GRUNWICKS:
A test for us all

"GRUNWICKS is a litmus test, perhaps a turning point, in our political and constitutional life."

So says Sir Keith Joseph, multi-millionaire building contractor and Tory economic spokesman.

In one way, he's right.

Sir Keith wants a society where 'businessmen' like George Ward, the Grunwicks boss, are free to
employ people at starvation wages (£25 for a 45-hour week at Grunwicks).

Domestics and insalubrious workers in the workplace. (At Grunwicks, workers couldn't talk to one another, and had to ask permission to go to the loo.)

Use the police including the thugs of the Special Patrol Group and the secret police of the Special Branch to break picket lines.

Strong trade union organisation is the great enemy of the so-called freedoms that Joseph and his allies support.

There are ten million other workers in this country not in trade unions. They work in hotels, like the workers sacked for joining the Transport Union by Trust House Forte; they work in catering; they work in the sweatshops like Grunwicks which exist in every industry.

For all these workers Grunwicks is the test. Is it the turning point?

If the Grunwicks workers win then thousands of other workers will have the confidence to join the trade unions and fight against rotten conditions and rotten wages.

If the Grunwicks workers lose then other employers will reap up their efforts to drive out trade union organisation.

The battle of Grunwicks is a battle for trade union organisation itself.

It is a battle that still hangs in the balance.

On Tuesday the police were still managing to get scabs and materials into the factory, despite the mass picketing. This was because many of the promises of support from the trade union movement have not yet been turned into action.

Resolutions and donations are not enough. Thousands of pickets are needed.

There are thousands of workers in factories across London who ought to be on the Grunwicks picket line until the factory is shut down.

Every trade unionist in Britain must ask herself or himself, What can I do to aid the Grunwicks picket this week? What numbers we can get down to the mass picket at 7am when the scabs go in.

Otherwise, despite all the fine talk, the Wardes, the Josephs, the professional strike breakers, can enjoy a notable victory over the right of workers to join unions.

PRINTERS STRIKE IN PROTEST

NEWSPAPER workers at the Sunday Telegraph went on strike last Saturday in protest against an article in the paper calling on readers to send their letters listing names for processing.

The workers demanded that the offending paragraph be taken out of the paper. The editor refused.

The workers only agreed to return to work when promised a 50% rise in pay for the freedom of the press in four hours. Then the Sunday Telegraph has managed in 17 years.

SECRET POLICE KICKED OFF THE PICKET LINE

Who are these two young bobbies on the Grunwicks picket line on Monday morning? Just two ordinary workers, not on your nelly! They've been policemen on the beat but just switched off their uniforms and put on picket caps to arrest.

One spy takes refuge in the police coach, but what about the other? He walked off down the road. Yanu Mirriffy, one of the pickets told Socialist Worker.

The man in the red shirt turned round at the end of the road. He saw me, and started shouting me. He landed five punches on my face, then climbed off. Not only patriotic, doing their duty. But brave as well.

SUPPORT THE GRUNWICKS PICKET LINE: Chapter Road, London NW10 (next to Dollis Hill tube station). 7am every morning.
'FORD
For years we have been treated like cattle, herded in and out of the plant whenever the company wants'

WHAT do we want? 80 per cent lay-off pay! That's why workers in the Paint Trim and Assembly (PTA) plant have brought the whole of Ford's operations at Dagenham to a standstill.

We want to decollectivise Fords—a week's work or a week's money. Don't believe what you read in the Sun about one man holding the whole of Ford's ration...'

After the lawful February the plant accepted the policy from the ship stewards that there would be a strike by all five plants on the mainland. So when the company said that the PTA day shift last week, the fight was on for 80 per cent and beyond, and that which PTA workers have not collected, the resolution has not yet been paid out to the whole of the factory. For, if the company is, in fact, being sent to the police in order to protect the company against the trade union officials, who are being severely affected.

The Ford management and the shop stewards have taken it that, in order to defeat the trade union officials, they have taken it that, in order to defeat the trade union officials, they have spoken, and agreed; Ford have therefore proved to pay the workers, and to beat the strike pickets.

Irish Labour Party takes a battering
by EAMONN McCANN

The Irish Labour Party emerged battered and in blood from last week's General Election, which swept Jack Lynch's Fianna Fail back into power.

The campaign was marked by rampant inflation (14 per cent of salaries, persistent high unemployment (30 per cent plus), mounting social services, and secessions, high prices, and high rents, to mention only a few—everything was a massive majority by Irish standards.

Labour has paid a high price for four years in which government with the support of the Fine Gael, for the new theme of priorities and social services, which within it was new, and so far, the idea of a new government.

The party ran a joint campaign with Fine Gael, the "You Can Trust Us appealing for "transformative, responsible government". It was a style of socialism which owed more to James Connolly than James Connolly than the later Connolly and which totally failed to excite the electorate of working-class voters.

With official Labour in total disarray, opportunities will open up for the left. This was shown by the support for independent candidates, such as the Social Democrat, one of whom won a seat for the first time in the history of the Dáil.

And for the first time there were women's candidates in the field. Although none of them fought for revolutionary policies, the extent of their support shows that political education has come.

Irish Labour Party takes a battering

Repression

Cusack was arrested in a home in Dublin some time after 10 am and was one of the first to be arrested in the Republic. He was released on bail later that day.

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PUBLIC MEETING
The Official Secretaries Act.

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March against racialism
Saturday 9 July in Manchester

Cave in the Traders Union Congress as a national demonstration. Lansdowne Grove, Preston, 12 noon.

A call to the North West branches and members to support with maximum turnout.

Shock for Powell

EMILY POWELL was an army officer and saw service with the SAS. She has been a strong supporter of the Left in the Labour Party. She was a member of the Labour Party's national executive and was a member of the Labour Party's national executive and was a member of the Labour Party's national executive and was a member of the Labour Party's national executive and was a member of the Labour Party's national executive.

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INTIMIDATION? Violence. Mob rule. Pickets in such numbers as to frighten those who wanted to work.

That’s how the press has presented the Grunwick strike story. It is accepted by Labour leaders such as Marilyn Rees, Home Secretary.

They say that the aim of picketing must simply be to have a peaceful chat with strike-breakers. They defend the police when they arrest and beat up pickets who try to do their job.

But effective picketing cannot involve a couple of pickets. For the whole point of picketing is to counteract the intimidation of employers.

The intimidation of the store to sweat any who does not jump to their beck and call. With a million and a half unemployed, with half the school-leavers unable to get jobs, that is a very powerful weapon of intimidation indeed.

It is a weapon that enables the likes of George Wark, managing director and slave driver at Grunwick, to persuade miserable wretches from the dole queues to take the jobs of those who had the courage to stand up to his bullying.

It is a weapon that could be used by his class to prevent trade unionism not only in Grunwick, but in thousands of other sweatshops.

Such intimidation will not be beaten by flexible groups of half a dozen people pleading with strike-breakers to listen to their consciences. For those consciences will always be weaker than the fear of being sacked and the lure of other people’s jobs.

Only one thing will stop such people helping to destroy whole chunks of the trade union movement, and that is picketing on such a scale that it frightens the scabs more than the threats of Ward and his paws.

If the numbers are big enough, the scabs and the police will be forced to go on the streets and the violence will end — as it ended at Salford near Birmingham during the 1972 miners’ strike as 30,000 engineering workers took to the streets.

But that will not happen at Grunwick unless we are prepared to meet the threats of Ward and the violence of the police with the organised force of the trade union movement.

To those who say they do not like the idea of using force, we can only reply: 100 trade unionists at Grunwick have been forced out of their jobs for standing up for their rights. It is up to our movement to force Grunwick to let them back in.

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Rape? But he’s in the Guards...

HE FRACTURED her ribs. He left her with serious internal injuries. He even ripped her earings out.

So Norwich Crown Court yesterday convicted Thomas Holdsworth of raping an unconscious and unconscious and unconscious.

He was then ordered 17, that attack in Great Yarmouth. It was just the beginning. She spent two months in hospital, and another two months in isolation as an outpatient.

She was an ex-crook. She had to have help even to turn herself over in bed. But as Carol says, "That takes me back to the headache and humiliation when I think of the things my family suffered.

For then she had to re-live it all in court. She had been brutally attacked. Imagine the sentence in time. A woman was 14-year-old girl.

Perhaps we can get back to the facts. Judge Griffiths Jones, old and old, could not have expected the punishment, who repeatedly slapped the accused. The case was adjourned.

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EAGER BEAVERS
THE COMPANIES THAT LOVE THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

CHLORIDE GROUP, one of Britain’s biggest battery makers, are trying to force a new productivity deal on UK workers. More than a third of the workers are occupying Chloride factories or on strike.

But last week Chloride were happy to announce that negotiations had reached an end. They were even happier to announce that last year Chloride’s profits rose by more than a third to £24 million.

Despite the group-owning plans from Chloride’s EGM, chairman and director of the National Earnings Board, Michael Edwards, Chloride have not been brought to the edge of bankruptcy by the greedy British Workers. Last year each British worker produced £1,683 of profit for Chloride, partly as a result of the company’s success in pushing up productivity by 12 per cent.

But Chloride are greedy for profits and want more than this.

The key to productivity has not stopped being exploited. Over the years the profit made from the 1,000,000 battery business has been ploughed back into the company to fund expansion and buy other parts of the world.

Over the years the battery side is much less important than the rest of the company.

In 1965 a fifth of the workers were lost in the company. Last week the workers at the company had been reduced to 12 per cent of the national average.

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Michael Curtis has told the company that the future will not be a long time coming. They have got to turn over a new leaf or be left behind by the rest of the world.

By Keith Gardener

Turn the Workers Party members from all over Scotland next week at Stirling University for two days to discuss a wide range of topics, from the organization of workers to the struggle against South Africa.

We will have a session on the struggle against the state, the role of the Workers Party and the struggle against the state.

School-leavers: Do we still SWP?

by游击

THE COLLIER - next week: Jim Ireland and Tyrone Wood are on the cover. They are both involved in the struggle against the state and are active members of the Workers Party. They are both involved in the struggle against the state.

WHERE IS THE SOCIALIST FIST FOR A NAZI?

SEYMOUR PROPHET

A leaflet issued by the Socialist Worker Party in Britain is for a Nazi Frist. The leaflet is called "The Socialist Fist for a Nazi".

The leaflet states that the Socialist Worker Party is a revolutionary force, fighting for a socialist society. It calls for the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of a workers' state.

The leaflet also states that the Socialist Worker Party is not a political party, but a group of individuals who are committed to the struggle for socialism. It calls for solidarity with all who are fighting against the capitalist system, and for the overthrow of the capitalist state.

The leaflet is available from the Socialist Worker Party office in London, or by writing to: Socialist Worker Party, 11 Old Street, London EC1.

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A mugging—but the police look the other way

FOR THE FIRST TIME the plight of the Lewisham 21 who were arrested in dawn raids on 30 May and charged with conspiracy, got national publicity last week from an unexpected quarter: Prince Charles.

His Royal Highness was paying a visit to a local youth club. He noticed a picture by the Lewisham 21 Defence Committee. Brushing aside his security aides, he went to speak to Kim Gordon, secretary of the committee.

After Kim had outlined the details of the police brutality against the 21, the Prince summoned the police chief for the Lewisham division, Commander Rentall.

"Why don't you get together?" he asked sweetly of the fuming policeman.

The Commander, reluctance—not surprisingly, said he would, and agreed to meet him in Lewisham Town Hall. There he will hear the full details of a horrifying dossier being collected by the Defence Committee.

"I strongly urge the committee chairman," told Simon, "to tell the police that they've been brutal, that I've seen men and women picked up in the docks who have certainly been treated better by the police than you."

Attack

"A Mrs Saunders told me that although she had no children among the 21, the police had been in her house 10 times in the past year to look up on her children. "A mother of one of the defendants, Mrs Johnson, told me: 'It's a disgrace what the police are doing. They come when they want to arrest my boy. I don't think they've been in the house until one of the police showed up in my bathroom."

"I'm sure they're being held incommunicado, and I've been arrested in the past. He was just standing in the doorway when they got him for questioning with the satisfaction of a police officer who knows he's done his job."

The mother of Peter Reid reported that, in a series of raids on her house, the police "broke the front door and took it right off in the night."

"There have been three bedroom doors."

Andrew MacDonald, another accused, was, according to his mother's statement, covered in dried blood on his skin when he was taken away late on the day of the arrests at the police station.

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A PROTEST meeting by the Lewisham 21 Defence Committee being broken up by the National Front on Saturday.

Faith Foster (right), mother of one of those arrested, asked for an apology for the police brutality, to constant threats such as "National Front in a White Man's Town" and "Socialist Worker supports Muggers."

About 200 fascists were faced by about as many supporters of the Defence Committee. Eventually, one fascist ripped the Socialist Worker off one of the committee supporters, and a running battle ensued.

Three heroes from the master race grabbed Norma Hardisty, an SFP member, and bashed her head into the ground until she was unconscious. Norma was taken to hospital, and released the next day.

Throughout all this, there wasn't a sign of the police who had appeared as suddenly one week before to break up a protest meeting and make arrests.

After the front had broken up the meeting, and after the fighting, the police作出了 an appearance, and showed no interest. There were no arrests.

The mugger of Norma Hardisty was taken in police custody, while young black people who also mugged were arrested at dawn, held without bail and charged with conspiracy, for which the sentences are unlimited.

Defend the Lewisham 21!

Stop Police Mugging!

Demonstrate, Saturday 2 July, Assemble 8pm, Clifton Road, New Cross Stables, London SE14.

All London SFP Districts to support.

"We are meeting Labour councillors in Lewisham on Wednesday", he says. And we'll tell them everything we tell Randall. We intend to go on doing just that until we get what we want.

LET THEM BURN!

THAT'S WHAT THE CUTS MEAN TO THESE STEEL WORKERS

There was once a serious burns unit at Sheffield's Wharncliffe Hospital with 15 beds and adequate staff levels.

There are 15 beds enough with the most serious burns in the area. This is a bed for burns, especially in the steel mills, where燿ust from metal overheating spills onto the ground and fills workers' boots. The unit has been drastically cut back, leaving only five beds and few staff.

By Leroy Reynolds

There's also a three-week waiting list before you can get in—which isn't much help to workers when they get burnt in the factories.

On the day I went into the unit, there was a man there who had been in another hospital bed for three weeks without being washed or shaved because none of the paper (left to him) came with his severe condition.

A steel nurse said they need to discharge people when they were healthy, but they discharged cripples because they got their treatment too late.

They're going to close the Wharncliffe unit, and there will be no more sales at the new hospitals, whatever that means.

There'll be only three beds in the other wards for burns cases.

You can't prevent accidents, but you can stop the cuts.

Faith Foster, broken arm and forwarded on an hour
Get back to Russia?

Victor Haynes is a representative on the Committee for the Defence of Soviet Political Prisoners. Spotted by defence committee members in Europe and Canada, he was taken to Belsen next week. He told Socialist Worker why.

"A mock trial of the Soviet authorities was held in London. It made the front page of the Daily Mail. It highlighted religious persecution, psychiatric abuse, censorship and the terrible conditions in Russian prisons.

But of the working class and its generation there was no mention. At the mock trial they came from workers but no one took them up.

This is because the right wing and the press in this country which takes up these questions is not interested in workers. They are not interested in workers in Britain, and they are not interested in workers in the Soviet Union either.

Yet workers form the majority of the population. Repression against workers is very much greater. Workers suffer hard conditions and have a much lower standard of living than the intelligentsia.

Political

But little write about trade unionists, and this would have to take up the questions of the workers in Britain. That's why they don't do it.

We should ask the Belgrade Conference what is the state of the workers in their country. We are prepared to come up to the Soviet right side, and the right to work and the right to strike, as well as general civil rights.

In reality you see high unemployment in the west, and in the east you see that workers are used as cheap labour and have no political rights. Some nationalisations have been carried against the workers.

The governments are the same as in the west. But we have to look at what is happening in our own country, our own conditions.

Implement

For working class people, the only way forward is to work struggles in the industrial movement to support the struggles of workers in other countries. Western capitalist governments do not understand that European workers have the same problems with their trade unions. Trade unions there are primarily used by governments to support their policies. And workers have no organisation to fight for their rights, in the same way as in the Soviet Union.

In that case, for instance, more than a million Ukrainian workers are working in steel mills. And they don't even have the right to organise.

So they do it voluntarily, but they are faced to be because they have no way of fighting. There are jobs, but the use of the Ukrainian language is forbidden. In the case of some workers, they can get jobs. But they are unable to organise to improve their conditions.

Blood

A worker who wrote to Socialist Worker said:

"Wage rates are very small and the hours are long. It is very difficult to make ends meet. If I had any money, I would move.

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FRANCO'S HEIRS RULE, OK. But only through a rigged election system that rubber-stamped the corrupt and ineffec-
tive opposition parties of Spain.

That is the message from last week's elections in Spain.

The vote was won by a coalition of two right-wing parties, the Popular Alliance and the Popular Movement, which between them won 69% of the vote. The Socialists, the main opposition party, won only 19%.

The election was marred by widespread allegations of fraud and irregularities. The police were involved in the vote counting process, and there were reports of ballot box tampering.

The result is a setback for democracy in Spain, which has made significant progress in recent years. The country has a strong tradition of democracy, and its citizens have fought hard to maintain it.

The next election is due in 1982, and there are already indications that the same pattern will continue. The right-wing parties are expected to win again, despite the fact that the economy is struggling and unemployment is high.

The future of Spanish democracy is in doubt, and the country faces a challenging period ahead.
**Grunwicks: Trial of Strength**

Grunwicks, a small film processing firm in North London, has become a battlefield over trade union rights which could affect the trade union movement for years to come.

The 90 workers on strike want a union. The factory is being run by scabs, mostly recruited to take the place of the strikers. The scabs wage rates have been raised 25 per cent since the strike began last August. The firm's boss, George Ward, can only carry out his battle against trade unions by paying the kind of wages he would never have contemplated before the strike.

He is backed by the National Association for Freedom, Tory shadow Ministers and by the National Front police.

If he is victorious, it will not only be the Grunwicks workers who suffer. Firms employing hundreds of thousands of workers in similar conditions will have a signal of what to do. They will know that powerful trade unions can be beaten.

It looked, last weekend, as if Grunwicks' plans were going to be thwarted. The mass picket was gaining strength from day to day.

Throughout the trade union movement, people were beginning to talk of a repetition of the huge pickets that closed the Salford coke depot and won the miners' strike in 1972.

But Roy Grantham—general secretary of the Grunwicks workers' union, APEX—lost his nerve at that point. He issued a call to refile the number of pickets to 500.

The press gave this call enormous publicity. Thousands of workers had been preparing to join the picket line when they were not needed.

On Monday morning, the police had little difficulty keeping the streets clear.

Grantham's move was not just a 'mistake.' He is a man of decided right-wing views—responsible, for instance, for a rule that prevents members of the Socialists Workers Party holding any office in his union.

Grantham's behaviour has been matched by that of many other national and local trade union officials. They make fine speeches about helping the Grunwicks strikers.

But they also fail to ensure that more members of their members turn out to support the strikers.

The responsibility for winning this crucial strike rests on the shoulders of rank and file trade union activists. The less clear they are about the NAPF, the less clear they are about the threat from right-wing elements.

**What is NAFF?**

**The Tory MPs behind it**

Mr John Gourley: No conflict is a menace to every worker.

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The Tory MPs have been specially selected for their extreme right-wing views.

They include Iff Knight, the anti-abortion campaigner; Ethel Bryon, the country's leading champion of apartheid in the schools; Winston Churchill, who fought for the workers at Amalgam, Manchester; and Nicolas Ridley, who married into the giant steel and engineering family and therefore is a strong supporter of private enterprise (fully for the NAPF).

NAFF also has its support in the Press, especially the Daily Telegraph.

On its council sits Peter Wright, owner of the Sunday Telegraph. He is a former逻辑 at the Institute for the Study of Conflict (director, Croydon; prominent communist member). Middel has been sending official speakers to police colleges.

In March, 1975, Peter Jenkins, secretary of the Institute for the Study of Conflict, spoke on 'Urban Terrorism' at the Brandelhi Police College. His substan-

tial presentation was made by the Home Office professor at Cardiff University, has also spoken at the College's 'senior command course,' on behalf of NAFF.

In the same month, James Moore at a top secret, hastily-arranged conference of 10 officers from the Special Air Services discussed, under the cover of 'international terrorism.'

The links between the NAFF organizers and top police and army officers are clear. Recently, Robert Mark, the former anti-trade union Metropolitan Commissioner of police, was offered a top job by Phoenix Assurance, where chairman is Lord de la Woulfe (chairman of NAFF).

The NAPF is not the extreme right-wing organisation that the NAFF could have been. It could have won great support from British big business.

Non-union As present, big business is holding back, waiting to see whether the NAPF can halt trade unionism at Grunwicks. If it fails, trade unionism at Grunwicks will die. If it succeeds, trade unionism at Grunwicks will flourish.

That is why the NAPF takes Grunwicks so seriously—and why the whole labour movement should too.
Conned by the TV

Press and television reporters were invited into Grunwick factory last Thursday by the bosses—and by John Gourcutt of the National Association of Broadcasters. They were shown the "wonderful conditions" (right). They weren't shown the smoke-belching in cent (the right) which proved that only a small minority of workers were in the factory that day. Now everything looked so spaccial.

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH POLICE VIOLENCE

I REMEMBER the Kevin Gately demonstration—violent yes, but nothing like today.

A few of us had been asked by a police car to go round to the back gate, there were not a lot of us, but there were a lot of police there. So the scene was set. There was a small group of pickets and hundreds of police. Then the bus full of pickets arrived and police and pickets lined up against each other in the road. Suddenly, people were turning out and trying to see what was happening, but no violence against the police.

By Mel MacPartland, who was on last Friday's picket

bodily with armlocks around their necks, pushing them, chasing them—so viciously. We were outnumbered, they could have just taken people away, we were so few. There would have been no violence from us. But no, they actually enjoyed marching people, treating them brutally. The police were obviously not in any danger from the small crowd. People started screaming and running. One young Indian boy came running past me, he was shaking and in tears and he said, "I've never seen anything like this." And we were laughing too.

There was a scuffle, and the police ran amok, grabbing anyone they could by their hands or feet, roughly. When some people's noses broke, because of the brutal way the police were handling people, they broke away and ran—and the police chased them.

The policeman leaned out of this green van and told them to stop, they were not supposed to chase after, and they were obviously reluctant to go back to the picket line—they were having more fun beating up pickets and their supporters.

I saw a young girl with curly hair being dragged along in a vicious half-naked armlock; another young girl fell down near me, obviously in shock, shaking and crying—so frightened. I put my coat around her and tried to comfort her.

VIOLENCE

It was awful! Unbelievable. A lot of us, I'm sure did not expect that scale of violence—we were not prepared for that scale of thing.

I saw the shock on the face of one very respectable Labour councillor—white and drawn—he couldn't believe his eyes.

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The Tories, the NF, the Queen and me
By JOHNNY ROTTEN

NOW officially at No. 1
but banned on radio and
unable to play, the Sex Pistols
are rightsy refusing to speak
to the gutter press.

But Johnny Rotten has talked at length about his politics to Rock Against Racism.

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SIXTEEN men are about to come up in court in Bodmin, Cornwall, charged with ‘serious crimes’ which did no harm to anyone.

There are no witnesses — only confessions given to the police by these men who have said with one another.

That’s when the crime is called ‘group indecency in a public place’.

The Cornish case is not an exception. All over the country, police forces, which constantly complain about overcrowding, are scratching at the back door to get evidence against anyone who can be proved to have had sex with someone of his own sex.

**Adults**

All this is happening ten years after the law was changed to allow homosexual activity.

\[ Question: What is your view of the new laws? \]
\[ Rotten: I think they are much more rational answers to the question of what we see as different sex. And I think it is very important to make our position as people who are not against sex. \]

The law is the law. It must not be changed without consultation with everyone concerned.

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**How much longer must these people be hounded and humiliated?**

By LIONEL STARLING and PAUL FOOT

At last, there’s an end to a decade of fear and repression. And now the question is: what happens next?

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**In the ‘Land of the Free’... Where Being Gay is a Crime**

DADE COUNTY in Florida has just voted by a squeak to outlaw ‘lustful disorderly or licentious behavior’ against homosexuals.

The new anti-homosexual law is being led by Aubry Bryant, a former Miss America and a radical antivisitor and racist. If God wanted people to be homosexuals, she would have made Adam and Eve Rubin, has become one of the more enlightened campaign slogans.

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Stuff the news bosses...

H. C. MULLIN, (letters, 18 June) attacks the 'hack-writers' of the media for being willing tools of 'bosses' propaganda. Although I express sympathy with the writer's anger at this biased crap that pours from Fleet Street newspapers and the like, I would like to put the record straight:

First, virtually all the programmes of the national television and radio networks are controlled by a handful of publicity men, some of whom are mere lackeys, who gain the confidence of the studios and networks by being very much like the producers of the media. These powerful gag writers are often editors, who supervise journalists, to create a self-purifying propaganda machine.

Second, the journalists and television networks have no say in the political direction of editorial content. I know there are a few exceptions to this, but I generally write for the newspapers and magazines that I have the freedom to do so. Unfortunately, I am not often given the freedom to do so.

PROOF OF THIS: Propaganda campaigns mounted by governments, their advertising departments and the like, are run by hacks who are often the same people who have been in the media industry for years. They have the power to influence the content of the media, and they do.
WHICH WAY TO SOCIALISM?
The second of a series to which readers are invited to contribute

The origins of the British Road

By HARRY McShANE

Founder member of the Communist Party Leader of the unemployed Workers Movement in the 1930s. Recalled from UP in early 1950s.

parliamentary forms of organisation instead of intensifying the fight for basic factory organisation.

But the root cause of the mistake—the dominance of Party policy by Russian foreign policy—remained.

Who laid down the line for the British Road to Socialism in 1935? One answer to this question was given by Russian foreign minister Nikolai Khrushchev in a speech in East Berlin in 1953. 

We trust that the elucidation of those adverbs of the cult of Stalin that it was no other than Stalin who, in an interview with British communists after the second world war, spoke of using the peaceful parliamentary way to bring about the victory of socialism, and this is recorded in the programme of the Communist Party of Great Britain. The leaders of the British Communist Party know that this wording was proposed by Stalin.

Khrushchev’s version is different from what members of the Communist Party were led to believe at the time. We were told that Stalin approved of the policy as a piece of ‘creative Marxism’.

According to the late Palme Dutt, something like that was said by Stalin in the columns of ‘Pravda’. In that case, according to Khrushchev, Stalin was pusling his own brain-wave!

Harry McShane (above right) with John McLean (centre) and other revolutionary socialists in Clydeside after the First World War.

The new draft makes an analysis of the present situation. The discussion at the coming congress will not centre on that. The signs are that the so-called parliamentary road to socialism will take most of the attention of the party.

It is rumoured that those opposing the draft are die-hard Stalinists. It would seem, however, that the line forward in the document was dictated by Stalin. In that case the congress should be interesting.

It seems certain however that some of the changes will not be tamed by Stalinism.

The possible social revolution will not be solved by the political quacks who have more in common with Liberalism than revolutionary socialism.

The instincts and passions of the people belong to the struggle for social revolution. Socialism will not come through Acts of Parliament.

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The ANNUAL conference of the National Association of Local Government Officers in Beeston last week voted to give the Greenwich Occupation Group its full support. A national collection was also taken to help the striking workers. The retirement of Mr. J. A. Lord as the new General Secretary has been announced. There was a vote of thanks to Mr. Lord for his work in the union. The one main resolution passed at the conference was on the Trades Union Congress's Resolution which called for the withdrawal of all cuts. The conference agreed to support the workers in their strike action.

The public sector workers in the North West of England have announced a one-day strike action on Tuesday. The workers are demanding a pay rise of 10 per cent to match the cost of living. The strike is expected to affect services across the region, including transport, health, and education. The union has called on the government to negotiate a fair wage settlement for public sector workers.

The Socialist Worker welcomes the decision of the North West public sector workers to strike on Tuesday. The government's cuts to public services are hitting workers hard, and it is time for workers to stand together to demand a better deal. The union represents thousands of workers in the North West, and the strike is expected to be well-organized and well-supported. The Socialist Worker will be covering the strike in future editions.

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£6,000 BOOST FOR GREENWICH SIT-IN

A new £6,000 boost for the Greenwich sit-in has been announced. The boost comes from the National Union of Local Government Workers (NUPE) to help workers currently on strike in the area.

None of the 80 workers who voted to occupy their factory six weeks ago in NUPE, they are all in ISTC, the steel workers union. None of these workers have received any pay from their union and no union has agreed to call off the occupation in any way. NUPE has been down in the labor movement and ISTC is the steel workers union.

Worse

They are getting more. It will be much harder for them to get support from the unions.

Carlson, the NUPE head, was among the ISTC strike committee. ISTC workers would not go out on strike because they had hard work to do.

The next day, 20 workers went on strike at the engineering company. The day after, they were supported by some more. RUPE workers have been down in the labor movement and ISTC is the steel workers union. NUPE has been down in the labor movement and ISTC is the steel workers union.

Now sit-in strikers occupy bosses' pleasure boat

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Electricity Board condemns Kamina, 6 months

THE BABY KILLERS

Why can't they do a decent day's work? — ASCOT 1977

Meanwhile some people were too busy to worry.

TWO STORIES in the paper this week show what kind of society we live in:

First the unemployment figures: 1.679.000. That's the highest in 30 years, and it's always a time when they were promising us that unemployment would go down.

Most of the young unemployed are young people who have just left school — and they have no chance of finding a job.

Next, the rich people's vote by the Kennedys, the rich people who are still employed. Last week, they too were too busy. They were on strike.

In a year that workers have suffered their greatest cuts in living standards since the 1930s, a year when trade union leaders after trade union leader and call for restraint and sacrifice for the Labour Government, it is unclear who the rich people's vote by the Kennedys.

Hundreds of grey coopers and tarts and women in light summer dresses that they may wear twice and which cost more than £100, more than many working class families spend on clothes in a year.

This is what the Social Contract is all about — making sure that they keep their wealth and privilege, to fight to maintain their standard of living.

The Ascot champagne cellar — 24,000 bottles drunk by the end of the fourth day. PICTURE: Phil McClean

KAMINA REID, six months old, is dead. She was murdered by the North West Electricity Board and the Social Contract.

The story came out last week. The electricity Board had cut off her mother's electricity, and she repeatedly refused to reconnect it. In spite of overwhelming evidence that Kamina was dead.

Twice in a month, Dorothy Reid, who lived alone with her three children at Middlesbrough in Manchester, went to the board and pleaded for electricity. She explained that Kamina had a chest infection and had to keep warm.

She offered to pay £15 arrear but the Board refused. Either you pay the bill or you don't get any electricity, they told her.

In the first week of February, in the freezing cold, Dorothy reconnected her supply herself with a piece of copper wire and a matchstick. But it was too late. Kamina died on 9 February.