Six thousand British Leyland workers in Birmingham marched in anger last week to make it plain to government Ministers, employers and union leaders that they wouldn’t stand for any more wage controls.

This week, shop stewards representing the entire Leyland combine—that’s 140,000 workers—have issued a call to the entire labour movement. If you’ve had enough of the Social Con-trick, join us in a massive strike and lobby of Parliament on Tuesday 19 April. FULL REPORT—BACK PAGE

No more wage controls!
ABORTION: BASH THE BENYON BILL!

by JEAN GRAY

PLANS FOR an out-patient abortion clinic in East London were put off again this week.

Gynaecologist Peter Huntingford says the clinic will provide free abortion for every woman in the area who needs one — and reduce the cost to the NHS.

This is a week when a quarter of all women have the operation turn in desperation to private clinics. In Central London, an anti-abortion demonstration at the University Hospital has been held since 1974. There, 68 per cent of women who have abortions have to fork out between £60 and £150 for an operation which could be provided free.

The result: A small group of gynaecologists and small, anti-abortion organizations put up a brave but losing fight against the National Health Service and their women's private clinics.

Defeat

This means that many women can't get an abortion in 1983. We all know that there are some who are terminally ill, others who are in a life-threatening situation and still others who could not continue caring for their children. Many others are just not ready.

The public has been too quick to blame the abortionist for too long. It is not enough to say: 'He did it'. People need to find out the truth.

The abortionist is just one of a whole chain of people who decide how far surgery can be given. They don't want the middle women who want an abortion.

That's the fact. It's true. Without any further ado, let's go on to REAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN.

NO RETURN TO BACK STREET ABORTION

DEMONSTRATE FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY

12.30pm, outside the Royal Victoria Hospital in London. From 3pm, House of Commons, Westminster.

The hospital restored the British Abortion Act, which has been suspended for some time. We need to stand up for our rights and the women who have been denied them.

Pickets outside Rochester Bootel last Saturday.

Free Nathan, say 100 pickets

A HUNDRED people picketed the offices of the Daily Mail last weekend when 24-year-old Nathan Wayne Williams from Aylesbury was being held.

Wayne is being punished because he was involved in an incident where he was quoted in a newspaper article. The report was false and the police have withdrawn their support.

Wayne is being held in solitary confinement on the floor. He's a member of a religious cult that forbids its members to cut their hair or wear glasses. He was kept in the basement for two weeks, with only a bucket of water to drink.

Unemployment in Aylesbury is twice the national average. Wayne is a member of the Socialist Worker Party, which has exposed the industrial action at the town's largest factory.

RAK concert banned

RIGHT-WING pressure from the students union at Queen's University in Belfast, East London, and others has resulted in a ban on RAK Against Racism concert being cancelled. A petition was signed by students and members of the public.

The band is scheduled to perform on Saturday, 10th February. The concert will be broadcast on a radio station, and the event was supported by the local council.

Postal delegates give racists a massive defeat

A HUGEN meeting of the London District Council of the British Postal Workers Union (BPWU) has resulted in a massive defeat.

At this meeting, the union's Northern District, which is heavily influenced by racist groups, voted for tighter immigration controls.

Carter, a delegate from the Labour Party, called for tighter controls to help solve the problems of the country. The motion was discussed for an hour.

Victory in Varden Street

PRESSURE from trade unionists and the community in East London has forced the London Hospital Trust to stop selling Bengali families in Varden Street.

The hospital restored the London Hospital Board in order to stop the sale of any health services they may not be able to do.

The hospital denied all charges and said it was acting in the best interests of the patients. The hospital wants to sell the house to the Home Office.

The committee will only buy it on condition that they are not closed, and before April.

Petition

Towers Hamlets Socialist Workers Party took up the fight and approached the local council. A petition was signed by the London Hospital Trust, BPWU members, NUT members, NMB members, Harrow Women's Association and the Heart of Europe Action Group.

As a result, the trustees say they have no intention of allowing the BPWU to continue holding meetings there. If the town is not allowed to keep the facilities, the BPWU will request full control of the building and will be free to charge the building for a service.
Soweto's magnificent fury

AMONG ALL the intriguing revelations about the colour of Lady Falkender's notepaper, there is one point in Joe Haines' book which will interest Socialist Worker readers.

It is that the sterling crisis of 1978 was deliberately contrived to force the Labour government into wage restraint.

In July, 1978, we carried an article entitled The Bilderberg Conspiracy. It referred to a meeting in Turkey in April, 1975 of the Bilderberg group of international businessmen, civil servants, politicians and officers in the armed forces. The British delegation contained Denis Healey, Margaret Thatcher, Gordon Hutchinson, governor of the Bank of England, and top Treasury officials.

The meeting discussed the necessity of wage controls in Britain; the vulnerability of the Labour government to a flood of sterling sales; and the case for a sterling crisis as soon as a 'yes' vote in the Common Market referendum had been secured (in June).

Joe Haines reveals how the plan was put into action. The Treasury and the Bank of England refused to intervene when sterling was sold in small quantities in July.

Forget the colour of Lady Falkender's notepaper, this Joe Haines tale really is interesting.

What We Think

A sterling crisis developed. The Government panicked. The Treasury insisted on statutory wage controls. Wilson argued that the controls should be voluntary.

And the employers got the wage restraint from which they have benefited for the last two years.

Labour did not want wage controls. It had promised not to introduce them. But it was forced into them due to the US dollar crisis from the rich and powerful.

The trade union leaders were forced last year to agree to another year of restraint and to abandon every concession in return—under constant pressure on sterling.

The Government concealed cuts in public spending last November—under constant pressure on sterling.

Now, again, sterling is under pressure. The Labour government and the trade union leaders are collapsing under that pressure and recommending another round of restraint.

Cabinet Ministers, whatever they may think or whatever Labour conferences may say, have no power to carry out economic policies against the interests of big business and their accomplices in the Labour Party.

You can't change society by Labour government. And you can't change Labour government through the Labour Party.

Even Joe Haines' book proves it.

This can shake the Con-trick

Seven Days Away—A Vital Rank and File Conference

After the massive display of anger against the Social Contract from the carworkers at Longbridge, next week's conference of the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions could be of major importance.

The organisations have now sent credentials out to more than 450 delegates.

Among those who have been invited to the last week are Austin Longbridge, who are sending a report; Malcolm Balloon, of the Transport and General Workers' Union; and the Magnaesium Workers' Union, who are sending a report. The conference will be held on Saturday.

The Right to Work Campaign will also be attending.

The conference is being held in the City of London on Saturday.

At issue is the question of the Union Defender's role in the union movement and the need for a co-ordinated defence of trade union rights.

The Right to Work Conference has also issued a call for a one-day general strike on the day of the recall TUC. This is expected within the next two months to resolve the next phase of the Social Contract.
IF YOU THINK THE TRIBUNALS ARE 'FAIR AND IMPARTIAL', LOOK AT THIS CASE... AND THESE FIGURES

Another equal pay snatch...

Tribunal

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Thousands of women

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The Labour government

Yorkshire tour: 22 join

I've joined the Socialist Worker Party because there's no other organisation that's fighting for socialism.

These are the words of Dayna France, a Rocky Mountain who recently joined the SWP.

I agree with Socialist

I agree with Socialist

The new party

The new party

The Labour government

The Labour government

My name is

WHERE WE STAND

Socialist Worker is a revolutionary paper that seeks to organise its supporters around the following principles:

Independent working class action

Revolution not reform

There is no parliamentary road

We have decided to practice both ourselves and our leaders and to support all genuine struggles against discrimination and racism.

We are for an end to all forms of discrimination, and we are for an end to all forms of discrimination. We are for an end to all forms of discrimination.
THE MAD AXEMAN

Cutting up rough—a health chief who plans to close our hospitals

THE EALING and Hammersmith Area Health Authority got a shock last Wednesday. 250 hospital workers turned up to blast them about hospital cuts in our area.

No shop stewards from local hospitals had written to the Authority asking if they could speak. They were turned down.

The organisers of the lobby were determined that the workers’ case should be heard. The police tried to remove us at 10.30 inside the hall. There was a scuffle. Another 10 were previously allowed in.

Where the chairman announced the proposal to close the Hammersmith hospital, nurses and patients were undefeated, all were on the bar and shop stewards and nurses demanded the right to speak.

This was refused. The public were then told to block the entrances while the workers put their case.

As usual we had invited our local MP, the chairman abandoned the steering.

This gives us valuable time to mobilise support in the battle against cuts and closures. The Area Health Authorities must again in resentment to discuss their plans.

We must be prepared to put our case to them with renewed force once more.

Sue Rivas, NPEU activist, they showed the West Middlesex University Hospital and his fellow plethora to have it.

The thin end of the veg...

A GOVERNMENT report this week revealed astonishing profiteering in fresh vegetables of every kind.

The report can be blamed in the faces of all those people who pretend that price increases are beyond our control and are usually the result of drought.

We must be prepared to put our case to them with renewed force once more.

OFFICIAL — PROFITeERS TREBLE THE PRICE OF FRESH FOOD

1976 price from the farm

3.3p

1976 price wholesale

4.2p

1976 price in the shops

10.2p

Inquiry

It was ordered by the Price Commission, which has no power to control prices in fresh food.

The subject of the report was the people who make profits from selling food, especially the wholesale and the retailers. They have been making enormous profits.

Between September and November last year, a pound of cabbage could be bought wholesale for 3.2p a pound and was bought from the farmer for 2.2p by the way.

But for profit in the shops was 10.2p a pound, a mere 2.4p.

In 1976, the profit on a cabbage was 35 pence.

In 1976, the profit on a cauliflower was 40 pence.

In 1976, the profit on a potato was 44 pence.

The profits were computed with the already far too high margins in other foods.

The same Price Commission report disclosed that the wholesale and retail profit in all food and drink is 28.8 per cent. The profit for fresh vegetables is nearly double that.

And since November, the price of all these vegetables has increased. Whatever the cost of the insurance, one thing is certain.

The only people hurt are the people who buy food.

The people who sell—they either buy wholesale—are either wholesalers and retailers.

SAVE OUR HOSPITALS CONFERENCE

Delegate conference for all trade unionists in hospitals

Saturday 19 March, Portland Hall, 16-22 Riding House St., London W1 (Gt. Portland Street Tube)

Make sure your trade union branch, shop stewards committee etc., is delegated. Delegation fee £1 from Hospital Worker Conference, 26th
Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

Published by Hospital Worker and the Right to Work Campaign.
**Socialists and rates**

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Geoff Ellen

It’s time that socialists tackled the question of rates and exploded the myth that the rich are keeping the poor.

FEW THINGS arouse the fury of Tory backbenchers—or the passionate indifference of socialists—more than an increase in the rates.

After all, it’s strictly on a transitory basis that middle-class robbers who prefer the world to be made and end at their own front door and whose definition of social welfare is a healthy bank balance.

At least, that’s what many socialists should thought of when they might not put quite that crudely.

That being so, perhaps it’s time we thought a little more deeply about it. Our minds are always going to be concerned by the matter as a result of the government's cuts in public spending.

If you can’t imagine the effects of the Reality League’s cuts in the minds of some who know better when councils, saddled with mounting collections, resort to flight.

It really is a much surer form of salvation. As for its immediately, it’s rather like deciding to put a mechanical shot in to help them in this very small corner of the world.

I look back at the fact that the Labour government, in its battle against public spending, totalling £1,800 million.

Excessively this amount of waste could, it is claimed, provide the ratepayer if the ratepayer makes it, £1,800 million. Meanwhile, much of the cash in public spending which is of direct help to the ratepayers, is of use to them.

In this is based on the principle that the service will be provided by local authorities. Thus, for example, increased movement in local authorities (from simple language, whether for big business).

**Spending**

And, in the true spirit of Labour’s overall policy, the service is to be paid out of the income tax, which is not only a help to those in the middle ranks of society, but to those in the dole business.

The income tax is the only way to make sure that the rich who are in the middle ranks of society to consider the dole business.

There are in every £ spent by Local Authorities in 1975 was in such dire straits. And not only that, but that proportion of public spending which comes from the pockets of pensioners in the audience, is a matter for national concern. In the words of the local authorities, it seems to have produced a common man in this sense.

**Harder**

To argue for rate increases when the country is paying so much money for this does not make sense for us to argue for more of the same, for it is not the condemnation of the rates which is of immediate importance.

At the moment, the country is paying a penny in the pound to the rates. This is the nearest we have been to a situation in which the country is paying a penny in the pound to our social services. The country is paying a penny in the pound to its social services, and if the rates are to be paid, the country is paying a penny in the pound to the rates.

**Poorest**

In other words, public sector unions demand a 10% increase for the same services and pay a 10% increase. They do not demand an increase in income tax, or not the same, as the government. The country is paying a penny in the pound to the rates. The country is paying a penny in the pound to the rates.

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By relatively applying less pressure from within, the country is paying a penny in the pound to the rates.

**Justice**

"Off with their heads"?

MAGISTRATES in Sheffield showed last week just whose side the law is on.

One of the cases in the city’s number court was a classic example of the social security "scroungers" that the law has been after.

It concerned a claimant, Brian Brannigan and his second wife, Patricia.

They were ordered to pay more than £200 in fines and compensation for the collection costs of Patrica, continuing to claim a single parents’ benefit after she had remarried.

Brannigan, with a top-line pay packet of £60 a week, told the magistrate he could not afford to pay back the loan in 15 months.

But after hearing that he had kept his two children and four children of his first marriage, the well-awarded magistrates decided against the repayments.

"Bother"

The same magistrate described the claimant of the Sheffield case as "scrounging" and "scrounger.

Since that course of action, magistrates have been accused of stealing £5 worth of car batteries and a man, was given a three month suspension sentence.

An inquiry into the alleged overpayment is being held. The magistrates had been told by court officials that the magistrates had "put off work for as long as possible.

But the firm didn’t bother with the compensation when customers were made to pay out of their defence.

"Chand Miah and his wife Dilmor were an East End family whose life was not so much a question of compensation. They were said to have been in the Old Bailey, where they were said to have been the only people present in the Old Bailey.

You are a pathetic couple quite unable to cope in a country such as this. We have no respect for our people. We have no respect for our traditions. We have no respect for our laws. We have no respect for our history. We have no respect for our culture.

Chand was found guilty of raping his 18-year-old month-old son and sentenced to 10 years of manslaughter.

"A flog of the wrong kind"?

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INDIA: The only answer to her tyranny and her misery is this power

WHAT INDIRA GANDHI'S STATE OF EMERGENCY MEANS

- BANNED: all strikes, open airing of grievances, criticism of the government.
- ARRESTED: all trade union leaders and militants.
- CRIMINAL: unskilled workers struck in Amritsar, labour unrest in Ahmadabad, and by six per cent in Bhopal.
- SPEED UP: the public sector undertakings now sell coal stocks mount, another miner died in a coal mine in South India in October—56 workers killed.
- LOCKED OUT: — about three-quarters of all strikes led in dispute last year were through lock-outs.
- SACKED: official total layoffs in 1975-76 were 220,000.

AND HOW THE WORKERS HAVE HIT BACK

- NEARLY a quarter of a million workers have staged a general strike in Western India (Bombay) over cuts in benefits payments.
- ENGINEERING and pharmaceutical workers struck in December.

INDIA'S Premier, Mrs Indira Gandhi, has announced a general election next month. What does it mean?

In June 1975, she imposed a new Emergency to stop the courts attacking her for corruption. Much of the opposition leadership and politicians within their own Congress party were arrested.

She then set about changing the constitution to ensure she could never be challenged under the law.

Most of the Western press presented a picture of strict enforcement of the rules by the authorities, and all agreed repeatedly the opposition—leaving the Communist, trade unionists and workers—were being suppressed.

The anti-beggary campaign

"'By 10 30 today, more than 425 beggars, including 150 children and 120 old people, had been picked up... The police said the operation was smooth. There was no resistance.--However, a number of beggars reported to have attempted to throw a stone at a television camera"—

"As many as 350 beggars of the 1 250 in the Pradeep district have, indeed, been arrested... They would be reeducated and sent to a special forest camp..."—

"Times of India" (14 March 1976)

Compulsory sterilisation

"The sterilisation drive continued to spread... The state government said that the drive was to be continued..."—

"India" (9 March 1976)

"EVER SINCE they operated on me, I haven't been able to work..."—

"The only real resistance has come from the workers..."—

"The only answer to her tyranny and her misery is this power..."

SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

ZIMBABWE AFTER THE TALKS

"The workers and peasants have fought the workers and peasants for the Emancipation of the workers, and the workers and peasants for the Emancipation of the people..."—

"By NICOL HARRIS"
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VOTE

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for general secretary, Transport and General Workers Union

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For a real fight against the Social Contract

For rank and control of Britain's biggest union

Tommy Riley, Right to Work Campaign candidate for general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, works at Metal Box, Westhoughton, Lancashire, where he is a TGWU shop steward. Voting in the election takes place between Monday 21 February and Saturday 18 March.
Bro. TOMMY RILEY
BRANCH No. 6/121
RESIDENT AT BOLTON, LANC.

TO the hard working UNIONIST.

Watch what you say, we are listening.

We are a UNION with a social conscience.

The man that Jack built

MOSS EVANS (below right) is favourite for the job because he is Jack Jones's nephew. His career as a full-time unionist has been cut short by ill health. He has taken sick leave since the 1960s but is still active in the union and is a member of the NEC. He is expected to be a strong contender for the job.

The other left candidates

There are three other Left candidates worth a vote in the election. Alan Thornton, a member of the British Meatworkers Union, has been a long-time unionist and is expected to be a strong contender. He has been a prominent figure in the union and has a strong record of fighting for workers' rights. Brian Symonds is another strong contender. He has been a long-time unionist and is expected to be a strong contender. He has a strong record of fighting for workers' rights.

The man troops like

ALEC KITSON is going for the job. His election address says four paragraphs boasting about his achievements as a full-time official. But it does not mention women workers or equal pay. It does not mention black workers or racism. It does not mention unemployement. It does not mention the Social Contract. It does not mention the work of the government.During the election, Kitson has been critical of the government and the work of the government. He has been particularly critical of the government's work on the railways and industries. The government, he says, has not been doing enough to help the industries.

The man for Dad's job

JOHN COULSON, son of Jack, former general secretary, is getting a lot of publicity. His election address says he is supported by the Unionist Party. It doesn't mention equal pay or black workers. It does not mention racism or women workers. It does not mention the Social Contract. It does not mention the work of the government. During the campaign, Coulson has been critical of the government and the work of the government. He has been particularly critical of the government's work on the railways and industries.

The union

TGWU OFFICIAL STRIKE
DOUCRS THE FREIGHT
THANKS FOR THE UNION

TGWU: Who rules?

TOMMY RILEY, rank and file candidate in the TGWU general secretary election, is going on tour to meet union members up and down the country. Public meetings are taking place in the following places to which all TGWU members are invited:

YORK—Thursday, 17 February, 7.30pm.
SHEFFIELD—Friday, 18 February, 7.30pm.
The Foresters Dining Room.
DERBY—Saturday, 19 February, 2pm.
STOCKPORT—Saturday, 19 February, 2pm.
Moor Road, Higher Green.
DUDLEY—Sunday, 20 February, 7.30pm.
The Smiling Man.
BIRMINGHAM—Monday, 21 February, 7.30pm.
Transport House, Broad Street.
COVENTRY—Tuesday, 22 February, 7.30pm.
PONTYPRIDD, South Wales—Wednesday, 23 February, 7.30pm.

TGWU RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN

SMASH THE SOCIAL
GENTLEMEN

FIGHT FOR THE
RIGHT TO WORK

Saturdays 25 March, 7.30pm.
Llanelli, Npt 4.

Leaflets: GWU election Campaign—why vote for Tommy Riley?
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Send orders to 266A Seven Sisters Rd. N4. 10p. 8s. Order 100 free.

TGWU: Who Rules?
BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Socialist Worker public meetings

Scotland

DUNDEE: Thursday 24 February, 7pm, St Mary's Centre, 76 Clouston Terrace, Dundee. "Class War in the Workplace". Contact: Jerry M. 0906 224676.


Ayrshire: Wednesday 22 February, 7pm, Red Lion Hotel, Ayr. "Organize or Perish". Contact: Bill D. 01292 396134.

Clydeside

EASTEND, Glasgow, Thursday 23 February, 7pm, Fonda's Bar, 172 Sauchiehall Street. "Scotland for Socialist Change". Contact: Colin M. 0141 221 0622.

ALL-GLASGOW Rally: Thursday 24 February, 7pm, Glasgow City centre. "A Sauchiehall Street Night Out for Socialist Change". Contact: Mike H. 0141 237 3552.

SCOTLAND NATIONAL CONFERENCE on Economic Policy: Saturday 25 February, 10am, Senate House, Glasgow. Contact: Mike H. 0141 237 3552.

North East

DURHAM Socialist Worker shop meeting: Tuesday 22 February, 7pm, 28 Westgate Street, Durham. Contact: John S. 0928 672252.

WEST YORKSHIRE: Thursday 24 February, 7pm, Pinder St, Wakefield. Contact: John A. 0924 770828.

Cleveland House, Glenmore Tenement, 4 Glencoe Street, Middlesbrough. "The Case for Socialist Change". Contact: Liam M. 0947 773377.

South East

WIMBLEDON: Tuesday 1 March, 7pm, 171 Putney High Street, Putney. Contact: Andy S. 0181 375 3981.


East Anglia

PRESIDENT: Thursday 23 February, 7pm, Blackstone, 32 Station Road, Stevenage. Contact: Tony S. 0923 412511.

Tea and coffee served.

WOMEN AND SOCIALISM public meetings

CENTRAL LONDON: Tuesday 21 February, 7pm, 100 London Road, Westminster. Contact: Kate A. 071 222 6666.

BIRMINGHAM: Tuesday 21 February, 7pm, 100 London Road, Westminster. Contact: Kate A. 071 222 6666.

Cambridges, Cambridge. Contact: Andrew J. 0181 372 4352.

Glasgow: Sunday 21 February, 7pm, 100 London Road, Westminster. Contact: Kate A. 071 222 6666.

Unemployed, Out of Work, Persecuted... Join the fight back against economic attack on the working class... join FLAME... the socialist answer to the attack on our jobs, wages and livelihoods!

FLAME National Executive meeting, 7 February, 7pm, 100 London Road, Westminster. Contact: Kate A. 071 222 6666.

Get your FLAME workplace booklet. Join FLAME today! Contact your nearest FLAME workplace group.

SCOTLAND National Executive meeting, 5 February, 7pm, 100 London Road, Westminster. Contact: Kate A. 071 222 6666.

 northern area

North East

Lancaster: Wednesday, 22 February, 7pm, The Red Lion, High Street, Lancaster. Contact: John D. 0253 470676.

North West

Cheshire: Wednesday, 22 February, 7pm, The Red Lion, High Street, Lancaster. Contact: John D. 0253 470676.

Yorkshire


Midlands

Coventry: Monday, 20 February, 7pm, The Red Lion, High Street, Lancaster. Contact: John D. 0253 470676.

South East


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NOTICES

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE: Monday, 20 February, 7pm, The Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Contact: John D. 0253 470676.

NOTES ON SOCIALISM, 100 London Road, Westminster. Contact: Kate A. 071 222 6666.

NOTICE: SOCIALIST WORKERS Party, 100 London Road, Westminster. Contact: Kate A. 071 222 6666.
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What would socialism be like?

HOW THE LEFT Could Cripple Labour, warned a leading in The Guardian's editorial recently.

Setting aside for a moment the unpleasant medical problems the headline raised, does it actually set about crippling a corpus? I read the letter underneath, which turned out to be from a prominent lawyer at the University of York.

It was the usual neurotic concern of right-wing Labour politicians, bungling on the claims that the Left since Marx had been unable to impose upon Marx's pithy, laughable description of a communist society, and we should stick with the shambles we have.

If it's true, of course, indeed, in the same decade that Marx's Capital was published in an English translation, William Morris, socialist, artist and, more importantly, read it, absorbed it and set about elaborating his own version of a future communist society.

The result was a novel called News From Nowhere, which was serialized in The Times and then published as a book in 1888.

In News From Nowhere, Morris imagines a Victorian socialist future, in which society is run by women, and workers decide on the pace of production.

The novel's success is evident in its influence on future socialist thinkers and filmmakers.

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PAUL O'FLINN REVIEWS
A CLASSIC NOVEL
ABOUT OUR FUTURE

Marx's plan is so rich in revolution and conflict that it's difficult to summarize.

In News From Nowhere, socialist in the 21st century is a world in which the ruling class is replaced by a council of workers and peasants.

However, I think I've managed to summarize the novel in a few lines.

Back in the 20th century, it is not possible to say what will happen to society, but we can say that the ideas of News From Nowhere are still relevant today.

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Who put the screws on LBC?

ON BBC Radio 2's Today programme, a listener phoned in to ask whether the car clock on your dashboard was a theft. He said that he had noticed it was missing from his car and wondered if anyone had reported it stolen. I asked him how he knew it had been taken. He replied that he had seen it being replaced by a new one.

The Orange Card

JIM PARENT (Luton) 10 February) writes: In this day and age, when the government is trying to cut public expenditure, it is important that we as individuals take responsibility for our own financial well-being. I have found that the Orange Card, which provides a great deal of information about personal finance, has been very helpful to me. It gives tips on how to save money and manage your finances effectively. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to improve their financial knowledge.

Radio report ‘on target’

YOUR REPORT: “The growing number of people who are receiving benefits is a concern”

THE SUGGESTION: “We need to do more to help those who are disadvantaged.”

THIS IS YOUR £9.50 WAGE CUT

A FAMILY WITH TWO CHILDREN ON AN AVERAGE INCOME OF £15,000 WOULD HAVE TO SPEND AN ADDITIONAL £150 ON THEIR WEEKLY BILLS. THIS MEANS THAT 2% OF THEIR INCOME WOULD BE TAKEN AWAY.

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SKEGNESS IS HERE AGAIN!

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY, BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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Skegness

Weekend

Easter weekend, 8-11 April, at the Derbyshire Mines Holiday Centre, Skegness. Full board and accommodation for £15.00 per adult – £10.00 per child. Book now to avoid disappointment.

MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK.
LINDA QUINN RAIDS A NEW BOOK* TO DESCRIBE THE FERMENT OF 70 YEARS AGO

"ANY FEAR that the dangerous forms assumed by labour revolts abroad might be imitated at home has been tranquillised by the belief that our Trade Union system and the traditional common sense of the nation would be sufficient protection against industrial revolution."

This self-assurance of the rich was shattered by the explosion of Labour unrest in 1911. Mass strikes shook the houses and membership of trade unions all around the country, culminating in a general strike in 1911. Women and children participated in supporting the transport strike. Despite the violence and repression, the strike continued and was seen as a major turning point in the history of the unions.

If you despair of 'apathy' take a close look at these pictures

The great transport strike of 1912

This was an intensity that had never been seen before. The strikes lasted for months and involved millions of workers. The union leaders were strong and united, and the workers were determined. The strike continued until the end of the First World War.

Bloom up

The strike was seen as a struggle for the working class to improve their conditions and wages. Workers and children were on the streets, striking against the bosses and fighting for their rights.

Idle rich

The rich, like the Lords, were not affected by the strike. They continued to live in luxury and enjoy the benefits of the strike. The rich did not understand the struggles of the workers and did not care.

Inspiration

Arthur Henderson, a key figure in the strike, said in "This movement and the movement it created through the country gave me the inspiration I had been looking for." This was a turning point in the history of the trade unions and the workers' movement.

In Dublin, the tram workers struck in protest against appalling conditions and wages. The strike lasted for several weeks and involved thousands of workers. The strikers were supported by the public and the strike was successful.

Workers control

The ideas that sparked the strike were not new. They were the result of years of struggle and organizing. The workers' movement had been growing for years and the strike was the culmination of this struggle.

Direct Action

This was the beginning of the modern trade union movement. The strike was a success and inspired others to follow. The workers' victory was a significant achievement and set the stage for future strikes.

STOP THESE FREE ADVERTS, BOYD!

By Willie Lee

AUEW stewards have said that the March 18 protest meeting will be the last day of free advertising in the Stuart News. This follows the defeat of the motion on free advertising at the AUEW 30th anniversary meeting in London on Monday. It also follows the defeat of the motion on free advertising at the AUEW 30th anniversary meeting in London on Monday.

HUNDREDS of telecommunication workers demanded the right to speak to the union leaders from the floor after union leaders tried to close down the rally at Central Hall, Westminster, on Monday. About 1600 workers had marched through London (above) to a noisy demonstration at Central Hall for their jobs. The march was to coincide with the union’s national strike on Tuesday. The rally and conference was attended by the unions’ union leaders, the union’s general secretary, the union’s national officers and the union’s executive committee.

STUDENTS in occupation at the London School of Economics are calling on the council to get out of their offices. The occupation began last Saturday and is continuing. The students are meeting with the council to discuss the occupation.

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We fight! say Glasgow busworkers

GLASGOW. Bus workers at Partick Garage have launched a campaign to save their jobs. A mass meeting of 500 voted unanimously to stop any moves by Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport to close the garage.

During the meeting all the buses from the garage called at the meeting.

The meeting voted unanimously to step up the pressure at Partick Garage Campaign.

Afterwards, Alex Reid and Sandy Bally of the Action Committee spoke to Socialist Worker.

Garage Closure

It’s not just our garage that we’re fighting for, and one. Partick Garage has already closed down and lost last bus runs went out.

This round of cuts will mean the closure of 300 jobs, another 5% reduction in bus services and another 10% increase in fees throughout Glasgow.

We know for definite that there are more cuts to come. We realise now that it is not a question of just fighting the cuts in bus services. The only chance we have is to come together with all the other local authorities workers threatened with cuts and redundancies.

The action committee have agreed to invite Workers of the Partick Action Committee from the Right to Work Campaign, to come to Partick Garage to discuss how we can organise the workers to fight the cuts.

We’re not out to put anyone out of work. Everybody who can in the public sector is working if we win or lose. So what happens to us is not in our hands. There’s no way we can win on our own. A committee will be forming to discuss the backing from other organisations prepared to fight the cuts. We are not going to be the first step in getting joint action.

The Right to Work Campaign has resolved to come to Partick Garage to fight the cuts. The bosses have been offered a 12-month deal, but we are not saying yes.

Towards the end of support and donations should be sent to: Partick Action Committee, Hayburn Street, Partick, Glasgow, G11.

Victimised!

So DGLI out

MANCHESTER. Workers at DGLI Assurance in Haymarket launched a strike against the victimisation of one of their colleagues.

The man allegedly fired in a alleged misconduct inquiry—he is one of the supervisory staff—was found not guilty on a better job, but he was still dismissed.

A meeting is due to be held on Monday, and support workers are expected to gather on the steps of the office.

No Contrick

SHOP STEAKS at Harrods in London and Selfridges in Liverpool, and the Sainsburys in the West Country. There is a nationwide strike among workers throughout the country.

The East London strikers are demanding better pay and conditions, and they are supported by trade unions throughout the country.

Three Masseys plants shut

COVENTRY. All three Masseys plants have been closed by the Masseys management, who are trying to stop the workers from striking.

The strike at Masseys is being supported by other factories, such as Triumph, Coventry, AB and Rolls-Royce. After getting away with so much in wages, the 2500 Masseys workers are now feeling confident enough to launch an attack on management and conditions.

The committee has called for a city-wide strike.

John Gouriet, national organiser of the National Union of Freedom, is about to emerge in his true colours: as a champion of sweatshop labour and anti-unions everywhere.

He and his extreme-right wing association are likely to be called in by Grunwicks, the North London film producers whose disgusting working conditions, low pay and petty tyranny on the shop floor have provoked a six-month strike.

Grunwick is angry this week because the government adaption service ACAS have handed them unions recognition—the main demand of the strikers.

An ACAS poll of about 300 Grunwicks workers shows overwhelmingly that the workers want to join UNET, the workers union.

John Gouriet, chairman of the UNET, has been invited to Ghiradelli, but has reportedly refused

CUBBITTS STRIKE

EAST LONDON. 130 bedding workers at Cubitts Ltd, on Higham Road, are on strike. The management refused to pay the agreed full rate to some of the men.

Cubitts, a northern not unprofitable union firm, is withholding wages being paid. Some men are now earning up to £10 a week from work. Many of these men have been with the company for many years.

The strike has been called by the workers’ union and supported by the local Trades Union Council.

Doughty Lockout out 700 GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

CARDIFF DISPUTE "TEST CASE"

CARDIFF. 75 catering workers at the Royal Infirmary have a message for their bosses—they are not accepting redundancies or reorganisation.

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Catering services were maintained for patients only as union reps, but no managers have stepped in to industrial relations management. Bill Adams, chairman of the Cardiff branch of the Socialists, has been in discussion with the management.

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ALL OUT AGAINST THE CON-TRICK!

Wives back a jobs sit-in

JOIN US on 19 April. That was the message from the British Leyland shop stewards combine meeting on Tuesday.

More than 200 shop stewards are to recommend to 190,000 Leyland workers a one-day strike on 19 April and a massive lobby of Parliament.

This invited everyone else to make it a massive day of action, calling for a return to free collective bargaining on 1 August.

Controls

To back up the action, a shop stewards' conference, open to all groups of workers, to discuss plans for wage controls, will sit in April and a National Shop Stewards Hall will be held on 18 May.

After the meeting, more shop stewards talked to Socialist Worker.

What it's costing you

EIGHTY months ago, the average family spent £5 45 9 in a week. Today, to buy the same goods a year later, that family needed to earn £15 70.

TO BUY the same goods a year later, that family needed to earn £6 20 in 1915, £12 10 in 1930 and £20 10 in 1970.

TO BUY the same goods in one year, it will need £22 10.

That's £17 90 more than it was getting in 1915.

But wage workers have received no more than £1 10 in 1970 and £2 10 in 1975. And £2 50 in 1974. And £6 10 in 1972.

In 1915, 20 000 copies of this week's Socialist Worker cost 4d each. Today, we receive it at a cost of 4d. But the cost of a daily newspaper has risen.