SHE'S nine years old. And she's got a very special Christmas present from our Labour government: a fractured hip and leg.

Little Andrea will spend Christmas in hospital, after nearly being killed on her way to school in Chelmsford, Essex.

There should have been a lollipop man or woman on the busy road outside the school. There would have been if the parents and teachers had had their way.

But the Labour government says the country can't afford such wasteful public spending. And so lollipop attendants, average pay £11 a week, are being phased out.

The very next day after Andrea's accident, an Essex County Council committee met less than a mile away to get rid of more lollipop men.

Mindful of little Andrea's broken limbs, they voted to 'defer' a decision.

Meanwhile, better known politicians will be gazing at television screens to show similar 'memes' for all the Andrea's of this world—the young, the old, the defenceless.

MAIMING

That, as always, will be their Christian Christmas message.

And then they will settle down for a New Year of public spending cuts that will mean more Andrea's, more injury and maiming, more suffering.

And, inevitably, the death of young children less lucky than little Andrea.

Christmas cheer . . . for the rich

Asprey's £5,000 emerald dressage whip. The handle is made of 18 carat gold with a band of diamonds around the top and bottom.

Want a whip for Christmas? Hurry, hurry, hurry. The issue of Horse and Hound which carries this ad says that they are 'sold out' of their £5000 whips already. But special arrangements can be made, if you're desperate.

No spending cuts for the rich, obviously.

—from the London Evening Standard, 15 December.

Robert Jackson reports a run on caviar, especially the 8 oz ones at £31.82. Their threats of fresh perigord plate in the shape of golden geese (£28.50) are flying out of the shop as fast as they can get them in.

Today they are sending a van out to London airport, loaded with several hundred pounds worth of goodies to feed a private jetful of six passengers on route to New York.

Myths are exploding in Beauchamp Place, too, where one jewellery shop reports excellent sales, people walking off the street to spend as much as £200.
MASSIVE assistance for the South African racists and murderers has come from Barclays, one of Britain’s biggest banks.

Barclays’ National Bank subsidiary in South Africa has bought £2.8 million worth of South African Defence Bonds. This money will go directly to the armless of the South African military machine.

Weapons

The new bond issue has been made to step up the regime’s spiralling expenditure on repression.

When news of this lifeline to the regime broke in London, a spokesman for Barclays Bank issued the following statement: “We abhor apartheid. But the bank feels that if it could do more good in South Africa than by turning its back and walking away.”

Barclays spokesman in South Africa was called more honest. He said simply: “You can’t expect to operate in a country and make massive profits if you can’t associate with your employees. You do have a large number of our boys called up.”

The truth is that Barclays is right behind the South African military machine. The organisation is desperate to hang on to massive profits wracked from the remorseless exploitation of South African blacks.

Filthy Rich

How deeply Barclays is embedded in South Africa can be gauged by looking at its London board of directors. It includes two names synonymous with immense wealth and power in South Africa. Harry Oppenheimer and Sidney Spier. Oppenheimer is the king of the South African gold and diamond industries. And Spier has interests in similar fields, as well as being the Crab of the asbestos industry, or Malta the new giant iron ore producer.

Barclays has been a haven for refugees fleeing from the Bophuthatswana experiment in South Africa. It will also be driven out by the black workers and students struggling to create a society free from exploitation.

Why? Because ‘it helps us make massive profits’.

MURDER cut out of pension fund...

Millionaire parasite Jim Slater may be in for rough days—they have wrecked his workers’ pension fund. This has been paid in to for years has mysteriously disappeared—£1 million.

This is an important story, but it’s not being reported. Why? Because it’s not in the interest of the media to report a conflict of interest.

The fund was set up by Slater Walker in 1964. No sooner was the fund in place than Slater-Walker-Cripps was the firm which, with Jim Slater at the helm, stripped the fund in the late sixties to start the firm to fame and fortune.

It seems that Slater Walker, like many firms, has been using the workers’ pension contributions to scramble on the stock exchange and have come unstuck.

The result is that those in the fund are now having to cut their losses. Slater Walker has gone into administration and all its firm’s clients are in the hands of the liquidators.

In other words, Jim Slater and his pals have cheated them out of their money and are now leaving them to get on their own.

In their present panic, the Slater-Walker-Cripps workers have already thrown out any notion of taking over the company.

A FANS official who was there said: “We consider this has similar implications.” He added that the cheque, which was a £1000 one, was “a ridiculous offer.”

In the end, Slater Walker-Cripps will go into liquidation and the workers’ pensions will be transferred to the liquidator.

FIVE YEARS SINCE BLOODY SUNDAY

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MURDERS: they must be freed!

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How our children are being sacrificed

FOR millions of schoolchildren last week was a week of festive dinners at school followed by concerts and fancy dress parties. The air was full of excitement. But above the excitement, even above the angels in the dining halls, was the tangible Labour government putting the fear of hell into workers, teachers, kitchen staff, meals supervisors and caretakers.

School meals in our area of working-class Lancashire have already been cut this year. They introduced 'insect dinners', frozen and ready-cooked-and cut 25 hours work out of three school

by SADIE BLOOD
School meals supervisor and NUPE steward, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire

kitchen. It didn't work, of course. The authority linked the scheme 'too expensive'. I watch kids being cut at our kids' schools, paper towels in short supply, cleaning materials, dinner smaller and cooks' buttons being slashed.

Teachers are afraid to use too much paper for the children to draw, classes are growing bigger, and teachers have strain showing more and more on their faces as they try to cope.

I see kitchen staff working at hectic pace, as meals supervisor dreading if a man takes ill, for it means no replacement, nothing from one end of the playground to the other up to stop children from injuring themselves through climbing on spiked railings.

We pay

Now Chancellor Healey tells us we have to pay the full price for the school dinners we get. We don't get them because he and Shirley Williams said we did last week. No, we pay for them all right, about 1p a time, and it's deducted off our wages.

But if we now have to pay, then we can't be able to afford it.

Most school meals supervisors don't eat the dinners anyway—partly because of the noise, partly because the new frozen stuff is tasteless. If they have their way, then people will wreck the school meals service—and the schools as well.

They've proved one thing simply to you: you don't get anything in this world free. It's all been won in struggle, and we'll have to struggle to get it back again.

JOINING SOCIALIST WORKER

FIFTY-ONE people joined the International Socialists and the building of the Socialist Workers Party last week. They include a National Union of Journalists' shop steward, an Electricians Union rep, a General and Municipal Workers Union shop steward, a National Union of Teachers school chairman, and stewards in the Public Employees Union (NUPE) and the printworkers' union SOGAT.

Here is Labour's Xmas present for you

ENJOY your Christmas holiday if you can. For for many of us it is going to be very hard indeed next year.

The latest round of cuts announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer Healey last week will devastate the lives of millions of workers and their families.

Unemployment is going to rise a lot more.

Healey admitted as much in his speech. Healey's Treasury advisers have told him they expect another quarter of a million people to join the dole queues.

The Minister of Unemployment, Albert Booth, is predicting that the total number on the dole could rise to two million.

Prices are to rise more.

Drink and fags are going up immediately after Christmas. The ending of food subsidies is going to put milk up another 1p a pint, cheese another 3p a pound, butter another 4p a pound.

Gas is going up by 15p in the £1 April.

House building is going cut still further. Yet the number of homeless people has shot up from 100,000 to 250,000 in the last six years. And the number of families in houses 'unfit for human habitation' is 1,200,000.

The school meals service is to be savaged. Prices were already due to be increased to 25p in the summer. Now £1 million is to be cut off the cost of providing the meals.

Teachers and ancillary staff are to suffer indirect wage cuts by being forced to pay more for their meals.

Healey has found a few things to 'thank' the miners. A scheme to spend more on school milk to protect children's health is being scrapped.

These measures are in addition to the previous rounds of cuts this year. These will continue to cause homelessness, the growing despair of workers and the payment of civil servants, rising unemployment among teachers, rising rents, the closing of libraries, of old people's homes, centres for the mentally handicapped.

ORGANISING THE FIGHTBACK

THE NEED for trade unions to take action in defence of their members has never been greater. Yet the TUC is still refusing to fight the cuts. Even the public sector unions that called the 17 November demonstration are talking only vaguely about a conference in the spring.

That is why the initiative has to come from rank and file trade unionists.

The Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions is calling a conference to plan action against the cuts for 26 February. The Right to Work Campaign has urged support for this around resolutions that call for:

- A one-day national strike against the cuts on 23 March.
- Solidarity action, including strike action, with all those fighting the cuts.
- Support for the Right to Work Bill, which will be introduced in the Commons in April.
- The co-ordination committee bringing together the Liaison Committee, the Right to Work Campaign and the organisers of last year’s Assembly on Unemployment.

On such a basis we can begin to give Denis Healey the answer he deserves.
Diary of a Labour 'left'

I WOKE UP at six and began to work on the PM's speech for the Trade Union Congress. The first draft had been very poor... There wasn't enough stress on the malaise underlying our society and on the need for self-discipline at a time when democracy is in crisis.

"I worked away at the speech and then it occurred to me that the point could best be made with a reference to Nye Bevan.

"The year is 1976 and 1964 and the writer is Richard Crossman MP; Leader of the Council in Wilson's cabinet and an enthusiastic defender of the wage-price freeze then being imposed by the Labour government."

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FOR the past eight weeks Britain's Labour government, its Ministry of Defence, and its puppet parliaments have been waging an all-out war to smash trade unionism in the Ministry of Defence in Gibraltar.

The workers, all members of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA), used to be paid the same rate as clerical workers employed by the Gibraltar government. When their colleagues got a £400 rise, they asked for the same. Denied it, they applied some sanctions.

The response of the government, Air Marshal Sir Michael Grady, was immediate. Work stoppages under direct instruction from London, he declared, would lead to 150 workers.

So the CPSAs then went to the Special Investigation Bureau of the police, who started following around local CPSA leaders. Peaceful pickets were harassed. When the union members responded to these tactics with an entirely peaceful sit-down strike outside the government's mansion, the police swooped.

Arresting

They moved into the demonstrators and started arresting leading trade union activists. First they took Charles Harrison, CPSA chairman. Then they took Andrew Vargas, branch executive committee member, and Joe Gough, branch chairman.

Then they went directly to the police station. They insisted that they had done everything that their brothers and sisters had done, and demanded to be arrested. They were, and again outside the police station.

When they came in court the proceedings were farcical. People who had not been given jail sentences were kept in prison. Conditional discharges were designed to induce people to vote for the government for the next 12 months.

Transport and General Workers Union members taking sympathetic action in the Cable and Wireless service have also felt the brutal lash of the law. They were first locked-out, then their pickets were arrested without a charge being brought.

Now Joseph Bousquet, one of the leaders of the TGWU and supplier of the opposition in the Gibraltar parliament, was arrested and fined.

Michael Newton, one of the TGWU's resident officials in Gibraltar, was held without trial for seven days.

Transport Union members responded with a major demonstration. So far 187 members of the 300-strong CPSA section in the Ministry of Defence in Gibraltar have been either fined or given conditional discharges.

The authorities' reasons for this persecution are not officially known. But they can be fairly accurately guessed at. The British government may well be out to destroy massive redundancies in Gibraltar.

Andrew Vargas told Socialist Worker that the dispute had started over a pay claim the strikers had clearly been unable to escalate into a full-scale total strike against the government.

"We are on the border with Spain. We have always been critical of that menacing regime. But what we have found is that the first time we took industrial action here we were met with utter contempt in Spain."

Extraordinary

"Abnormalities in Gibraltar are extraordinary. Fathers employed as police and arresting daughters working for the Ministry of Defence..."

"We are receiving warnings from CPSA members in Britain, and it would be unjustified if we were not defended." The Spectrum worker wrote to press: Monday meetings were scheduled with the Ministry of Defence in London.

"Full and unconditional support to the CPSA in its defensive struggle..."

"An emergency! All CPSA members are called to present their present electoral strengths of the CGT and the CGT.

"We call on the CGT and its members to call for a meeting of all members of the CPSA."

"The CPSA now organises a major offensive."

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"The CPSA can organise national support for the present political situation..."

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Gibraltar CPSA lock-out - 3000 workers protest

PICTURES: from Gibraltar by Mario Mendoza, one of the 187 arrested CPSA members. Mario was charged £5 for "precisely nothing" when he went to the police station.

CPSA member Cathy Hendrick being arrested. Her dad is a police officer.

Jamaican election is two fingers to the CIA

The PNP now has 45 seats in parliament. The JLP pathetic 12.

But Jamaican workers cannot not rest easy. Manley is already switching to the IMF, the big business executive of the Western world, to bail out the island out of the economic mess caused by violent strife and world price of sugar, coffee and bananas.

The IMF, in turn, is adding $40 a capita tax on all Jamaicans, and then transferring the income to the private enterprises.

The only answer to this is to sever the factories and plantations and run them in the interests of the Jamaican working people. But Manley and his advisors are sharply opposed to any such move.

The Times put it last Friday, 'Mr Manley will be looking towards Mr Carter for help...'

But Carter will propose policies which will prolong the suffering of the Jamaican working people, if they want to end the suffering, they must start organising now to take political power, not for themselves, but for their class and for the international revolution...
Who is this sneaking in the back door of Burma Oil the day it went bust in January 1975, after swallowing $300 million of government cash?

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WHO SAID IT?

1 The capitalist system has led to wide disparities in living standards. A large concentration of wealth is in the hands of a limited number of hands. We must recognise that this has only persisted because the majority have not been prepared to use their potential economic and political power against the oppressive minority. 

Reginald Maundling

Michael Foot

Woolford Benn

2 To try to insert a prices and incomes policy with the objective of equality into an economy which has been overwhelmingly capitalist and private enterprise, a government appears to be trying to do something too far beyond its extent. It is, backing the workers against the employers.

Reginald Maundling

Michael Foot

Woolford Benn

3 What the men of the Clyde proclaimed and what we want them to be, was the right to work and to work in a safe and humane environment, and must not be abolished.

Michael Foot

Woolford Benn

4 Free speech and the right to work are among the basic rights guaranteed by the law and it is the duty of the police to uphold them.

Michael Foot

Woolford Benn

5 I have made clear that we would respect the right to work and will frame our policies in that spirit. 

Michael Foot

6 We are now in a post-industrial period.

Michael Foot

7 You cannot go cap in hand to the central bankers and maintain your freedom of action on economic policies maintaining full employment here in Britain or even on social policies. The central bankers will be longer before demanding that Britain should do as they do and order their idea of an orderly house.

Michael Foot

8 I'll squeeze the rich until the last sweat comes. 

Dennis Healey

Lloyd George

Aneurin Bevan

9 I have done more for business than any other chancellor this century. 

Reginald Maundling

Anthony Barber

Dennis Healey

10 When I see a rich man, I give thanks to God.

Paul Getty

Enoch Powell

Josiah Stewart

11 The only thing wrong with the German Nazis was the non-uniformity of the uniforms. 

Adolf Hitler

Reinhard Mussolini

John Tyndall

12 We need an aroused by the things we need to incite and stir up our fellow countrymen.

Adolf Hitler

Martin Webster

General Franco

13 We stand for Christian nationalism, which is an ally of national socialism. You can call the anti-Semitic principle dictatorship if you wish. In Germany it is called fascism, and in South Africa it is called apartheid. 

Hendrik Verwoerd

Field Marshal Smuts

14 It is beyond the bounds of reality to expect a Western version of the Russian revolution. 

Joseph Stalin

Enrico Berlinguer

15 Not a man, not a gun must be sent from this country to defend French colonisation in Indochina. We must not join in or in any way encourage an anti-colonial crusade in Asia under the leadership of the French or anybody else. 

Woolford Benn

Harold Wilson

Reg Prentice

16 If we see that Germany is winning we ought to help Russia, and if Russia is winning, we ought to help Germany, and that way let them kill each other as possible.

Winston Churchill

Harry Truman

General Patton

17 The socialist revolution has already begun in Europe. The crucial question of our own internal national policy should be to protect, assist, encourage and aid in every way the socialist revolution that is developing.

Karl Marx

Dennis Healey

V. I. Lenin

18 If we do not give them social reform, they will give us socialist revolution.

Harold Wilson

Lord Hailsham

Benjamin Brittan

19 Mankind will not be free until the last capitalist is strangled with the entrails of the last bureaucrat. 

Michael Foot

Leon Trotsky

Reg Prentice

20 We startled into the whiteness of our eyes and guessed what we could get away with.

Lord Williams

J. B. Gomery

21 Lord Williams may have prepared to be thrown to the atomic hounds.

Henry Kissinger

Sir Alec Douglas-Home

Archbishop of Canterbury

22 A genuine incomes policy must be dependent upon the community as a whole, and depends upon the participation of all. It is the duty of the community to safeguard the rights guaranteed by the law. 

J. B. Gomery

Enoch Powell

John Nunn

23 You can't help ordinary people into the television studios to run their own programmes. They're absolute d—d amateurs.

David Frost

Andrew radio

Bill Grundy

24 Mankind is born free but is everywhere in chains.

Karl Marx

Harold Macmillan

Jean Jacques Rousseau

25 People are like elastic, the more work they have to do, the more they stretch.

Woolford Benn

Harold Wilson

Reg Prentice

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The State, the City, the Chest, the Queen

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Who said it of who?

41 The story of his struggle cannot be read without admiration for the courage, the perseverance and the vital force which enabled him to challenge, defy, criticize or overcome all authorities or resistances which barred his path. If our country were defeated I hope we should find a champion as admirable to reassure our courage and lead us back.

PICTURE ANSWERS

42 Which newspaper had its offices burned to the ground by Fascists in Spain?

43 Which country's president si appealed to other Islamic leaders to stop the killing in his country?

44 Which English author wrote "The Grass is Greener in the East"?

45 When his name was mentioned, his enemies would kick, scream and tremble with fear. His words were so inspired by him, they loosed from mouths and would march 300 miles in a night.

46 He was the champion of the oppressed and exploited of the whole world. The whole world—with the exception of a handful of countries—endeavored to oppose the loss of the gains and the achievements of the architect of the rising world. The hero of free humanity, who lived forever.

47 The cult of the individual acquired such monstrous proportions for precisely the same reasons. The media, acting as the seducer, exploited the people.

48 Which Prime Minister this century has created most problems?

49 Radio station that had to switch off its main studio to save electricity.

50 Encyclopedia which contains the following entries:

51 Which trade union leader claimed last February that those who opposed the Social Contract were the enemies of the working class?

52 Which friend of the Labour government this year bought six armoured Rolls Royces at a cost of £60,000 each, all of them designed to buffle proof the passengers but not the chauffeurs?

53 Which socialist newspaper was last April: Michael Foot, has not moved to the Right but the Parliamentary Labour Party has moved to the Left.

54 Which capitalist product has killed 200 million people since being invented?

55 Which country sent more trade missions to South Africa last year than ever before?

56 Which Labour MP excused a family of five from a tied cottage on his 135-acre estate in Worcestershire last July and then said: I have always been consistent in my present tied cottage system? But committees have to use a law even though we think it needs to be changed?

57 Which country's military junta ordered three days of mourning for Mao-Tse-Tung?

58 Which work system was described by its inventor as 'a modern form of slavery'?

59 Which country is computerised to a greater extent?

60 Which Communist Party elected a Central Committee of 139 at its 1934 Congress in Moscow, of them by its next Congress in 1939?

61 Which person spent £20,000 setting up a book club?

62 Who founded it?

63 Who ran it?

64 Who said it?

65 Who said it of whom?

66 Who did it?

67 Who did it?

68 Who did it?

69 Who did it?

70 Who did it?
Do they want us to go back to a rat's life?

WHY THE HOSPITALS CLOSE

YOUR article on the fate of five hospitals in Leeds (4 December) comes as no surprise. This is not so much the effect of current cuts in public spending as the direct result of National Health reorganisation in 1974.

The policy is no longer a part of any conceivable above the level of actual treatment. As with the lower senior staff, patients are merely "numbers" and, to some extent, an annoyance to newly appointed junior doctors and junior medical officers on which they can be "allocated".

After 11 years' service to the cause of health, I am no longer a statistic. I am no longer a part of any agony. I am not invited to be treated with medical prowess but as another statistic to be to be able to cover up for the national health service is another quality.

Broken

Two years of reorganisation had left an almost broken in health, not to say split and dislocated. The sympathy is now an argument in the submissions of representative organisations in what was once a" public presidency.

Doreen Collier, on behalf of the nurses, says that "management can't get away with this. She does not know how to fight it.

If you are white Rhodesian, African, South African or from one of our Europan partner countries then you can come in. All others will be "advised" by the Daily Mail or similar groups.

So we are talking about something different from the cause of housing shortages. It is not the number of workers, black or white, who need a home, it is the system which refuses to build those houses, even though all the resources for the job are available.

Queue

Living in the queue for nibs. Are you a friend of the Swillers with their plans for a new hospital? Here is your chance to show yourself for what you are.

The system is not working for the patient. Is it working for the system?

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We are not talking about some mythical, technical operation control which would limit the number of people coming here if we enacted and enforced - we are talking about the controls that exist and the effect they have.

We are also talking about this situation being used to divert attention from the cause of housing shortages. It is not the number of workers, black or white, who need a home, it is the system which refuses to build those houses, even though all the resources for the job are available.

Graham Carter, Middlesbrough.

Our Wonderful Police....

MEMBERs of the National Union of General Workers, working for Manchester Corporation backed a move to the Town Hall for a meeting, and the head of the Union of the National Union of Police, the Town Hall ordered onto a police car. Two policemen stood outside the entrance to the meeting.

The system is not working for the patient. Is it working for the system?

We were touched by this concern, but it's pretty a good job the National Front never turned up because it might have been us who ended up in the cooler.

When the National Union of General Workers held a meeting in the Town Hall on 7 January, the National Front members were ordered to leave the Town Hall. The police ordered on a police car. Two policemen stood outside the entrance to the meeting.

It is right for the police to be there. It is wrong to allow the National Front to hold meetings in the Town Hall.

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EVEN IF all the bloody money in the world was divided out equal, said the man on the pall, profoundly, 'it wouldn't do no good.
In six months' time it would be back in the same 'ands again.'

'Of course,' said everybody. At Owen, having filled his cup with sea, sat down in his usual place, Philip cast aside his hat, and, looking round the company, said:

Lecture

'Gentlemen, with your kind permission, as soon as the Professor is finished, I shall deliver a well-known lecture entitled 'The Money Principle and Capitalism.'

There are, you may, perhaps, think, no very large gains to be made in having a collection like this. Of course, Mr. Henry Philpot will have to come down from London, and the chances are that there'll be a collection of the lecture. As you know, Mr. Henry Philpot is a great man, and all the chances are that we shall have a very large audience.

Mr. Henry Philpot has been over this subject many times, and has found that the audience is always the same. He has made his lecture, and is well aware that even the audience is the same.

The audience, too, is always the same. The same people are present, of course. The same people are always present. The same people are always present to hear the audience. And, of course, there's always the same audience.

Owen slowly folded up the newspaper, for he had been reading and not in his pocket.

'Well, sir,' he said, 'you know the Great Money Trick is working.

Owen opened his dinner basket and took from it two slices of bread, and placed them in a plate. He placed the plate in a plate of bread, and placed the plate in a plate of bread, and so forth, without which the necessities of life cannot be produced in abundance. And these three things,
taking three handfuls from his pocket—'represents my Money Capital.'

Owen proceeded to cut up one of the slices of bread into a number of little square blocks. He represented these things which are produced by laborer aided by capital, from the materials.

We will suppose that a worker does one hour's work in a week. We will suppose that a worker's work is worth one point, and we will suppose that each of these handkerchiefs is a value one point. We'll be able to do the trick better if we had read 'Sovarian;' but I forget to bring any with me.'

Liberals

'Owen now addressed himself to the working classes as represented by Philip, Harlow and Easton.

You say that you are all in need of employment, and I am sure that the honest capitalists class is always in need of employment. I am always in need of a job, and as I am in many of my industries, so is it the case with you. Plenty of Work. I paid each of you one pound per week, and a week's work is- you must each produce three square blocks. For doing this work you will receive your wages, the money will be your own, to do as you like with. And the things you produce will be of course, to be, as you like with.

You will each take one of these machines and, as soon as you have done a week's work, you shall have a working class accordingly set to work, and work.'

The capitalist class sat down and watched them. As soon as they were finished, they paid them the nine little blocks to Owen, who placed them on a piece of paper by his side, and paid the workers their wages.

Manipulate

'These blocks represent the necessities of life. You can't live without some of these things, but as they belong to me, you will have to buy them from me, in some way or other. I have paid you with this. In a little while, he was worth about £100, and the working classes were still tearing into their work as if their lives depended on it.'

FROM THE RAGGED-TROUSERED PHILANTHROPISTS, BY ROBERT TRESSELL.
We're going to win - bingo women

THINGS will be different when we go back. We've found our feet now and we know we're strong.

Ann Cofey, Club One Bingo Club steward, was speaking after two months on strike for union recognition.

"The day we decided to go on strike we stood overlooking the street corner wondering what to do. None of us had been on a union before.

"But it's amazing how people change in a situation like this. Even the people who used to be quiet and timid have gained confidence on the picket line.

"We have a tremendous feeling of being in it together. The strike is still solid. We're going to get what we want.

"45 women at the bingo club in Coventry are on strike for the right to belong to the Transport and General Workers' Union. The management's Off Enterprise - really said they would only negotiate with NATIVE - the entertainment workers' union. The only member of NATIVE is Club One's managing director."

Dear Ane, who has worked in the Club One kitchen for five years. "We were getting £9 an hour for shift work, now a day, with only one week's sick pay for every 52 weeks. We're working for bank holidays.

"A wages council report showed we were understaffed. The NATIVE officials told us we were getting the best wage for bingo halls - but inmates pay 70p or 75p we weren't - and decided to join the TGWU."

Picket Rota

"At first we thought it'd only be for a day because the TGWU is such a powerful union, but then we found we had another fight on our hands. We had to occupy the district office to get our picket pay."

"Chant, the district secretary, promised us support from every factory in the area on a picket line. We haven't seen that."

"Right now we're working - 10 hours a day - Work Camps, local council and our husbands."

When the Club One women came out, 20 women at the Rocks - another Off Enterprise group - swarmed in. They're still out now.

"Said6cider June Walker: 'When we found the shop stewards were the union we were making us we were disgusted. The average strike in the area takes 85 days. That's £100 a week."

"Like most bingo clubs, we're based on women with children to do the evening work when their husbands can babysit."

"They can explain why they're angry. They know we're desperate for the money. It's so important money, we need it," said Paul Muller.

On the Sunday some of the women were planning to go to London and wait outside a meeting between Miss Fothergill, the TGWU official and John Wilson of NATIVE.

The women need support on the picket line, especially in the first two years of a picket line over Christmas."

Sheffield city-wide strike for day

A ONE-DAY strike by members of TASS will involve about 2,500 strikers in the Sheffield area. The Sheffield TASS official called the strike for 12 January.

The women at Club One have agreed to picket the club."

"The picket line, especially in the first two years of a picket line."

JOURNALISTS picket at Radio Sheffield, where National Union of Journalists members are on strike in protest against the suspension of one of their number. The strike affects the editorial department after observing a closed door policy to block all sports copy in protest against Sheffield's employment of David Morris, a sports editor, who was a pre-conference_invitee all journalists to go on strike."

"The strike is official. Asking Richard Wells (left and John Shiner)"
**Christmas**

Can a Tory and a chambermaid have anything in common?

Prior works at an estimated 1,000-a-week as a "consultant," top of the £150 he gets at MP. And think, after all, of other directors who have prospered from Listeriol.

Overnight

Val Sayer works at the luxury, four-star Grosvenor House Hotel in Shef- field. She is paid £3.50 an hour for a 24-hour week. That is not paid poverty.

EASTER LONDON: Cleaners at the Bluebell, Annexe of the Grosvenor House Hotel in Euston, are demanding more rights for non-union labour. The building is being cleaned by a sacked cleaner, and the hotel is seeking new cleaners.

WASHINGTON: Co-Durham: Engineers at the Whitehead, Garvey Anderson in Euston, are out of work for nine months after slavery was closed. They are demanding more rights for non-union labour.

CENTRAL LONDON: Workers at the Bluebell, Annexe of the Grosvenor House Hotel in Euston, are seeking better conditions. They are demanding an end to non-union labour.

WELWYN: Building workers are continuing their strike at the Andrews site for 24 hours. For weeks on end, they have been out of work, and they are seeking better conditions.

Donations and messages of support to the workers are now being taken over by Secretariat, who has released a statement declaring that the workers are entitled to a fair deal.

**Scots fight bus closure**

WE INTEND to fight this closure, and we are not making a big mistake in allowing the dispute to go ahead. We will not repeat it ever again.

The letter author says the train does not serve the needs of the community. The workers, however, believe that the train is an essential service and should be retained.

**Modern's Xmas threat**

WES YORK: Workers at the Modern in Sheffield have threatened to hold a Christmas party on December 21st. The workers are demanding better conditions, including better pay and working hours.

**Grunwick strike goes on**

WORKERS at Grunwick in North West London are continuing their strike for better recognition rights. The workers have been on strike for several weeks, demanding better recognition rights.

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JOBS CRISIS HITS CLYDESIDE

By Dave Sherry

THE SHIPBUILDING and engineering industry on Clydeside is on the point of collapse.

Already, 1,500 jobs have been lost directly and another 4,500 are threatened in the first ten months of the New Year.

It is clear that the Clyde is facing its worst crisis since the Upper Clyde Shipyards strike in 1917. Ironically, the first worker to suffer from the Marathon on yard which, as the old John Brown Shipyard, was one of the centres of that work-in.

Sadly, the Marathon workforce voted to accept the lay-offs in the hope that they will be reinstated if the government intervenes and agrees to finance the building of a new rig.

Shop stewards from all the major yards on the Clyde met after the layoffs were agreed and have threatened industrial action if the government refuses to step in and save jobs.

The danger is that the widespread confidence in shipbuilding and the famous Faslane-are putting their hopes in the new industry to act and are not building sufficient numbers of workers to take up the new jobs. 

Marathon is only the first of the Clyde yards to be involved with work-in layoffs.

The workers of ROGCOCK and WILCOX of Renfrew, which builds electricity generating equipment, are suffering from the effects of the shutdowns.

It has announced that 1,200 of its 4,500 workers will be made redundant early in the new year, and that the whole factory will close unless orders are picked up.

Close

A mass meeting voted last week to halt the building of the new power station at Largs, and to continue building the power station at Greenock.

On the Clyde, the following factories have been closed: Govan and Scotstoun are also being shut, as are sites in Faslane and Faslane.

On the Clyde, the famous John Brown Shipyard, which employs 4,000 workers, will be closed for several thousand workers in the same region.

Another 400 jobs will be lost if the closure of the John Brown yard is allowed to go ahead.

In the North, WHEELER POWER PRODUCTS is to close, and the remaining workers are to be released, a massive campaign of the workers, with the employers is on progress.

Decimate

It is clear that the redundancies threatened by the next period will decimate Clydeside, where unemployment is now much higher than it was under Faslane.

In 1971, the UK's steel industry was 1,500 workers. Although a number of workers were made redundant, the number of people employed in shipbuilding, including workers on the Clyde, was around 20,000.

The leaders of the Clyde Workers' Council have now announced that they will close a total of 11 yards and factories, and create a new company to save the jobs that are at risk.

Involves

That means an immediate ban on new orders by the government, particularly those for the Royal Navy, which are expected to provide the largest number of jobs in the first year of the new period.

The recent announcement by the government that it was not going to order any more Royal Navy ships has not been welcomed by the workers, who feel that it is a direct attack on their jobs.

But whereas there is a campaign to stop all the yards from closing, there is also a campaign to save the jobs of the workers who are likely to be made redundant.

Above all, there is an urgent need for the government to take action to prevent the loss of jobs on the Clyde.

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