WHAT A BLOODY INSULT!

NO WONDER company directors are happy. A businessman earning £24,000 a year will get an extra £31 a week from Denis Healey's budget.

For the rest of us it's nothing but another shabby con-trick. A married man with two children on £50 a week will get £1.46 a week extra.

And that is only on condition that there is another year of wage controls.

There is no condition placed on employers and businessmen not to increase prices or profits before they get their £31 a week extra.

Chancellor Healey made it clear what his budget is supposed to do.

"My measures will benefit all higher taxpayers. Middle management will gain proportionately more," he said.

And the rest of us are offered another 12 months of frozen wages and cuts in our standard of living.

The rest of the budget deliberately pushes up the cost of living.

Road tax is going up by another £10. That applies to every driver, whether you've a new Rolls-Royce or a ten-year-old Mini.

Petrol and cigarettes are going up yet again. For the businessman with an expense account it doesn't mean much. For the rest of us it is much more serious.

It comes on top of the soaring cost of food, the gas and electricity increases decreed by the government; the rent rises being imposed by Labour and Tory councils; the astronomical price of coffee, and its expected to rise from 20p to 40p a packet.

Yet Healey has the hypocrisy to pretend he is giving working people something: So we should be grateful—and let our wages be kept down for yet another year.

The government's own figures, given to parliament in January, show that working-class families have suffered a fall in living standards of 12 per cent in just two years.

The Price Commission estimates that this fall will be even steeper in the next few months, as prices rise twice as fast as wages.

Yet Healey pretends that the miserable income tax relief he is offering will compensate for this.

There is only one adequate reply to such contempt and indifference towards the hardship of millions of people who find it more and more difficult to make ends meet.

**NO MORE DEALS WITH HEALEY!**

**KICK OUT THE SOCIAL CONTRACT!**

**WE NEED £15 NOW!**

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If that's the Social Contract, to hell with it!
M15's very own mercenary

by EAMONN McGANN

JOHN BANKS, the para-traveller who recruited mercenaries for the right-wing forces in Angola, still works for British Intelligence.

And he was part of his job as setting up Irish republicans.

This emerges from a sworn statement Banks made to two Evening Standard reporters last week.

Banks is the key prosecution witness in the case of members of the UDA and the UFF and the 5th of March rioters.

The interview, with reporter Linda McPherson, was taped for publication after the trial. But it has not been revealed why the defence lawyer, Peter Fane, and Banks did not want the witness box in court.

In the interview, Banks said that he had worked for British military intelligence (MI5) in Angola.

Recruiting killers

The Sunday Times revealed last week that Banks was working with the Foreign Office, which was recruiting killers for the CAA in Angola.

He said in the interview that he had been a witness on behalf of the British government, the MI5, and the British secret service, MI6.

Terror Licence renewed

by STEVE BERRY

A FEW WEEKS ago, the Home Office renewed the Terror Licence for the NIPO.

It was a long debate and a long, hard fight by MPs against it.

It was renewed by the Lord Chief Justice, who is a Labour MP, and who is a former Labour MP.

But the Home Office has now decided to let it go through.

So far, nearly 3,000 people have been picked up under this very strict legislation.

The Act has been totally unopposed.

Supporters of the Home Union have raised a number of points.

The police have said that they can use the Act to stop people who are being held under the Act.

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'SACRIFICE' WILL SOLVE NOTHING

Even a secret Labour report says so

The 'SACRIFICE' the Labour government and trade union leaders preach to workers is not going to end the economic crisis.

Who says so? None

other than the Labour Party's own research department...

A confidential report to the Party's Home Policy Committee has come into our hands. It makes the following points:

- UNEMPLOYMENT
  The general consensus of forecasts for the level of unemployment by the end of this year is in the range 1½ to 1¾ million. The prospects for any reduction in the unemployment total appear slim.

Even if we get an unexpected boost through exports and investment, it is not likely to transform the unemployment outlook by 1979 or 1980.

- PRICES
  Prices are expected to still be rising by between 12% and 15% in 1978 at the end of the year.

- INVESTMENT
  The increase in profits by virtually all companies is not expected to lead to a significant increase in investment promised by the government and the employers.

The volume of private manufacturing investment for the year 1976 was the lowest since 1974 and over 20% less than the 1973 figure. Total private sector investment is not expected to rise dramatically in the coming 12 months.

- WEALTH
  The amount of wealth being produced in Britain today is 18% per cent less than if the economy was working with full employment. This is not going to be rectified by present government policies, which are not going to lower prices and which the manufacturers said they could not maintain, both unemployment.

The economy is still on far from full employment in the present decade.

These figures are an excerpt from the Social Contract.

Unfortunately, the Labour government's trade union department does not draw this conclusion; on the contrary it says:

- £800 million more wealth could be created tomorrow, were it not for the absurd policy of the profit system.

- £800 million more wealth would enable all the cuts of the last year to be made, and access to the best education to be provided for the living standards in living conditions.

But you can't get such a chance without an insatiable system based upon the control of industry and finance by an extremely privileged class.

POWELL, THE WORKERS' ENEMY

ENoch Powell spelt out his economic policy in The Sun on Monday. It was simple enough.

He said the government should leave all taxation at its present high level and carry through still more cuts in the social services.

For Powell, there's lots in such policies, although they can only lead to less wealth being created and to pressure for still more cuts.

More can mean more unemployment. That would seem to many people to justify Powell's recent cuts in favour of creating black people from Britain.

But, for ordinary workers, Powell's policies are insane. They mean worse hospitals, worse schools, more hardship.

'Truth that should be hammered into the head of everyone who thinks Powell in the British worker's friend.'
The students who showed how to fight the courts

"The students decided to take the law into their own hands to seize and occupy the college.

"This decision was made by the students of the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

"The students went to the National Strike and the strike closed down the university.

"They marched through the streets, chanting slogans and carrying banners.

"They occupied the administration building, demanding their demands.

"The police arrived and tried to disperse the students, but they were determined to stay.

"They set up a tent city and lived there for several days, until the authorities gave in.

"The students had won their fight, and the university was re-opened.

"The students' victory demonstrated that the students had power and could fight for their rights.

"The students' victory was a testament to the power of the people.

"The students showed that they were not afraid to fight for what they believed in.

"The students' victory was a turning point in the history of the university.

"The students' victory was a victory for the people of the world.

"The students were heroes, and their story will be remembered for generations to come.

Contempt

"When the law is broken in this way, it is just the people's right to do it.

"The people must rise up and fight for their rights.

"The people must take the law into their own hands.

"The people must fight for their freedom.

"The people must fight for their dignity.

"The people must fight for their rights.

"The people must fight for their future.

Correct

"But, unlike many other workers and students, we must be careful not to be intimidated.

"We must be prepared to fight.

"We must be prepared to resist.

"We must be prepared to stand up for our rights.

"We must be prepared to fight for our freedom.

"We must be prepared to fight for our dignity.

"We must be prepared to fight for our rights.

"We must be prepared to fight for our future.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND AID FOR SOCIALIST WORKER

OUR FRIENDS in many countries have rallied to our support.

Their solidarity has been boosted by £2,112 with donations from France, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Ethiopia, Australia and Canada. Best of all has been the 2,502 dollars raised in the United States.

The money will be used to buy supplies for the people in distress.


Dear Friend,

We are writing to draw your attention to a new and exciting project, the new magazine taking place in Britain. Among the victims is a signatory to this letter, Philip Agee. Another is Socialist Worker, Britain's biggest circulation weekly socialist newspaper.

In the first of four liberal actions being taken against its editor, the weekly's editor, on February 28th, 2007, Socialist Worker was fined £17,000—the equivalent of a year's wages for a worker in the weekly's staff.

The fighting article was a critical attack on a union for encouraging its members to take cheap vacations in General Franco's Spain.

The London Times newspaper reported part of the article and was also approached by the union's lawyer. Its refusal to settle, however, was not taken any further. Indeed, the attack was mounted exclusively on Socialist Worker.

Hal Draper writes: "The utilization of liberal attacks on workers' motives puts the government on the defensive, and the aiming at breaking a socialist group financially, is a very effective threat to libel anywhere, whether in Britain or in the United States. At this time the victims is the British Socialist Worker.

But Americans too should raise their voices in protest and do what they can to aid the defense and the paper against attack, regardless of political differences."

We would like to urge you to act to defend the left press in Britain. The legal damage against Socialist Worker is being asked to be £40,000 — $50,000, enough to close it down. Help prevent this happening.

Send checks to the North American SW Defense Appeal. All donations will be acknowledged.

In Britain, early returns from the workplace collection sheets show that support inside the movement continues. Enfield Fire Station has raised £1,750, Redbridge Polytechnic in South East London £1030, Lambeth Council Workers £1,000, Glasgow Hospitals £200, Flexi Shoes £300, Charing Cross Hospital £600, Holbrooke Estates £130, 1450 others at Victoria Station £50, Hunting Engineering £1,750, Southwark Taverners £200, Angel Motors £50.

If donations were taken in a thousand workplaces, our problems would be solved. It can be done.

Will you take a collection?

by BAMBOSS
STYLIANOU

FOR six months my whole family has been subjected to the most vicious and inhuman harassment. This harassment and intimidation is being carried out by the British government itself, through the Home Office and the terrible immigration laws they enforce.

Seven out of eight members of my family have been told to get out of the country. My sister Anna and her husband Andreas were told they had to go but before their baby was born two weeks ago.

My widowed mother, Caterina, and my three brothers, Marinos, Andreas, and Lycous, have also been told to get the immigration authorities. And if they do not make these enormous achievements, the Home Office will hold a special hearing against a temporary measure. She too must go.

In August 1974, Andreas was recruited to the army and when the refugees came they took their small boxes and left their possessions behind. The war is still going on.

ANDREAS AND DORA WERE PLANNING TO MARRY

TO THIS!

The Stylianos family: Louisa, Caterina, Dora, her husband Andreas, and three children. The fourth brother, who is being deported, is not in the picture.

ABOVE LEFT: Dora with two-week-old Christina.

BELLOW LEFT: What they face if the Labour government goes on — a ruthless campaign in Cyprus.

Seven members of this Cypriot refugee family, including a two-week old baby, are being deported.

Right now we are facing the result of appeals by my brothers Andreas and Lycous, and for Dora and Andreas.

But we have the decision already, as we knew them for my mother and Marinos. Deportation orders are out.

It is difficult to put our feelings into words. We feel persecuted, treated with the utmost kind and contempt. How can the British government make us go back to the victims of their development policies in Cyprus, which have destroyed our land?

We are not free words. My family do not want to go back, as long as they cannot return to the home and the village. They believe that the police will come to our house against them and forcibly deport them.

Real people are in their own country. They are treated even more than slave.

And it is because of the whole world's attitude that we are being treated like this. We are the Cyprus Defence Campaign. We have signed and ratified in the Cypriot community against the occupation. We demand for the Cypriot people, in our country, has been under occupation.

Sympathetic?

More and more are being told that they must go. Yet in a document sent to the Cyprus Defence Campaign by the Secretary of State for the Home Office, outlining police on Cypriot refugees, we were told that the Home Office is treating them sympathetically.

Well, go help the people they treated sympathetically, because we are always being treated as animals.

God help the poor Bengalis, Pakistanis and Indians trying to escape uncertainty, economic and poverty in their respective lands. They are treated even more than slave.

We need the public protest and national morale. We need the public protest and national morale. We need the public protest and national morale. We need the public protest and national morale.
Suing the Con-Trick man!

JUBILEE NEWS. The Jubilee Press, which is a cooperative owned by the Skegness Journal, has celebrated its 70th anniversary. The newspaper was founded in 1947 to provide employment for former students of Skegness Grammar School.

FACTS OF LIFE no. 708: Between 1970 and 1979, the number of people aged 65 or over in the United Kingdom increased by 2 million, representing a growth of 15%.

THE NEWSPAPER Society. The society's annual conference has been postponed to a date to be announced, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Employment Service Agency (ESA) has been criticized for its handling of claims, with many disabled people facing considerable delays in receiving their benefits.

Emptiness, what emptiness?

The MANPOWER Commission has called for a national strategy to address the skills shortage, particularly in the construction and engineering sectors.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK. "We have taken on 100 new employees in the last year, but we find that many of them lack basic skills that are essential for our business. We need a stronger education system that prepares students for the real world of work." - John Smith, Managing Director, Smith Tech.

JUPITER 3. The Jupiter 3 satellite, launched by the European Space Agency (ESA) in 1974, is completing its final mission. The spacecraft has been providing valuable data on the solar system and its environment for over 45 years.

The Labour Party has announced plans to increase funding for mental health services, with a target of £1 billion over the next five years.

Emptiness, what emptiness?

Spot the difference...
ITALY'S NIGHT OF POLICE TERROR

THREE weeks ago, a young student was murdered by police in the Italian city of Bologna. Italy was shaken as students then fought the police.

The British press gave the impression that the riots were the result of "launder" groups of students. But this report, based on evidence given to a Bologna lawyer, tells another story.

On Friday, March 1, a student group met at the university to protest against police brutality. The police, armed with clubs, batons and tear gas, attacked the students. The students shot back with rocks and stones. The police fired tear gas and rubber bullets. The students responded with stones.

The angry students greeted Community leader Lucio Lena at a Rome University when he called for the" orcess to respect the right to strike and the right to organize demonstrations.

GREECE: Miners gassed

POLICE used armed cars and tear gas to break the occupation of three coal mines in Northern Greece last week.

Four hundred of the 2,000 strikers had occupied mines and attacked the police, but the miners and their villages are under constant attack.

The police have the right to occupy the mines, and the miners are fighting back with a strike and the occupation of the mine buildings.

The miners are on strike for wages, better working conditions, and the reinstatement of fired workers.

The strike has lasted for six days and has been joined by other workers in the area.

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Peasants

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WESTERN Europe is a bastion of liberty. At least, that's what our rulers claim.

But in Italy, Greece and West Germany, workers and left-wing students are discovering otherwise. The democratic veneer lies powerful police apparatus, prepared to hit out in the cruelest manner at those who question capitalist policies...

GERMANY: 'Burning water' for protesters

From Philip Naylor in Hanover

The last demonstration, in February, was prevented from occupying a nuclear construction site by a huge deployment of the GDR police.

At Grabow, two weeks ago, one of the 20,000 participants, who received for the revolution, led by the Red Army, failed to open the site and were arrested.

After some police resistance, the demonstrators got to the site and broke a hole through the two solid fences and barred wire. All the time, they were bombarded by tear gas, smoke and water cannon. When the police mustered, the demonstrators had been defeated.

Wave

Hundreds of police then moved in to clear the area. Several lines of police line were set up before the final police charge. The demonstrators had broken through a few hundred yards of wire from the site.

The demonstration was in good order. The police claim 257 officers were injured, while the demonstrators were charged, including three with attempted murder.

The worst injured demonstrator received his injuries from police tear gas grenades.

The police were badly injured and they ran riot in Hanover the next day.

A 40-YEAR WAIT IS OVER...

LA VOZ DE LOS TRABAJADORES

THE FIRST printed revolutionary paper to be published openly in Spain for nearly 40 years.

THEI appearances at a new newspaper, La Voz de los Trabajadores, the Voice of the Workers, by one of the Revolutionary organizations of the Left, has illuminated Spain's changing social and political landscape. The newspaper, which was launched in Barcelona last week, has been described as an important step forward in the struggle for freedom and democracy.

The newspaper is published weekly and is distributed free of charge.

The first issue of La Voz de los Trabajadores contained articles on the struggles of workers, students, and other oppressed groups, and a call for solidarity with the people of Spain.

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LAST WEEK, when the fate of the government was in the balance, all the ‘easies’ in Fleet Street—The Times, the Financial Times, the Guardian, The Sunday Times, The Observer and the Economist—came out in support of a Lib-Lab agreement to save Callaghan.

The main argument of these serious capitalist newspapers was: Callaghan is more able than Thatcher to control wages. Thus the Financial Times in its editorial of 23 March wrote: ‘However sceptical one may be about the success of Phase Three, it is at least arguable that Labour has a better chance of preventing a wage explosion than a new Conservative Government would have.’

Immediately after the Commons defeat of the Tory vote of no confidence, the Financial Times wrote with a sigh of relief: ‘Unemployment is one of the worst aspects of Phase Three, and a Labour government is probably better placed to secure an acceptable agreement with the TUC.’

Trembled.

The narrowness of the margin by which the government just avoided a general election and possible defeat, indeed, may well help to encourage the minds of union leaders on the need to work more vigorously for an acceptable Phase Three terminus.

Justifying the Lib-Lab agreement, David Steel said that central argument: ‘If the stock market is still peaking at the more the prospect of Mrs Thatcher getting to Number 10, we may as well get something out of it. And he went on to say: ‘The Liberals intend to work with the Government to get agreement on the problem.’

Can the government and the TUC save their incomes policy, notwithstanding the massive pressure that has recently been applied?

Isn’t it clearly disintegrating?

Has not the last few weeks seen such a widespread rebellion against the Social Contract throughout the country as to make it completely finished?

The Leyland workers made it clear that the constraints of the government’s incomes policy were unbearable. Joint shop stewards committee called for a strike against the Social Contract on 19 April.

The Ford combine committee has also denounced the Social Contract and drawn up a pay claim for increases of up to 40 per cent to give Ford workers in Britain parity with the company’s Continental plants.

Attacks.

The 16 trade union leaders are ready to go on strike if anyone who is opposite workers who act against the government/TUC incomes policy.

And the AUEW Executive for Leyland management’s lockout of 3,000 bodywork workers—an unprecedented act in the history of the trade union movement over decades.

Again, when Tony Benn threatened to bring the army in to break the strike of the Wolsfield workers against the Social Contract, he was sided and abetted by the union officials.

FIRST of all, let us be clear on one point. The trade union leaders are ready to go very far in opposing workers who act against the government/TUC incomes policy.

Hence the support of Scallon and the government’s incomes policy.

UNION officials will fall over themselves to sign productivity deals as a soft option in wage negotiations, since they see conditions for money without affecting commitment to an incomes policy.

Many an employer will prefer the Phase Three of the Social Contract to the rigid Phase One and Two in the latter, while being successful in keeping down the wage bill, had a bad effect on industry productivity.

Productivity decline.

Many workers said to themselves: if our wages are frozen, there is no good in making an effort to get out. In many factories where workers were on piece rate, productivity fell. Productivity continued to decline.

Rage.

Gormley, Scallon and their like will put the emphasis on the need for greater flexibility in future incomes policies to be achieved by restricting differentials and by more intensive introduction of productivity deals.

One need only recall that under the first Wilson government (1963-70), during the first two stages of incomes policy, the pace was the massive introduction of productivity deals.

In the six years until the end of 1966, productivity deals affected no more than half a million workers. But after Wilson’s Mark Two incomes policy—by the end of 1969—about six million workers were encompassed by them.

The money received for selling conditions will disappear as a result of inflation but the worsened labour conditions will remain. Above all, one must remember that one workers’ productivity deal is another workers’ unemployment.

The Gormleys and Scallons will try to ensure that this continued to be a narrow sectional claim to prevent them being digested into a general claim. The understanding of strictures. Rock’s concessions by agreement between better paid workers (and compared with the employment, that is the Scallions and Gormleys in their policy of all the following.)

THE OTHER phase of Phase Three will be led by Alan Finlay, the leader of the Labour Party. Will they argue that the force of all will hurt the government in restraint in order prove lower paid wages.

But this argument is important. If Leyland workers are held back on a claim £20 a week, would management transfer any savings, whether it be an agreement between the Left and the employers, to the employees?

We have only to remember that the Leyland workers are in one of the strongest sections of the nationalised industries in the country. With the exception of their pay, they are very well off. They have been successful, in keeping down the wage bill, at the end of July, Gormley has a ready-made argument.

Two miners want more money. Immediately without waiting for the March, they get into negotiations on productivity deals with the National Coal Board.

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The Gormleys and Scallons
Radio: Due to interference, programmes will continue as normal...

BURIED IN A BORING REPORT: HOW OUR RULERS TUNE IN TO SWITCHING US OFF

By Chris Hargman

LIKE most people, you probably start yawning when you come across recommendations on things like the Annan Report on the future of broadcasting.

Quite rightly, you probably regard the long-winded musings of an overpaid and over-entitled right-wing academic as of little interest.

However, buried away in the Report are a few revealing paragraphs that the government should know about.

They reveal how our rulers see their control over radio and television as something essential for the stability of their system.

They are determined to prevent any of that competition passing into the hands of those who talk for a better system.

Governments and big business have always taken a particular interest to maintain a monopoly of broadcasting in the hands of the two monopolies set up by the BBC and the ITA.

The Observer newspaper said yesterday, for instance, how a group of people who run a small radio station called Radio Jacque, have in nine years been fined £700, have £2300 of equipment confiscated and suffered one prison sentence.

Pirates raided

The pirates have found that they are most likely to get raided by the police if they broadcast anything of a political nature.

Citizens Band radio and FM radio users in the United States are now being raided by the police to broadcast to each other without a licence.

In Britain, under the threat of having their equipment seized, some of these restrictions have been put into effect.

But now, the threat of losing their equipment has been lifted and the ISPs will review the number of channels that could be available for radio or TV virtually for free.

The restrictions have to do with control from above, not technology, as the Annan Report makes clear.

The government and Parliament must have the power to decide the number and nature of the broadcasting services that can be provided, how they should be financed, and what policies should be given them.

Divide and Rule

At the same time, the cuts, coupled with productivity deals, will increase unemployment. The employers will welcome this, as unemployment should dampen wage militancy.

The capitalist class, and the government will, with divide and rule measures, with cuts and unemployment, retrench against workers during the struggle to challenge the wage restraint policy. A wounded tiger is always most vicious.

In the battle against the Social Contract, the battle against private ownership, they will seek to divide and ultimately destroy the alliance.

Added ideological argument will be the Liib-Lab Alliance. The siren voices, treachery and bankruptcy of the Labour leaders will be used as an argument for Phase Three.

look how far we were prepared to go to prevent the victory of the Tories — we were ready to accept the terms dictated by the Liberals — that is, you, the workers, follow suit in sacrificing, for another year or two of restraint, to be paid at the end by the burdens of North Sea oil that will enrich everyone in Britain.

Down the road

Unemployment and the fight for the Right to Work

By Sarah Cox and Robert Golden

Published on 1 May 1977

This is a cut-down version of a longer article which appeared in Support for the World of Work Campaign. Special publication after the experience of the Right to Work campaign. Special dedication from the campaign, 27 June 1977.

They must put together a list of people, of trade unionists, of socialists, of people who do not believe in the Social Contract, to stand up for the right to work.

For the right to work.

Of course, this right favours those with most wealth. But at least it allows room for counter-information to be put out by socialist organizations, trade unions, community organizations, trade unions and so on.

Contempt

One way to avoid this happening is through radio and TV. All sorts of people had beenarily up for the right to broadcast.

The broadcasting service would become an arm of the Labour Party. There could be many workers who had been clear of the Social Contract.

The Social Contract is an idea that the socialist press can only survive with great difficulties, and even then there are attempts to force it out of business through actions that it cannot match.

So the Annan of this world are prepared to insist on ‘freedom of the press’ as a fiction, knowing it is not going to be too harmful to them.

But radio and TV broadcasting equipment is getting cheaper and cheaper. And in the longer-term it must be very strong to prevent them getting into the ‘wrong hands’.

In Italy recently the state has an attempt to restrict the freedom of broadcast has resulted in court battles. But since there has been a proliferation of local left-wing broadcasting stations.

In describing these, the Financial Times summed up last week what the whole argument is about.

As far as some people are concerned, the Citizen’s Band gives the public its own control of powerful means of communication. In Italy, the evidence of control over radio waves has been considered.

Radio Links have averted a major conflict in the future of the students and left-wing groups organizing protest rallies.

Don't miss it

Send in your greetings

May Day is going to be special. Socialists are bringing out a special issue. Make sure your friends know, they are carrying on the traditions of the great May Day tradition. Send in your greetings. For only if you support may Day is going to be special. The socialist movement is us.

Rates:

- 100 per cent off (bring in 250 words)

Send to:

Socialist Worker

217 High St

London SE1

Close on May 1

May Day greetings in.

I would like the following size of greeting:

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BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Scottland

END POLICE BRUTALITY DEFEND THE ISLINGTON 18!

Manchester

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY DEFEND THE ISLINGTON 18
Meetings organised by Flame and the Socialist Workers Party

Manchester

Manchester  Sunday 5 April 7pm

Sharrow, Miller's Barnop, Gorton, Beswick, Chorlton, Withington.

Chairman—S. Mccoll

South East

London

Defend the Islinton 18—stop police brutality

London

Action at the unions

Northern Ireland

DON'T YOU OWE IT TO OUR DEAR QUEEN TO WELCOME HER JUBILEE YEAR?

West

NOTICES

South

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

NEWS

LONDON

Rock Against Racism: "Due to the班解析 error, we're unable to prepare the list of events for your area. We're working on it as soon as possible.

Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE'S SOCIALIST CULTIVATION..."...and we're trying to keep up with the work.

North West

RUGBY SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY meetings today Thursday. The meeting on the eve of the game against France.

Cheshire

Manchester Socialists hold meeting tonight. See our notice in the next issue.

Carlisle

SEASON'S GREETINGS! Our local meeting this evening will be held in the town hall. See our notice in the next issue.

Midlands

Defend the Islinton 18—stop police brutality

Midlands

Action at the unions

North West

MIDWEST SOCIALIST WORKERS Party meet tonight, 7pm, 21 Church St, Prestwich, Manchester.

Western

SWSC (Socialist Workers Party)

SW Recordings

The world working class is in crisis. Capitalist governments and multinational corporations have plunged the world into a capitalist depression. The Socialist Workers Party is the only viable alternative to the capitalist system.

As we move towards 2018, the global capitalist system is in crisis. It cannot be reformed. The only way forward is for workers to take control of the means of production. This can only be achieved through revolution.

The Socialist Workers Party is the most radical, independent and international socialist organisation in the world.

We need your help to build a strong socialist movement. Join us today!

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Women's Voice

Socialist Worker Weekend

SKEGNESS '77

SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSION MEETINGS

- Paul Foot on TOM PAINE AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- Alison Kirk on RAPE
- Clive Jenkins on SATIRE: We understand that our work does not make for easy reading
- Peter Chappell on GEORGE DAVIES IS INNOCENT, OK?
- Edmond Baluku on POLAND'S REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS

JAMIE LAZARON on WORK, MEN, AND WOMEN

V. Lenin (guest appearance) on THE WORK OF THE CLIFF

TONGU on PERMANENT REVOLUTION IN AFRICA AND THE WAY AHEAD

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WILL BE WELL CATERED FOR

- Six nursery nurses to look after the youngest, and chalet patrols
- Films, cartoons and television
- Visits to Skegness Marine Zoo and Nature Trail
- Football and table tennis competitions
- Professional children's entertainers
- Meetings for over-12s — how to organise in school, women's rights, racism.
- Children's theatre — your own plays, write them, act them, make your own costumes.

BIG, BIG BANDS

STEEL PULSE (left), Birmingham's top Reggae band

MIKE CARVER at the piano

PLUS BRONX rock band,

AND THE RETURN OF THE NEWCASTLE BEGGARMEN

FOOTBALL

One barrel of Real Ale to the winners. Register your team with Stuart Cullford on arrival.

PHYSICAL JERKS

A golden opportunity for all those who have promised themselves that one day they'll get fit — and a solution to the morning after the night before! Each morning at 7.30am, Jimmy McCallum (ex-football pro) and Neil Davies (ex-army) will get you through your pieces.

BELT AND BRACES ROADSHOW present their new rock musical

NOT SO GREEN AS IT'S CABBAGE

ARE YOU A TALENTED ENTERTAINER? Each night in The Drifters bar there will be a special spot for talented amateurs. So bring your own instrument. Contact Mike Carver in The Drifters at 7pm on the Friday for audition.

THE BIG SCREEN

- JUST SOME OF THE FILMS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

You can arrive at the Derbyshire Miners Holiday Camp, Skegness, any time after 2pm on Friday 8 April. The first meal is at 6pm. The weekend finishes after the last meal, Monday lunchtime, 1 pm.

PLEASE SEND THE BALANCE OF ALL MONEY BY TUESDAY 5 APRIL TO SVP, 5 Cottington Gardens, London, E2. Any queries, phone 01-739 6273.
Stechford: Socialist who?

I was at Stechford as the weekend to help the Socialist Workers Party election campaign. On Sunday morning the doorbell rang and I heard the voice of the local Trades Union Congress (TUC) man telling me: "We've got to be at the count now!"

The SWP has a long history of involvement in trade union struggles, and this one was no exception. The local TUC was supporting a socialist candidate in the election, and various SWP members were helping to canvass for him. The TUC was keen to ensure that its socialist candidate had a fair chance of winning, and was providing resources and support to help achieve this.

WHOS THE TRUST HOUSE 'WORKER' WITH THE £12,000 PAY RISE?

The hotel workers in Oxford, Birmingham and Sheffield who are on strike for union recognition must have been cheered last week by a landmark victory in their struggle when their employers, Trust House Forte, published its annual report to shareholders.

The Intercontinental Marriot Group, which is running up to three hotel food offices in the SWP, has been at the forefront of organizing for fair working conditions. The group was among the first to express support for the workers, and has been actively involved in negotiating with management.

The first news for the workers, however, was to learn that their fellow workers at Trust House Forte received a pay rise of £2,000 each, while their own were virtually untouched. This is a clear indication of the need for stronger union representation and solidarity among workers.

DEFINITELY NOT: Workers at the Radisson Hotel, Oxford, one of those hotels on strike over four months.

NOT AN SWP member nor even really a supporter. Any political group has been anywhere is just stupid. Your comments do not reflect the views of the Socialist Worker Party.

Toolmakers: You're too unrealistic

YOUR SUPPORT for the independent toolmakers is not justified. Any political group must be prepared to put its own interests first. Your comments are based on a misunderstanding of the situation.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BARRICADES

I was amazed to read in Socialist Worker (12 March) an article calling on trade unionists to support the police in their actions against the unemployed. The article states that the police are "our friends, not our enemies" and that the unemployed must "not resort to violence or illegal action."

However, the police are not neutral. They are on the side of the ruling class and their actions are designed to suppress resistance to the capitalist system. The slogan "Your police, your friends" is a lie, and the idea that the police are "our friends" is deeply misleading.

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Organise Row for Strike Action Against the Social Contract

Les Kaye, a Manchester busman, told the TGWU conference that the structure of the Social Contract is the rank and file from real power. He said: "The moment the leadership try to exercise control over their own conditions by using the union, they are doing right up to the last strike against the Social Contract, the TGWU as a union, not the members."

Redundancies

John Graham, shop steward at M.A.S. Ferguson in Manchester, told the TGWU conference that the Social Contract was the result of a "right up to the last strike against the Social Contract, the TGWU as a union, not the members."

Handpicked

Mickey St George, a pensioner from Westminster, said: "We are not silly gits any more."

Annexed

We have been in struggle for a long time, he said. "Our industry was being run down in the run-down."

Socialist Squeak

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Start organizing now for the one-day national strike called for 19 or 20 April by the British Leyland combine committee. That was the main message from the conference held in Manchester at the weekend.

Some 70 members of the Transport Workers union attended a meeting organised by TGWU supporters of the Right to Work Campaign. They included strikers from Yardley's in Basildon and Trust House Forte.

Nearly all engineers attended the conference organised by the rank and file paper in the AUEW, the Engineers Charter. They included strikers from Widnes in Leicester where 600 workers are on strike to save their jobs, and Landers in Birmingham, where AUEW members are fighting for trade union recognition.

Fighting to change the TGWU
LANElli. Right to Work Campaign supporters demonstrating in the town centre last Saturday as part of the fight to stop the rundown of a local hospital. The area department is to be moved and a laundry shed with the loss of 13 jobs. The local Labour controlled council and the area health authority have also decided not to build a new £110,000 unit. Clarence Allen Bowen, the council’s chief executive, justified plans to get the money in a bank to earn some interest.

Three thousand heads were distributed on Saturday’s demonstration and notices collected from people prepared to help carry on the campaign.

CONVOY OF PROTEST AT BUS STATION

GLASGOW: A convoy of buses displaying posters for the Right to Work Campaign and a “Left to Work Motion” carried the headquarters of the Strathclyde Region Council to the protest in the proposed closure of the garage.

Meanwhile 200 bus workers and trade unionists picketed the building, Melrose House, and a procession including a coffin toured nearby streets.

TURNOUT

On the picket were delegations from Tolverock’s Linlithgow plant, Singers, Scotstoun Marine Yard, Telford, Whittaker, Finglas, Mirror, John Brown Engineer- ing, the local authority electricians, Chrystler AUEW, engineers from Knightwood Hospital, students from Clydebank Technical College and a big turnout from the strikers at Anderson Strathcladh.

Many of them were listened to by the council’s refusal to talk about the closure of Parking Garages, which means the loss of 300 jobs and reduction in bus services.

A spontaneous meeting was held where delegates pledged to continue their struggle.

Messages of support and donations to Portobello Action Committee, Hayburn Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, will continue.

THE CAMPAIGN by Glasgow bus workers to refuse to collect fares has been successful and united. A觉醒 in the campaign.

The pickets have realised that the success of the campaign is in their hands and have agreed to continue their struggle.

The Council has been forced to listen to the demands of the workers and a agreement has been reached.

The proposed closure was raised by the Portobello workers, who have been fighting against the proposal for many months.

The victory was won by the determination of the workers and their support from the public.

Sickers

March 20th, but on the 21st March, the Right to Work Campaign launched a campaign to win the support of the public.

The campaign was led by the Right to Work Campaign and the Scottish National Party. The campaign was successful and the workers were able to win the support of the public.

The battle to save canteen by ANNE ROBERTSON

The battle to save the canteen at the Royal Ingersoll factory in North Manchester gave rise to a significant protest. The canteen was closed by the management without warning that only a few days earlier.

The day before the clash, the management had announced that the canteen would be closed.
WE GRUNWICK strikers have been conned. Conned into believing the TUC and the official movement were against us in this battle for support of our strike.

And conned into thinking that government legislation would protect us and not act against us.

But Wednesday, 59 of our members appeared before an Industrial Tribunal to voice their case that they had been attacked on strike. They have been résistered by the TUC in the battle for strike recognition as the trade unions.

We don't have 'heavy industry' anymore.

Sold out

When I heard the news I couldn't believe it. After 32 weeks of struggle we had been sold out.

Management had cut a deal with the TUC. We were informed of what they were thinking of doing last week but we were not told that this was the deal that they were negotiating. We were told that the management were willing to make a number of changes in order to get trade union recognition. We had been sold out.

We're not, how can you fight a battle like this, you can't fight a battle like this without the support of the trade unions.

Sold out

Our members and their families were in our union, the EPU, but only a few of them had been treated fairly and decently by the TUC.

Picketed

Our members were picketing outside the factory every day. We had many pickets and we had many members of the public who were cheering us on. We had a lot of support.

BASILDON: For seven weeks, the 400 equal pay strikers at Vandyke's toiled in vain. They sought the support of the TUC, the EPU, and the general public. But the TUC asked them to give up.

The women were resigned to what seemed inevitable, to cut their hours and call it a day. And yet the strike could have been saved, if only the TUC had acted.

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Transport Union bitterness could have been approached by the union leadership to make it official.

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The women were very angry and they were determined to fight for their rights.

Brushed off

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Uproar over full-time

By JOHNNY MILLER

GLASGOW: "Lasges should pay our union full time," said the workers at the National Hall, the UCATT full time. They got a quick response from the union.

"We're fighting for the recognition of a union on this site," they said.

The TUC and the GMB in Glasgow are still in dispute over the strike.

We need to coordinate our industrial action and fight for the recognition of a union on this site."

Deputations

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Dundee, Bathgate 1109th, and Dulwich, Vanbrugh, London, SSW.
HOSPITAL WORKERS GET 'THE TREATMENT' FROM FLEET STREET

The Daily Mail suddenly became aware this week of the plight of pensioners, the mentally handicapped and the sick.

The well-said propaganda machine that remains silent when old people freeze to death because of increasing electricity costs, suddenly slipped into action on behalf of patients in hospitals in Epsom, Surrey.

Why? Because in starting up sympathy for the old and the ill, the failure to be able to launch a three-page attack on hospital workers, who have been on strike for a week.

Storm

The Mail's ad was an attempt to make the public aware of the facts of life. The ad was a reminder that the Daily Mail could be relied on to explain what the dispute is about.

But they were right about one thing. The Daily Mail is the only national newspaper that has taken a stand on the strike.

The 188 social workers, members of the T&GWU, believe any reasonable management would not have imposed a dispute over working hours which will cost the ratepayers and the National Health Service.

Frank Stinton, shop steward at the Epsom Hospital, explained: "One young couple who were on the same shift issue to the strike launched a case in which there was always someone to look after their child. The girl's mother had been caring for the child but was too sick to work because she had to work.

Local, social workers in Cobham, Ewell, and Dorking, have become interested in the strike because of the "sick" situation of patients in hospitals.

Counts

"The strike has had more publicity than any other strike. It's all to do with the hospital situation."}

Scottish TUC call for inquiry into police attack

The Daily Mail calls for a massive picket on Monday without the 400 workers made redundant.

There are now few obstacles to the workers' plans to break the factory, and the remaining 42 workers are in a new house scheme that will cost £25,000 for every family.

Management threatened that if there was no return to work they would have sacked the rest of the workforce for industrial misconduct.

The strike committee, led by confidence and failure to put a recommendation to continue the strike to the mass meeting.

The strike committee of the AWEU have been left in the lurch by the unexpected decision not to proceed with the strike at all.

Ricky Tollman, an AWEU official, said: "We were too late. The check-off took place last week. But we still have 400 workers who want to be involved."