WE'RE BACK TO THE MEANS TEST!

Dole cut off for 250,000 jobless

By John Deacon,
Secretary, National Right to Work Campaign

THE SOCIALIST Workers Party. That is the new name of the International Socialists. The change has taken place because we see the building of a new revolutionary socialist party based on the rank and file as essential. Essential in the fight against unemployment and falling wages. Essential in the fight against racism and the Nazis. Essential in our fight against the destruction of the social services. Essential in our fight for socialism.

But if this change is going to be more than just a matter of words, all our resources have to be put into building the party.

For this reason, it has been decided to launch a Party Building Fund. The target is £30,000. We need this sum so that we can organise massively to build the party.

- Distribute 20,000 copies of a new pamphlet by Paul Foot called Why You Should Be a Socialist. The Case for the Socialist Workers Party.

- The Party's industrial department will be organising support for the Right to Work candidates in the Transport Workers' Union election, a conference of rank and file health workers called by the Hospital Worker, a rally of rank and file members of the electronics workers' union.

- The Women's Committee will be launching an SWP Women's Rights Campaign, with propaganda meetings and rallies.

- The International department will be continuing its work for the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign, the Jamaica Solidarity Campaign, the Cyprus Defence Campaign and the Cyprus Worker.

- The training department is producing a new Members' Handbook and a training pamphlet on the Labour Party.

- Chingari will be coming out in two languages in January.

All these initiatives will cost a lot of money, so top of what is required is for Socialist Worker itself. We are looking for every branch and district of the Party to send in a target for cash.

Socialist Worker support in the election can be gained by putting up the candidates or by direct contributions. Collections will be taken at all Socialist Worker meetings and other events where SW is present, on estates, in the streets and at work.

Bankers' orders forms can be used to get regular sums each month from supporters. Banker orders must be made payable to us for substantial donations.

We hope our contributors and supporters will look towards these and other ways of making money to help us building the party.
Yes...the bosses' freedom to pay the wages of the sweatshop

A "TIGHTLY-KNIT GROUP" of right-wing extremists is being rumbled.

Articles in the Guardian, the Daily Mail and other newspapers have exposed the connections between the CIA and mushrooming right-wing organizations in Britain such as the National Association for Freedom (NAFF) and the Institute for the Study of Conflict.

The articles have established:
1. That Robert Moss, chairman of NAFF, and a speechwriter for Tory leader Margaret Thatcher, had a book published on Chile which was financed in part by a front organization for the CIA.
2. That Brian Cremer, director of the Institute for the Study of Conflict, was formerly boss of another organization financed in part by the CIA-controlled Congress for Cultural Freedom.
3. That both these and other right-wing associations have close links with the British Embassy in Buenos Aires and the South Africa security services.

These revelations are welcome; but they are not the end of the story. For these organizations are the front line in a wider war to break the union movement - not by force, but by misdirection, manipulation and intrigue.

In November, the National Association for Freedom took legal action to stop post office workers blocking mail to Gough Whitlam. The London film processing firm where more than 1,000 workers, many of them Asian women, were on strike for union recognition.

Anti-abortionists out again

by MARGARET RENN

The anti-abortion campaign is being stepped up. An extreme-right-wing Tory MP, William Bevan, plans to move for parliamentary reform for more restrictive abortion laws in private members' Bill in 25 days.

His bill calls for a ban on all abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, except where the mother may suffer physical or mental injury, for the investigation of all abortions by at least two doctors, for registration of all doctors, for inspection of all abortion agencies - all of which would make it far more difficult to obtain abortion on the National Health Service (though of course, if you're rich, Ms Beynon and her family). Weapons

Beynon's proposals are based on the anti-abortionists' belief that the Labour Party and Labour MPs on the Select Committee on Abortion last year. The committee was biased by Labour women.

The government has refused to allow time for the debate to be put to a vote in the House of Commons. But let it be clear that the right-wing MPs are not going to be held back.

Demonstrate:

Fight the Deportations! Agee and Hosenball must stay!

Sunday 9 January, assemble Embankment tube station, London 12.45pm.

Move off 1.15pm for march to Home Office, US Embassy Grosvenor Square, and Speakers Corner, for noisy speakers include Joseph Hart, Philip Agee, Ken Morgan (New Left review) and others.

Out with the CIA! Repeat the Immigration Act!

The CIA's behind this too!

WHILE Tory MPs and right-wing journalists co-operate with the CIA to subvert the trade union movement, the Labour government is planning to throw out of the country people who have dared to expose the CIA.

Next week, Philip Agee, who used to work for the CIA, will appear in London. He will give evidence before the Home Office to show how he was blackmailed by a government informer to throw him out of the country.

A week later Mark Rosenbaum, an American journalist who has exposed the dark activities of British intelligence, will also appear before the Home Office to add weight to Agee's evidence.

There has been a great wave of publicity in the Labour movement against the deportation orders. The executives and general secretaries of the trade unions have sent resolutions to the Home Office expressing their opposition. Demonstrations outside Home Office and General Workers Union (GFWU), the white-collar ASTMS, the draughtsmen's union and the railway workers' union have all been promised to protest against the deportation orders...
THE only answer to low pay...

The government has unwittingly exposed the miserable level of many people's wages. Last year it passed the Employment Protection Act. One part of this Schedule II deals with workers who are grossly underpaid.

Where their wages and conditions fall below the 'general level' for similar workers in their area, they are entitled to a wage increase if this is greater than that normally allowed under wage controls. This was intended to apply to only a few workers.

But 18 months of wage freezes and rising prices mean that many workers now fall into this category. So many, in fact, that sections of big business are panicking. They are frightened that there will be an avalanche of claims.

We have to prove that their fears are justified.

We cannot rely on the Jack Joneses of this world to take this issue seriously. They are as frightened as the workers catching up with the cost of living.

They will try to blame shortages in the same way that they dealt with the right of women workers to equal pay, which was supported to take effect last January. After 11 years of wage freezes, their wages have actually fallen further behind men's wages.

Only rank and file action will win the strike just as it was only rank and file action that got equal pay strikes such as the one at Trico.

"WE MUST work like Beavers." It is difficult to think of a sicker New Year message than that from Jack Jones, head of the Transport Workers' Union.

It is sick because a million and a half people cannot find work; however hard they try, because of the policies of the Labour government, which get Jack Jones' support.

It is sick because for millions of other people the coming year is going to mean a continuation of rising prices and falling living standards. Last year the number of people living at or below the official poverty line rose to 13 million, because of the wage controls.

This year, if the government sticks to its way, the figure will be still higher.

Jack Jones says industrialists are prepared to invest, if only workers are prepared to slave harder. He doesn't see that most of this is false economy; an economy which will mean fewer jobs, more redundancies, unemployment rising still higher.

Jack Jones' message is that we should accept all this without protest. We don't know whether 1977 will be the year of the Beaver.

But we do know that it's Jack Jones' year, it will be the year of the Rat.

BUT WE CAN FIGHT BACK THIS WAY

FACED with so-called leaders like Jack Jones, there is a real need for rank and file trade unionists to link up their efforts.

That is why we publish the welcome we have given in the past to the conference called by the Livston Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions for 26 February.

This could provide an excellent opportunity for building the fight back. We urge our readers to press now for delegations from their unions to attend.

A one-day national strike against the cuts on 23 March. Strike action, including strike action, with all those fighting the cuts. A co-ordination conference with the Livston Committee, the Right to Work Campaign and the organisations for Assembly on Unemployment.

Potatoes? You're being robbed right, left and centre.

IF YOU'VE bought potatoes lately, you've been robbed right, and left.

The only conclusion is to draw a plan survey by Farmers Weekly and Women's Realm.

You'll be lucky if you are paying about 12p a pound for spuds. But the cost only is 1p a pound to produce. All the rest goes in profit to wholesalers and shopkeepers.

'PEACE AT A PRICE'

As a COUNCILLOR in the Press and TV, I see people who lead the so-called peace movement at Northern Ireland are mentioned only by the highest authorities. Which is no doubt why they refuse to comment on the biggest armed fight in Ireland, the British Army. But 'peace has its price'. The rising leader of the peace movement, Mr. Laurence McKeown, told the Observer last week that he had asked a large church to provide him with a salary of £600 a year.

'There is no public notice,' he said. 'If you work for peace you should do it for nothing. In fact, for earning confidence in this country and economy we should be paid better than the top executives.'
Evicted - for demanding a trade union

ONLY 20 months before announcing the closure of a factory and the sacking of 400 workers, the bosses of Edgar Allen Balfour, the Sheffield steel combine, promised there would be no sackings or closures.

In February 1975, Edgar Allen took over Balfour Darwins. Their offer to buy out Balfour Darwins shareholders stated:

"Edgar Allen is satisfied that the opportunities for employees will be greater in the new group, and that the merger will not cause the closure of any factories."

The merger would see an "Edgar Allen looks out to nationalizations but to the creation of larger units while striving for greater selling goals and investment in the most modern plant and machinery."

This optimism persisted in the company's report for 1974 to 1975. The chairman, I.K. Oakley, said:

"Sales figures are at record levels, and obviously in such a crucial, a change in optimism for the future is permissible."

A year later, in June 1976, Mr. Oakley bashed on: "It has been on the increasing and satisfactory year." Profits were up to £5.2 million.

Mr. Oakley had nothing but words for the next trade year.

The dynamic story of Balfour Darwins

BIGGEST SHAREHOLDER is the Hon. Mark Balfour, who owns 10% of the company. He is also chairman of the National Westminster Bank, chairman of The Pittsburgh Press, and a lot of other important companies.

Easy, he was the son of the first Baron Balfour.

The first Baron (1853-1937) made his way from rural origins to become one of the most powerful people in Yorkshire, where he was awarded a peerage by the Tory Government in 1925.

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION.

The workers centre all its efforts in the capital of the country. A new railway can only be constructed when they collectively stop the work of that wealth and power of production and distribution.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up, rather than this. Socialized Labour and trade unions have to be overthrown.

WHERE WE STAND

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the Socialist Workers Party, fill in the form on page 16.

BY PAUL FOOT

During the second half of the year lead to the decrease in prices and the recovery in the second half. But the increase in the third quarter won't reflect that increase in the second half. So the new year's profits won't be so different from what they were in the previous year. The Balfour Darwins will still enjoy an enormous increase in profits in the second half. But they are being increased and the increase in profits by their facilities' expansion. And that's in spite of a £2,000,000 bill from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The workers are not having it. More than 3,000 of them have written to the board of directors. They have also written to the Labour government.

MONEY is desperately needed. Send to Edgar Allen Balfour Group Shop Stewards Committee, The New Inn, Carbrook St, Sheffield 5 Phone Sheffield 440379

All Balfour of Balfour Darwins directors get £11, 500 each year. The exception is Mr. A. Armstrong, who gets £7,500.

Last year, when the group made £23,500 over, every director was entitled to an extra £20,000 a year commission.
Another enemy of apartheid ‘hangs himself in prison’

WHY NINE WOMEN WERE GUNNED DOWN

THE RACIST regime in South Africa is heavily armed. Police and troops kill at the slightest opportunity. They don’t think how high the pile of black corpses is, provided they protect the power and the privilege of the whites.

SUPPORT THESE TWO

JORGE RIBERO and Antonio Caruso, the two journalists sacked by the BBC for writing the Daily Telegraph’s ‘shameful’ conservative newspaper, were going before an industrial tribunal this week.

Our ‘IMPARTIAL’ PRESS...

HEAVILY ARMED riot police battled with 300 demonstrators in Bicton early this afternoon in orde of the worst demands of the ‘Black women of the world’ last September.

POLAND’S SHREWSBURY 2

TWO POLISH workmen have been sent to prison for three years each. Marek Markowski and Adam Zakowski have been sentenced for ‘taking up arms against an attacker’.

Rhodesia’s workers show their power

Still in jail— the man framed by Dominion’s corrupt police

DESMOND TROTTER, Dominion's number one political prisoner, has just spent his second Christmas in jail for a crime he did not commit.

Rally

In 1951, he was convicted of the murder of an American soldier, John Karcz, but the sentence was commuted to 15 years imprisonment when an international inquiry found that all the evidence had been rigged by Dominion’s corrupt police. The fact remains that an innocent man is still behind bars.

In November, police in Dominion’s capital, Rosetta, beat up and arrested 11 people at a rally in support of Trotter.

Among those arrested was E. German, a prominent local lawyer. Walter Roddy, the well-known historian and political activist, was arrested from his home to give his support to the campaign for Dominion’s freedom.

The Dominion’s authorities, led by the prime minister, Patrick John, are desperately trying to suppress all opposition. The general strike is expected to last at least two weeks.

The strike shows that the wave of working-class revolt that started in Bulawayo last November is spreading.

Wide western bases have shown that the strike is not an isolated event. The strike is not an isolated event.
Who is non-productive?

HOW can we oppose all cuts in social services, a research sector where everybody knows there is a lot of bureaucracy and waste. We should be against cuts in things that are really useful like hospitals but it would be a good thing if a lot of unproductive people were not paid out of our taxes.

This may seem pretty reasonable on the face of it. After all, why should funds be wasted on things that are both inefficient and unproductive?

But it is wrong and dangerous. The reader is being misled by a clever and well-schooled propaganda campaign by TV, press and radio against unproductive expenditure.

The object of this campaign is simply to get workers to accept a cut in their wages while workers receive the same or more profits, and because the rich don’t rely on social services or schools when they aren’t in work, they go to the public hospitals, public schools and public universities, public hospitals, public schools and public universities.

Let us be quite clear about what we mean by, working class interests, actually it can’t mean more and better services, not less and worse. Every cut in the government grants has with it a reduction in working class living standards, either directly or indirectly.

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One man cannot fight nor can there be a Leninist type of revolution, it is necessary to have a mass movement of people who can understand and act on the needs of the working class.
1976 started with the announcement that the Thorns colour television tubes factory at Skelmanthorpe in Lancashire was to close.

The 1,400 workers protested. They lobbied ministers and union leaders. They called for import controls. The ministers and union leaders listened sympathetically. They insisted: ‘There’s nothing anyone can do.’

The workers won a partial defeat. They crowded out of the factory to join the town’s 2,000 unemployed.

1976 ended with the closure of Courtaulds rayon mill, also in Skelmanthorpe. The 800 workers had protested. They had lobbied union leaders and ministers. They had called for import controls.

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The workers accepted defeat. They crowded out of the factory to join the town’s 2,000 unemployed.

That’s the main theme of 1976.

In a year when enormous fortunes were made from share dealing, rising interest rates, soaring dividends and slashed corporation tax, working people paid heavily for a crisis which is not of their making.

Sackings and cuts have increased the numbers registered on the dole from 1,159,000 at the end of 1975 to 1,530,000 today.

Basic services—hospitals, schools, public transport—have been plundered. In a year when basic wage rates rose 13 per cent, prices rose by nearly 20 per cent.

How has the British working class—the strongest and best-organised in the world—allowed all this to happen?

Because the Labour government which they elected and their own union leaders have been implementing the cuts, slashing wages, pushing up prices, and begging the unions to accept it all for the good of the country.

On 16 June, the TUC overwhelmingly accepted an 8 per cent increase and other cuts as ‘unacceptable’ with the Labour government. In September, the TUC General Council agreed to the 8 per cent rise for the official seamen’s strike.

1976 was the year in which the workers gave a collective yes—but the year in which sacrifice failed.

The workers have learnt the hard way that in capitalist society a workers’ strike does not make things better. It makes things worse.

...and year of the first faint resistance
1976: Who hit back? The rank and file

For the right to Work

1976 was the year the unemployed had to start marching again. 80 marched from Manchester to London in spring, to a massive welcome from 6,000 trade unionists at the Albert Hall. In September the Right to Work Campaign organised its second march - 500 unemployed, many of them school leavers, black, women, marched from London to Brighton to pock the Trades Union Congress. The marchers won the support of employed trade unionists throughout the country. But factory after factory shut down. With a few brave exceptions, there was little resistance. And in spite of the promises and rhetoric of the trade union leaders, the resistance was left to the rank and file.

Against the Cuts

THERE was anger at the Labour government's announced £600 million cuts in government spending, causing local councils everywhere to close hospitals, axe old people's centres, slash spending on schools.

In Dundee, where the Tayside council was particularly vicious, 30,000 men and women came out on strike for a day. More than 8,000 marched pictured above) demanding an end to the cuts.

A five-week occupation in Bury, Lancashire, stopped the closure of a half-way house for homeless people. It was the first of several victories for the Bury Action Group, backed by the local government workers' refusal to make the closures.

In the Borders of Scotland, women cleaners fought to stop sackings and cuts in their wages. They won.

Students in teacher training colleges found in the summer term that there were no jobs for at least 7000 of them. A mass protest movement occupied more than 100 colleges (top left) and there were huge demonstrations.

There were thousands of little battles against the cuts - but almost all of them were isolated, and ignored by the trade union leaders. In Glasgow, for instance, in November three separate groups of local authority workers took action against the cuts on three different days. United action on one day would have had a much more powerful effect, and that's the lesson of the fight against the cuts in 1977.
**For women's rights**

IT WAS the first year of the Equal Pay Act—but the gap between men's and women's pay has widened. Employers have met the high unemployment to take on women workers at scandalously low wages. The Act can do anything about the economic crisis. The Tribunals ensure that the vast majority of cases brought go in the employers' favour.

The two to equal pay was won by the workers at Trico, a windscreen wiper firm in West London, where 400 members of the engineering union went out on strike for six months. They won equal pay and compensation payments for the time they were out. Equal pay was also won after long strikes at Cashmore Valois in Glasgow and at Newns at Derby.

The Trico women's great struggle showed how women's rights cannot be won by the law alone; the hope of so many women's rights campaigners. They can only be won in struggle. 1976 dragged the campaign for women's rights into the centre of class struggle. You can't fight for socialism without campaigning for women's rights. And you can't campaign for women's rights without fighting for socialism.

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**Against racism**

IN MAY, a wave of racism swept the country. It was unleashed by the gutter press, and Enoch Powell. Racists all over the country took courage. They killed Gurdip Singh Chaggar in Scotland. They burned Mohan Devi Gantam to death in London. Black people walked in terror.

A baby died while being born in a lounge at London Heathrow Airport. Security guards had laughed and refused to call an ambulance.

The black communities exploded. In Southall, West London, mass demonstrations were led by the Southall Youth Organisation. In Brixton, Blackburn, Grays in Essex, Bradford, Dewsbury and many other towns tens of thousands of people demonstrated and picketed against racism.

A racist sign, used by the fascists to win support, was seized and burned (right).

In the London docks, socialists took round a petition signed by 55 leading shop stewards and militants condemning all racist activity. But as the leaflet spread, it became clear that the only people fighting systematically against racism were the organised revolutionary socialists. Our fight will be defeated only by argument and organisation on the shop floor.
FOR A NUMBER OF years, the International Socialists was a propaganda group. But, increasingly over the last year, it acted more and more as an organisation which initiates action. That is the meaning of the Right to Work Campaign, the Campaign against Racism, and so on.

In the course of the last year, our organisation has become a Party. But we should not have illusions of grandeur. To use sporting terms, we are still in the fourth division. As for the Communists, they视 for the time being at least a much bigger force than we are. It is important to keep this in mind.

For a time, the Communist Party tried to do the fact that we were more of a force in the city and region than in the country. But, if it is true that the most important revolutionary actions are those initiated by the cities, then the importance of the cities and regions is not a matter of minor importance.

The ability of these changes to create a revolutionary movement is still greater than the ability to get that movement off the ground.

For two years after Labour came to power, our organization had a membership of 250,000. In recent months things have changed. Today, with 300,000 members, and more than 500,000 in the clubs, our organization is doing better than ever before. The events of the last few months have made it clear that a revolution has been born.

At the same time, the purpose of this article is to show that the revolution has been born, and is becoming ever more powerful. The article is a call for a revolutionary party, which is the key role of a revolutionary party.

The revolution is growing and evolving. The victory of 1930 was far greater than the victory of October, but that of the October revolution in Russia, also showed the key role of the mass revolutionary party.

THEORY IS NO doubt that in a few years, perhaps six, perhaps eight, perhaps ten, Britain will be in the grip of the class struggle. The unemployment of three or four million.

Under such conditions, two alternative policies will appear as solutions to this unemployment:

One is the revolutionary socialist alternative - the organisation of capitalism and the establishment of a socialist planning. The other is the fascist solution - the control of the state by the capitalist class. The choice is clear.

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By Tony Cliff

THE REVOLUTIONARY by promising things you can't deliver. The struggle is the struggle is the struggle.
1905—A BOOK THAT TELLS MORE ABOUT ‘TROTSKYSM’ THAN A THOUSAND DAILY MAIL ARTICLES...

THE BREAD, commodities, meat, vegetables, fish, and other markets began to issue worried communiques. Prices of foodstuffs, especially meat, rose rapidly. The money exchange stumbled.

Revolution had always been its mental enemy. Now that they were face to face, with one another, the exchange began to behave like a thing possessed. It rushed to the telegraph, but the telegraph maintained a hostile silence.

The post office, too, refused to serve. The exchange knocked on the door of the State Bank, but was told that the Bank could not facilitate transfers at a fixed date.

Shares of railway and industrial companies fell. Their prices, like a flock of frightend birds, flew off, only to fly upwards, but downward.

Paris, accompanied by the chambered of rich, enragéd to the shadowed world of stock-exchange speculation.

Money circulation was contracted, payments from the provinces to the capital ceased to come in. Intrepidly, the prison authorities in a last desperate effort to escape their mounting bills for food, the arrested the appropriate prisoners.

The Paris stock exchange, in its maddened state, began to issue circulars, with tit-bits of information, urging the people to seek the shops of the peasants.

The peasants began to feel and think. They decided to stop the stealing of bread for their use, and the Parisians revolted. The revolution had uncovered upon the two faces of the people, the lowHistories with the railway. It aimed at becoming universal.

Steam

Having hit the steam out of the engines, and put out the suitcase lights, it joins the crowds of railway workers on their way to town. It hits trains, stops, the horses of backloads cargoes and oblige the passengers to disembark, desert coaches, restaurants, cafés and inns, and confidently approached the busiest stands. Inside, they are already leaving. The show where the starts, work stops, the crowd is gone by the next stop.

The strike marches continued, worker, factory, and banner. The banner

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Trotsky's triumphant return to Russia in 1917

Making a speech in Moscow

Who was Trotsky?

AMID THE PAGES of press hysteria about ‘Trotskylsts infiltrating the Labour Party’, there is no mention of what Trotsky was. Which is not surprising, perhaps. Because his whole life—his ideas, his actions—present a powerful indictment of this system and the inspiration to change it. Some of that inspiration is contained in 1905, his magnificent book on the first Russian Revolution. A passage from the book, now available through the Bookmark Club, is re-printed here.

Sabras

The cowboys provoked the strike to offer resistance, they charged crowds, striking with staves, striking with sabres, shooting from behind wire instead of shooting.

Then the strike showed nowhere it could, that it was not a merely temporary interruption of work, a passive protest made with folded arms.

It defended itself and, in its defense, passed to the offensive.

How to Join

You have to commit yourself to joining for at least a quarter, with a payment of £3. Anyone who can make payments for more than a quarter at a time will greatly help us. Otherwise, payments can be on a quarterly or a monthly basis.

Quarterly payments of £4.50 must be paid before the start of each calendar quarter (22 January, 22 April, 22 July, and 22 October). Monthly payments The first payment must be £6, after which £1.50 will be required. Bankers orders if you have a bank account then the easiest way is to pay by bankers orders. A form will be provided on request.

Write to: Bookmark Club, Bookmarks, 285 Seven Sisters Rd, London N4 01-802 6145.
BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Socialist Worker public meetings


IRISH SOCIAL

Saturday, 29 January, 1.30-2.30pm
White Horse pub, Church Road, London. N809 8DIL and Nw8 ac30s (tacino 260, 261, 229) Band includes McCafferty and Adam, Jay of Punah, Mike O’Connor, Mrs Long’s Dancers, and Century Park, Admision 70p.

CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION: Tomorrow, 7.30-9.30pm, Westfield, Millbridge, Millbridge, 50p. Admission 70p.

Building Workers: Special meeting for all building workers, meeting to discuss and to be held. The meeting will be held in the SW, 7.30pm, SW, 50p. Admission 70p.

HEALTH SERVICES: North West Socialist Workers Party (SWP) meeting, meeting to discuss and to be held. The meeting will be held in the 50p. Admission 70p.

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My life under capitalism

Looking back on my wasted life, I realise how my skills were exploited by this evil capitalist system which I have lived in all my life. I have been pushed from pillar to post by Tories and I find this Labour government is not fit to replace the exploitative working class people of today.

For twenty years I've lived on a small piece of land. A month or so ago the Tory council got back to me to inform me that this Labour government is ready to take my land which I have worked until I have shed my tears and destroy my workshop and leave the land as it was 20 years ago. They say, this is greenbelt. Yet a few months ago they allowed a huge building to be erected just years away from my land. I can now see, have heart inside and my wife has advanced cancer. Our grandchild is a new born baby.

My hobby is stamp collecting. I've been a skilled collector for many years, and now I can't afford to buy stamps any more. I've had many stamp albums which I can't afford to buy. I'm losing my friends, my friends are losing their friends. We have owned them both stamps and thousands of working for companies such as Vickers Aircraft and many others. And now I won't be able to buy them any more. And I am dying. My workshop will be destroyed and pulled down.

W A Day, Bedlington, Scotland.

POLAND: A Good Investment

I would like to correct two mistakes in your report in the Socialist Worker (22 December). First, Edmund Baldaik was responsible for the Polish Embassy, not the Polish Economic Council. Second, the Polish trade union movement is not under Communist control. It is not as weak as has been portrayed in the Daily Telegraph.

Jasmin Jackson, Newcastle.

QUEEN OF SCROUNERS

Blame the bosses, not the blacks!

DOES the reader who argued for immigration controls fail to see that the boss is the problem? Working class people are not the cause of immigration. The boss is the one who controls the system. bosses are the ones who need to be controlled.

J. L. Exploited, East London.

LETTERS

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GMWU deserts Aquatil strikers

by GERALD BENNETT

GMWU branch secretary, London Hotels (D)

Bassett, and the local branch of the National Union of Hotel and Catering Employees (Aquatic Leisure Group) have reached an agreement on the terms of a two-year contract.

The agreement was signed by the company's general manager, Mr. J. A. Bassett, and the branch secretary, Mr. G. Bennett, in the presence of Mr. W. H. Davis, the joint general secretary of the National Union of Hotel and Catering Employees.

The agreement covers wages, hours, and conditions of employment for all employees in the hotel, and it includes a provision for a review of the terms and conditions every two years.

The agreement is expected to improve the working conditions of the employees and to enhance their bargaining power.

Action conference to back hospital

by PHILIP WEBSTER

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BINGO! NBA VICTORY
by ANNE COFFEY
TGWU senior steward, Club One Bingo

COVENTRY: We have won eight for one on our bingo
reception. Victory for women workers at the Club One and
Rialto bingo halls came after nine weeks on strike.

This protracted and increasingly bitter dispute was resolved by a high-
level inter-union agreement formed with Transport House, London
on 21 December. During the discussions the women workers' union, NATKE, gave in to the
demands of the strikers, who were represented at the talks by senior stewards
from each club as well as Transport and
General Workers Union officials.

Despite charges that the TGWU was involved in
the strike, the TGWU said that it was not responsible for the
strike. However, the TGWU did offer to mediate in the dispute,
which it said was caused by a breakdown in
relations between the Club One and Rialto.

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CLYDE JOBS CRISIS

By Laurie Flynn

GLASGOW: If you read the Evening Times or the Glasgow Herald, Christmas on Clydeside was not so bad after all.

Faced with the threat of unemployment growing higher still, Bruce Miller, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Alec Perry, of the Clyde Federation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, performed a miracle.

They convinced the Government to place a new rig odds with the Marathon yard in Clydebank.

According to the press, it was the best possible Christmas present for Clydeside shipbuilding and engineering workers.

In reality, the order is nothing more than a stop gap to ensure no million ton gas platform jobs are lost from the yard.

But the decision of the Marathon workforce have hit home to the nation.

And a man fells it. Out of a workforce of nearly 1,000, 200 have been told they are in no work for them and the remaining 800 are only guaranteed work for a new months.

Marathon is only the first of many industries threaten with sackings.

Already Creann, one of the largest shipbuilders in the West of Scotland, has laid off 200 workers, most of whom are skilled engineers.

And the threat to Glasgow shipbuilders has been the last nail in the coffin.

Greenock, a company town of over 20,000, has over 1,000 unemployed, who are looking to work between 2,000 and 3,000 skilled workers.

This decision is an appropiate tribute to the men of the Maritime Firms Carriers Company, who have guaranteed millions of public money in return for entering ships at Greenock and Clydebank.

Public Meeting organised jointly by the Glasgow Shipbuilders and Clydeside branches of the Socialist Workers Party. Crisis on Clydeside— the socialist alternative.

Speakers: Jimmy McLellum, former TASS convenor; John Browne, and Peter Bain, TSWU Shop Stewards; Chairman at Chrysalis.

Thursday 13 January, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, Clydebank Town Hall.


National Right to Work Campaign, Advertiser.

FOR THE THIRD time, the Courts have changed the dates of the appeal of the Right to Work marchers convicted in October.

The Appeal Court of Mrs. Lynch, out on bail and facing six months in prison, has been brought forward to Monday 17 January.

Mrs. Lynch, an unemployed miner from Dumbarton, was arrested by the police when they were charging the hundreds of striking. He was charged with assault and continued to six months imprisonment by magistrates at Hamilton.

The constant changes in dates make it difficult for workers to organise support. But the more trade unionists who are out on the 17th with their banners, the more likely it is that Mrs. Lynch will not go to prison.

Banner

A blank picket is an essential part of the defence campaign. Every extra demonstrator and every extra banner will make a difference.

Socialist Worker Party Branches should be discussing the best way to make the picket well supported. The right to Work Campaign has rallied all trade union organisations and local Right to Work committees to make a special effort to charge transport arrangements to ensure as many people as possible are out on the picket line.

On Tuesday 5 February, the pickets are scheduled to terms of irrelevancy will make their appeals. Another picket and demonstration is being arranged for that day.

Meanwhile every effort is needed to get a big picket to support every picket on the day. Organisations for the picket line are being arranged for the day.

For details of transport to the picket line, contact the Right to Work Campaign, 25a Broom Loan, West End, Glasgow, G4 9QD. Phone 041-625 664.

Defend the Right to Work Marchers.

STOP THE JAILINGS DROP THE CHARGES

Mass picket Monday 17 January

Organise now for official delegations. Make sure your trade union organisation is represented. Make sure your trade union banner is present. A big display of banners will have a major effect on the Court.

BRING BANNERS

Middlesex Crown Court, by Westminster Tube, from 9.30am.