here and tell us why he has to close our hospital. His answer is simple: 'Health Minister has more hospitals than he could ever pretend. Well, we're telling him enough is enough.'

This challenge was made by Health Minister David Ennals, who has brought in a new round of hospital closures in Hackney, the city that he claimed should be 'the model for the nation.'

The hospital workers were told that they would be moved to a closed hospital in the area. They were told that the new hospital would be 'safer' and 'more efficient.'

Day by day, the workers continued to protest. They held sit-ins, pickets, and mass meetings. They were joined by members of the public who came to support them. The workers were determined to keep their hospital open.

2. 4000 STRIKE AGAINST THE CUTS IN EAST LONDON - HERE!

MIND how you cross the road. If you get caught, there will be nowhere to go. PAM ROSE, a hospital cleaner, was told to cross the road during the demonstration.

Pam, who works in the medical records department at the Metropolitan Hospital, was told by a member of NALGO that she must cross the road to get to work. She said: 'I don't want to cross the road. I want to keep our hospital open.'

3. 'This is an occupied land, controlled by WHO ARE THE TERRORISTS?'

ONE EVENING we were at the Alternative Social Club for a social gathering. We had heard that there was trouble at Ballymurphy. When we arrived, we were greeted by the Ballymurphy Social Club, just as the British soldiers were leaving.

They had been through the door and had left their boots behind. From here, they had marched through the streets and had changed into civilian clothes.

The Alternative Social Club was established by the Friends of the Ballymurphy Social Club. It was a place where people could come together and discuss their experiences of the troubles.

4. 'Protest'!

Finally we got to speak at a meeting in Dublin. We told the story of how we had been stopped by the British soldiers. We said that we had been told that we would be moved to a closed hospital. We said that we would fight to keep our hospital open.

The meeting was packed. People were there to hear our story. We said that we would not give up. We would continue to fight to keep our hospital open.

5. 'Stop the cuts!'

SOUTH-East London strikers continue to demonstrate against the cuts in health services. Last week workers at the Metropolitan Hospital, Hackney, staged a one-day strike. This week workers at the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, have also staged a one-day strike.

The strikers are demanding an end to the cuts in health services. They say that the cuts are hurting the hospital and the patients. They say that they will continue to fight until their demands are met.

6. 'Everyday life in Belfast. Tense, nervous, full of uncertainty. Waiting for the next protest. The troops stand by.'
We're defending our hospitals

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

KAMBIZ BOOMLA, a senior doctor at St Leonard's Hospital: 'We have been ignored by the Health Service. We have tried to fight back, but we have been overruled. People are dying unnecessarily, and this is unacceptable.'

SIR WALTER, a former patient: 'The patients are being treated like dogs. The hospital is dirty and the staff are rude.'

COHSE CALL: STOP THE CUTS BEFORE KILLS

HATRED REPLACES TEA AND BUNS

by Ossie Lewis
(former executive member of the CPSA)

I was a soldier in Northern Ireland six years ago at the end of the 'tea and buns' era for the soldiers' tea. Conditions were very different then. There was a sense of camaraderie and a need to come together when we arrived. Now the troops are separated.

The relations between the soldiers and the Catholics is very strained. They have built up a hatred of each other, and this is reflected in the attitudes of many soldiers during the war. This is only a dead end.

We went along New Lodge Road, where I had lived six years ago. Today there are numerous places where Catholic homes and pubs have been blown up. We were told that there had been considerable loss of life. The men of the rebellion were pleased to meet the Women's Peace Movement. One was pacifist Pat Armstrong. When she came back she explained that they don't have a position on troops out, but think they shouldn't be kept in the background. Nor should they have a position on partition. They say they need 17 months to work out a position. Meanwhile they are forming new communities, where political barriers are broken.

Among the people attending the boys' evening meetings is Lord 'Paddy' Kirkland. He has not said much about the Festival of Light, the anti-war demonstration, or the strike. But in this case at least he is acting.

HACKNEY

Socialist Worker public meeting

The Labour Government, the cuts and Racism

Speaker: Tony Cliff

Thursday 30 September, 8pm: Princess May School, Kingsland Road, Hackney, East London.
The day a marcher met the bully-boys

I WAS one of the "bully-boys" who went to Brighton march to protest against "Beggar's Banquet." Since returning to Hull I feel that I have been ostracised by the Socialist Movement.

They said that I wasn't involved in the work even though I did the two-week strike and wasn't involved in the business. I didn't say what I could say until they left me alone in the room. Then I was a knock-out in front of the Socialist Movement. I was involved in the strike. We were CND official.

Look, the clever ones said, 'We'll have a bash about the house.' We had a quirk about the house. You're not supposed to be a socialist. We said we were UDI. We weren't.

I said, 'No, as you haven't a point worth making!'

He said, 'Look at you, you can see what we can do with a bit of politics.' So, I said, 'What do you think we're doing?' 'Well, you'd better get back to work.' They were telling me about the facts of life.

E. L. STAN GORDON, Hull

WOULD you, at the first opportunity put a candidate up for election to the Ministry of Housing? We won't appoint to that.

D. JENK WILLOUGHBY, Haslington

As one of the Rights of Work marcher, I was disturbed to see the reports in the press that the SFA stood by some of the March against the Miners. I think we are being a collection of selfish individuals who are not asking for anything but the right to have our voice heard. Our intention is to get a better deal for miners and have unemployers without us.

A large number of miners—especially at least 5000 of them—have been employed and we should be grateful that they marched and supported us. We will get rid if we don't take the strength of the miners in our country.

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Right to Work

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The Council House scandal

I recently received details from Tory-controlled Caithness County Council regarding the opportunity of buying my current house.

I can now buy at 6% interest on an 8% mortgage or at a reduction of 20% over present interest rates and still have the option of living in my present house. I have been told that

C.J. JEFFREYS, The house of Jim Stainton, whose tenants company diversified £150,000 and said it was false.

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Cuts

The government plans to cut spending on housing by £400 million a year over the next three years. An announcement that it would mean a reduction in council house building was made by the Minister of Housing last week.

The cuts mean that money from selling council houses to tenants to help pay interest. But, in the first two years of the scheme, it has been drastically reduced by 70% and is now only 20% of the total. The government has had to go about reducing its spending in 1974-75 by £400 million, but council bear more in interest charges alone.

Increase

To appease the members of the public, the government’s policy is to increase the rate of VAT by a further 27% to 15% this week. This is the highest rate of VAT that the government has ever had to pay interest. But, in the first two years of the scheme, it has been drastically reduced by 70% and is now only 20% of the total. The government has had to go about reducing its spending in 1974-75 by £400 million, but council bear more in interest charges alone.

THE IRISH TOO ARE VICTIMS OF RACISM

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Apology

As a socialist, and therefore an internationalist, I couldn’t give two shits as to whether someone is an English, Irish or Cypriot. I couldn’t address the 20% which are English, and so I don’t think I thought of it.

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Recent news about the Home Office has been very welcome. The Home Office is no longer as it used to be. The Home Office is now a place where people can go without fear. The Home Office is now much more efficient.

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£154 m — AND YOU AND I PAID IT!

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Thanks for your support!

Over the past four weeks the Socialist Worker has had reports on the dispute at the Stena Line shipyard at Wallsend.

Your readers will be familiar with the terms of the strike and the struggle the workers have faced. The workers have also been fighting for a better deal for the workers.

We are particularly grateful for the support we have received from the Rank and File Campaign and members of the International Socialists. Also the financial support from the Labourers’ 50th anniversary funds.

Financial donations are desperately needed and every penny that comes our way is gratefully received.

Maggie Clappin (Shop steward), 
18s, 18 Skipton Street, Morcambe, Lancs.
AT BIRMINGHAM IN MID-AUGUST ERIC CLAPTON SAYS BETWEEN BLUES NUMBERS 'VOTE FOR ENOCH POWELL... STOP BRITAIN BECOMING A BLACK COLONY... GET THE FOREIGNERS OUT'

This is the letter printed in Sounds, NME and the Melody Maker (LP Winner)

When I read about Eric Clapton's Birmingham concert when he urged support for Enoch Powell I nearly puked.

What's going on? Erich? You've got a touch of brain damage. So you are going to stand for MP? and you think we are being colonized by black people. Come on... you've been taking too much of that Daily Express stuff, you know you can't handle it.

Own up, eh? Your music's black. You're rock music's biggest colonial. You're a good musician but where would you be without the black and R&B?

You've got to fight the racial poison, otherwise you degenerate into the sewer with the rats and all the money men whooped up rock culture with their cheque books and plastic crap.

Rock was and still can be a real progressive culture not a package mail order strain of mid-century's garbage.

Keep the faith, black and white and unite and fight.

We want to organise a rank and file movement against the racist poison in rock music—we urge support for Rock Against Racism.

Peter Brinn, Dave Cootes, Angela Follert, Roger Huddel, Red Saunders, Mike St highest.

P.S. Who says the doots? Erich? You're as white as pancake you!

I used to be into dope... then a 'foreigner' pinched my missus' bum... now I'm into racism... it's much heavier... man.

Some of the recipes we got...

Roderick Liddell—Middlesex Boroughs
I am 16 and where politics is concerned my allegiances are split. Also the lowest low of my life is rock music. I am putting together a list of rock music to help me on my way possible.

Chris Surman—Huddersfield, West Yorkshire
I will be only too glad to help. I'm a musician a play in a band.

Sandra Rees—Gosport, Hants
I am only 14 and was wondering if you could send me details of ways I could help.

God McCahill—Geoff Bower—Chris Brandy—Mike Williams—All Birmingham

Cleveland
We saw your letter in NME and are extremely interested in a rank & file movement against the racist poison in rock music.

Mike Hope—Bristol
RAR should organise anti-racism concerts and get the allegiance of bands who operate close to the roots.

Jon Streatfall—Robertson, Jamaica
I'm very interested in joining RAR and send you names and addresses of more people.

Mike Galligan—Bolton
I'm a 4 piece rock band and any help you need to fight the smell of fascism racism or nationalism—please let me know.

Tony Evans—Mervyn Tophill
What with Eric Clapton & the poppers like Hitler David Bowie, we need someone like you.

M. L. Gould—Aschott, Berkshire
I was very pleased to read your opinion in the press this week. I should like to join, really.

Peter Band—B. London
Greetings. How can we as a band support the fight against bigotry as displayed by E.C?

Mohyn Atkinson—Rotterdam
I have purchased myself a beehive display the words Rock Against Racism.

Kevin Haycock—Stamford, Lincoln
I thought the whole incident might pass unchallenged, hope you hear from your soon.

Ian McCrae—B. London
I have always liked Eric Clapton but till him he can go f**k himself.

Francis Harvey—Clydesbank, Glasgow
You have my full support. Let's fight to keep our music pure and kick out those offspring.

Dave Holmes—Sheffield by Sea
Your letter really startled me just as I was beginning to think no one cared any more. Good on ya!

Sachin de Silva—Coppolar.

After receiving your letter in NME a few days I finally really understood the jumble meaning. Whatever you want to do whichever course you decide is best to follow is RAR's support.

Paolo Masi—Milan, Italy
Black and white unite and fight... as a rock fan you have all my support.

MUSicians... fans... we need you

So Bowie discovers Hitler and Clapton urges support for Powell. Superstars' open their mouths and out comes fascist and racist garbage. Pathetic cover-ups do not alter the fact that they give credence to the ideas of the nigger and make heroes of the fans.

RAR was formed as a guts reaction by socialists and music fans to the unbelievable hypocrisy of musicians who made money out of black music and then turn against black people.

Rock music—Reggae, Soul, Rock 'n roll, funk, jazz—the whole lot—has always been there, the music of the black and white urban working class.

But music is not sacred, it's just like everything else in this society—a product of its environment—money rules, not music. And superstitions mean superprofits.

Today's environment is a racist one. So isolated guitar 'gods' and their record company executives, care little for the world of the unemployed school leaver or the black kid getting beaten up in the police station. It's all down to market exploitation (product wise) and whining about tax problems in the Bahamas.

At the first place rock music, black and white, came from the experience of living under the system. For us it must be part of the struggle to change the system.

As part of that battle Rock Against Racism exists to fight racism in and out of Rock music.

Roger Huddel & Red Saunders
RAR Advisory Committee

Rock Against Racism has a lot to do: Concerts, Dances, Posters, Badges, Stickers. It all takes time and money. There are lots of ways you can help.

Tick the appropriate below:

☐ I am a musician and would be willing to play
☐ I will send the following donation £
☐ I will give my time, talent and energy
☐ I put me on the list of sponsors
☐ Just send us a letter of support

Name

Address

Send to: Rock Against Racism, Box M, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN
ON 5 December 1970, a new piecework system was launched at Gdańsk, 300 kilometres from Szczecin. Earnings dropped by 20 per cent. One week later, the government announced price rises of 15 to 25 per cent.

Everybody knew the prices were coming. It was as if the government was reminding people of their own hard work. But the government proceeded only at half pace, people were looking at each other.

One evening, a trouble broke out at Gdańsk. The radio played music all day long. Sadyk told the workers that the workers had to raise their prices. But the trouble started.

On Sunday, the workers marched in the factories and set up the price. It was only then that the radio and newspaper told the truth. The truth that the workers were in the streets.

Gdansk was crushed. A hundred people were taken in today and tomorrow. I don't think they want any more people...

Police were waving red flags, and the police were armed with batons. We were going down the streets, some of us were slightly injured.

Handful

It didn't matter. They continued to raise prices. The anger took over. The workers started to strike. The CP organise another union. Membership of the union is not from the CP, from Human Rights Community. But the CP is still influential.

In the party, there isn't a place for the CP. There isn't a place for the CP. The CP is still influential. There isn't a place for the CP.

About 300 of us left the town. Shouting to all the people to get to the town hall. We were going to the town hall. We were going to the town hall. We were going to the town hall.

Fought

We turned up another union in town. It was a night fight. We fought them with our fists. We fought them with our fists.

There were too many of us that left the town. We didn't know what to do. We didn't know what to do. We didn't know what to do.

In Szczecin alone, 700 were killed.

Died

The trade union local leaders, the local leaders, the local leaders... The police, the police, the police... They attacked the police and together we stopped them.

We informed and matched to the party headquarters. We informed and matched to the party headquarters. We informed and matched to the party headquarters.

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WHERE WE STAND

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

The workers create all the wealth under capitalism. A modern socialist society can only be constructed if the working class can gain control of the factories and plan its own production and distribution.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up, or reformed as the established Labour and trade union leaders do. It has to be overturned.

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists, fill in the form on page 15.
Next time we will win

WHY RUSSIA ISN'T SOCIALIST

In 1917, for the first time in world history, a workers' government took power in Russia. Within 20 years it was dead. Two publications by the International Socialists explain why.


BOOKMARKS, 266 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4

GRANADA TV put out a marvellous programme last week a re-enactment of a shipyard workers' strike. For once it went well with the workers.

The strike was in the Polish port of Gdansk in January 1971. It was the second time the workers had struck. Their first strike, a month earlier, and the street battles that accompanied it had led to the fall of the ZN's ruler, Gomulka, and his replacement by Edward Gierek.

But the price increases that caused the strike remained.

The climax of the January strike came when Gierek was forced to go to Gdansk and face a mass meeting of workers' delegates. The TV programme showed this beautifully.

Gierek came across as a mixture of Wilson and Calaghan. The words were an exact translation from the transcript of the speech. But they could well have been from the mouths of most of the other Labour Party leaders, telling workers to accept price increases and work harder because of the perilous state of the country.

Edmund Baluka, the chairman of the strike committee, was at that point the new chairman of the other committee members, he was to be determined in the after-math of the strike. He now lives in Manchester.

He told Lou Kay and Eva Barker the story of these days. It is particularly significant at a time when price increases have once again been protesting at price rises with strikes and street demonstrations.
Fiennes make it a quick-fire victory

Fiennes in East Anglia have scored a quick-fire victory over an attempt by Suffolk Fire Officer to decline on behalf of the county council to accept job opportunities for public holidays. Fire Officer was not at the meeting when the vote was taken, and then failing to explain why he was not there, not to come to the meeting.

In this way, the men would have the power of the law in force in the county, which would have been the case if they had not been there.

One of the problems faced by the Suffolk Fire Officer is a lack of enthusiasm among his colleagues. Some are reported to be more interested in the county’s activities than in the union’s.

The 2,000 men in the fire service in the county are being forced to work long hours and often on short notice, which is causing difficulties for the Fire Officer and his colleagues.

Asbestos? We’ve got the answer

DOCKERS Terry Battersby, one of the dockers at the London Dockers Provincial Union, has been(w)orking on the campaign to get asbestos removed from the dockers’ work environment. He has been working on the campaign for almost a year and has been very successful in getting the dockers to agree to the campaign.

Asbestos is a very dangerous material, and it is important that it is removed from the dockers’ work environment. Terry has been working very hard to get the dockers to agree to the campaign, and he has been very successful.

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Tipping Staff

Jeavons strike over

TIPTON, Staffs. The 100 workers on strike for a pay deal at Jeavons have gone back to work after a 60-hour strike over the pay package that was offered.

They have been on strike since Monday but have now returned to work after a 60-hour strike over the pay package that was offered.

The deal was offered by the company, but the workers have refused to accept it. They have been on strike since Monday but have now returned to work after a 60-hour strike over the pay package that was offered.

Scottish Labour Movement

SIT-IN TO SAVE JOBS AND UNION OFFICIAL ASHES OUT

STOCKPORT: An occupation by three workers, members of the union, the SEPTU, is in its third week. The workforce employed by one firm, operated on a week-end service, was likely to be affected. But the presence of the workers was not seen as a threat by the management.

Despite the behaviour of the local authority officials, the strike is unlikely to be settled. The workers are determined to win their rights and are not prepared to back down.

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GLASGOW: 1300 JOBS AT STAKE

By Dave Sherif

THREE major employers in the West of Scotland have announced plans for redundancies, with more to come.

Unemployment in the area already stands at ten percent, and the latest figures revealed that 1300 more jobs are under threat.

**ATTACK No 1** came at Redpath-Hoeganaes, which has announced plans for 500 redundancies. Workers were told last week that they would be sacked in three months.

**ATTACK No 2** came at Ḧeritage, which plans to reduce its workforce by 200. Workers are due to be notified within days.

**ATTACK No 3** came at Howden, which announced plans for 200 redundancies. Workers are due to be notified this week.

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By Richard Ross

RWBIP ship ahead, STC New South, North London

STC WANT to sack 49 workers here in the next six weeks. We are still recovering from the loss of 490 jobs through redundancies.

A mass meeting was held last week to appeal the redundancies. But the union, which is the only one in the area, will not take the recognition.

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**DEMO**

Two week's work is being planned by the Scottish TUC to protest against the government's plan to cut 1000 jobs at the EEC.

A meeting is being held next week to organize the protest. The TUC will be given a 1000 day's notice to protest against the cuts.

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**SCOTTISH COUNCIL**

Highland cleaners have received massive support for their campaign to save the council job cuts. The council is due to make a decision on the cuts next week.

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**US**

Bus workers fight cuts

LIVERPOOL, Buses (Scargill) said: 'Every Saturday, in protest against our pay cut of three shillings, we are striking for the next six weeks. The strike is to last for the next six weeks.

We are going to continue our protest for the next six weeks. Our members are determined to fight on.

We are not going to give in to the council. We are fighting for our jobs and our rights. We are not going to stop until we win.'

By Paul Bunyan

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HOW THIS VITAL STRIKE CAN BE WON

THE CAMPAIGN to break the deadlock in the four-month-old Trico equal pay strike has been given a boost.

The Joint Representative Committee at Chrysler Linwood, made up of senior stewards from all the unions, decided last week to call on the shop-floor to block South African supplier blades.

Since the blocking of products throughout most of the major car manufacturers, Trico managers have been arranging alternative supplies, so they could not lose their contracts with the big car firms.

The South African blades are supplied to Linwood. Sources for other car plants include Trico's non-union plant in the United States.

The European social workers federation has written to the Engineering Union asking what it can do to help in this strike.

As a result, 300 women working in West London are still outside the gates after 16 weeks and are not being paid equal pay. The biggest barrier putting up with the inconvenience of blocking on alternative suppliers.

They know a defeat for the Trico women would make it less likely that their own women workers will demand equal pay.

The Engineering Employers' Federation is upholding Trico management for the same reason. Trico is a vital part of the whole engineering industry.

The strike should have been won weeks ago. It should have been settled by now. Trico and TOWU got together and a compromise of the alternative suppliers.

The Trico stand at the commercial Motor Show; the firm could have been brought to their knees long ago.

A Conference for the Tricos of the future

HIRE TRICO dispute shows the desperate need for a rank and file organisation that could bring together workers from different unions and different sections at factories and on parent employers' slaving out strikes for 16 weeks and longer.

The rights to Work Campagn has launched a campaign of mass picketing at the factory. This week, members of the Transport and General Workers Union at Longbridge, at Chrysler and wherever were due to be feted with explanations of the dispute and calls for the blocking of the alternative suppliers.

Teachers, trade unionists, and representatives of the unions employed on how to fight against the effects of the National contract on wages.

Thousands of trade union bodies have been circulated about the conference.

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