This is what the cuts mean:
5 closures in one city

HANDS OFF OUR HOSPITALS!

By Tim South, NUPE chairman, and five other shop stewards from St. James Hospital, Leeds

Pregnant women. The report talks blandly of 222 hospital beds being cut out. But there's 5256 patients waiting to go into hospital in Leeds. Almost as many are on the waiting list in hospital. If we let them cut our services like this, there'll be 10,000 people on the waiting list by 1987. Imagine our joy, then, when we read in Monday's papers that 100 new hospitals are to be built in Britain over the next five years. These hospitals will be, exclusively, for ... waiting for 1000 people here queuing to have their faces patched up after accidents on the roads or at work. And they plan to cut the number of plastic surgery beds from 66 to 50, without batting a baggy eyelid. Talking of eyes, what about the case of Brian Purkin, a local engineering worker, who injured his eye the other day at work? Because of a delay in treatment at St James hospital, Brian now faces permanent damage to his vision.

Memory
As an 'economy measure', the hospital no longer issues appointment cards to out-patients to remind them when to come back for treatment. They rely on the patients' memory, a memory often failed by shock or accident. Brian came too late, and there was no eye specialist in the clinic. 413 patients are waiting for eye operations in Leeds. The miserable number of 67 beds set aside for eye patients is to be cut to 46. How many patients will wait in darkness next year? Makes you sick, doesn't it?

We hope not. Because if it does make you sick, and if you're working class, and if we let them get away with these cuts—there'll be nowhere for you to go.

THE WOMAN SACKED

ROSEBANK Nursing Home is a nice private rest-home set in the nice part of Darlington for people with nice private incomes. One of the 35 patients, however, is not so nice. She objects to being touched by Latha Gunatunga, a black Sri Lankan auxiliary nurse. Latha Gunatunga was immediately sacked. This blatant racist sacking was greeted with the condemnation it deserved.

The Woman Sacked — For Being Black

By Elizabeth Pearson

Leafleting throughout the town and a picket of the nursing home was immediately organised by women's and political groups. And the demand for Latha's reinstatement is growing.

NURSEY nurses at St James Hospital creche, which cares for the children of many working women in Leeds. Recently, the hospital management said it had made a 'mistake': The nurses, it said, were being paid on a local authority nurses' rate. They should be paid on the Whitley Council rate. Result? A pay cut of £12 a week. The nurses had a quick answer: They came out on 24-hour strike, twice.

They'll go on taking action until the pay cuts are withdrawn. Says Doreen Collier: 'Management are free to break our contract, but if we broke it, we'd be sacked. They can't get away with this.'
CIA murderer can stay, says Labour

BUT NOT THE MAN WHO EXPOSED THEM!

THE Government has quietly renewed the residence permits of eight former South Vietnam- namese dictator Nguyen Van Thieu.

Their decision, taken at exactly the same time as they resolved to deport Philip Agee and Mark Hosenhall for exposing the CIA re-affirms Labour's consistency on matters of 'internal security'.

It amounts to this: anyone who exposes the activities of CIA murderers is to be driven out of the country. But those who, like Thieu or Iven Cia, are CIA men murderers will be warmly welcomed.

Thieu was the puppet head of the vile South Vietnamese regime which worked hand-in-glove with another crook, President Richard Nixon. Thieu promoted such atrocities as tiger caging, napalm, mass bombings and killings on a massive scale.

While doing all this, their speculates in the UK, clean of all criticisms of corruption. He amassed a vast fortune with the help of all the fruit which he managed to get out with him when he came to Britain.

Now, armed with permission to stay from a Labour Government, he has set himself up in a luxury house in stockbroker Surrey and put his son down for Eton.

This is why Philip Agee is having to fight against all the odds for his right to stay in this country.

He told a press conference on Monday: 'Because the charges against me are so sweeping and general I have to spend a great deal of time trying to find the past three or four years in Britain.

'The law now applies not me,' he said. 'It also affects every British citizen who is trying to bring these charges against anyone.'

The widespread protest a few weeks ago was to free him here—and if people are too numb to care, the atrocities committed by the secret service, whether the CIA in Portugal or the British SAS in Biafra.'

The British security service which the CIA was originally cleared of—made every effort to help their American friends and those who dared to speak out in the country.

Socialist Worker calls on readers and supporters to back the protest demonstration called by the Agee and Hosenhall Defence Committee.

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UNAMNIOUS

by JOAN RUDER

The government launched a new attack on overseas students last week. It announced that their college fees will be increased to £520 for undergraduates and £350 for postgraduates.

At the same time fees for British students are going up to £300 and £2750. But the vast majority of British students get their fees paid automatically by their local authorities. Those directly or indirectly by the means test are the 23,000 who have to finance themselves and most of these are overseas students.

The government has also confirmed the circular put out by the Department of Education and the Home Office which says on college campuses that police agents for the Home Office by identification students who haven't paid their fees and by reporting on student activities.

**£100 fines for Walsall anti-fascists**

MORE verdicts of guilty have been returned after the local fascist magistrates' court hearing against anti-fascists demonstrating in Walsall.

Keep Appeal, Socialist Worker's prospective parliamentary candidate in the coming Stoke-on-Trent by-election, was found guilty despite numerous court-ups in the police court.

Three police witnesses were supported by evidence against him. But one was sick and another's evidence was shown out because he had simply copied the notes of the arresting officer.

Defence lawyer Simon Brand totally destroyed the police evidence, but this still didn't stop the magistrates backing the police and finding Ken guilty.

Simon Brand took the unusual step of asking them why they had reached a guilty verdict. This threw them and before replying they had to have a three-minute prompt from the chief of the court. The prosecution, led by Bruce Yonge also got sketchy and poor.

Both men were fined £100 with costs.

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Defend Cypriot refugees!

by BAMBIOS CHRISTOU

12 other Cypriots and Turks were held for deportation. Thoughout Britain we estimate that as many as 400 people are being held, fearful of home life at the whim of a dictatorial, racist Home Office official.

Last night 1 and 2 a Cypriot Defence Campaign visited one of the new victims. He is Melini Sall, a Turkish Cypriot refugee now in his fourth week of imprisonment in Pentonvile Prison, North London. His wife Huluya, who speaks little or no English, is in Holloway Prison.

Both came to Britain early in 1974 and married here. They were arrested three weeks ago following an anonymous phone call to the Home Office.

They appeared in court and were released after 24 hours and without being given the slightest chance to put their case. Also in Pentonville jail are

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AN ICE CREAM FOR THE NAZIS!

The National Front has been having a tough time in the Camborne by-election thanks to the active support of the local Labour Party.

Their first effort at holding a public meeting in the market square was disrupted by a loud member of the International Socialists and the prompt action of an in-stader who took the opportunity to shout down the National Front candidate Walter Johnson's face.

The price of this success was two arrests.

The Front's attempt to hold a public meeting in the university was also a failure. They kept being asked to move to the left, but good coordination meant that they were excluded from any room or college property.

Protest against them also took their tribe outside demo against racism but the left was left to do the work of the would-be-knee-bouncers and the other rightists. Even eventually held at the Royal College of Art, because with John Selby as speaker, was a total disaster.

So was their Saturday motion when Gaufrid Tyrrell was joined by further Webster. If that's not enough, we waited 200 strong for them to be let in but they were refused. They eventually held at the Royal College of Art because of John Selby as speaker, was a total disaster.

They then tried to hold a rally in the local library but were turned away in a rush-about. In short their week has been a disaster.
Seveso horror goes on

REMENEBER Seveso, the chemical disaster that threatened to cause many women to miscarry and possibly lead to badly deformed babies?

Italy's medical services are still dominated by the bishops of the Catholic Church, who have a vested interest in ignoring the need for anti-abortion and that the anti-abortion legislation (SPLC) would like to enforce here.

The situation is exacerbated from Seveso started arriving in London not just to get abortions because they had been refused them in their own country, but also to report on the Italian anti-abortion activities led by the Vatican, insist that 'even under these terrible circumstances, abortion is still murder.'

The deadly chemicals of Seveso are already taking their toll. A worker from the factory died of liver cancer this week.

Fifth election in 56... is it a record?

A RARE event is under way in the Transport and General Union (TGWU) as an election for a full-time official. This has happened only five times since the TGWU was founded in 1920. Britain's biggest union, with 11 giant sections and 12 million members, only elects one of its hundreds of officials: the general secretary. And he is elected 'for the pleasure of the union, that is, for life. Jack Jones is retiring 1976. So TGWU members will have the chance to cast their votes for his successor between February 2 and March next year.

Support

Jones is known as the architect of the disastrous 'Social Contract.' He believes the Labour government must be supported at any cost.

And the cost is borne, not by Jack Jones, but by rank and file members of his union.

The Right to Work Campaign led by Jack Jones is fighting for its future.

The TGWU is using the Mayday celebration to give members the chance to demonstrate against the election to TGRU general secretary.

Tommy Reilly is the deputy secretary of the TGWU branch of the South London Metropolitan Branch.

The Right to Work campaign led by Jones is fighting against the decision to hold the election at Mayday.

If you want to join the campaign, contact Tommy Reilly in your branch, and contact the National Right to Work Campaign in London.

IF you want to help the TGWU members who are supporters of Socialist Worker and members of the TGWU, meet at our next meeting this Saturday, December 3, in the Central Hall, Birmingham. It will be a chance to discuss the situation in the union and how we can help build the Right to Work Campaign through the election.

'TROOPS OUT OF IRELAND' UPSETS PEACE PEOPLE

THE Peace People came to London on Sunday. And what publicity they got from the press!

Papers that had only ten days earlier virtually ignored a demonstration six times the size against the cuts gave massive space to this demonstration. The Morning Star even joined in the protest.

The Daily Express, which supported the American war against Vietnam from beginning to end, gave a full page to Joan Baez, who opposed that war from beginning to end.

The war, because Sunday's demonstration was not really about peace in Northern Ireland, despite the genuine feeling of many of those present. It could not be, because its purpose included, alongside Joan Baez, people who give full and unqualified support to any of the armed forces waging war in Northern Ireland, the British Army.

Among those present, for instance, was Julian Biggs-Davison, right-wing Tory MP, at the special request of the 'peace women'. When the British troops that drove 10,000 people in cold blood to Derry four years ago, Biggs-Davison applauded them.

The only people with any policy for peace were some hanger-on 'troops out' but the peace women are already involved in the debate.

And Julian Biggs-Davison's story told Socialist Worker he upset was he to be handed with cries of 'Troops Out' during the Lord's Prayer.

THIS IS 'GOOD NEWS' ONLY BECAUSE THIS SYSTEM IS A MADHOUSE

AT LAST THE GOOD NEWS.

That headline in The Daily Mail last week summed up the press reaction to a new report by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. What was this 'good news' for Britain's workers?

It was that:

- Real incomes will continue to fall over the next year.
- Prices will continue to rise for at least the next six months.
- Unemployment will rise still further.

So what is the 'good news' for Britain?

It is that 'profit margins are expected to be rebuilt until the end of 1977.' Only two per cent of Britain's population will gain.
STUDENTS UNDER ATTACK

by LINDSEY GERMAN
International Socialists
student organiser

THE National Union of Students is under attack from the right.

The collapse of the NUS travel service last week is now being used by some colleges by the right wing press for disaffiliation from the national union.

In Scotland more than half the colleges have shown signs of disaffiliation. The nationalists are now sounding the defeat for the union - in practice a separate Scottish National Union.

The National Organisation of IS Societies in the college is campaigning to keep the national union together. The IS Societies have been involved for years fighting the anti-nationalist special grants. The national union must continue to fight the cuts in education spending and for decent grants.

And a thousand students demonstrated on November 4th against the cuts in the past two weeks students at Sunderland, Teesside, and Midlands Polytechnics have occupied to defend owed students. That is the way to fight the right wing in the union.

The federation of Conservative Students might make noises about keeping the union together. But they don't have the clout, or the government's education policies.

No socialist should co-operate with the right wing. We must convince students that NUS will not abandon students' interests, not just engage in one-shot chats with Cabinet ministers.

The two members of NSWU on the NUS executive have written on Saturday in Manchester to organise the left to keep the union together and fight the right wing. The meeting will discuss possibilities of the NUS Kendal in two weeks time, to inaugurate a national campaign to keep the union.

OPEN MEETING on the NUS and the future of the union. Student unionists are invited to attend.

CELEBRATE THE UNION

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WHERE WE STAND

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

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

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up, it must be overthrown. Established Labour and trade union leaders say it has to be overthrown.

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists, fill in the form on page 15.
MY GOVERNMENT, I’m glad to say, has given up.

My government plans to do absolutely nothing during the current parliamentary session, except fool about with devolution. It will stumble on to defeat. I’d advise all my rich and powerful subjects to chew on, hold fast, and wait for a few more months until we get our dear Tories back in office once again.

IF THE Queen ever said what she meant, she’d have started her speech opening Parliament last week something like that.

Instead, she spoke her way through the shortest list of proposed laws for 20 years, and got back to Buckingham Palace in time for lunch.

Corruption

All next year, the Labour government does not intend to pass a single law in the interests of the working people who elected it.

Eighty-five per cent of all Parliamentary time until next November will be taken up with devolution — settling the problems of a weak, corrupt Parliament in London by setting up weak, corrupt Parliaments in Edinburgh and Cardiff.

We’ve even heard how both parties have come to the same view since the war.

In 1945, the Labour government which had passed many reforming laws brought about the austerity measures to beat off a sudden attack of ‘economic crisis.’

Fury

It withstood ferocious Tory assaults led by the notorious ‘Mr Cuba’ campaign to keep sugar in the hands of Tate and Lyle. Labour stalled and went on industrial action until it was driven from power by a sudden economic crisis.

In 1968, a Labour government, which had carried through a small handful of reforms against the backdrop of an economic crisis — this time by wage freezes and cuts in the social services — was defeated by a major government in the House of Commons, by a vote of 200, because Labour had been blamed for cuts in the services needed to cope with the crisis.

Ribbons

The Labour government has paid special attention to the needs of all public services, but only at a cost to the social services (three times this year alone).

An important strike by the oil companies has forced to hand over millions of pounds to oil companies in unearned tax.

In many cases, this tax has been used to pay for public services, which were cut because of the crisis.

Ruthless

They were deliberate assaults on the heads of industry and finance who will stop at nothing to prevent a Labour government from passing laws to tax their wealth or weaken their power.

The philosophy of the Labour Party has let the government implement its policies.

The only power capable of matching that of the capitalists is the industrial power of the workers.

But the Labour Party is committed, before even it is taken over, not to use that power.

It is committed to the notion that the elected government must govern itself. Thus, when one of the few genuinely reforming measures in Labour’s programme — the Doel’s Bill — was blocked by a combination of unelected peers and a couple of well-paid, right-wing Labour MPs, the Government’s first concern was to prevent strikes.

The Labour government is paralysed, having been blown off course by forces over which it has no control. Out of its ashes must be built a socialist party to confront the mght of capitalism.
Technology is neutral

TALKING ABOUT SOCIAILSM
Duncan Hallas

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I GUESSED that what I wrote a week or so ago about the anti-technology trend on the left might ruffle a few feathers. It has, and some of the points raised are well worth discussing further.

First, to clear up some misunderstandings, I did not intend to say that scientific knowledge is often put under capitalistic exploitation, but that most of it is used by a small group of people in a capitalist society.

Moreover, most of the scientific knowledge is probably in the hands of the rich, who own the means of production. They do not have the right to decide whether their inventions are used for the benefit of the people or not. They use them to increase their own wealth and power.

The people who really benefit from science are usually the rich and powerful, not the common people. They use science to exploit the people, not to serve them.

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To take another example, fast food restaurants. Despite the arguments that they are a cause of obesity and other health problems, the truth is that people who work in these restaurants are often underpaid and overworked. They do not have the power to change the system.

The same is true of the nuclear power industry. Despite the arguments that it is clean and safe, the truth is that workers in these industries are often exposed to dangerous conditions. They do not have the power to change the system.

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Nuclear power, as such, is not inherently evil. It is a matter of who controls it, and who benefits from it. The people who control the technology also control the money and the power.

Howard Hallas writes: Technology and science exist to serve the interests of a small group of people. They are used to maintain power and control over others. The system is not neutral, but biased.

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A SIT-IN WITH A DIFFERENCE...

CHRIS HARMAN, just back from Spain, reports

Spain’s ‘democracy’, rigged from top to bottom

This is the power that can change it

THE SPANISH government’s plans can still be thwarted by popular movement.

Two million workers struck for the day on 12 November.

And the last week has seen a powerful strike of 70,000 state school teachers, partial strikes by farmers, municipal police and even jail warders, and a continuing stream of local protests by workers.

A new development has been the high level of involvement of women’s movements. Feminist groups have occupied an office of the governing party in Madrid and Surco, and demonstrations by Madrid Barcleona have been drawing the national press.

By Kim Gordon (Flame)

JAMAICA goes to the polls on 15 December — and the People’s National Party (social democratic) government is trying to hang on to power.

Whatever the result of the election, Jamaica workers and peasants face a hardening.

Flame, the black worker paper of Socialists and Workers, and the British and Caribbean Collective have set up a

Jamaica: Organise solidarity!

When the bosses of a sugar factory in Northern Italy were short of men because of ‘financial difficulties’, their 700 workers took action, and some action it was too! They spread up the street outside the factory, driving away all the cars.”

Apartheid spies aid British firm

SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

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We're going for early retirement at 55 by 1980—and so it should be. That'd say so too if that'd seen men at 50 who can't walk and breathe because they've worked in dust all their lives.

—BARNSLEY MINER PHILLIP CLOWERY

"I WANT better conditions and better money. This ballot should be 100 per cent in favour of industrial action—if every man's right in the head.

I'm just at the right age to fight for this because I know that I can't be able to go on until I'm 65."

That's what BERNARD BOTTOM rowns about the miners' industrial action to win early retirement in the pits. Bernard, 32, is a part-time miner at Dodworth Colliery near Barnsley.

He has seen the effect of long years in the pits on men who work in one of Britain's most dangerous and unhealthy jobs.

"My father's just retired at 65. He's got the dust on his lungs and his fingers are off."

We've taken in a fitter, hard work don't hurt. I've been taking in to a fitter at Redbrook End on the new face there. He says he's bloody stupid—that isn't a foot in front of their dust council.

**Fight**

That's the word to wear long clothes. At pit he puts on old bloody mucky, stinking clothes.

"There's no need to do this, pit, so we don't know what you mean by this. We're in a fight, now, you're not doing your job."

"We're going to have to fight for the next generation, same as our fathers fought for us.

PHILLIP CLOWERY, 40, who works at Dodworth Colliery, where he is a main-"natee at the Northern Board, the October Revolution £1.90 (3.60) + 30p post.

Dust

"We're going for early retirement at 55 by 1980—and so it should be. That's say so too if that's seen men at 50, 55 or 60 who can't walk and breathe because they've worked in dust all their lives.

My father's one of them. He's 65 and he's knackered.

He started at pit when he were 14, and he's worked at pit there else, but for the past three years they haven't found him a job he's fit to do.

He's offered him a job in the washer at pit top, but that's a lender join than when I'm doing.

"The end they gave him 300 quid and that were it—just 300 quid."

JOHN BRAY, a development worker at Dodworth, wants to see British miners retire at 55 comparable to those of their counter-parts in Europe.

We've had to go into the Commons Market, now might as well get the same benefits as miners there. These business people are making money out of it—that's why they want to waste us. We might as well get something out of it if we can.

The National Coal Board has offered to reduce the retirement age gradually to 60. The social contract allows them to.

JIM DEAKIN, a 34-year-old foreman at Dodworth, has nothing but contempt for this offer.

"The Coal Board's offer is bloody stupid—it's only what we get anyway because we can become redundant at 62 or 65 per cent of earnings, so they're going to offer us early retirement at 62 then all they're doing is altering 'redundant to retirement'.

"We're selling our health if we accept that the social contract means no early retire-ment for miners.

" Besides, the government seems to have torn up their copy of the social contract, what with price rises and unemployment and so on."

"I don't see any reason why we should pay any more heed to it than they do."

MINERS throughout the country are up in arms over their claim for early retirement with no loss of earnings.

For years, miners' union conferences have passed resolutions that would allow this offer of it.

But, at last, this year's conference set a deadline in for negotiations. The exec-utive was told firmly to go for retirement at 60 by calling in January 1977 with further reductions to 55 by 1980.

Negotiations with the
Why we want to retire early

'Immigration controls' really mean killing

THIS IS WHAT
Fine, that's what we all need... but what do you offer us?

WE'VE ALL spent a lot of time in the last few months calling the National Front 'Nazis'. But what was life like under the Nazis, and how could the struggle go on?

A new book, Resistance in Europe 1939-1945, helps to answer some of these questions.

It's a collection of essays about resistance movements in Europe: some are a bit academic, but others—especially Josef Garlinski's first-hand account of the underground movement inside Auschwitz death camp—give a vivid picture of life inside Nazi Europe.

The brutality of the Nazi occupiers is well-known: in Poland, millions were killed, a thousand-level sentences were usual, but the brutality was class brutality above all. When the Germans occupied territory, the first thing they did was to impose a total wage freeze. Strikes were banned. But strikes weren't shots; they were deportations. Useful labour could be wasted.

Selfish

Even inside Auschwitz, the patterns of class society remained. Josef Garlinski writes: 'Life there was a paradox: while thousands were dying of hunger, terror, and disease, some influential trustees drank champagne and lit their cigarettes with dollar bills. For a platinum Omega watch, you could get a small onion, for a good five-dollar note a loaf of bread.'

In 1942, 1943, and 1944, Auschwitz was the biggest black market in Europe.

But even under the worst terror of Nazi rule, some form of resistance was possible. For example, there's the story of the old lady in Paris, who used to go and sit on a bench in a tube station.

Determined

Every time a German officer passed, she would put her umbrella between her face andfetch hit over.

Even inside Auschwitz, resistance was possible. Prisoners built a radio transmitter and hid it in the typhus block of the hospital, where the SS men never went for fear of infection.

But the nature of real resistance for workers was not just the ones who had most to lose under Nazism, but they had the power to make resistance that was into itself just symbolic. The Nazis could be strikes—but they couldn't fight the large of aberration among French miners

The spirit the Nazis couldn't crush

BY IAN BIRCHALL

rocketing upward, calling production.

Those French factories, organised regular sabotage so effectively that they were able to prevent the workers from completing the state orders out on the grounds that they were doing more damage.

Add the biggest setback France was when they tried to introduce compulsory labour in Germany.

Thousands of workers refused to go, and flocked to join the resistance instead.

Foresight

What the book doesn't say clearly enough is that there were two resistances, quite separate from each other:

There were the workers, forced into resistance by hunger and brutality. But there were also others, the smooth men who could see that fascism, in the long term, was a more devastating system.

They saw a new world in which capitalism would never, propped up by planning and controls with the trade union bureaucracies, when Nazism collapsed in 1945, it opted for revolution. Because the workers didn't seem the best, the smooth men decided to power to the state.

Millions had died, believing they were fighting for freedom; instead we got the Communist Market. But that's another story, one you won't get from this book.

To find out about that, you'll have to read the finest book ever written about the Second World War, Gabriel Kolko's The Politics of War.

SONG OF THE PATCH AND THE COAT

When we cry aloud from hunger you come running up and say: this can't continue you must be helped in every possible manner. And, full of zeal, you run off to the bosses while we who freeze are waiting. And you come back and in triumph show us what you have done for us: a little patch.

Fine, that's a patch all right but where is the whole coat?

We need much more than patches, we need the whole overcoat, too: we need much more than the breadcrumbs, we need the loaf itself. We need much more than a job: we need the whole factory and the coal and the ore and power in the state.

Fine, that's what we all need but what do you offer us?

BERTOLT BRECHT
THE £50-A-SEAT PARASITES

I WAS enraged to hear Tony on his BBC programme last week that "the rise in unemployment and serious concern about what to do if you get a redundancy notice, to hear accusations that a man in the television business who causes a lack of work in any part of the country has no right to complain about his redundancy. I was enraged to hear that the situation is better than it was before the war, because the situation in the 1950s was far worse than it is now."

I would like to take up the question of "women in technology" in relation to what happened last weekend at Brokdorf in West Germany. I don't believe in technology in itself. Not only, but the West German government has plans for building an atomic power station at Brokdorf. The local authorities have protested and a decision was reached from the court.

However, with the help of the local government and the police, the building of the power station started work on the site before the court had given its decision. The people who want to build the power station are divided into two groups: on the one hand those who want to build it, and on the other hand those who want to prevent it. The authorities decided to resign the question of building. Between 20,000 and 25,000 turned up to support them (police estimate). Those two groups have been labelled by the police as "women and men of democracy!"

During the demonstration, the police provided a cloud. First by releasing alarm clocks to drive the people to the planned site of the demonstration—ordered by the local authority. Secondly by using a helicopter during the demonstration, the police-sponsored church service appeared to make the situation worse, which is its characteristic feature. It was impossible to prevent the demonstration, so that it was impossible to prevent the police from doing what they were doing. This is a reaction to the facts of the political situation.

A film for socialists

If you read today's TV listings, you will probably pass up seeing Scars and Vagaries on BBC 2 (Saturday at 9.15pm). So many "political" movies are worthless, because they let the politicians be the heroes.

Scars and Vagaries is a hilariously neat expose of the serious anti-immigrant, anti-Red, fascist and police forces in America following the end of the First World War. More than that, it accurately presents the victims' version of events, beliefs and lives.

At a time when the British government, through its various immigration courts, is savagely harrassing men, women, and boys, or anyone who raises up to cry enough; and the very word that the British government is harrassing, dangerous "immigrants" is broadcast over the airwaves, a film like this is a breath of fresh air.

SHERYL YANOWITZ and NEIL ROGALL.
People are too greedy!

By TERRY STEWART

"Socialism would never work as well as capitalism..."

While millions starve, capitalism dumps fish

and tomatoes

and applies

It is our task to wade through the blood and filth of this outmoded system and clear it away... and that is an occupation most worthy of a civilised man or woman.

PARASITIC

No need for jails, police, judges, lawyers, bailiffs, informers, queues. This mass of parasitical fare would sweep away. Differences and hatreds would disappear, but not on class lines. James Cannon believed that all this, and more, was not idle speculation, but a realistic perspective of a world socialist society. He didn't live to see it. He died three years ago at the age of 84. His political life spanned 60 years in the struggle for socialism. He said:

DYING

"It is our task to wade through the blood and filth of this outmoded system. Our mission is to clear it away and that I think is the highest privilege today, the occupation most worthy of a civilised man or woman."

Or woman.
**Why Rolls sit-in failed**

By Dave Sherby

The sit-in by Rolls Royce employees at their Wootton Bassett factory in a 20-week occupation at Rolls Royce, has ended in defeat.

Last week the Blantyre Court at Manchester granted an injunction narrowly accepting the rights of the Rolls Royce Union, the Engineer Employees' Union, to wind up the sit-in to seek recognition of the union's right to negotiate on the future of the site.

Defeat

The mass meeting inside the occupation accepted the company's statement but only after the union's negotiators put up a further motion to continue and extend the sit-in.

Responsibility for the defeat lies with the all-time official and the union's point in the Rolls Royce negotiations.

They consistently refused to call the sit-in off after the final strike action that could have saved the site.

That feeling was apparent at the meeting, where a resolution of the words of Lord Trefry on the site was passed by a large majority.

"Rehouse us or say tenants"

By Norma Reid

NEWCASTLE: Tenants of the McNeehan Court council flats, who have been occupying the flats for an immediate relinquishing, have picked the flats to press for further renovation.

The flats have been empty since December but the residents signed a petition for their upkeep and demanding to push on with the work.

On Friday the tenants demonstrated outside the civic centre in Newcastle and were forced to enter the building.

It was understood that the change was because a word on the site would not be used.

Another hospital faces the axe

E. LONDON: The 90-bed Planim, North hospital, is to be closed, just of "Shame to save money."

The area has already lost both the local council and the hospital to face the battle.

The hospital has not been used by any hospital for the past 12 months, while many of its facilities have been turned into a corporate office for the future.

"FRED FORD: Tribute to a fine socialist whose struggle began 50 years ago"

By Gerry Hobin

A LOT of people will be saddened to hear of the death last week of Fred Ford, a revolutionary socialist at his home, died at 72, of a myocardial infarction.

Fred was a member of the Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB) and was active in the party for over 40 years, serving as a member of the party's national executive committee.

He was also a member of the party's international relations committee and was active in the party's work in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

Fred was a dedicated peace activist and worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the need for nuclear disarmament.

He was a founder member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and was a regular speaker at CND rallies and demonstrations.

In addition to his work in the CPGB, Fred was also a member of the Trotskyist group, the International Workers' Alliance (IWA), and was active in the group's work in the UK and internationally.

Fred was a dedicated trade unionist and was a member of the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) and was active in the union's work in the footwear industry.

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Clayton's Strike

MANCHESTER: Workers at the Duncan Finishing Works at Anfield walked out on a 24-hour strike yesterday.

All the shop stewards were reported to have agreed that the strike should go ahead, despite rumors of possible differences on working conditions going against the Socialists.

This left the men without any financial support, but the union went on.

Thanks must go to the few stewards who ignored these bullies tactics and to the stewards who walked out to support the union's fight for their lives. The company's strike in 100 years. Considering this was bloody in 1960, the strike was declared a victory.

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How Booth lied to the dockers

By EDDIE PREVOST

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Booth's main supporter and the leader, Jack Lennons, was desperate that the Dockers' Union Scheme (DUS) be approved by the dockers. The scheme was to prove valuable to the union and bring more dockers into the dockside movement.

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The dockers who spoke to Booth said that they could not support the strike.

There is no doubt that this interference swayed the conference, and perhaps even carried the vote in favor of accepting the Bill. As Booth's secretary, I think we can assume that this was a slippage by Booth.

Unsafe

There is absolutely no doubt what Booth said. I personally heard him. It was so clear that I could hear him.
SUPPORT THE MINERS!

WHY WE WANT TO RETIRE EARLY: Special interviews, see centre pages

ANOTHER miner was killed on Monday.

Another statistic to add to a mounting toll of death and maiming in Britain's pits.

Last year 64 died—64 dead, 286 seriously injured—has already been passed this year.

The latest victim—Lee Douglas Taylor of Dukinfield Main Colliery in Yorkshire—had barely breathed his last when a Tory MP was rising to his feet in Parliament to express his 'concerns'.

Michael McNair-Wilson suggested that MPs should send condolences to the dead miner's family.

Yes, and perhaps they might also care to send explanations of why they and successive Tory and Labour governments have done nothing to improve the appalling conditions that miners work in.

Men who began work underground at the age of 14 are still at 50 years later at the age of 58.

Next week, the miners are voting in a pit head ballot. A 'yes' vote will empower their union to call a national strike. A 'no' vote will strengthen the miners' case for early retirement.

The demand for retirement at 60 in January and at 55 by 1980 will bring them into line with other miners in the Common Market. Even in Spain, the retirement age is 65.

The ballot is likely to return an overwhelming 'yes'—if it's all the miners will be attacked on all sides. Threatening the Social Contract', 'wrecking the economy', 'bedding the miners' up to London's Tory MPs, Sir Robert Carr and Michael Heseltine.

This is rubbish. The miners' union, the NUM, has already put in a claim for early retirement. Retirement for miners at 60 would create 20,000 new jobs next year alone. Retirement at 55 in 1980 would create jobs for 100,000 workers now standing in dole queues.

Hundreds of thousands of other workers, from engineers to white collar group, stand to gain from any breakthrough on fringe benefits. A campaign by the miners on fringe benefits can make the whole of the Social Contract and pave the way for the destruction of the wage freeze.

In 1972 and 1974, the miners broke the back of the Tory wage freeze. Millions of other workers benefited.

After the ballot result, trade unionists and socialists in every workplace and trade union, on every dolly queue, must take up the argument for the miners.

13 December: Support this crucial picket

THREE Right to Work marchers now face the prospect of Christmas behind bars.

The appeals for all the convicted marchers will be heard on Monday 13 December.

The three sentenced to prison are Mike Lynch, an unemployed miner from Dukinfield's minors', William Dolly, a shop worker from Glasgow, and Bobby Bailey, a porter from Manchester (two months).

They were among the 41 unemployed miners arrested when the police hopeless the Manchester to London Right to Work march in Hounds earlier this year. The police made four separate charges, three with batons drawn.

The marchers need the support of all trade unionists and socialists on the first day of the appeal. The Right to Work Campaign is organising a mass picket outside the Court House. Every effort should be made to get official delegations from trade union and labour movement bodies to attend with their banners. But numbers will be an important as delegations.

Local Right to Work Committees are organising transport from all over the country. Details are available from the National Right to Work Campaign.

Twenty seven marchers were found guilty of charges such as assault and threatening behaviour. 15 were acquitted. One still remains to be tried. He is the campaign secretary John Deacon.

All the cases are being organised by the Department of Public Prosecutions, which set up the trial and prison sentences of the Sheerness pickers, Ricky Tomlinson and Des Warren.

A mass picket on the 13th will make it much harder for the judges to endorse the prison sentences. And it will make it much harder for the police, the courts and the OPP to try similar tactics on other groups of workers.

DROP THE CHARGES!
FREE ALL THE MARCHERS!
Mass picket of the appeals of the Right to Work Marchers:
Monday 13 December.

Bring banners, organise transport now.

Organised by the National Right to Work Campaign.