WHO DECIDES?

The judges... or the power of our class?

SACKED BY THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

1800 axed as jobless toll hits new peak

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TYNDALE OUTRAGE

by Jeff Hurford

The cane men, caused them, turn them into factory fodder brand of education got another boost this week.

The Inner London Education Authority sacked six teachers at Tyndale School in North London.

Every right wing Black Paper supporter who had worked for the school had got a massive shot in the arm as the Authority acted unilaterally.

But this isn’t the last of it. The grounds for sacking the six teachers stretch 16 months. They were on strike for more pay.

Apparently teachers are such vital workers it’s deemed unfair to demonstrate against their pay and conditions. Should they do so they are by decision of the ILEA and with the consent of the teachers union solely open for possible union action or dismissal.

The aim is to settle upon teachers’ terms to make it easier to push through larger classes, compensate for the primary transfer needs and other job.

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Racialists did this

This is Bola Femi, a young Nigerian studying in London. This racialist thing broke both his arms and smashed his head outside a pub in Deptford, South London.

Bola and other socialists had gone into the pub after a Socialist Workers’ Party meeting to discuss the defence of the Indian leftist.

Denny Eyreton, former President of the Greenwich Trades Council, went up to the bar and ordered a drink. A drink that costs "black brothers" 20p but free to white people.

"You black bastard! You don’t know the National Assistance."

Denny was placed on the floor and was trampled underfoot.

The socially inclined pub started to leave the pub, the rest of the counter carried out and the arm in the pub.

Armed with the club, the three men charged outside, cornered Bola, forced him to the ground and beat him savagely.

If Bola hadn’t been bashed off, they could have killed him.

John Francis, a tram worker, helped Bola to his feet and told the police.

John Francis was found in the hospital. He is now unconscious and still in a state of shock.

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Talbot’s Army took part in the Front’s Satmar rally. They have been threatened with violence.

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THE NATIONAL Front have booked Shoreditch Town Hall for an election meeting on Sunday (30 April) at 7.30pm.

Teachers at the school are calling a picket which SWP members should support. Details from local branches.

GEORGE HERBOD, North Kensington Branch Chairman, said in this week’s Askildt, "In the wake of the National Front campaign, we are aware that the Front is not as weak as it is in the black community. We have been threatened with violence.

"But as we seek to assert ourselves outside the school, we need to ensure that we have a strong presence and that the Front is not able to intimidate us.

"We’re black—and we’re fighting back."

Against Deportations, against racist street attacks, against police brutality, against the sex snoppers, against so-called Black Action groups, we are fighting for the right of blacks to live in this country.

RALLY OF BLACK REVOLUTIONARIES IN BRITAIN

Sunday 30 April, 1977

SPEAKERS: Joe Solomons, John Wolahan, Frank Delia, Steve Matthew

BLACK RALLY, 6.30pm

SWP BLACK Rally, 6.30pm

TRANSPORT FROM BIRMINGHAM: 7.45pm

BIRM: Exhibitions and Stalls, Stalls 8am in the Birm, Training Centre, 2 St Matthew’s Road, Birm. 

SPECIAL: Reggie and the Full Force, 7.45pm
Some blue dust for the men who reap the profits of death

ASBESTOS ANGER!

The asbestos murderers get a nasty shock in Manchester last Thursday.

The annual meeting of Turner and Newall, where they usually put themselves on the hook, share the dividends and re-elect themselves to the board of directors, didn’t go quite as they planned.

There was a noisy picket outside the meeting with placards to tell the story of what has really been going on in the industry while they’ve been locking up £13 million profit in the past ten years.

The placards said simply: “They murder the men, then they take the profits.”

Mrs Cathy Hughes, her daughter Eileen, and other members of her family went inside the meeting and saw the plotters at work.

Mr Hughes is a former worker who was killed by asbestos. His family wanted to know what the directors were doing to go on and make amends to his family and the many other widows who had been scored.

State

Mrs Hughes got to her feet during the meeting too. "I congratulate you on your great profit," she said.

"I got the protection of 12 34 as a member of the state for the death of my man aged 54," she said.

"I get nothing, not a cent of sympathy from you." She had everything she could want in life at one time. Then they took my man. You forced me to work.

"And he got just £500 compensation for his stolen years. He was threatened that he would be found by the police outside the Turner and Newall shareholders’ meeting.

Some blue dust for the men who reap the profits of death

YOU’D think from the newspapers on Tuesday that food prices were going to fall as a result of the latest deal made at the Common Market meeting in Brussels.

What a travesty of the truth BURGER may fall in price by 5p—but not for more than a few months. Then it is going to start going up again, until at the end of the year it will be 7p a pound higher than now.

CHEESE is going to go up in price almost immediately, by 5p a pound, and by another 3p before the end of the year.

MILK is going to go up in price.

MEAT is going to go up in price.

WHEAT is going up—causing yet another increase in the price of bread of 1½p.

...and no one else will fight them!

DESPITE these price rises, several union conferences have voted for the Social Contract to continue.

That was the decision at the National Union of Teachers, the National Union of Journalists, the shop stewards union USDAW, the Scottish TUC and the Welsh TUC.

The press is already predicting that the Engineering Union next week will vote the same way.

But this does not mean the fight against wage controls is already over. Far from it. It shows the fight is going to increase rather than decrease.

It’s going to mean a fight against the trade union leaders, as well as against the employers and the government. But there is still going to be a reaction from the workers.

The pattern has been shown by the way that Bakers’ unions, with the Loyalist workers’ union MAFOR, and the railway workers, who have just made record profits, to increase the price of margarine by another 2p a pound.

Oil rig blow-out: The cost of ‘profit at any price’.

MILLIONS of tons of oil gushed into the North Sea. The continual danger of an explosion. The worst case scenario for Norway and Scotland that very undesirable, devastating contamination.

That was what the blow-out in the North Sea in the past meant earlier this week. It could have been even worse. It was pure luck that the blow-out didn’t mean an instantaneous death for the dozen of workers on the rig.

The exact cause of the blow-out are still not known. But one thing is already evident. It was not an accident pure and simple.

The oil firm involved, Phillips, took risks because the oil was not profitable on its own. As a result, it was not possible. It was prepared to risk a blow-out in the process, just as all the oil companies had been during the war.

The rig workers, seamen and other workers, are fighting very grimly to save the lives of the workers.

Nuclear

By the same government department that is giving the go ahead for the reprocessing of nuclear fuels at enormous risk to all of us.

But it is the job of workers who are claiming that a catastrophe in the North Sea fields was ‘remote’. Yet international experts are telling television interviewers that blow-outs were inevitable. The government refused to take notice of such warnings.

MAY DAY

Join the London Demonstration

Assemble 1pm. Charing Cross Embankment, to move off to Hyde Park at 2pm. Sunday 1 May London SSW branches.

Relay at the Rock Against Racism/Right to Work Campaign drinks at the Roundhouse, Chalk Farm from 5pm onwards.
Magnificient!

57,000 VOTE RANK AND FILE IN BATTLE FOR JONES'S SUCCESSOR

IT WAS unprecedented. Most Evans, the main machine candidate, came top. But he got less than half the votes, the lowest proportion ever received by a winning candidate in the TGWU.

The undemocratic rules in the TGWU mean there is no second ballot and Evans is elected for life.

Massive opposition to the Social Contract. That's what the enormous vote for John Gaunt means. He was the man with the anti-Social Contract voice and the left coverage (this deputy went to be General Secretary before Jones).

TGWU ELECTION RESULT

Evans 349,646

Riley 27,446

TGWU ELECTION RESULT

Evans National Organizer

Riley Campaign candidate

Whose Rules?

This week is continuing with mass sales of the TGWU. 

GRIMSBY: 20 NEW MEMBERS

GRIMSBY: Four days before polling day in the local council elections, 20 people had joined the Socialists' Workers Party as a result of the campaign.

...and 15 more in Sunderland

I WAS one of those who helped the Composite Campaign in the Fens, and voted Lib Dem in the local elections. Their betrayal of socialist and the subsequent apathy made me believe that socialism in Britain was dead—but thanks to the work of the Socialists' Workers Party in East Anglia, it has returned!

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

The workers are the real employers of capital. The success of a new party can only be constructed when they collectively win control of their wealth and plan its production and distribution.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be saved or reformed, as the employers and their workers agree. The Socialists' Workers Party has a programme to do away with this false democracy.

PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The representatives of the proletariat, army, police and judiciary have taken over more than 50 years ago. But now the workers are taking over the ruling class against the workers.

JOIN THE TEACHERS' PICKET IN SUPPORT OF JOHN DEASON

Many teachers in London have a holiday on Tuesday 5th May because of voting in the GLC elections. Rank and File Teacher is calling on all teachers to attend a special teachers' picket of the Old Bailey on that day.

WHERE WE STAND

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Day the NF went white with fear...

A TREMBLING fascist said it all as he waited in line at the phone-in show: "We were all so frightened." Quite right. The National Front have never been so publicly shamed as on Saturday's march through North London.

The sight of so many of the former Gestapo, dressed in black, covered with flour, paint and rented the pass worst going miles to see, was a turning point in all its glory.

Yet, the NF, with 3,000 anti-fascists turned up to take on the march of 1,000 hardcore fascists covered in hundreds of local young people and TextArea Youth Club CYG opportunists mobilising outside the march, which took the Front march through the most intensively racially-mixed areas in Britain.

The NF, however, has already organised a counter-protest. We must respond by mobilising the anti-fascist rally.

And they drafted in thousands of police and the Special Patrol Group to protect the Nazis.

Eighty arrests were made, most of them fascists. Many have been charged with carrying out pre-planned, clearly trained-up evidence.

The NF's face was powdered, and the NF's face was painted and forced into their march, with police making open challenge to the fascists to attack their prison.
If May Day means international and working-class solidarity, then Socialist Worker had certainly received a fair share in the past eight weeks. We knew we needed support desperately when the trade union leaders started their attack on the paper with Clive Jenkins' libel action. Little did we know how great the solidarity for our £40,000 fighting fund would be. Socialist Worker takes this opportunity to send fraternal May Day greetings to those who have given us support during the past two months:

- NUJ leaders sold us out—we learnt the hard way. Don't rely on unifedists. Build the rank and file. One union for all media workers
- Sheffield JOURNALISTS CHARTER Group
- ANDERSON-MAVOR Joint Shop Stewards Committee sends May Day greetings to all workers.
- No more wage restraint—smash the Social Contract
- UCATT Greetings from Northumbrian members of UCGA a small but lively branch
- Joe, Jim and Steve of AUEW Foundry Section
- Gorman Mclnnes WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE

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Educate Agitate Organise

Workers of the World Unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!
EDMONTON AUEW 

sends fraternal greetings to all trade unionists and Socialist Worker in the fight for socialism.

SMETHWICK Branch AUEW (Engineering Section) sends its greetings on this special day to all socialist brothers and sisters, black or white.

Fraternal greetings to all Socialist Workers readers.

Kick out Phase 3.

Stop the War!

NORWICH SOUTH General AMST (246)

Glasgow EEPTU branch sends May Day greetings to all trade unionists in the electrical industry.

Workers of the World Unite!

Epsom TGUW branch sends fraternal greetings to all workers who supported our recent dispute in the Epsom Hospital.

Glasgow District Council Electrical Workshops Smash the Social Contract — NOW SOLIDARITY WITH PORT TALBOT SPARKS

TGWU 1/130 branch, Thorn’s, Enfield

The 1/130 branch of the Transport and General Workers Union sends fraternal May Day greetings to fellow trade unionists across the world.

Crawley Trades Council GREETINGs TO ALL WORKERS No more Social Contracts!

COVENTRY 74 AUEW Coventry 74 sends fraternal greetings to everyone and prevail upon members to use every effort to thwart the social contract.

TGWU 7/38 (178) Branch Glasgow sends fraternal May Day greetings to all workers.

Cannon Industries AUEW Shop Stewards Committee demand parity with Europe on hours, holidays and wages.

Borg Warner and Herbert’s Controls SWP comradeism with all workers in struggle.

May Day GREETINGS FROM 1/667 (Ford Dagenham) Branch Transport and General Workers Union.

Stoke Nowington UCATT Greetings to all workers.

Suggested International Conference of Trade Unions from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

May Day greetings to all readers of Socialist Worker STOP THE CUTS.


NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS May Day greetings to all trade unionists and students Unite and fight the cuts

CROOKE UCATT (BB 145) branch sends fraternal May Day greetings to all members and comrades moved in the struggle for socialism.

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SEND FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO ALL COMRADES IN THE LABOUR MOVEMENT May Day 1977

WIGAN TRADES COUNCIL sends fraternal greetings on May Day to all their Sisters and brothers in struggle NO TO THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

THE STRIKERS AT LANDERS, BIRMINGHAM great duelling of fighting for trade union rights. Please help our fight.

CPBS DHBB South West Lon-

don Area Branch May Day greetings to all readers of Socialist Worker STOP THE CUTS.

EALING TRADES COUNCIL Unity — Peace — Socialism May Day greetings to all trade unionists.

GREETINGS TO ALL TRADE UNIONISTS 7266A branch TGWU Chrysler Linwood

Hart Secretary

J Hopschin Chairman

By the end of last week the £40,000 fund in defence of Socialist Worker had reached £34,000.

The list of donors is still considerable. If your name has not yet appeared, it will do so in the next couple of weeks.

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GREETINGS TO ALL WORKERS AND STRUGGLING SOCIALISTS NIGHT OUT STRIKERS REDDER TAPE RANK AND FILE PAPER OF CIVIL SERVANTS SENDS MAY DAY greetings to all civil servants fighting the Social Contract and the stifling effects of Whiteleyham.

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RANK AND FILE TEACHER sends May Day greetings to all Socialist Worker readers

SMASH the Social Contract — £20 now

Stop the cuts — reduce class size

Employ all qualified teachers — fight for the right to work.

THE PLATFORM The London Transport workers rank and file paper sends greetings to all working people ESPECIALLY TO

Our sister papers in Leeds, Darlington, Manchester, Southend and Shrewsbury.

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STRIKERS AT Southall, Birmingham

send greetings to all fellow workers in struggle particularly those fighting for union recognition.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS! WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! YOU HAVE NO THI
How armies began...

The city state has from the beginning been a closely-knit administrative unit. And the form the administration has taken is one that undeniably by a present-day observer would be considered cumbersome. The means of production, the means of production, are owned by the god and administered by a governor who is also the chief priest. The land is temple property, and the farmers either deliver a fixed proportion of their produce or else rent temple land. But just about 2000 BC, all this is changing.

What can exist in a society as an essential institution in competition? We suddenly find in the temple archives records of independent groups of people paying taxes. And we find that large and small states are being sold on the open market.

Develop

War and Gold which are the pillars of the city state. The city's wealth is based on the export of gold. The city's economy is based on the export of gold. The city's military power is based on the export of gold. The city's political power is based on the export of gold. The city's religious power is based on the export of gold.

OAP SWEAT-SHOP

SALFORD COUNCIL'S Social Services Department is running an 'occupational therapy' scheme for the elderly. The scheme's main name for it would be sweat labour. Every morning, pensioners crowd into day-centres for a four-hour shift of 'occupational therapy.' This consists of putting screws into plugs, labelling tins and carrying out a number of similar tasks. For this, the pensioners receive 80p an hour or 12p a week. Before August it was just 75p a week.

The work is provided by Salford's largest employers, Ward & goldsmiths, who just happen to make electrical fuses like the things that require a large number of the occupationally capable pensioners to carry out.

Expose

Ward and Goldsmiths pay the Council and the Council pays the pensioners.

The Council, after consultation with the Salford Citizens' Union, decided to carry out a cost-benefit analysis. The results are as follows: The average weekly wage for the rest of us.

Sale of property rights.

NEIGHBORS are allowed by law to charge no more than 20p a week before their pensioners are docked. Mr. Goldsmiths earns £974.42 a week.

HAPPY FAMILIES.

VOTERS in the Bournemouth ward have a chance to vote for an unusual Labour candidate in the coming Bournemouth City Council election. He is Albert James, chairman of the Labour Council's planning committee until he was forced to retire from the committee in 1956. James was found guilty of demanding money from developers for his influence in getting houses approved. Since the hearing, he has been convicted of perjury. He was caught while bribing a developer. It seems that James corrupted the political career of Mrs. Jones, a developer's assistant, for 13 years before retiring due to family commitments.

Not told

Bowden sailors are not being told much about Bowden. Bowden Labour Party told the Altrincham Constituency Committee that Bowden wants to be a Labour seat next year.

What are your Questions About Socialism? Write to Duncan Hallas, Socialist Worker, Corrington House, Corrington Crescent, London E11.

DISPUTES

Of course there is more to a state than an army. There are, for example, courts to adjudicate disputes between property rights.

The Northern Ireland Department of Law and Northern Ireland Police Service has decided not to pursue charges against a four men accused of assaulting a youth.

The reason, according to the police, is that when the finished youth was attacked in the street, he was threatening a further attack. The police said that England was a safe place to bring up a child.

The Derry City Council has passed a resolution expressing its concern over the strike onsecting on the streets of C-sign on behalf.

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The scramble for Africa

A BATTLE is on for the wealth of Africa. Wars are raging, and this means that three-quarters of the continent is now embroiled in fighting that is frequently not related to the war for the control of the oil-rich South African government of President Mobutu Sese Seko, a policy that is being resisted by the Zairean people.

Each regime knows that its future is intimately tied up with the future of the others. The changes in Africa are the result of the interplay of forces, and this is reflected in the current situation in Zaire.

And the same South African forces have long provided a base for the white racist regime in South Africa. Most sections of the western world now realize that the white racist regime in South Africa can no longer be tolerated.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. James Callaghan, has received a fulsome tribute from the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, who praised his efforts to stop the war in Rhodesia last week. The British government has agreed to lend £100 million to the Rhodesian government, but this is not regarded as a permanent solution.

POWER

He promised that Britain would continue to support the government, with a small number of British troops on the ground to ensure that the government is not overthrown by a coup. The British government has agreed to provide financial assistance to the government.

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THE MYTHS

BUT WORLD POPULATION IS ESCALATING AND THERE ISN'T ENOUGH LAND...

Official United Nations statistics reveal that another 1.75 billion acres of land now farming (potentially could be brought into food production through better use of existing farm land) is impossible. In the world's 7.07 billion acres 70% is already. But this would hardly color the world food problem.

When the World Food Council in Rome 1974 declared "All these regions suffer specific limitations in terms of high temperatures, but modern technology, improvements in crop yields, and the manipulation of the environment make it possible to overcome the problem."

So what if 300 million acres would not necessarily be any money to be made from it.

A campaign to stimulate the food fly in Africa, the massive investment to do the job would remain an option comparable to the nearly the whole United States for crops and pasture. But it would cost 2,500 billion dollars.

The world spent 100,000 million dollars on armaments in 1975, but then that's different, isn't it?

BUT THE WORLD IS OVERPOPULATED—AND THE HUMANS COULDN'T HAVE THE HIGHEST BIRTHRATE.

THEY'RE EATING US OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.

That's the line peddled by most of the newspapers and their experts. One look at the facts should be enough to disprove it.

Firstly, the resources used (up to 1974) by one inhabitant of the US are approximately three times those used by one inhabitant of the poor world. Thus, if the world population, consuming 25% of the total need.

Secondly, hunger isn't caused by over-population. It's caused by the many people in the poor world, and by the billion people in the US who are not hungry.

That's an absurd and inexcusable statement.

Finally, there is no scarcity of food, in the sense that a man 20 years old or he she will be certainly dead of starvation. The fertility rate, after the animals, later and also without the children for a long time. There are no families. You won't have any population growth.

Children are in fact an economic necessity for the poor children, and for the poor people in general. For the authorities have been doing in India, may be translated to Bangladesh—condemned to starve.

The present world food crisis is caused by bad harvests in 1972.

That year, it's true, the people were full of some stories about the times when we had to work for themselves. But the panic was a false one. The world food harvest for 1972 was only 1% lower than 1971 and 1973 and had been a record year. 

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BANGLADESH: Starving people queue for food.

The natural disaster, usually the result of drought or flood.

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In February 1975, doing similar photographs of the Sahel, one of the world's food disaster spots, it described "a desolate land of bare or stunted trees and a great wall of sand of the Sahara." Hunger produced it to "a land of barrenness," and "a land of drought." 

Finally, we see the people of Ethiopia had had a drought period for hundreds of years. Yet the interesting thing is that the government in Ethiopia, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Tanzania, and the Sahel—world's hungriest countries—never have seen famine.

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The present world food production could go a long way towards feeding the hungry of the world. Yet, in 1975, butter and meat production was abolished, if the grains held out of production would have been used. The world population was increasing by 90 million a year, but the grain fairly used to be consumed by the population was increasing by 90 million a year, but the grain fairly used to be consumed by the population.

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India, preparing the family menu-grains and tubers
THE CRIME

WHAT ARE THE REAL REASONS FOR WORLD HUNGER?

One simple answer: We live in a world based on making profit.

The Crime

"There is no such thing as a non-commercialized, socialized economy. It is impossible to impose it, and who ever attempts to do so will find out that it is impossible to impose it, and who ever attempts to do so will find out that it is impossible to impose it." — Karl Marx

Middle cut

Pocket

But the fertile Awash Valley was a target for the multinational sugar company W.H. The government didn't want to lose its land, and a stroke of an Ethiopian government minister's pen handed it over.

The Abar were left with only the arid uplands to graze their animals the whole year. Result: overgrazing. The famine had been created. That's just one example from an excellent book titled "The Other Half Dies" reviewed here by Peter Mandler.

If you think that— the newspapers never tire of telling us— world hunger is the result of natural disasters such as droughts and floods, or by ignorance and the population explosion, then read this book. You'll never think that way again.

But Famine struck Ethiopia in 1973. You probably read of it in the newspapers, very likely spread across the Sunday colour supplements.

More than 100,000 people starved to death.

The semi-nomadic tribespeople of the Abar were the worst hit. More than a third were wiped out.

According to the newspapers, the famine was caused by drought and overgrazing.

The Abar tribespeople depend for their livelihood on their cattle. When the drought killed the already overgrazed grass, the cattle died, and the people.

True, but a long way from the whole story. A very long way.

For at least 400 years the Abar had grazed their cattle on those arid uplands—and in the Awash Valley during the dry season, for there the grass grew well because of floods during the rainy season.

THE TRAP

THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE THE PREDATORY LAND, THEY'VE PLenty OF WORKERS, WHY DON'T THEY PRODUCE MORE OF THEIR OWN FOOD?

The answer is that they are producing too much food, but at the wrong place. Production is concentrated in the rich countries. Only a small proportion of the world's food is actually eaten in the west, and the rest is sold to the west.

There are many reasons why this is happening. Some of these are the fact that the industrialized countries have less land, and they have to pay more for their food. Others are the fact that they have less money to spend on food, and they have to pay more for their food.

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Another diktat from the APEX

The clerical union, APEX, have announced in their newspaper that their executive council have decided to add the SWP to the list of proscribed organizations, where it joins such notorious groups as Trofimov and the National Front.

Who decides such matters? Rod was not even in the room and file.

We're incapable of making any decisions of a political and democratic kind for ourselves, so we are lucky to have a devoted body as the executive council to make the decisions for us. Without all the impassioned rhetoric of considering the members of the council.

This group was made clear to me when I raised the question of the right to work with John Hunter in his office. He decided to refer the matter to the executive.

We received a letter from general secretary Bob Grunwald, which amounted to a diktat. We were told that the executive regards the Right to Work Campaign as a divisive organization working to divide a wedge between the government and the TUC.

If any union is being persecuted, the TUC is perfectly capable of defending itself without any help from the government. The members of the TUC must first be vested with the rights of the government.

APEX hasn't yet recognized the front line as a precondition of production, which means that it can't be far off.

Police and Picketing

POLICE AND PICKETING

Many policemen see the demand for the right to strike as strike as reasonable. Our bosses cannot give this right because it will divide the workers, the police.

One policeman who has conceded that trade union activity, striking and picketing, are a legitimate means of improving living standards will be less enthusiastic in his efforts to break up workers' picket lines.

I saw this the other week on a picket line where a constable faced with chants of 'Top of the Morning to you' had to be dragged off by an inspector. The demand for the police to have the right to strike will weaken the rule who runs off.

— MARTIN POVEY, London.

Fantastic!

The response for Staff the Hilber benns has been fantastic. We sold out in the first 3 days. Another 10,000 are being done.

We already raised £75 for the Prickly Pear Defense Fund, to keep the owners coming in, and we can do another 10,000 on top of that as well.

— SHEILA LAYTON, London.

NAZI RELF AGAIN

RELF is trying to do it again.

After making himself a "martyr" last year with his version of "For Sent to an English Facility", RELF has now come out with more racism clichés that "rugged" white South Africans have turned into a "terrifying" threat.

It is the same old RELF that has been making similar statements for years, and now it is trying to make himself the leader of the white South Africans.

— ROBERT RELF, London.

Hated

Which goes to show that the Right to Work Relations Act will make the slightest bit of difference in stopping the alienation and loss of face of our black communities.

We must do what we can to stop the development of this situation.

— MARTIN POVEY, London.

Differentials problem

DEAN WILLS of the British Labour movement told Socialist Worker that they were increasing in establishing a nationwide skilled men's movement when he met the Hansard stewards.

On the other hand, Ian Morris, shop steward at Haselden, categorically stated that the approach is not about differentials but is a claim that all workers in the industry could get in for free.

The question of differentials is going to be raised more and more on the shop floor as the unions continue to deal with the government for a British Steel Corporation, but in the principle, in other words, that a certain group of workers are offered the "top jobs" which will still be dominated in areas of the country.

Today many middle managers find themselves arguing, for action and for wages, demands that the government is bound to accept, so as to counter their middle managers not to put in claims that will divide the workforce. If our only answer is that they demand more, we demand more in the countryside.

— JACQUET HAYMAN, Hastings.

Differential suggests a division between the city and the country, so that they are not all active. The only solution is to get rid of the SWP and move it out of the country.

— ANDREW CLAVELLER, Lewisham, London.

JUSTICE TRICKED

Handful justice for imperialism.

In her first hand and a set of scales to weigh justice fairly.

She is a little woman who, by her and the terms of her office, has been given the power to fall on his right hand, or on his left.

She is a woman who can be seen weighing up the evidence in front of her, not looking at her right hand or her left.

— LADY DUFFIE, London.

CLASS, NOT COUNTRY

The letter from Wades about the KAF but not from Wades is not written in the expression of a whole. Of course it's true but the problems of Wades are not the problems of the working class.

Does the writer think the Red Federation of the Lake District or the British in the whole of the British South Africa might be helped by someone from Wades in this letter? Can people think of Wades in the British South Africa in any way at all?
IRELAND never seems to be out of the mud these days. Pick up any national newspaper and you're bound to find at least one horror story concerning the stuff going on in the republic. Unfortunately, it's not the quantity but the content of the pieces that seems to anger people's opinions.

As a foreign correspondent, I've never experienced coverage in the press like the one in Britain. I've worked in all the leading newspapers and seen the press display an almost pedantic focus on the horrors that go on in the Republic. It's a phenomenon I've come to understand as the 'Ireland Effect'.

This is an agenda-driven phenomenon that shapes the content of the press. It is not the result of a specific event or article. Instead, it is a collective response to the perceived 'Irish Problem'. The media, in a bid to maintain its audience, has developed a specific narrative that includes headlining certain events and ignoring others. This narrative is crafted to create a sense of crisis and fear.

The media's agenda is to maintain a certain level of coverage on the Republic, often at the expense of other stories. This has led to a situation where a small number of events are over-covered, while others are under-reported or ignored altogether.

The impact of this phenomenon is significant. It shapes public opinion, influences government policies, and often determines the way issues are discussed and debated. The 'Ireland Effect' is a powerful tool that the media uses to influence the way we perceive the world and the events that happen in it.

This phenomenon is not limited to the Republic. It is a common feature of foreign correspondents' work, where the media's agenda, as it pertains to the countries we cover, becomes the driving force behind our reporting.

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By STEVE BERRY

... the political institutions, BBC, IBA and the British government don't wish us to know about the situation in Ireland.

TV Personality JOHN DINGLEY

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A SOCIALIST NIGHT OUT...

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The Prevention of Terrorism Act

Legalised Terrorism

Torture

Betrayed? Then these repeated calls for 'more effective' reporting, and their protest of TV coverage with threats of legal action, are simply insurance policies. They are a way of ensuring that the media will not cover the story as they wish, as it would undermine their argument for the need for more coverage.

Without the threat of a legal challenge, the media will not cover the story as they wish. They will not report on the British Army's activities in Ireland, as it would undermine their argument for the need for more coverage.

A Socialist Party pamphlet

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The Campaign for Free Speech in Ireland can be contacted, 68 Clarendon Street, London, W1.
WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS! WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS!

From the COMMUNIST LEAGUE (KF), Denmark, to our comrades in the Socialist Workers Party:

Working-class people in Denmark fight for the same results as a capitalist and is in many ways in Denmark at work that exist in Brazil, in the working-class people in Brazil.

We are going to inform the rank and file in Denmark about the Cam-aign for the Right to Work and the struggle in Britain, because solidarity across national boundaries is important.

May Day greetings from Komunistisk Forbund, Denmark.

May Day Greetings to all those struggling for the Liberation of Ireland Venceremos! Prisoners Aid Committee, 162 Upper Street, London N1 on behalf of all Irish political prisoners.

The PROTESTANT Party of Portugal sends you through Socialist Worker a message for the First of May 1977.

It has been a year of uncomprehending struggle in particular in Portugal and Spain, and their link with imperialist chains. Insufficient and perhaps dangerous in others are the electrical strikes in France and Italy, and the controlled destruction of Spain by bourgeois democracies.

The principal contradiction of capitalism lies in the factory or the firm and not in the ballot box. To shift the class struggle on to this terrain is the major task set for European socialists.

FORBUNDET COMMUNIST (Sweden) sends you its wishes on May Day.

Organisation Socialist Revolution (Greece)

GREETINGS

May Day Greetings to the Socialist Workers Party and to all comrades and workers in Britain.

Workers of the world unite.

May Day Greetings to all comrades and workers in Britain.

Workers’ Struggles—Ergatikoi Agones

New monthly workers’ paper for the Greek working class sends fraternal greetings to Socialist Worker and the Socialist Workers Party on this day of international solidarity.

Fraternal greetings to all socialists and anti-racists from FLAME the paper of Black Workers in Struggle.

STOP POLICE HARASSMENT OF BLACK YOUTH KEEP THE RACISTS OFF OUR STREETS FOR THE FIGHTING LINES OF BLACK AND WHITE WORKERS INTERROGATION POINT WORKERS POWER.

NATIONAL WORKERS UNION (Dominica, West Indies) May all progressive people of this world see this May Day as a new in- dication to continue the fight through the armed forces of the imperialist’s collaborators.

The SAG (Socialistische Arbeiter Gruppe) West Germany, greets the Socialist Workers Party on May Day and wishes you all success in your fight against unemployment, the Social Contract and the New Nazis in Britain, the National Front. Especially we greet the fighters of HEATHROW AIRPORT.

The CYPRIOT Worker sends fraternal greetings to all workers in struggle against capitalism and imperialism.

THE BATTLER Revolutionary greetings to Socialist Worker and your readers.

The struggle of British workers, the Right to Work Campaign and Socialist Worker’s campaign against sections followed with great interest here. Austria also has mass unemployment, government cuts, and its own version of your ‘Social Contract’ and its own industrial relations Act.

Workers of the world unite.

NORTH LONDON POLY

Students Union sends fraternal greetings to all workers and students.

NORWICH DISTRICT

Socialist Workers Party.

Fraternal greetings to all Socialist Workers readers. Join us in the fight for Socialist Worker. Address: 14 Edmund Road, Norwich.

CAMDEN Socialist Workers Party branch sends May Day birthday greetings to PAUL WELCH* and says Fight the Cuts and Save the JobCentre.

JARROW and HEBBURN Socialist Workers Party branch, Fraternal greetings. Workers Unite Analytical Educators Organized Address: 12 Alf Street, Hebburn, Tyne-Wear.

TRAVAILLEURS IMMIGRES EN LUTTE (Algérie)

which fights to organize Algerian workers in Algeria and in the immi-gration against the state-capital regime of Bourjacent, greets the British working class on the first of May Socialist Revolution and Communism.

COMBAT COMMUNIST

France.

sends May Day greetings to all comrades of the SWP and all readers of Socialist Worker.

For an international struggle for socialism! Workers of the world unite! Nantes, 18 May 1977.

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GRUNDY FILMS and the dockers from GMBH, and hope their fight will be successful. We wish your comrades all the best in building a revolutionary mass party. With international solidarity, SAG.

CYPRIOT WORKER

Cypriot Worker sends fraternal greetings to all workers in struggle against capitalism and imperialism.

MAY DAY GREETINGS to all readers of Socialist Worker and members of the Socialist Workers’ Party from Workers Action and the International Socialists of Canada. Workers of the world unite.

Working People’s Vanguard Party HANDS ACROSS THE SEA. OUR STRUGGLE IS ONE. Cypriot workers greet their comrades, 69 Main Street, Georgetown, Guyana.

SWP MIDDLE EAST GROUP

GREETINGS TO ALL IN THE WORKERS AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

إي عمال العالم، اتحدون كأزرق جاهز متعدد القيم ككل ملتزم بالطريق المجد.

BUTUN DUNYANIN ISLICERI BIRLESIN

SMASH IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM! SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

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مجالس المحافظة على العروبة والحرية، ونرفض الإمبريالية، وندعو إلى التضامن مع أوروبا.

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Glasgow Right to Work Committee sends greetings to all workers—employed and unemployed. Smash the Social Don’t-trick now.

Defend John Deason

Socialist Worker Youth Movement.

Socialist Worker Fraternal greetings to all workers.

RUSKIN COLLEGE

Students Union sends May Day greetings to fraternal friends and all trade unions.

From the Socialist Workers Party.

OFFICIAL REPORT

Rectification and Defeat.

Carpenter’s Union.

Imperialism.

Lampeter SWP.

NOT FOR SALE.
The drooling ideas of any epoch are the ideas of the ruling class

WE NEED SOMETHING DIFFERENT... 7 days of revolutionary ideas and discussion at the Polytechnic of North London. JULY 1-8 1977

MARXISM 77

Every day we are bombarded with ideas of the ruling class. At work, on the street, and at college we are indoctrinated with a stream of "common sense" and "official wisdom." With growing numbers of workers and students rejecting that nonsense and turning towards the ideas of revolutionary socialism, there is a crying need to hear a thorough analysis of the Marxist case. This is what MARXISM 77 is all about, a week of lectures and discussions organized by the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies (NOISS), student supporters of the Socialist Workers Party. Leading socialists, not all in the SWP, have been invited to take part in the discussions and to lead them. MARXISM 77 is not for students only. Trade unionists and unemployed workers are urged to attend. Many important sessions are being planned for the weekend and evenings. As you can see from this page, six main courses are being offered, but there will also be guest speakers, debates, films and live music in order to make it a week to remember.

Structure: The courses are being planned so that it will be possible to go to all the lectures at the expense of going to workshops and discussions. A detailed timetable will be announced and will be published as soon as possible after registration.

Courses:

Course One: Revolutions of the 19th Century
- The First wave of revolutions
- The Russian Revolution
- The German Revolution
- The First Five years of the Comintern

Course Two: Literature and Revolution
- British poets and the French revolution
- The Russian Revolution and Literature
- Literature of the Red Decade
- Writers and Stalinism

Course Three: The Marxist Method
- Marxism and the end of philosophy
- Lenin as philosopher
- Marxism and Sociology—contradictory or complementary?
- Marxism: special Marxism for the West?
- Althusser—a Stalinist philosopher for our time?
- Marxism: the theoretical spectrum today.

Course Four: Women's liberation and the struggle for socialism
- A new view on Engels
- Historical materialist or ideological patriarch?
- The family, capitalism and women's oppression
- The feminist movement in Britain 1970-1980
- Working women's struggles in the 1970's and changing consciousness
- The liberation of women: the revolutionary perspective

Course Five: Capitalism and Crisis
- Capitalism and political economy—Marxism versus bourgeois economics
- Marx and the capitalist crisis
- Modern Capitalism
- The crisis: imperialism and the Third World

Course Six: Labour History
- Class struggle and Socialism
- Class struggle and Socialism
- Workers Councils and Soviets 1917-1923
- Crisis and change in 20th century
- Union organization and Socialist Politics

Steve Lukes: Social Science
- A new view on Engels
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MARISSM 77 REGISTRATION FORM
Send to: Marxism 77, 6 Colton Gardens, London E2 8DN

Name:
Address:
College/Workplace:

Enclosed is £ registration fee for Marxism 77.

Will you be requiring accommodation? Yes/No
Will you be requiring the creche? Yes/No
Which courses do you want to register for? Please tick. (This does not commit you but gives us an idea of the numbers.)

Marxist Method
- Literature and Revolution
- Women's Liberation
- Capitalism and Crisis

Do you want a reading list? Yes/No

REGISTRATION will take place from 2pm on Friday July 1 at the Polytechnic of North London, Prince of Wales Road, London NW8. It is advisable to register well in advance. The advantage of early registration is that you can be guaranteed a place and that you will receive reading lists well in advance.

GENERAL INFORMATION
- Accommodation: if you have friends/lodgings in London it would be preferable if you could arrange to stay with them. If not, spare beds and bunks are available with SWP and NOISS members in London.

EVENINGS: Activities in the evenings are going to be an important part of Marxism 77. Guest speakers and important debates have been arranged. Socialist films will be shown on most nights. Entertainment will also include theatre groups, live music, discos, etc.

COST: The registration fee for those booking in advance is £5 for the whole week. This enables you to go to any course, lecture or workshop. It also means free entry for most of the events in the evening.

Plus special debates, socialist films, theatre groups, live music, discos. Accommodation and a creche will be arranged.
Scotland

ARDENSDALE: Women's Liberation Society meeting at 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH SWP/Women's Liberation Society meeting at 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Edinburgh.

DUNDEE Women's Liberation Society meeting at 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Edinburgh.

LADBROOKES West Women's Liberation Society meeting at 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Edinburgh.

LIVERPOOL Women's Liberation Society meeting at 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Edinburgh.

MANCHESTER Women's Liberation Society meeting at 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Edinburgh.

TYNECASTLE Women's Liberation Society meeting at 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Edinburgh.

Yorkshire

DONCASTER Socialist Workers Party public meeting, 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Doncaster.

LEEDS Socialist Workers Party public meeting, 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Leeds.

NORTH YORKSHIRE Socialist Workers Party public meeting, 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Leeds.

North West

MERSEYSIDE Socialist Workers Party public meeting, 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Liverpool.

Wales

BANGOR Socialist Workers Party public meeting, 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, Bangor.

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East Anglia

BADGERS: Fight the Cuts and Shunt the Jubilee into the scrap heap. Talks and display at 20p each, 10 for £1.00 post free, 50p for £2.00 post free, 100 for £5.00 post free. A new group to save the Socialist Worker for you.

CROYDON Socialist Workers Party public meeting, 7.30pm, 163 King Street West, London.

STATE AND REVOLUTION

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THE main session of last weekend's Party Council of the Socialist Workers' Party was devoted to a discussion of the state of the fight against the Social Contract.

Steve Jeffreys, introducing the discussion, insisted that a realistic assessment of last Wednesday's national stoppage against the Social Contract must recognize that it had not been a great success.

"The first sign of workers being really fed up with the Social Contract was when the restriction of hours, the addition of jobs, and the increased level of wages was noted," Jeffreys said. "This was followed by a large number of workers saying they would not work under the Social Contract. This was the beginning, although they did not actually organize it, as it was a large number of workers".

Jeffreys described the start of the wave of events as "the beginning of a series of events that led to the formation of new organisations from factories and in the local area. It was the culmination of the 3 April stoppage and the 20 April strike."

"Tight and orderly"

But between the London demonstration and 3 April a lot of things happened. The LMAU, its policy of not participating in the Social Contract, and the high level of participation in the Social Contract, were discussed.

Jeffreys maintained that the Social Contract had been a success, but that it had been too little, too late. He described the Social Contract as "a token of confidence in the Social Contract".

"What was the London demonstration? It was a demonstration of solidarity. It was a demonstration of the need for a Social Contract. It was a demonstration of the need for a Socialist government." Jeffreys concluded.

Confusion

Steve Jeffreys said that the failures of the last few weeks had continued to show that the Social Contract was not a solution. The campaign against the Social Contract had been a failure and the Social Contract had been a failure. The Social Contract had been a failure and the Social Contract had been a failure.

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Tension

"This is one of the things leading to success in the Social Contract."

The Right to Work Campaign meeting after the meeting of the committee on Thursday, April 20, at the London Printers' Club, Euston Road, London, NW1. Other speakers were: E.M. Gough, the way as the Social Contract is not fought for.
**BUSWOMEN BETRAYED**

**Official puts knife into Patrick struggle**

*THE BRAVE fight by the buswomen at Partick Garage is over. The garage closed on Saturday, the second bus garage to close in Glasgow within a year.*

The fight ended after the failure of the buswomen to win an interim interim against the Glasgow Passenger Executive.

2000 builders strike

*BRISTOL: 1200 MARCH*

BY ANNA GREGSON

Bristol: 1,000 school students, parents and teachers from Harnden Road Comprehensive Demonstration against the closure of the school. The demonstra-
tion was split into three marches, with the largest planned education rally outside the city council offices.

The massive demonstration was led by View House to lobby the Bristol Education Department. The demonstration was attended by the National Union of School Students, and other education organizations.

The Harnden Road comprehensive was closed by the school authorities in support of a teachers' strike who have refused to do voluntary teaching. The teachers are holding a strike against the proposed closure of the school.

When one TV reporter arrived at the school, he was met with a mass rally. The students were very angry at the proposed closure of the school and the lack of support from the council.

The proposed closure has been met with a large demonstration by the students, parents, and teachers. The students are demanding a full-scale investigation into the proposed closure of the school.

**No downgrading**

*BY CHRIS DAVIES

Co-House steward. Clermont Hospital*

**EAST LONDON: Nurses at St. Mary's Hospital in West Ham, London, have united in a massive demonstration to protest against the proposed closure of the hospital.**

The TGWU is backing the nurses' strike and has refused to accept the new contract offer from the hospital management.

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FIGHT FOR TRADE UNION RIGHTS

BIG BOOST FOR KETTENING STRIKERS

By David Shortfield

KETTENING RULES. OK was the theme of last week's conference of the National Union of Journalists. It symbolized the problems faced by the NUJ rank and file. Joint meetings with the members, delegates debated issues of some of the unions needed for a fighting trade union.

The NUJ delegation shows that the NUJ rank and file, and its executive, have established a record for unity against executive recommendations. The NUJ has been in the forefront of the struggle for a new general secretary. A meeting of five candidates, including NUJ rank and file, was held in London, attended by a

Southalls strike to join a union

BIRMINGHAM: 35 year-old transport manager Brian Scott came on strike on Monday night after an agreement was reached at Southalls Ltd, Birmingham.

Southalls Ltd, which employs 250 workers, has been in dispute with the Union of Supermarket Employees for several weeks over conditions of work.

Management announced a new pay offer which was rejected by the trade union. The union's executive committee met last week to discuss the latest developments and decided to support the Southalls workers in their strike.

The NUJ's national executive is expected to meet this week to discuss the situation at Southalls and other issues affecting journalists.

LOCKED-OUT WORKERS OCCUPY

GLASGOW: Workers locked out at Scottish Power have occupied their building.

The lockout is in its third week. Willy Sheedy, an engineering technician, said the men were not prepared to return to work.

The company had locked the gates and refused to negotiate with the workers.

"They want to smash us" - Willy Sheedy

SCABs ON RAMPAGE

BIRMINGHAM: Drivers of Birmingham's No. 7 bus service have been going on strike for several days. The dispute centres around the introduction of a new contract for drivers.

The union, Unite, is demanding better terms and conditions for the workers. Management has offered a 5% pay rise and the workers say this is not enough.

WINDERS LONG LOWS

NORWICH: Winders in the area have been on strike for several days. They are demanding better terms and conditions.

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DIE CASTINGS: 8 WEEKS FOR A CLOSED WORKER

PETERSBOURG: 60 workers at Die Castings are on strike for 8 weeks for a closed shop.

The workers are demanding better terms and conditions.

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The strike for union recognition at Gruenwicks in North Woolwich is now in its tenth month. The company is desperate to get its reputation back in place and to run to August. It is demanding that the whole movement to trade unionism should be thrown out. The company has warned the strikers that they will have to be prepared to picket the factory from 7.30 in the morning. They are now picketing the factory from 7.30pm.

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**UNION STAB IN THE BACK FOR HEATHROW STRIKERS**

**10° THE ITV + BBC TREAT US FAIR ON THE TV (NO ENGINEER HAS GONE IN HERE)**

The strikers met its TV claims that they were going back to work.

**Blackley 'Charlie'**

Night shift convenor Pete Elsey said: "It's a very serious decision. We should not fight back.

Last week the union called full-time officials to a meeting at the airport's head office. The meeting was attended by the officials of the other unions on the airport, except the National Union of Airline Pilots and Engineering Technicians (NUAET).

**Modest**

The NUAET at Heathrow is the only one of the major unions that has not signed a deal with the airport. The union has been negotiating for several weeks, but has not been offered a deal.

**Send to Heathrow**

The Strikers Union Treasury, 18 First Avenue, Walton on Thames, Surrey.

**Shake**

While the BBC and the other unions, among them the Port Talbot Electricians, have been shipwrecking the strike, the rest of the unions are watching the situation with growing concern.

For those four years I cannot remember a single day when the government did not give a special dispensation.