‘WORK OR BE SACKED’
BLACKMAIL.
A threat to every worker

IF WORKERS demand a decent wage, threaten them with the sack.

That was the message from the government-owned British Airways to all other employers this week. It follows a similar message from the Leyland bosses two weeks ago.

The newspaper and television have enthusiastically joined the attack on the airport workers. It is the third group of workers they have attacked in one week.

First they turned on ELECTRICIANS at the huge Port Talbot steelworks in South Wales, denouncing them for bringing the steelworks to a halt.

The electricity workers want more money for taking on extra work and are being told they can’t have it.

Then, they got stuck into BRITISH AIRWAYS ENGINEERING WORKERS who are refusing to work shifts until they get the same kind of shift rates as workers elsewhere in engineering.

The airport workers were savagely attacked for causing ‘holiday chaos’ — through its own British Airways management that produced the chaos by sending workers home to refuse to work shifts.

There was a special deal of venom reserved for the delegates to the conference called by the BRITISH LEYLAND STEWARDS in Birmingham on Sunday.

According to the Daily Mail, they too were threatening ‘chaos’ by calling a day of action, including a strike action, against the Social Contract on 20 April.

But we say:
ALL THESE WORKERS ARE RIGHT TO TAKE ACTION.

They have no choice. In the past three years average living standards have fallen by nearly a fifth, 20p in every £1.

Growing numbers of working-class families just cannot afford to buy meat, drink tea or coffee, pay the rent, clothe the children or go out a couple of times a week. The cost of all these things has been soaring while wages have been controlled by the Social Contract.

Meanwhile, profits have risen 30 per cent in a year. That’s the ‘Contract’ they get richer, we get poorer.

The final insult was Denis Healey’s budget last week. According to calculations in the Guardian, it takes away an average £5 a week from families that earn less than £40 a week—thanks to the price increases in the package.

By contrast, it gives £37 to those on salaries of £25,000-plus.

You can’t change this disgusting state of affairs by sitting quietly and hoping for a better future. That merely allows people like Healey to take still more from the poor to give to the rich, to cut back more on hospitals and schools, to leave more people on the dole queues.

To change things, you have to take the sort of action taken in Port Talbot and the airports, the sort of action called for at the Leyland conference.

Support the Port Talbot and British Airlines workers!
Strike and demonstrate against the Social Contract on Wednesday 20 April.
The barbarity they call 'strip-searching'

THE DUBLIN government has said bluntly that it will allow Republican prisoners on hunger strike in Portlaoise prison to die rather than concede their demand for release of the política.

And, just to underline the point, squadrons of police thugs staged vicious attacks on Republican demonstrators outside the prison on Sunday in scenes resembling those of Spain's Franca.

This possibility of some of the prisoners dying is very real. The 28 men are now in the fifth week of their hunger strike. And a number of them are already too weak for walking or sitting. The most severe of the hunger strikers are now in the second week of their non-stop-searching and solitary confinement.

The hunger strikers are an example of the frequency of the strip-searching. Most have undergone it three times in an hour, although locked alone in a cell throughout. One man was strip-searched six times in one day while in solitary confinement.

It is simply a device by which the prison staff force them to break their strikes.

The San Francisco Police Department, which does not have such a practice, has decided to stop strip-searching and solitary confinement.

Special confinement means that the prisoner is put in a cell in a special locked section of the prison. The cell is extremely small. The prisoner is allowed nothing to read, no radios, cigarettes or other foods. He gets out of the cell for one hour a day to do some exercise in a tiny yard. It is imposed for the most trivial offences. Some men get a mouth wash for talking at mass.

Voting facilities are so bad as to make the option a real one for all prisoners and relatives. There are no facilities for recreation or for children. As a result, there are about 160 prisoners and a company of soldiers are permanently stationed inside the building. It is as bleak and as brutal as an atmosphere to create such a situation. The highest possible point is by far the point.

If any of the hunger-strikers die, there will be an explosion of anger inside the Republican Movement, and outside it.

The determination of the Dublin government to be seen as tough on the prisoners means that the military may have to lead to yet another bloody incident inside the prison.

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RACIALIST THUGS ON THE RAMPAGE

RACIALIST violence flared on the streets of Oxford at midnight last Thursday.

Monawar Hussain told Socialist Worker what happened:

"While waiting for a take-away meal three Asian youths were called 'black bastards' by two men in their late twenties. Unfortunately for the two racists, they picked on the wrong kids.

Shots

Before the fight started, one man pulled out a gun, but we thought it was a toy. He headed off to his friend, saying 'Don't be afraid to show your friends how to deal with them."

A fight started and a crackerjack mysteriously ended up on the head of the Asian youths. The man with the gun ran across the road and shot a young man called Saleh Aqeel, 17, through the glass doors.

The gunman then walked off the street and called and a car began.

One of the most revolting policies now is the deportation of nationals from Ireland. And the Labour Government is the deportation of nationalists.

HELP ANTI-FASCISTS

1. The hospital is equally short of all staff. Everyone is overworked and the nurses are off sick because they are not paid.
2. Ten years ago there were two female nurses, two staff nurses, two S.E.N. staff nurses, and probably two sisters on every ward.
3. Drugs

On my ward there are two female students, two trainee nurses, two staff nurses and the key in the corridor. The door is locked and there are no patients.

There are millions of patients on the ward. The nurses hold a meeting to discuss the situation. They work hard, they work the back of qualified nurses, they work with patients on a ward not a ward.

We've got to fight to make sure that no one is treated like that. We need more nurses and more qualified nurses.

The hospital is equally short of national nurses and therefore money's a much more difficult job to fight to defend the present number of nurses, never mind getting more.

And second, if any work, that work is not lost.

So far, I've only seen four days out. It's going to take a lot to get my book back. By the time I get to the hospital, they've knocked me out of the street. And they're not going to let me see the patient.

"So far I've lost three days' pay, so far I've lost a lot of money and it means we get a poor training. There's none even to supervise in when we're charging dressings."

"Overseas student nurses are training as S.E.N.s, which means they can't get a job as a nurse anywhere else in the world. England is an export and the place where that qualification is recognized."

For two years they've put up with being bullied and pushed around. All for nothing. They work too hard, they're always on night duty and working weekends.

"Exploited"

"If there are no accidents against the patients, they're always the ones who get blamed to the coroner's court. The coroner's court is always the one that gives the nurse the highest estimate for the work and the lack of qualified nurses in hospitals."

"We've got to fight to make sure that no one is treated like that. We need more nurses and more qualified nurses."
THE TORY victory in Stechford and the big freeze is raising the stakes in the political game for every worker.

The cuts in our living standards pushed through by the Lab-Lib government are driving an important minority of workers to vote for the right or even the extreme right.

There is little doubt that a general election victory would lead to a massive Tory victory.

There is no answer for trade union leaders such as Jack Jones, saying we can avoid defeat if we all 'pull together' and don't rock the boat.

Stechford shows what's in store for Labour—and why we must fight now to prepare for the Tories later.

They have been telling us for three years to trust the government—the same government that has presided over mass unemployment, wage freezes, inflation, the wrecking of large areas of the National Health Service, and an organised assault on the welfare state.

These policies will let the Tories back into office.

The victory in Stechford is a clear indication that the Stechford Constituency Labour Party, led by Brian, was at the Sunday's conference against the Social Contract. We did awfully because we apologised for a Labour government that is gutting our living standards. The fascists are clawing out of the woodwork because the people of this country are confused.

Of course no socialist wants to see the return of a Tory government. But there is no point in being frightened and putting up with the prospect. We can resist and defeat a Tory government.

This was the message of the miners' victory over Edward Heath and the Tories in 1974. And it is the memory of that battle that made The Times, The Guardian and the Financial Times urge Liberal support for Callaghan. They are frightened of what the trade union movement would do to a Tory government.

They want a Labour government for a few more months because they know Jack Jones and Jim Callaghan will cook up another round of wage restraint and the continuation of the Social Contract.

And they know that Jack Jones is far more likely to sell that deal to the trade union movement than a government led by Margaret Thatcher.

The rank and file resistance to another round of the Social Contract will lay the basis for the sort of organisation we shall need in the autumn if there is a Tory government.

THE BUDGET HEADLINE THAT SAID IT ALL...

THE PIPS shouldn't even mention this time the economist magazine commented on Denis Healey's budget.

Healey, of course, the man who was working in 1973 and 1974 by running to distribute wealth from the rich to the poor and the poor unskilled.

Clearly the rich have every reason to crow.

The budget gave a married man an extra £55,000 with two children a year for child E120, a cut in income tax.

Someone on £5,000 a year only gets a cut of £5 7/6. A real gain of £5 7/6.

The Guardian gave figures that gave a cut in income tax and the changes in petrol tax and the changes in petrol duty, capital gains tax and housing tax and so on.

For the average family the change is this.

AN SWP CANDIDATE

THE SOCIALIST Workers Party are standing a candidate in the Gripple by-election, which is to take place on 28 April. He is Mike Slattery, a Lancashire unskilled worker, a member of the TGWU and the local trades council.

Anyone who can help in any way, especially in the Campaign, should contact the Party immediately on 01-729 9772.

If only the Great Train Robbers had gone to Eton...

IT'S NOT true that there's one law for the rich and another for the poor.

Ask Thomas Montague Hickman, he knows there's no law for the rich.

An officer and a gentleman, he left the Old Bailey a free man last Friday after pleading guilty to two 'highly professional and terrifying' robberies.

Things had looked grim for Monty. After all, he had cleared his banker's safe and had an offer with a wrong-off shot for £217,500.

But, thanks to good legal advice from his solicitors, he had used his made-home brains to the advantage of those who had stolen him.

He had been given a suspended sentence.

Similar understanding from Judge Griffith-Jones was not unfortunately extended to two youths who recently appeared before him for that of 'hanging' art.

The judge sent them to detention centres but then, of course, they had been to Eton and were in full command of their senses.

Like all good judges, Griffith-Jones displays much sympathy in expressing class solidarity—or class hatred, as he case may be. Almost exactly two years ago, a young lad called Simon Rhodes was given a conditional discharge after he admitted setting fire to Harrow School, where he was a pupil.

Justice McKenna explained his decision—which was clearly influenced by the fact that Rhodes was a second cousin to the Quenn—"to send you to prison or to a Borstal institution would serve no purpose."

Another lucky young man that year was 17-year-old Anthony Summers, expelled from a public school for smoking.

Justice Theaker let him off because he doubted 'whether someone of a public school education gains much from Borstal training.

Therager's views of those without a public school education are, however, rather different.

Seven years earlier, he had had before him a younger called Tim Davis, who, believing war to be unavoidable, had climbed to the dome of the Imperial War Museum and thrown a petrol bomb inside.

Davis, who quickly gave himself up to the police, was sent to jail for two years by Judge Theaker with the words: "To send you to Borstal would be like putting a ghetto in an unlocked fuel store.

Serves him right for not having been to Eton.
Stechford: What we gained

THE Stechford by-election showed that a growing number of workers have had enough of the Labour Party and its leadership. Much of this feeling was shown in the apparently high vote for the National Front. But there was also a small but growing number of workers who were prepared to vote for Stechford to send a warning to the Labour Party. Compared with the result of the vote in Whitchurch and Nonsuch, the vote for the Socialist Workers Party and its group was 2.5 per cent of the vote.

The SWP didn't do as well as we had hoped, but there were important gains.

Order

On polling day, our candidates, Paul Footcote and Lindsey Dutton, were a disappointment. The Countings, and outside the countings, were a disaster. As a result, shop stewards endeavoured to canvass for us in the vote which the workers' week later. None of the 60 activists elected in the district of Stechford, but an extra 50 were elected in another district.

In all, 25 of the workers' points joined the SWP on the day of the countings. Thers were 3,000 points. The poverty of Socialist Workers has been revealed. It is a sign of weakness.

Students say it again: NO fascists in colleges!

FASCISTS and racists are not to be allowed into Britain's colleges. That was the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students, which is the decision reached by the National Union of Students.

Critical

THE conference didn't accurately reflect the large majority of delegates. The campaign to reverse the union's policy was dominated by the Left Labour Party and Communist Party members.

On those other issues, the conference managed to get its way, when able, by relying on Tory votes, to block a motion calling for the expulsion of the fascists from the college. Perhaps the most important thing that the conference shows is the frustration among students. Faced with worsening living conditions, hundreds of thousands of students are voting for the party's record.

Smash the Social Contract

All out Tuesday 18th March STRIKE AGAINST THE SOCIAL CONTRACT!

The British Leyland combines campaign, the Right to Work Campaign and the Defence of Trade Unions will be holding a meeting NOW! enlisting the forces of 1,000 workers to form a smashing victory!

Right to Work Campaign

WHY DECIDE NOW on the Social Contract? Do you want to lose your job? Do you want to lose your living?

STOP THE CONTRACT!

DON'T COMPROMISE!

DON'T BE COMPLACENT!

Some people have asked: Why the figure of £40,000? It is the minimum we need to prevent the trade union leaders from breaking the strike.

If we beat this attack, we think these 'spoiled child' leaders will find something more worthwhile to do with their members' funds.

DONATE TO THE SOCIALIST WORKER FUND

STOP the Social Contract! Nofalse in colleges!
**LEYLAND CONFERENCE NAMES THE DATE FOR ACTION AGAINST THE SOCIAL CONTRACT**

1700 DELEGATES, including 300 Leyland shop stewards and representatives from the whole of industry, called for an end to the Social Contract and a day of action on 20 April, including strikes and demonstrations.

That was the outcome of the conference on Sunday in Birmingham, called by the Leyland Shop Stewards' Committee.

**Enthusiasm**

At the beginning of the conference, there was considerable enthusiasm. The delegates clearly represented some of the most powerful sections of rank and file trade unionists. There was a feeling that, with power now secured, the Social Contract could quickly be killed and buried.

**Uproar over toolmakers**

There was an important division within the conference. It was about how the words against the Social Contract were to be translated into deeds.

The platform and a good number of speakers from the floor said they were against the Contract. But then they went on attack as "rationalist" and "anti-revolutionary" toolmakers strike, which the Leyland management and the ex-vice president of the Engineering Union had threatened to break with threats of a lockout.

The toolmakers had put forward the Lehi toolmakers' strike as the model for the Social Contract. They said they had been in a position of strength, where they could take advantage of the weakness of the management and the support of the Social Contract.

When the Social Contract was announced, the toolmakers' strike was on the cards. But when the strike was announced, the toolmakers' strike was called off. The toolmakers then took it to the Court of Appeal and won.

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**Toolmakers**

George Cole, president of the AUEW Manchester District, pointed out that the Social Contract was a model for the toolmakers' strike. The Social Contract was a model for the toolmakers' strike.

Mike Brown, of the Fleet Toolmakers, pointed out that his strike was many ways similar to the Social Contract. The Social Contract was a model for the toolmakers' strike.

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TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM
Duncan Hallas

The Iroquois indians had no state, no police system, no private property and a high status for women.

ONE THING about the development of the human family is sure. It is tied up with the development of property. What is most important—and they are historically controversial—is this: the central fact.

In particular, the evolution of private property—which means rights held by individuals over things and especially over other people—was hand in hand with the growth of dominance over men and women and with the emergence of the state—a armed force separated from, and parasitic on the actual producers of wealth.

This is the thesis of Engels' famous book The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State. No other Marxist writing has been so strongly attacked in the past 100 years, nor even Marx's Capital.

Many have argued that the critics, liberal and conservative alike, really have been attacking Engels in private property. It is not clear why such an obvious falsehood should have been brought up in main defenses of the state.

Tribunal

Engels relied for part of his evidence on the work of the American student of workers' primitive societies, Lewis Henry Morgan. Morgan had become the Iroquois Indians of New York State, who still preserved a primitive organization in the last centuries—and very much the popular idea of tribal life it turned out to be.

In fact Morgan became an Iroquois by adoption. He wrote, "I have met a very rich man named Morgan, and I have been told by several persons that he is related to the Iroquois."

One man's Indian is another man's property.

The Iroquois were not Indians. They were only people who had been made so in name. They were not a tribe. They were not a people. They were a group of farmers and traders who had been made so in the name of the state. They were not a tribe. They were not a people. They were a group of farmers and traders who had been made so in the name of the state.

The Iroquois did not have a state. They did not have a police system. They did not have private property. They did not have a high status for women.

CENSORSHIP! A case for the NAAF?

The Prison governor at Walton in soma told a Liberals' Censorship from prisoner Billy Casey.

Another Right to Work marcher, Joe Crosson, told Socialist Worker: "On the last occasion I went up there they had the letter recorded at the Recorder's and one to the Governor prohibiting the withholding of mail from Billy.

The second record delivery to that one said the letters on the 13th and on the 14th they said they would act, together with a letter from the Governor saying: "If you do not open up to the Liberals' Censorship prior to the end of the week you will be punished severely.

So I wrote a letter to the Governor begging him to open the mail. But the letter was returned to me saying this is not separate with the mail.

I am told that I had another letter from Billy on the 13th and 14th and we received it.

The second delivery we were in the Governor's home in the New York City mansion and that the content of my letter is so monstrous. I have no long time before I go to prison.

I am told that the difference between the two offices was between the Post Office person and the people who are doing the mailing. It is all this is for.

I have seen them send the mail and I was the last one to send the mail. I was the last one to send the mail.

I have written to Labour MP Frank Allan, and I've had a letter back from him.

I am told that the time is coming that the mail is going to be sent to the Governor's home, and that the content of my letter is so monstrous. I have no long time before I go to prison.

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THE guerrilla war for the freedom of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) from white minority rule has been out of the headlines.

But that does not mean that the fighting has stopped. If anything, it has been getting more intense.

In two days last week, 26 people died, according to the white regime.

More significant, however, the war against the freedom fighters has stopped markedly in the last few weeks.

A number of factors have contributed to this, the most important being the beginnings of negotiations between the main parties.

As a result, the war has been reduced to a lower level of violence, with fewer deaths reported than in recent months.

THE Smith regime is facing a growing black rebellion of the ZAPU party being brought to its knees.

This is why the new regime, led by Ian Smith, has been forced to make concessions, including a cease-fire.

The regime also made a change of heart after it became clear that the war was spiralling out of control.

The ceasefire was announced on January 23, 1979.

The ceasefire was welcomed by the people of Zimbabwe and was seen as a step towards a peaceful solution to the conflict.

The ceasefire was implemented, and the regime began to negotiate with the opposition parties.

The ceasefire lasted for about a year, until it was declared null and void in January 1980, following the failure of talks.

The ceasefire was not renewed, and the war resumed.

The renewed conflict was marked by a number of major battles.

The most significant was the Battle of Chikwangura, which took place in November 1979.

The battle was fought between the ZAPU and ZANU (Mugabe) forces and the white army.

It resulted in a significant victory for the ZAPU forces, who were able to capture a number of white soldiers and equipment.

The battle marked a turning point in the war, and it was seen as a clear indication that the white regime was losing control.

The war lasted until the Zimbabwe declaration of independence in April 1980.

Some of the thousands of Zimbabweans who attended last month's mass memorial near 250 AVS for the dead of their comrades killed while pursuing against Israeli land-grabbing.

Why blacks are refusing
do Smith's dirty work

BLACK police and soldiers in the employ of Rhodesia's white minority government are deserting in growing numbers.

The following interview, from the Zimbabwe Weekly magazine, Tembo, is one of several interviews published in Tembo magazine.

I asked the police because of the time there was no other choice in Zimbabwe. There is a lot on my own side, especially in the countryside. There is no work.

Racist

The words of Robert Chirwa, a deserter from the Rhodesian police in Zimbabwe.

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The labour government has launched a series of debates about its plans to be the falling standards in education. The government's main contribution being massive cut-backs in education spending. In this issue of its JOURNAL Richard Noss joins The Great Debate with a socialist view.

Also in this months issue Alex Callinicos on The British Road, Joanna Robb Immigration part 2, Colin Sparks on Stuart Holland's The Socialist Challenge, Plus Briefing Notes of the month and Reviews.
WHY THERE IS UNEMPLOYMENT

IN THE mid-1970s, unemployment in Britain reached an official total of a million and a half, the highest level since the pre-war depression. For the first time since the thirties, almost every worker had friends, neighbours or relatives on the dole. During the 1980s and early 1990s, the cycle of boom and slump seemed to have been permanently ended. This cycle had plagued every capitalist country since the beginning of the industrial revolution.

Those who in the 1950s and 1960s thought they had found a regulator for the economy and a means of ending unemployment have to admit that it no longer works.

As early as 1848, in the Communist Manifesto, Marx and Engels described how this switchback-ride from boom to crisis in built into the capitalist system. A simplified explanation of Marx's complex analysis is under capitalism, those with money use it to buy factories, equip them and employ workers to make goods. The capitalist then sells the goods, fixing the price so that it covers their expenditure on wages and raw materials and repays the cost of plant—their capital.

They then add an extra element—profit. Most of this profit is reinvested to produce more goods and so make more profit, and in this way capitalists aim to accumulate more and more profit.

The goods produced are put on sale, but their prices are fixed up to more than the wages which have been paid out in the workers, so the workers cannot afford to buy all the goods which are available.

The result is an apparent surplus of goods—not more goods than people need, but more than they can afford.

Marx also explained that unemployment is not just a result of the crisis, but that it is essential to the accumulation of profit since unemployment acts as a "reserve army of labour" outside the factory gates which helps employers to discipline the workers inside the factory and keep their wages down.

Throughout the competitive manoeuvres the needs of people are subordinated to the demands of profit.
were decent young mothers and union workers... They had been brought up to work, and it seemed as if they were never going to have the chance of working again.

In their circumstances it was miserable, as first, that they should be humiliated by a feeling of personal degradation. That was the attitude towards

unemployment in these days. It was a disaster which happened to you as an individual and for which you were to blame. That's what George Orwell wrote 40 years ago, in the Road to Wigan Pier. In 1976 a young unemployed engineering worker described the same feeling:

I was very down because I'd written, I'd been writing letters for jobs, drawing only one interview, that I didn't get the job for. On average there's anything between three and four hundred people going for a job. I mean one does become very demoralized. I was a lads I knew coming to sign on. She's usually a nice, cheerful sort of face. She's always smiling, always nice to you. As she came down, she had her coat collar turned up, and dark glasses on, and she was huddled down, and she was so depressed.

'You know, it was like the end of the world. I mean I'd only been out a couple of months, but you get to that point very quickly.

And of people who don't understand why there's unemployment at this time in such large numbers get the idea that they themselves personally are failing, that they're not good enough. That's why they don't get a job. That's just not true in this situation.'

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And of people who don't understand why there's unemployment at this time in such large numbers get the idea that they themselves personally are failing, that they're not good enough. That's why they don't get a job. That's just not true in this situation.'
BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Socialist Worker public meetings


STOP POLICE BRUTALITY DEFEND ISLINGTON 18

Meetings organised by Flame and the Socialist Workers Party

GLASGOW: Tuesday 12 April 6.30pm, Humane Society, 202 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. Speaker: Elgie Paton

LEEDS: Thursday 14 April, 6pm, Bridge Pub, Wood Street, Leeds. Speaker: Stuart Cornish

LEICESTER: Tuesday 12 April, 6.30pm, Socialism Live, 54 High Street, Leicester. Speaker: Paul Grings

NORTHAMPTON: Thursday 14 April, 8pm, Northampton Polytechnic, Lecture Theatre, Middle Road, Northampton

NEWCASTLE: Thursday 14 April, 7.30pm, Cornerstone, 58 Westgate Road, Newcastle

DEMONSTRATION: Saturday 23 April, called by the Islington 18 Defence Committee. Assemble 12 noon, outside Holloway Magistrates Court, Holloway Road, London N7. All London SWP members to support.

SPOT THE SCROUGER

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

In this big jubilee year, FOCUS is appealing to everyone to support our jubilee week's campaign of non-violent direct action. How can you avoid taking part in a jabilee? It's simple. If you see a cop, you'll know you can't avoid it. Decide to do something about it now.

BADGES: Fight the Cuts and Shift the Jobless Friday 7 May 6.30pm, Manor Park Polytechnic, London E1

CUTS PRESSURE: Midweek Meat Monday 14 May, outside Manor Park Polytechnic

MAYDAY: Socialist Workers Party public meeting. Manor Park Polytechnic, London E1. Thursday 19 May, 7.30pm

NOTICES

To all our readers: To hell with the Tory Contract!

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Fill in this coupon and attack it to your greeting (typed if possible) and send it to: Socialist Worker May Day, 6 Customs Gardens, London E2.

I would like the following size of greeting:

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Send cheque/PO for...
Some of my best friends are...British

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Well, we ended up at Ranney Avenue. I was standing there. Kinley was the man. And he was standing there. He was a very officious, very officious, taking a lot of the names of the people. He was saying, 'We're going to do this. We're going to get the paper down, and all hell breaks loose.'

But we began to shoot up, club us, and gas us. 10 people died while 60 were wounded.

I could smell the gunpowder. I'll never forget that. And I began to think of the people who had flown down to, I don't know where they were shooting real bullets. They were shot from behind. They didn't stop shooting until all hell and a half later.

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We are writing to let you know the latest developments in the Murrays case in Ireland, and to ask you to support us.

The Murrays were sentenced to 12 months in prison in Ireland for 25 years. Now Paul Murray has been released, and we believe he was wrongly convicted.

We believe that the case will now be reviewed. If you want to support us, please let us know.

Murray's case has been widely discussed in Ireland, and we believe it will be a significant event. The court's decision will be watched closely.

The decision will be announced on Friday, the 9th of April.

We are confident that the case will be reviewed, and we believe that the Murrays will be released.

We hope that you will support us in this important case.

Thank you for your support.

The Murrays

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**Student Circular no 115**

**Student Union**

I've been teaching overseas students for years, and with my colleagues, we've been trying to get a binding circular issued by the Home Office asking for attendance figures of students, the date they started, and the date they left.

Some nasty-sounding letters have been received, threatening to sue if we don't get the attendance figures.

**The full-time road to bureaucracy**

Many students have contacted the University of London, pointing out that their attendance figures are not being sent to the Home Office. They believe that this is affecting their ability to get permanent visas.

On the other hand, I saw a letter from the Home Office saying that they will send attendance figures to the universities.

**ROBERT ROBERTS**

To confirm this, I spoke to the Home Office today, and they confirmed that they will send attendance figures to the universities.

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**Copies to Mi5, Special Branch and the Shah?**

I've been thinking about the recent leaked documents, and I'm concerned that they might be泄露 to MI5, Special Branch, and the Shah of Iran.

**White Riot**

**Brockley Standard**

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**Rewards of Anti-Racism**

A committee of the Labour Party has been investigating the issue of anti-racism.

Chris Nickels was arrested while addressing a rally in Newcastle-under-Lyme. He was held for 36 hours at the local police station.

The police have yet to release a statement on this issue.

Local residents should be aware that there have been recent incidents of anti-racism.
Inside ‘socialist’ Russia, workers rot in jail for leading a strike

IN THEIR coverage of Russian dissidents and oppositionists, there is one category of people the conventional press consistently ignore.

Yet the category that doesn’t get a look-in is one of the most important of all. For only working-class opposition has the power and the capacity to smash the Russian tyranny and to make a real claim to socialism and freedom.

Last week Socialist Worker received vital information concerning two of the oppositionists the KGB has made its favourite targets. Four men are in jail, from the Leningrad and St Petersburg areas. Notice was given of the fate of their family, and their plight will be explained in the next issue.

Slender

Sergey Ermakov, Yuri Sidelnikov, Moscow

Vladimir Borissov, St Petersburg

The Kremlin special hospital in Leningrad. Borissov was held here.

LAURIE FLYNN ON VLADIMIR BORISSOV AND THE DISSIDENTS

THE BRITISH PRESS PREFERENCES TO IGNORE

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DIRECT your protests about the selling of the Rigas Four to the Russian Ambassador in London, 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8. It is also worth sending a letter or letter of protest from your shop floor, anywhere, to any trade union branch to the bosses of the puppet Russian unions, A Shihbeye.

He is address 1 SSSR g MOOK Banax Londona Prospect All Union Central Council for Trade Unions Chairman, Mr A Shihbeye.
Huddersfield: White-collar engineers at Hopkins have won their fifth month-long strike against the reinstatement of six colleagues sacked during a dispute over wages.

The struggle was vital to preserve effective workforce at Hopkins, which has been in liquidation since last summer. The strike has exposed the scale of management's determination to break the organised membership of TASS and win the court case toナー against the reinstatement of the sacked workers.

Unions were unable to reach agreement with the company. They had already lost two ballots, the third of which was called off by the company.

At the time of the strike, the company had three registered ballots, with the fourth due to be held on 23 May. The union claims that the company had failed to provide the necessary reports and that the workers were not able to vote.

The workers' campaign has also been successful in winning support from other unions, including the Transport and General Workers' Union, which has pledged to support the workers' efforts.

Glasgow: A total of 360 workers at Anderson Shortline, the largest在全国范围内的公司, have gone on strike against the reinstatement of 150 sacked workers at the Anderson Shortline, the largest in the UK.

The strike was provoked by management's refusal to negotiate on any issue with the shop stewards. The workforce saw the issue as a direct attack on the union's right to negotiate salaries and terms and the decision to strike was immediate and unanimous.

The strike began on 21 April and is continuing to this day. The workers have been on strike for two weeks and are determined to continue their struggle for fair treatment.

Abandon

The management has agreed to suspend the strike, with the intention of reaching an agreement on the reinstatement of the 150 sacked workers. The workers are preparing to vote on the proposals.

Official press forces Nigg site back

By LORRE ANTON

NIGG RAY: The strike by 2000 men at the Nigg oil rig construction yard has been broken.

The workers have picketed the yard for six weeks and have now agreed to a 25% pay increase after negotiations.

The workforce was confronted by a large police presence, including the use of riot gear and dogs. The workers were also subjected to a variety of verbal and physical abuse.

The strike began on 15 April and is now in its seventh week. The workers are determined to continue their struggle until justice is served.

Easter unhappy

The picket line at Blackpool in Lancashire, where 37 Electricity Union members are working, has been broken by a letter from the company.

The picket line was set up by the workers in opposition to the company's decision to close the Blackpool power station.

The letter, which was signed by the company's managing director, stated that the workers were being misled and that the company had no intention of closing the station.

The workers responded by increasing their picketing and by launching a campaign to win public support for their cause.

Occupations go on

occupations in several colleges against increased fees and cuts are continuing. The occupation of the City and East London College, which has been occupied for two weeks, is expected to continue for another week. After the initial occupation, the college has been able to continue with some lectures and other activities.

The occupation has been supported by the college's students' union, which has praised the workers' determination to fight for their rights.

The occupation has also received support from other colleges, including the University of London, which has expressed solidarity with the workers.

Reinstatement

A mass meeting at NELF voted to continue occupation of the college. The meeting was attended by hundreds of workers and their supporters.

The workers have been supported by a number of trade unions, including the EEC, and have received assistance from the local community.

Work-to-rule suspended

POST OFFICE Computer Centre workers, who have been on strike for two weeks, have agreed to suspend their action.

The workers, who are members of the GMB union, have been demanding an end to the computerisation of their work.

The suspension of the strike is expected to lead to a reduction in the number of strikes in the coming weeks.

Wage cuts? NO!

ABERTHEN: Wage cuts of up to 15% were agreed at the recent negotiations between the EEC and the Scottish Employers' Federation.

The agreement is expected to lead to a reduction in wages for workers in the area.

The negotiations were held under the threat of a strike by the workers, who are members of the ETCU, the trade union for workers in the area.

In the end, the workers agreed to accept the wage cuts, which are expected to save the company around £300,000.

The workers have been on strike for two weeks and are determined to continue their struggle to protect their jobs.

TATE AND LYLE TO SACK 1500

TATE AND LYLE have announced plans to sack 1500 workers at their sites in the UK. The company, which makes a wide range of products, is cutting jobs as part of a restructuring plan.

The cuts are expected to save the company around £20 million per year.

The workers have been given two months' notice before their jobs are abolished. The union is preparing to launch a campaign to save the workers' jobs.

Strike pay at GEC-Elliot

by JAN BURELL, chairperson AUEW (TASS), GEC-Elliot, Letchworth

The workers at GEC-Elliot, Letchworth, who are in dispute over strike pay, have been offered an end of strike pay at £5.50 per day.

The offer was made by the company, which is in receivership. Negotiations are continuing between the company and the workers' representatives.

The company had previously offered a flat rate of £2.50 per day for workers who were on strike.

The workers are angry that they have been offered less than the rate paid to workers who were on strike during the last Industrial depression.
**Mass picket for journalists**

Kettering—A mass picket of NUJ colleagues at Kettering is planned for Friday 16 April. Join the picket at 1pm outside the Evening Telegraph, Rothwick Avenue.

- Messages of support can be sent to Joe Gledhill, NUJ Kawau News Office, 221-223 Oxford Street, London W1.
- The NUJ is also encroaching on the two-week old strike against the closure of the NUJ chapel at the Evening Chronicle.
THE PAPERS LIED

Heathrow: It's not a strike - the bosses sent them home

THE PRESS launched into vicious attacks on the British Airways maintenance engineers on Monday.

They denounced them for 'causing chaos' to thousands of holidaymakers.

What they did not mention was what the dispute was about, which has affected every British Airways base except Manchester, is about.

In their hurry to malign the workers, the papers talked about a 'strike'. Yet the industrial action taken by the workers has not been a strike. It has been a refusal to work unsafely.

The workers are still up to work as usual on Monday, the normal time for the regular day shift.

Had British Airways been prepared to be the men work at this time, none of the holiday flights could have gone ahead. But management refused, sending the shift workers home.

The engineers were not on strike-they were deliberately locked out by management as an attempt to make the strike more visible. And to force the

men to ease up.

Yet not one national newspaper had the headline 'British Airways holidays come to a halt'. The main claim is simple enough:

- The shift workers are demanding the same shift premiums as paid in general engineering industries. This means they get less than half-hourly shift pay rates.

DEMAND

- The men insist that negotiations should be through their own shop stewards, in line with the hands-off policy of the national joint unions.

Now the demand has been made by the society under Schedule II of the Protection of Employment Act, and is supposed to be illegal.

Yet the dispute is industrial and the ALUKA's right to negotiate should be recognized. It is not a question of work to hand over to the national joint unions.

When the workers refused to call in their own stewards, the management announced their own stewards to get the job done. They failed.

The press attack on the airport workers is an attempt to blame the hospital workers in Europe last week. It is a breach of bad working conditions.

Alas, not only the bosses' press gives a false idea of this dispute.

Port Talbot: Our action will benefit ALL workers

WE ARE fighting the Socialist Contract,' said Union President, Wyn Bevan, convener of the engineers on strike at Margam Steelworks, Port Talbot, in South Wales. He was addressing the annual conference of the Union against the Contract.

The British Steel Corporation suspended five men who refused to work on blocked machinery, provoking a strike by 2000 engineers.

Wyn Bevan is clear about the issue. The men are not out on a craft, ideal strike. Our action is a protest against a whole range of issues, like the bosses' pay, his said.

Disowned

For two years the engineers have been struggling for more money and regarding because of an increased work load and new machinery. The work we do, with new plant and machinery coming in, needs an increase, said the president.

But not everyone agrees that this would be against the Socialist Contract. Our own union has disowned us.

We are standing out without any strike pay and without any social security benefit. But at our last meeting we were called to a meeting to work.

Concerned about the overwhelming vote of our executive members, Bernard Coke, the president, went to the conference to express his views.

The press attack on the Port Talbot engineers is an attempt to delegitimize the actions of the hospital workers in Europe last week.

ATTACK

The Daily Express published a report on Monday that only one in ten of the engineering workers' action was strike.

But not everyone agrees that this is true.

The engineering workers have given the lie to the claim. They have put in a claim that is the result of the demand for shift workers in the industry.

The transport workers on the London Underground were in a similar position and put in a claim like the Port Talbot engineers. The union's response was to encourage the workers to stick to their legitimate claim. And they should be able to.

Unfortunately not all the national newspapers have given the lie to the claim that is the result of the demand for shift workers in the industry.