HELP US TO GROW!

Workers Party (formerly SD) to plan an expansion of its activities in the months ahead.

The first step has been the production of 20,000 copies of a wonderful new book, Why You Should Be a Socialist, by Paul Foot.

We think it will win many hundreds of people to the building of the new socialist party.

But our extra activities are going to cost us a lot of money. That's why we are asking our members and sympathizers to help us raise £25,000.

Many people have contributed to the fund because of Socialist Worker's fight against racism.

A reader in Islington, Essex, writes: "I'm sending you a small contribution (£5) to help you in your great fight against unemployment and racism and to keep up your anti-fascist feeling, especially amongst members of the SWP. Many thanks for all you've done. Good luck for the future."

A Coventry reader had a good idea for providing a regular flow of money: I would like to donate £4 a month. The Socialist

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EGAL: SUPPORT THIS VITAL CONFERENCE

The Right To Work Campaign is calling for maximum support for the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital solidarity conference on 12 February.

Members of the Campaign have been taking EGAL workers to meet shop stewards' committees and persuade them to send delegates to the conference.

We are determined to keep the hospital open, but we are also determined to get support from workers in other key health services, said EGAL shop steward Pam Joyce.

Urgent

'The conference will be vital in bringing together people who have paid the price of our Health Service,' he said.

'The National Health Service must be saved,' she added.

The EGAL in Islington is currently trying to save the hospital from closure.

On 12 February, the conference will be held.

NO HOME? HARD LUCK

LAMBETH's Labour Council have issued 800 Homelessness orders against 100 people evicted from 400 homes in Villa Road.

The Council initially negotiated with the Villa Road group and showed them various homes. When they refused, they issued evictions.

The Council have a £7,000

قيمة تجارية في السوق.

STEPHEN'S Labour Conference is expected to make way for redevelopment.

The squatters have strengthened their barricades and intend to resist the evictions.

Baffled about Ireland? You've been reading the papers...

SOME OF MY best friends are retired terrorists, which, if you believe what you read in the papers, puts them in imminent danger of getting their brains blown out.

They all seem strangely unworried by the prospect. Last Friday, every daily paper dwelt on the...
Good start to the Year of the Leech

by MICHAEL PENN
NASD member, London Royal Dees

At the top of the street I live in is a hospital. On the front entrance for the past four years there has been a notice saying: 'Serious casualties to Stratford Hospital.'

That's approximately one and a half miles away.

Two weeks ago Stratford casualty department must have been closed, for another notice has appeared telling people to go to East Ham in future. That's two and a half miles away and there's no direct public transport.

People will die trying to get there. It's all part of the cuts.

It's a story that every Socialist Worker reader could report. So why bother to write about it? Old people are dying of cold, kids are going without dinner, people are sitting in hospital waiting rooms for hours or waiting to be admitted for months. All part of the cuts.

Everyone must share the burden! says the government.

Or is it everyone?

A smiley old man is seen feeling happy as he turns to his death. His family phone the Prime Minister and a VC10 jet is sent to pick him up with half England on board.

'Who is this lucky chap?' An old miner, an old hospital porter, an old fireman...

'No, surprise, surprise, it's Lord Amsden, former Secretary of State, whose contribution to keeping Britain Great has finally outstayed its welcome.

This monstrous action was the invasion of March. With the result for the commoner folk we all owe to this great Englishman. The government sent a VC10 to Miami to fly his body home to die.

'Maybe the government could tell us what the cost was, with secret deals, like the one and two terrorists picking him up, be support.'

'It must be very heavy indeed, considering the cost. And remember, it would have been better to have done it in the shadow of the Channel Islands, because of the tides.'

'That week the local Social Services had required a cut in overtime working. Result: no attendants, no fire alarm, ten dead—all part of the cuts.

It's clear that this year will be the same as the last. 'The year of the leech'.

Why You Should Be a Socialist

By PAUL FOOT

The case for the new Socialist Workers Party!

We socialists are not fanatics or time-servers. We are socialists because we see the prospect which lies holds out for all working people.

We want the commitment of workers who laugh and want to end the wretchedness and despair which suffices love and laughter out of so many lives.

We do not want the rest of our lives, and leave our children to spend the rest of their lives, wrestling in struggle against a mean and despotic ruling class.

Society can be changed, but only if masses of working people abandon the rotten shipwreck of the 'leave it to us' reformers, and commit themselves to change from below. This is our case. Will you read it?

Please send me . . . . copies of WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST at

☐ One copy for 50p*  ☐ Five copies for £2*  ☐ One copy of the book, plus Socialist Worker each week for the next two months for £1.50*  ☐ Please tick appropriate box. (*All prices include postage)

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The old people's home where ten died—staff had been cut.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN EXPOSING ONE GROUP OF SPIES TO ANOTHER!

Agee: The CIA lies that Rees swallowed

THE TRUTH behind the government's plagiarism of American journalist Philip Agee is coming out.

In a secret conversation with the leader of the Liberal Party about ten days ago, House Secretary Marilyn Rees said Agee was responsible for the deaths of two Western Intelligence agents in Poland. He had, she said, Rees, betrayed these agents to the KGB.

David Blasdell, who played a leading role in the black market organisation of the 1950s, strongly denied the statement. He said he had never worked on Eastern European matters. He was concerned only with South and Central America.

The CIA, however, played this story in a New York Times article and it was published in the New York Times. The CIA, he said, simply played this story in a New York Times article and it was published in the New York Times.

"I'm not interested in exposing one group of spies to another," said Agee, the former CIA agent, to The Heralds last Sunday. "I'm not interested in exposing one group of spies to another."

It's time we started to control our own union

WHERE WE STAND

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Billy Castley, six months in prison

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Slave labour

THE RIGHT TO WORK Campaign this week called for mass pickets of Trust House Forte hotels on Saturday 22 January.

Trust House Forte own hotels in Shefield and Oxford where workers have been sacked for joining the Transport and General Workers Union.

The strike at the Randolph, the poshest hotel in Oxford, has been going on for six weeks. The strike at the Grosvenor in Sheffield for four.

At another Oxford Hotel, the Linton Lodge, workers have been on strike for seven weeks after being sacked for joining the TGWU.

Tommy Taylor, the Right to Work Campaign's candidate for General Secretary in the TGWU, called for the national picket.

JOIN THE MASS PICKETS, Saturday 22 January, Noon-2 pm

LONDON: Cafe Royal, Regent Street
MANCHESTER: Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street
LIVERPOOL: St George's Hotel, Lime Street
EDINBURGH: Carlton Hotel, North Bridge
YORK: The Pont House, Tadcaster
READING: The Pont House, Basingstoke Road
BIRMINGHAM: The Pont House, Chapel Lane, Great Barr
DUNDEE: Queen's Hotel, Niddriegate

Trust House Forte have kept their head in recent days. Details of other hotels can be obtained from the Right to Work Campaign (071 777 0777).

Make sure your local hotel is picketing. Contact the hotel owners and letter them on the strike results policy on their hotel's policy on picketing. Letter hotel owners on the strike results policy on their hotel's policy on picketing.

Drinks are available at all the picket locations and adjacent shops.

OXFORD: 58 hours — for £20

A ROOM at Oxford's Randolph Hotel will cost you £17.50 a night.

A set dinner costs £3.25, though a much more expensive menu is available. Breakfast is another £1.50.

To get in, you have to cross a picket line.

The Randolph has sacked 20 workers for striking to induce trade union. Picketing the striking are chambersmaids.

Night

The owners, Trust House Forte, pay them £7.50 an hour. There is no extra money for working a weekend.

Chambermaids Margaret Harris, 31, said: "We are picking, about 20 of us. We are under the impression we are picketing.

Sheffield: Union official helps police finger pickets

FOUR PICKETS were arrested at Sheffield's Grosvenor Hotel on Sunday — with the active help of the local Transport and General Workers Union official, John Holmes.

Forty-six women have been on strike for four weeks after being sacked by Trust House Forte for joining the Transport and General Workers Union.

They were telephoned by police who came to the officers' homes. They were asked to come down to the Grosvenor Hotel.

Two of the strikers, shop stewards Trevor Jones and Eileen Barlow, attended a mass picket called by the strike committee.

The police then moved in and broke up the picket. They were clearly aiming at individuals to set an example.

Among the four arrested was Sylvia Greenwood, a TGWU convenor at Easterbrink, and Simon Turner from the Sheffield Right to Work Committee.

Despite the arrests, the pickets succeeded in blocking the hotel entrance.
The value of labour

What determines a workers' value in society? Do we need to distinguish between 'productive' and 'non-productive' workers?

Knight of the people?

WHO ARE the 'three wise kings' of tonight's argument? This is the question that recommends whether the Left, at its Christmas House of Commons meeting, is likely to be able to offer a meaningful, non-political, solution to the problem of unemployment. The three wise kings are: Richard Harris, former Prime Minister; Ian Smith, former Prime Minister; and John Smith, former Prime Minister. The questions are: What are the three wise kings thinking about? How are they going to solve the problem of unemployment? And how are they going to divide the wealth of the nation among themselves?

KEEN TELEVISION viewers will have noticed that the nature of holiday entertainment has changed somewhat. No longer are we forced to endure a dreary box of exercises for the entertainment of golden-haired, blue-shirted, and all those wonderful extra shots thrown in at the last minute. The key to being a good entertainment critic is to be able to watch two weeks with Horror House.

The entrepreneurs of the travel trade have finally reached the stage when they have to fill the screens with the promise that you pay for a holiday, and they will get you there. But don't be fooled. There is a wonderful thing about the travel trade industry known as 'the holiday'.

What matters is that although you may book a trip to a place called Acapulco in May if they can't sell you a ticket, then you can avoid flying to Marrakesh instead, and tough luck if you get arrested.

LORD LEICESTER, the 15th Earl of Nottingham, Norfolk, left £171,362 in his will.

NATIONAL FRONT leader Richard Crewe was at the University of Kent at Canterbury yesterday for the final day of the 'National Front conference'. On the floor, there were reports of violence in which the police were involved, and the fear of violence continued today.

ONE OF THE most confused, least played, and the Labour Party's policy, the decisive MP for Ruislip North is Ron Thomas.

Ron is always about the House of Commons, and it is about the House of Commons, and it is about the House of Commons. But perhaps the most important thing is that Ron is about the House of Commons, and it is about the House of Commons, and it is about the House of Commons.

DJ ALAN STACEY at Radio Caroline was recently offered the chance to buy a new car for £5,000. He decided to buy it, but then changed his mind and sold it for £3,000.

The South African government has been asked by the government of South Africa to supply £500,000 and £1 million to the government of the country.

A NEWLY FORMED coalition of 100 per cent of the world's major stock exchanges is being established, New York and London, for the benefit of all business interests. The coalition will be called the 'World Business Coalition'.

The coalition will consist of 100 per cent of the world's major stock exchanges, including the New York Stock Exchange, the London Stock Exchange, and a number of smaller exchanges around the world. The coalition will be chaired by Lord politicians, including the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, the United States, and France.

The coalition will aim to promote cross-border business and investment, facilitate trade, and enhance economic cooperation among member countries. It will also address issues such as corporate governance, regulatory standards, and investor protection.

The coalition will hold regular meetings to discuss and address these issues, with representatives from member countries participating in these meetings. The coalition will also establish a network of contacts and information sharing to facilitate communication and collaboration among member countries.

The coalition is expected to have a significant impact on the global economy by promoting more efficient and effective capital markets, reducing barriers to international business, and enhancing economic opportunities for all countries involved.

The coalition's establishment marks a significant step towards creating a single, cohesive, and integrated global financial market, which has been a longstanding goal for many countries and organizations.
MURDERED
His 'crime' was to be a socialist...

BAHRIU ZEWDE, a comrade and friend of a number of us in Britain, has been executed in Ethiopia.

His crime was to be a Marxist and an opponent of the military regime, the Derg.

Arrested

Bahiru was arrested in October, soon after returning to Ethiopia. He had just completed studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

It was in a student at SOAS, and as a leading member of the World-wide Federation of Ethiopian Students, that many of us came to know him. Bahiru—an opponent of the fraudulent monarchy of Haile Selassie since the school days, was one of small group instruments in getting independent Television News to expose the truth about the famine in Ethiopia.

And his opposition to oppression and exploitation did not end with his capture. And in April 1974 he found himself having to oppose the new regime of the Derg.

Like many thousands of Ethiopian workers, peasants and intellectuals, he was imprisoned for this opposition. In the past three months, 1,300 Ethiopians have been murdered.

Among those executed with Bahiru were Dr. Rebeka Ghebri, one of Ethiopia's leading Marxists, and Argatch Direx, the first President of the students' federation.

Despite the sentence against the Derg, led by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, its grown Workers' militia have been in a spasm and the ZIPA has a military wing operating in the countryside.

Bahiru always insisted that the Ethiopian revolution could not be separated from the international struggle for socialism.

As internationalists, we shall remember his execution as if it were the execution of one of our own comrades in Britain.

When sometimes we are tempted to take actions for fear of arrest or persecution, let us remember Bahiru, who was executed merely for being a revolutionary.

Remember

When sometimes we feel demobilised, let us remember these, like Bahiru, who have given their lives in the battle for socialism.

Let us remember Bahiru, comrade and friend. May he make us redouble our own efforts.

MURDERED
The truth about the massacre Smith blamed on guerrillas

JUST before Christmas, the BBC and most of the press carried reports of a massacre of black transplanted workers in Rhodesia.

The massacre, they alleged, was the work of African guerrillas.

The only evidence for this allegation was a statement by the racist regime of Ian Smith. But this did not stop the BBC and the papers repeating the claim.

Disguised

A statement from the black freedom forces, ZIPA, that the Smith regime had committed the massacre, among survivors described as guerrillas, was hardly carried by the press.

After all, most papers accept the Smith regime's claim that it employs 'counter-terrorists'.

Yet there is strong evidence that the Smith government's account of the massacre was a story of lies.

Two days before the massacre, the Guardian reported that there was tremendous military activity in the Rhodesian army bases in the Beitbridge valley area.

Nine days before the massacre, the New York Herald Tribune reported that 'American-trained Rhodesian army officers are known among local Americans as the other American connection.'

They were an increasingly controversial force in the Rhodesian war effort, numbering 400 out of a thousand foreigners in the army's intelligence.

Five weeks before the massacre, on 7 November, the freedom fighters ZIPA radio reported that an American pilot, Ron Louis, had been shot down in the Hwange valley area.

He was said to be the exchange student of General von Wernher, former head of US army intelligence, who had visited Rhodesia in April.

On 24 November (a month before the massacre) ZIPA radio carried a statement from a former member of one of the black units in Smith's army, the 'National' army.

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By CHRIS HARMAN

Lies

The lie is given to the Smith government's claim that it employs 'counter-terrorists' by the assertion of an American pilot. Lawrence Meyers, from the New York Herald Tribune.

Lies the regime is not getting away with. Stories such as this are further verified by a bloodbath regime trying to keep itself in power.

But the regime is not going to give up the propaganda. It had already used it to hold out against the black insurgents, who are making tremendous gains.
**WOMEN** for strong trade unions...for decent wages...against the cut

**Campaign for Women's Right**

*WE VERY MUCH regret this decision because quite obviously this is a business which cannot possibly operate without the women.*

Those were the comments of an industrial tribunal which dismissed the case of six women working in a freezing preparation factory who thought they were entitled to equal pay with the men.

The women's work, according to the tribunal, was 'very hard, important and skilled' but it was not the same as the men's work.

**by JEAN GRAY**

The women's protest was over 'equal pay, equal work.' But the tribunal agreed with the industrial tribunal that the work was not equal.

At the beginning of 1975 women manual workers got an average of £45 per week; men got £58. The average wage for women is now £55, compared with £74 for men, and the gap grows wider every month.

How has this astonishing slide happened?

To win equal pay through a tribunal a woman has to prove that she is doing the same or broadly similar work as a man, and being paid less.

Women, who can't compete, are paid less for doing the same. Women workers and the same work in the same workplace have to compete under the law.

The tribunal rules that thousands of women workers are doing the same work as men and, in some cases, are doing the same work as men.

**Serious**

For example, a widow wrote to the National Council of Civil Liberties: 'A general office worker gets 35 hours a week. My gross pay is £20 a week. On 2 January I asked the boss what he was doing about equal pay, and he said: "I told him he would never get a man..."'

Women, who can't compete, are paid less for doing the same.
**Teacher:** Demonstrate against cuts in school jobs - bigger classes and poorer education.

Where it starts...

A NEW campaign for women's rights sounds very fine. But what does it mean?

Here are some examples of sad battles and campaigns that are being fought by women all over the country. They're the sort of battles that should be fought by all women in their local areas.

A group of women in one of these campaigns have been organizing for a better nursery for their children. They have decided to fight for a nursery for their local nursery, because there aren't enough nursery places available.

by MARGARET RENN

Socialist Women's Network's organiser

A massive picket to stop the Right to Work marchers going to jail

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BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Socialist Worker public meetings


Scotland

EDINBURGH Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Tuesday, 6th January, 8pm, 50-52 Great George Street, Edinburgh. Please telephone 0113 2537663.

IRLAND

Glasgow University Socialist Student Society, Commonweal Hall, 120 Cathedral Street, Glasgow, Monday, 6th January, 7pm.

Yorkshire

FILE, Socialist Worker public meeting. Saturday, 10th January, 4pm, Low Moor Socialists, Community Hall, Stainforth West, Barnsley.

Stockport Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Thursday, 15th January, 8pm, Sankey Community Centre, Sankey Bridge.

LIVERPOOL Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Friday, 16th January, 8pm, The Steelworkers Society, Eversley Road, Wavertree.

CHESTER Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Saturday, 17th January, 8pm, 27 Westgate, Chester.

PRESTON Socialist Worker public meeting. Monday, 19th January, 8pm, Duke of Lancaster Hotel, Preesall.

SOUTHPORT Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Tuesday, 20th January, 8pm, 87 Egremont Road, Bootle.

East Mancound

Bury Socialist Worker public meeting. Tuesday, 20th January, 8pm, 31 Milner Street, Bury.

STANLEY Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Tuesday, 20th January, 8pm, Stanley Welfare Hall, High Street, Stanley.

MORLEY Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Tuesday, 20th January, 8pm, 122 Mair Street, Morley.

NEREIDE Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Tuesday, 20th January, 8pm, 32 Mount Street, Wakefield.

LEICESTER Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Tuesday, 20th January, 8pm, 43 George Street, Leicester.

CRIMINAL AND OPENDAY Sittingbourne Socialist Worker public meeting. Saturday, 24th January, 8pm, 52-56 High Street, Sittingbourne.

North Wales

BANCAR Social Worker discussion meeting. Thursday, 22nd January, 8pm, 73-75 Hope Street, Chester.

STOCKPORT Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Thursday, 22nd January, 8pm, 27 Westgate, Chester.

South East

Cirencester SW public meeting. Saturday, 3rd February, 4pm, 120 Cathedral Street, Cirencester.

LONDON Socialist Worker public meeting. Saturday, 3rd February, 4pm, 120 Cathedral Street, Cirencester.

South West

Bristol SW public meeting. Saturday, 3rd February, 4pm, 120 Cathedral Street, Cirencester.

Memorial Meeting: On the life of Robert Owen, discussed by Bob Holman.

West Midlands

CORNWALL Socialist Worker discussion meeting. Saturday, 3rd February, 4pm, 120 Cathedral Street, Cirencester.

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Noises

National Organisation of Students and Students' National Socialist Societies

NOISES Women's Section (f) 25 January, 8pm, 41-43 Victoria Street, London WC2. Members welcome.

ELITE UNIVERSITY NOISES, 19-21 January, 8pm, 41-43 Victoria Street, London WC2. Members welcome.

FIGHT!

Paper of the S.W.U.M.

MEMORIAL MEETING: On the life of Robert Owen, discussed by Bob Holman.

BIOGRAPHY:

Britain out of Ireland! Self-determination for Ireland.

Sunday 30 January, 1.30pm, St Stephen's Church, London W1 (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road, no. 12)

All London and Home Counties branches of the Socialist Workers Party will be represented with banners.

RALLY

Organised jointly by the Troops Out Movement and the Socialist Worker. Sunday 30 January, 4.30pm, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road, no. 12)

All London and Home Counties branches of the Socialist Workers Party will be represented with banners.

Action in the unions

100% ACTIVIST Meetings for S.W.U.M members (f) 25 January, 8pm, 41-43 Victoria Street, London WC2. Members welcome.

POST OFFICE WORKERS: A 99% S.W.U.M. S.W.U.M. members are associated with the current strike. Members are urged to continue their support.

GREATER MANCHESTER: The Socialist Workers Party is a member of the Greater Manchester Workers' Union. Members are urged to continue their support.

RIVERSIDE WORKERS: Members are affiliated to the Socialist Workers Party and the Riverside Workers' Union. Members are urged to continue their support.

LEAFLETS AND POSTERS: Provided to help members in the struggle for a better workplace. Please purchase and circulate them.

CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION: A joint meeting of the Socialist Workers Party and the S.W.U.M. Members are urged to attend.

COUNCILS WORKERS: On all councils and employers of the Socialist Workers Party. Members are urged to attend.

NHP: National meeting for SWU members. Saturday 30 January, 8pm, 41-43 Victoria Street, London WC2. Members are urged to attend.
The 'heroes' of Entebbe strike again...

AT ABC CINEMAS for the next couple of weeks, you can watch Kirk Douglas and Burt Lancaster rescue Elizabeth Taylor from Idi Amin and Palestinian guerrillas at Uganda's Entebbe airport in Victory at Entebbe.

At Odeon cinemas, as an alternative, Charles Bronson and Peter Finch are rescuing another galaxy of Hollywood stars in Field of the Gods.

Coming soon is a third star-studded film: Rescue at Entebbe. There are two more arriving in the Spring.

This massive propaganda does not, of course, portray things other than far more revealing events of 1976, which show the reality of Israel. There were, for instance, three general strikes organized by the Palestinian Arabs and involving hundreds of thousands of Arab workers and their families.

In the General Strike in April, the Israeli police and army shot down a large number of Arab demonstrators in one day. Scores of others were arrested.

The conflict is not a matter of the Palestinians being subjected to a paternalistic rule, but of the struggle for independence of the Palestinian nation, which is the real issue of our time.

**Peter Clark looks at the true story behind those propaganda films**

LIKE MANY of you, I'm getting to know and enjoy Pluto's latest Big Red Diary—the Law and Disorder issue for 1977.

This is the fourth Big Red Diary and only my criticism of it is that while I'm sure it is a first-rate guide to what's going on in the past, they don't say much about the future. In an attempt to remedy that, there are a few exclusive extracts from the 1983 edition of the Big Red Diary, looking back at the days of 1977.

**At ABC CINEMAS**

25 JANUARY: Cyd Smith threatens to quit Liberal Party.

25 JANUARY: Terry MP, last week's speaker, is that Labour back-bencher who, he claims, publicly. He has not been heard in parliament for several months.

25 JANUARY: Unemployment reaches two million. Michael Foot says he is prepared to pay the price.

25 JANUARY: Reg Prentice in the House of Commons takes a scathing attack at the right and fails to take the world.

25 JANUARY: Government launches atomic probe to find what caused the explosion at Windscale.

25 JANUARY: Michael Foot appeals to the Liberal Party.

25 JANUARY: New package of crisis measures by the Labour Party. TUC, in a statement, demands a pay claim and a referendum on the issue of nationalization.

25 JANUARY: Social Contract Manuscript—now cut by a fifth. Defended by Lancaster Murray is then a pay rise of 1.5 per cent. Seamen's pay claim filed for third year running.

25 JANUARY: Seamen vote for one strike action. Daily Telegraph says this is a threat to society as we know it.


25 JANUARY: Michael Foot appeals to the Liberal Party.

If this is the shape of 1977, roll on Christmas...

BY PAUL O'FLINN

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The OTHER ISRAEL. Troops attacking an Arab in Nazareth during a general strike last year. Six people were killed.

PETER CLARK LOOKS AT THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THOSE PROPAGANDA FILMS

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Some men for as long as 20 years. In 1967, Israel declared further areas inhabited by Arabs, the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip—these so-called 'occupied territories'.

The East of Jerusalem Arab houses have been flattened to make way for Israeli Jewish developments. Arab villages have been bulldozed to make way for roads.

One refugee camp in Gazi, at Jaffa, was razed to the ground. 40,000 people were packed off to live in the final desert.

The flare-up of the Palestinian and continuing repression is central to the survival of this state built by the Jewish colonists. The former Prime Minister, Golda Meir, said, 'we cannot stay. We are under the constant threat that paid to Israeli civilians.

Any Arab who can be imprisoned and held indefinitely without trial. Thousands are in prison. Those who have been released and are then invited to their own village.

Billions of dollars are plunged in every year. A tenth of all western aid to unpopular countries goes to Israel.

Between 1967 and 1973, the United States gave Israel 1,000 million dollars, or 1% of the total.

That is why Israel is the most frequent defender of whatever the United States does. The Israeli army is an effete, an armed force. The armed forces of the Middle East.

If you are interested in the development of that idea, it is important to note that the hijackers who planned and executed this attack were in league with the Jewish extremist group, the Irgun. They hijacked the passenger plane bound for Entebbe and acted on behalf of the Irgun.

The hijackers also shot into the fuselage of the plane. People died in the air.

I'm sure you're all aware of the hijacking of the El Al plane to Rome, which ultimately led to the hijacking of the hijackers. The plane was forced to land in Rome and the hijackers were arrested.

The hijackers were tried and convicted of hijacking and murder. They are now serving life sentences in an Israeli prison.

The other israeli. The facts of the refugee camps.
Letters

We must use direct action to defend our kids

SADIE BLOOD's article last week on how our kids are being sacrificed was great.

Dinner ladies in Kirklees in West Yorkshire were recently ordered not to dish up spuds to the kids because they cost too much—and then were told to take a cut in hours and wages because of the time spent in not pleasing the spuds. They threatened to go on strike; because the authority is having to think again. But you can bet that they'll have some other little scheme up their sleeves to save money at our expense if we don't watch out.

AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

CONGRATULATIONS for printing the appeal letter to reverse unemployment. Paul Norton (S.W., 18 December) is right. It is an outcome of the vast areas of unemployment during the 1970s and 1980s that almost everyone rejected the war on women. When a house woman had entered the unions and organizing, the demands to replace the women conscripted to the army. In this way, we have heard of the thousands of house women who have been out of work in the traditional areas of female employment—secretaries, clerks, hairdressing, etc. The first and second women's movements' answer to this unemployment was to set up training centres where unemployed women workers could be trained in a life of domestic slavery.

We have been at the National Women's Liberation Movement today and we believe that one of the most important things we must focus on is the need for the movement to be more effective in its campaigning for the rights of women and girls. For too long the movement has been divided between those who want to fight for women's rights and those who want to fight for the rights of men. We believe that the movement must be united and that it must work together to achieve its goals.

Many unions, especially the craft-based ones, opposed the right to organize women to work. They say it is dangerous to give women the right to organize. The only way to fight this is to get organized and to fight for our rights. We are writing a book, We and Work, which will show the importance of the women's movement in the past and today.

I AM struggling to write messages to the women in toughening, working and the civil service.

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Jamaica: What socialists?

WE DON'T like external interference in the affairs of any country. Hence our opposition to the operation of the CIA in the world. However, we must always be careful to distinguish between the actions of the CIA and of other imperialist states. The行动 of the CIA in Jamaica is nothing more than a way of influencing the internal political situation in the country.

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PUNK ROCK CONFUSION

I THINK it is an important part of our work to try and win the support of punk rock to socialist politics. As an alternative to the concept of the Sex Pistols (S.W., 16 December), however, probably a less well-known and therefore less the target of the police as to what socialism is.

Punk rock, particularly the Sex Pistols, is not on our side. On the contrary, it is a manifestation of frustration, which could be on our side, in the fascist direction.

The Clash band are different, but that is precisely the reason not to identify them with what I mean by socialist rock-and-roll, which is what I'm writing about in a Sex Pistols and pictures.

GARETH CALWAY, Porthcawl, Gwent, and Northwich, Cheshire.

SINCERE

There is real need for a widespread study of facts within the Third World, and to seek to win over the people to what is revolution and what is not. We of the WVPWW are deeply concerned over what the present trends are, mainly because people get trapped in the hypocrisy. We would do well to examine carefully the facts of the political situations in the different countries in the region before running to their defence.


They're driving wages DOWN

AS AN unemployed member, I am experiencing first-hand how the so-called recession is squeezing workers. I signed on in a job centre on Mon- day (for which I received the maximum £100 weekly) to find the job was not there. The only jobs in the trade were advertised. One was a job for a graphic designer at £40 per week. Another was handling the factory at £20 per week. I sold my fishing boat for £1,700, which has not yet been advertised for a SOGW. I've been fishing for 12 years in the Solent.

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Stopped

No wonder the employment office could not get the job, I have a young family with no kids, and I was stopped and interrogated the right to look for work.

In the next few months, we have a chance to look at the government's employment policy in its full context, and see what really was said and what was done.

Socialist Worker and Workers' Voice have always encouraged and supported the unemployed, and we are sure that the government will do the same thing.

I CONGRATULATE Nigel Fountain on his per- sonal review of punk rock (S.W., 16 December), which clearly draws the connections between the most forms of music and the multisexual music industry.

Surely one of the most important problems of the music business is the lack of freedom for music of any kind. The government's policy is to work with the people to make a world where the people are free to be as they want to be—no censorship, no violence, no war. The government's policy is to work with the people to make a world where the people are free to be as they want to be—no censorship, no violence, no war. The government's policy is to work with the people to make a world where the people are free to be as they want to be—no censorship, no violence, no war.

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Revealed—the sickening truth about Labour's 'glorious dawn' of 1945

ONE OF the great myths of the British Labour movement is the myth of the 'glorious dawn' of 1945.

You still find older workers who will tell you that from 1945 to 1951 Labour government was the greatest.

In 1945, there were more socialists in the British working class than ever before or since. Literally millions of the working-class people wanted social change, and they wanted it as a matter of daily food, freedom and peace. Socialists and pacifists stood, even in the army, by tens of thousands.

Against all the odds, and against the postings of Labour Party leaders such as Clement Attlee and Harold Macmillan, who wanted a coalition government with the Tories, a Labour government swept into office with an overwhelming 142-seat majority.

One of the new Labour Ministers, a shock-up youth called Sir Harold Wilson, was impatient as well. We see the modern now.

Here was the new socialist spirit, the working class ready for the new government.

This month, the Cabinet papers for 1946, the first year of that Labour government, have been released.

Decide

They show that from the beginning, the new Labour government decided to push down the rising socialist fever in the country, to push peace with the powers that be.

THE LABOUR Cabinet met to discuss proposals of a special committee set up by the Prime Minister for maintaining essential services in times of widespread industrial disturbances.

There was a 'general agreement' that the government 'must accept responsibility for seeing that there was no widespread or lasting breakdown of services caused by strikes or in a result of action taken by political extremists.'

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, who had campaigned throughout the 1930s for a 'rural international' and a 'socialist' and opposed the rise of fascism and anti-Semitism, declared: 'The public must be made to understand that the government is ready to maintain essential services in an emergency, but if they are called upon to maintain an essential service it must be understood that the whole question of the nationalisation of a nationalising organisation.'

Strike

Brutally suggested that the government 'will be determined to see that the public is maintained in full order.' The strike miners should be kept out of all decision.

Erskine Beveridge, by the way, had recently retired as general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union.

His unambiguous support for keeping the miners out of all emergency power decision was George Brown, Minister of Labour and former general secretary of the National Union of Textile Workers.

BY THE SUMMER of 1946, the housing shortage in most British cities, especially London, had become intolerable. Working class families started to take direct action.

They occupied disused army camps. They occupied empty homes. They entered empty, rickety properties in London and other cities.

The Cabinet was furious, especially when they heard some Labour MPs were actively encouraging the forcible eviction of the squatters.

On 24 September, the Cabinet ordered a 'crisis meeting' of local authorities to provide 'facilities (water, gas, electricity) for squatters' homes.'

Amusing Brown, Minister of Health. Macmillan and Salter, quickly agreed to draft the circular and send it out. But it didn't do the trick.

All over the country, thousands of homeless workers' families squatted in empty houses.

Five days later, on 17 September, the Cabinet held another, emergency meeting. They considered Sir Henry Brooke, Attorney General, for his decision to prosecute London squatters' leaders (in conspiracy to trespass) that it is no crime to commit or to do anything that isn't a crime.

The Cabinet ordered 'the police will serve the squatters, warning that prosecutions would follow unless they got out. They decided to take proceedings for damages against all those who remained in illegal occupation.

SMUTS, the Prime Minister of South Africa, proposed to seize the former-German territory of South West Africa. Almost every government in the world objected.

At a special cabinet meeting on 18 October, the British Labour Government decided to support South Africa.

Struggle

They also decided not to press for an independent international struggle to find out whether the black people of South West Africa wanted to be created by white South Africans.

The Labour Government's support for the South Africans made it easier for them to evict South West Africa, which they have done ever since.

AT A MEETING in January, the Cabinet discussed a memorandum on reform of the House of Lords by establishing life peers and women peers. The meeting decided: 'That the King's wishes be sought.'

The King was consulted and his views were reported to the Cabinet in March. 'The Cabinet was informed that the King would put no action to be taken on the proposals put forward.'

Ready

So, of course, no action was taken on the House of Lords reform.
CRIT-TULLS CUT PENSIONS FOR 1700 WORKERS

MEN and women working for Crittall-Hope, the engineering firm whose head office is in Sheffield, were shocked last Thursday when 900 of them were told their pensions were being cut. Management, according to a letter written by a major senior executive of the firm, instructed the firm to cut pensions to its workers. The letter was sent to employees on 18th January and was received by them on 20th January. The pension scheme, which came into force on 1st January 1974.

Staff

Two months later, Crittall-Hope was taken over by Nucor, whose pension scheme was far inferior to the old one.

The staff of workers, however, did not react. They asked that the government should intervene, but the government said that there was nothing they could do. However, the government said that they would take action if necessary.

In defence of Tyndale

NORTH LONDON. The diocese of London has announced that all the evidence against the Crittall-Hope workers, including the evidence of the Tyndale workers, has been removed from the evidence file. The diocese said that the evidence was not sufficient to prove the workers' case. However, the Tyndale workers said that they were not happy about the decision.

The police asked for the removal of the evidence, saying that it was not necessary. However, the diocese said that it was the right thing to do.

The Tyndale workers have been on strike for several weeks, demanding justice. They said that they would continue their strike until they were satisfied with the outcome.

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Tractor plant men strike as Ford's try to get tough

BASILDON: Workers on the final assembly line at Ford's Basildon plant voted to strike on Tuesday over the suspension of two men for 'manipulating clocks of the official tea break.'

Since then workers have had to keep up with a running line, making it impossible for the members of the two men to return to their clocks. The men are now engaged in a continuous battle to keep the strike going.

SIX OF THE BEST

DAVENHAM: Six workers have won recognition at the Transport and General Workers Union and a strike on their behalf is in the pipeline.

The workers have also won the maximum increase under the Heffer pay package. A union official has agreed to sign them up in 45 to 40 hour weeks without loss of pay.

Kettering: Boost for striking journalists

By Ian Raine

A strike by journalists on strike for six weeks has given the movement a boost.

They have been demanding a royal commission and a new pay scale. They say the movement is in a strong position to push the government into a new pay deal.

Support has also come from NUJ nationally, which has vowed to back the strike and to seek a deal with the Press Association.

If copy from PA was not forthcoming, the NUJ would consult with its members to see if it could be held.

Messages of support have come from the Mirror, Daily Mail, Independent and Evening Standard.

COVENTRY: In their third week of strike, more than 1,000 assembly workers at Massey Ferguson have decided to accept the administration block in the Banner Lane after Christmas!

Meanwhile, the company are refusing to negotiate over the lock-out of 136 workers for 'inadequate efforts.'

Solidarity

All the assembly workers immediately struck in support after the Christmas break.

The company have now decided to re-negotiate the return to work and produce 46 new union agreements.

When completed the new crop of agreements will reach 14,000 workers in the Banner Lane, Coventry.
SHEFFIELD: The fight to stop the Edgar Allen Balfour factory closure has received a tremendous boost this week.

The powerful Sheffield Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions has called a city-wide half-day stoppage and demonstration on Wednesday. Engineering factories all over the city will be closing for half a day and hundreds are expected to join the demonstration.

Support for the strike is reaching beyond Sheffield. Already, local members of the International Harvester in Dunfermline have voted in support of the demonstration.

Refused

Clive Morley, a worker at one of the plants already closed, explained: "The Sheffield Employers Federation have been in dispute for over two years. I believe the Sheffield Worker is the only union which is a necessary weapon. We can't keep backing the National"

KEEP BLACKING TIGHT AROUND THESE FIRMS

ALL trade unions should be backing the production team and goods going into the factories. The following factories have been targeted:
- Sheffield Edgar Allen Works (Baston)
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- Darwen Works Division (Baston)
- Edgworth (Baston)
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Hospital protest

WROKERS at the Royal Prince of Wales Hospital in Tuffnell Park, London, hold a half-day stoppage on Monday against the proposed cuts in day and night shifts.

SHEFFIELD: IT'S ENGINEERS AGAINST EMPLOYERS

by SIMON TURNER

The 2,000 Edgar Allen Balfour workers are on strike to stop the Edgar Allen Balfour factory closure. This is not just a question of the jobs. The employers are trying to break a factory which has been part of the local trade union movement for decades. If they succeed, we will lose a valuable source of income for the local community.

The employers have refused to negotiate on any of the demands made by the striking workers. This is not just a question of the jobs, but of the future of the local community and the local trade union movement.

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Appeal to Liaison Committee: Unite against the Social Contract

THE Right to Work Campaign has made another appeal to the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions for unified action against unemployment and the cuts.

The Liaison Committee is an unofficial, unaffiliated organization, which in 1974 and 1980 supported the government's anti-trade union policies. It was disbanded in 1981.

The Right to Work Campaign has been proposals to hold national demonstrations against the cuts and the Social Contract on 29 March.

A commitment to active support, including solidarity stoppages, for all forms of industrial action against the cuts, for the right to work, and against the Social Contract.

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