THE MORNING THE RANK AND FILE STOPPED GRUNWICKS

OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING!
Jesus Christ, it's blasphemy!

'AN ATTACK on Christ is blasphemy if there is an element of irreverence, scurrility, profanity, vitilification or licentiousness abuse towards any sacred religion or any sacred person or object.'

Thus Mr Justice King-Hamilton, summing up in the trial of David Lench, editor of Gay News.

Found guilty of 'blasphemy libel', Dennis has been fined £500 and given suspended sentence for 12 months — and Gay News has been fined £1,000.

When the jury asked King-Hamilton what amounted to the 'breach of the peace' necessary for proving a blasphemy libel, he replied 'Brink of the court'. The jury then saw (without translation) 15 lines of print which it may be considered were not part of the text intended to be printed in the newspaper.

This means that there was a breach of the peace.

But then the union top brass sought to alter the verdict.

By Bob Light

'THE NEW GAY NEWS, WHAT WE THINK'

GAY NEWS

WE CAME down to do a job and we only half did it.'

Three complaints by Yorkshire miners after seeing the 'new' edition of Gay News had resulted in a breach of the peace.

There had been threats before the matter which led to the complaint. Then the miners were told to come and clear the trouble out of the way.

The miners started to work, clearing away the pickets, taking the papers off the picket lines and getting the policy to get the scales into the factory.

The miners, APEX, then started to the Strike Committee positively on condition that the TUC did not go ahead with the demonstration.

The TUC APEX Executive had insisted that the Strike Committee demand their best judgement, that there would be no attempt to stop the miners' bus while the Court of Inquiry was sitting.

APEX and the TUC said they would win the strike — but not through mass action.

This split goes to the heart of our movement.

On Monday the TUC marched under delegations and demonstrations from the action.

The miners' strike was a fight against the rank and file workers, was broken up by political and old social structures, was a fight against the old feudal union bureaucracy.

The lesson will not be lost on any of those taking part in mass action for the first time.

The situation will be very different after the next round of picketing.

The miners' strike will be broken up by the old social structures, the old feudal union bureaucracy.

DETERMINED: Some of 1,000 postal workers who turned out in solidarity with their brothers and sisters locked out at Cricklewood.

Luton also claimed that five workers were injured in the battle.

The men were not injured but were seen to be injured.

THE IMPARTIAL BBC

Violence? Yes.

By Ken Muller

I DON'T CARE if you're dying — get in here!'

That's George Ward's attitude to his workers. According to Kevin Slattery, one of the seven Grunwick drivers who came out on strike last Monday.

If you think he's exaggerating, listen to what happened to Fred Smith last week. Not from Fred, mind you, but from his local MP.

Mr Smith was hit on the head and knocked unconscious by a grunwick driver.

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EXUPERANT... a Grunwick striker

Police beat up black teenagers in cells

THE intimidation, beatings and arrests are continuing in Lewisham, South London.

Two more youngsters have been arrested and charged alongside the original 21 'complicated' and 'lack.

Seven of the original 21 are still held and held for detention. They have been refused bail by their solicitors. Two defendants are aged 15, and aged 16.

The black community in Lewisham is gloomy and more angry about this continuing harassment.

MASTER RACE FLEE

FASCISTS in Lewisham were given a shock last Saturday when the police disband the group, known as the Lewisham Afro-English group. A number of workers, supported by the National Front violence in the area, had offered to protect the meeting.

As the noisy approached they were met by a group of larger-than-average men. Most of the masters were involved immediately, leaving a few of them until last up.

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BEAUTIFUL MORNING...

embarrassed. It was immediately apparent that the police were not going to let the town take over its own destiny.

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THE PICKETS STOOD FIRM... AND THE POLICE TURNED AND RODE AWAY

There were dozens of them... mounted police coming down the hill, straight towards the pickets. But there was no way through. The pickets linked arms and simply formed a human wall across the road. The mounted lemons looked absolutely sick...

Where we go from here

THE MASS PICKETS MUST BE STEPPED UP

IS THIS A COINCIDENCE?

WHY IS THIS Happening?

BRITISH PICKETS FACE THE SAME PROBLEMS AS AMERICAN STRIKERS

WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

There's violence here all right

behaviour convinced them of the drivers—Dick Grant, Millard Russell and Victor Hamilton—to join the Transport Workers Union, to recruit other drivers, and to join the ATEU members on strike.

Their task was made easier by management attempts to

found. Kevin Stalley had been threatened with being fired after writing a complaint against the company. When the bus driver was finally fired, he was cheered into the town by the 20 drivers who had been fired as well. This kind of management

intimidated them. The drivers' 21 drivers were called in one by one and questioned about their attitude to the union. It was made clear to them that anyone who joined the union would be sacked. The strike was over. The 19 non-striking drivers were instructed not to talk to the

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN WHO WALKED OUT

For months they'd been forced to try to build up the union secretly inside the plant. Then, on Monday, seven Grunwicks drivers walked out to join the mass picket and to strike for recognition of the Transport and General Workers Union.

ALARM OVER MISSING MINERS OFFICIAL

YORKSHIRE miners' leaders are worried about the disappearance of Matthew Jones, editor of the official Yorkshire Miner.

Matthew vanished a few days after his arrest at Grunwick's on 23 June. Yorkshire miners have issued a warrant for his arrest after his failure to appear last week.

Shaken

When arrested, Mr. Jones was questioned for several hours by the police. When I spoke to him afterwards, he appeared shaken, but did not give any details of his interrogation.

Solidarity

A CIVL and Public Servants Association branch in the Post Office has pledged support to their colleagues at Crockwell sorting office.

The Kensington Computer Centre branch are ready with a programme of action and have already locked-out postmen call for it. And they will refuse to co-operate with any moves to reduce the pay of suspended postmen.

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The company that never was

BY SEYMOUR PROPHET

The bug in the boardroom

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE WORLDS

Millionaires

IN FEBRUARY 1961, the board of GCE (Great Central Estates) Ltd, of Holborn, London, announced that it would be giving shareholders a dividend of 7s. 6d. for the year ending 31 December 1960. This was at a time when the company was involved in a major legal case. The case was whether the company should be allowed to pay dividends out of money that had been spent on the purchase of a piece of land, which the company had bought in order to develop it for commercial purposes. The shareholders were given the choice of whether to receive their dividend in cash or in shares. Those who chose shares would receive an extra 5% in the future. The company was unable to pay dividends on its shares, as it had been ordered by the court to use its share capital to pay off its debts. This meant that the shareholders who chose shares would not receive their dividend for some time. The company was eventually forced to liquidate, and its shareholders lost all their money. The case became known as the Great Central Estates Ltd case, and it is remembered as one of the most famous examples of a company paying dividends out of debt. The case had a profound effect on the way that companies were run in the future, and it is still studied by students of finance and economics.
THE £50m DRUGS SCANDAL

FIVE HUNDRED hospital workers marched last week in protest against the proposed closures of hospitals in South London by the Wandsworth, Sutton and East Merton Health Authority.

The authority want to close the Weir Hospital (36 beds), the Wimbledon Hospital (78 beds), St George's Hospital, Hyde Park (176 beds) and one (150 operations a month) and another substantial hospital as yet unnamed.

The suffering these closures will cause in the area is impossible to describe. The authorities insist they simply have not got the money to keep these hospitals open. That’s the argument for the health cuts all over the country.

Branded

But there’s plenty of money spent by the Health Service which is wasted—and which could keep all these hospitals open.

For there is a running scandal in the Health Service—the regular prescription of patented or branded drugs by doctors when there are similar non-branded drugs available at only a fraction of the price.

The cost of drugs and appliances prescribed by doctors in 1974 is one of the main items in terms of Health Service spending. It is rising. In 1974 the Health Service spent £235 million on drugs. In 1975, that had risen to £235 million. And last year the figure jumped to an astonishing £292 million.

The Department of Health does not disclose how much of this spending was on branded drugs—and how much could be saved by substituting cheaper non-branded drugs instead.

Decision

But a conservative estimate says that about a third of all prescriptions are for branded drugs which are medically identical to much cheaper, non-branded drugs. In other words, about £1 million a year, or 2p on the tax bill, could be saved by substituting the non-branded drugs in every surgery.

New Lewish, a socialist doctor in Yorkhill surgery, has written a full page article on this.

The message of her article is that if the drugs were produced and marketed directly by the Health Service, there could be enormous savings—and no closures.

The article was signed on the wall of every hospital—and every doctor’s surgery—where the cuts are alleged.

You don’t need a sticking plaster to repair the NHS. You need a scalpel.

WRITES JEAN LEWIS

$50m

How the Health Service is robbed by ‘patent medicine’ con

As a socialist doctor, I try to stand back and think carefully about what drugs I prescribe. I often tell myself that I am not really influenced by the advertising pressures of the multinational drug companies.

I know that because of shortage of time, pressure of work and worries about my own health, I sometimes allow myself to be influenced by what the representatives tell me. There have been tremendous changes in drugs and treatment since I was a medical student. It’s hard to keep up with the facts, but these days it seems you have to rely on information that the sources are correct about what drugs are available.

What are these sources? All too often it is either the drug companies themselves or medical journals.

Medical journals are often highly paid and so cannot be entirely independent. I have had to be careful about what I believe. I have been influenced by what they say about the new drugs.

The problem is, there are so many different treatments and so many different drugs that it is impossible to compare them all in detail.

Robbers

Drug companies often advertise their own products and claim that they are better than others. They often quote studies that have been carried out by other people, but these studies are often not carried out by independent organizations.

There is a lot of information available, but it is not always clear what the different drugs are doing. The problem is that the cost of the drug is not always considered.

There are many different ways of looking at the problem of drug costs. One way is to look at the cost of the drug and the cost of the treatment. The cost of the drug is important, but the cost of the treatment is also important. The treatment is also important because it affects the cost of the drug.

As you can see from the table, the patent drugs are much more expensive than the non-patent drugs. The non-patent drugs may be almost exactly the same.

Dependence

The drug companies have a lot to gain from the dependence on their products. They are able to charge more money for their products. They also have the power to influence doctors and the patients who use their products.

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This is not a new problem. The government has been aware of the problem for a long time. They have tried to do something about it, but they have not been successful.

No wonder the NHS is in a state of collapse.

I sometimes feel that I am losing some of the benefits of my medical training. Since the birth of the NHS, the government has always been on the GP’s side. This is not surprising, since the government is the main funder of the NHS.

We need a sticking plaster to repair the NHS. We need a scalpel.
They let her in for the funeral!

FOR FIVE years Sir Kristian Sorokin tried to bring his wife and children to Britain from India. He was expelled from India in 1972, a British passport holder, he came to Britain and settled in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. His wife and family were finally allowed into the country in 1976. Sir Kristian became ill shortly after coming to work in Britain. Because he was a breadwinner and needed to sign a document for his wife's admission. After months of exhausting letters with the Home Office, the Immigration Office, and the Home Office, the application was finally denied. He was being held by the Executive Council for the duration of his visa. At one point he was an American condition, relying on his wife's support, and he wished to see his wife and children. Sir Kristian Sorokin wrote a letter to the Prime Minister outlining his situation. The Prime Minister promised to look into the matter. Sir Kristian Sorokin died shortly after signing the document.
The workers fought, but the generals stole their victory

by NIGEL HARRIS

PRIME MINISTER Bhutto’s regime has collapsed, after four and a half months of spectacular—though between 350 and 1,000 people killed, and, at times, up to 50,000 in prison.

The workers fought, but the generals stole their victory

by JAMSHED MEHTA

Uganda: There are murders—and executions

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The traditional leadership of the Uganda National Alliance (PNA), which has been a key player in the Ugandan political scene since the country gained independence from Great Britain in 1962, has been under pressure from the military regime led by General Idi Amin. The PNA, which is a coalition of political parties, has been a key ally of the government, but it has been embroiled in a series of political controversies and allegations of corruption.

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SUPPORT THE GRUNWICKS PICKET LINE: 7am, every weekday.

Words fail us, Bro. Jackson...

Why we need mass action, by a postman locked out at Cricklewood

The Cricklewood postmen have been suspended for refusing to handle Cricklewood mail. They have defied their own union executive by taking action.

The day after they were suspended they turned up for work and tried to do their job as normal—except for moving the Cricklewood mail. But management had blocked the Post Office van keys and sealed the pillar boxes.

Undeterred, the postmen tried to do their job on their bicycles and in their own cars. It was a statement of protest to demonstrate to the public that the breakdown of post communications was the fault of the Post Office and not of the men.

The next day the Post Office locked the workers out altogether. They turned up at Bromley Town Hall, head quarters of the Grunwick Strike Committee, and asked for temporary accommodation.

Meanwhile the executive of the Union of Post Office Workers decided to call a meeting of the locked-out postmen.

Interview by John Rose

Find Jackson and the fine words of action behind the Tom Jackson have done nothing for his fellow Cricklewood postmen or the Grunwick strikers.

THIS YEAR'S TGWU Delegate Conference was historic. It was the first time the General Secretary, and the executive have been defeated on major policy.

It was also Jack Jones' last conference as General Secretary. For five years he has made the running in TGWU collaboration with first the TUC, then with Heath, then with the Labour government since 1974.

Because the rank and file delegates at the TGWU's own conference have decisively rejected Jones' collaborationist approach on wages.

Things in the TGWU will never be the same again. The General Secretary designate, Moss Evans, watched stone-faced as delegates rejected Jones' impasioned plea for unity behind the Labour government.

Evans was elected on a minority vote with a massive Anti-Socialist Congress, led up by a yawning split between other candidates. Tommy Riley, the rank and file candidate who came fifth in that election, told Socialist Worker:

"The vote today was great. We've waited for years for this. Now we're going to have to fight the election of all our officials."

The vote on Wednesday 5 July was only the start. Socialist Worker members and supporters in the TGWU are invited to discuss where next for the TGWU at a meeting this Saturday (16 July).

NO-ONE ON THE LEFT predicted victory. The Jones appeal for loyalty has always worked before. But the impossible has happened.

Some 40 speakers went to the rostrum. As Wednesday morning went on, more and more speakers added their voice to the Socialist Congress until the point was reached when Jack Jones prompted the chairman to appeal for speakers who would support the executive.

Supporters of an 'orderly return' to the TGWU, who were in the audience, operated a phony 'placard' success. The TGWU's new leadership is firmly established.

The meeting of the Executive, 1, predicted, for instance, that in the next six months control of the TGWU would be transferred to the Socialist Congress. The meeting of the TGWU was told to expect the TGWU's new executive to be based on Socialist Congress principles. The SBCC was elected on a..."
THE BATTLE BEHIND THE SCENES

THE STRUGGLE to get a anti-Social Contract resolution allowing new claims to operate from 1 August was not easy.

An initial Ballot meeting on Saturday decided to support resolution 41 calling for a return to unspecified collective bargaining, without specifying a date.

But then another meeting took place, organised by the London Districts branch. Delegates there insisted on something stronger.

Finally a joint meeting took place on Monday night and it was eventually agreed that the words "by August 1 1977" would be included.

So far, the main campaign has been to get a anti-Social Contract resolution allowing new claims to operate from 1 August.

The union's emphasis on wage levels has been a major source of industrial pressure. The wage claim has now been totally disregarded, and the public's adherence to present policies will only aggravate the chronic crisis of unemployment.

Confusion and lack of understanding have been the main problems facing the country.

The build-up to the big vote

DAY ONE - Monday - saw the full-time officials get a real going-from-the-1150 delegates as the pace of new claim point was raised on the annual report.

Dave Pachman from the Metals branch argued for a "return to unspecified collective bargaining, without specifying a date." But this was met by a joint meeting on Monday night and it was eventually agreed that the words "by August 1 1977" would be included.

The debate was intense, with many delegates expressing concern about the lack of clarity in the resolution. However, it was agreed that the words "by August 1 1977" would be included to give a clear date for the return to unspecified collective bargaining.

The resolution was then put to the vote, and it was passed by a large majority. The build-up to the big vote was a success, with many delegates expressing support for the resolution.

The march

Will I get paid my dole money?

Before you go on the march, you will need to check your pay slips to make sure you are paid enough for the day. If you are not, you may be entitled to claim.

What about food and accommodation?

The marchers will be sleeping in tents, so make sure you bring enough food and water. If you are going to be out for an extended period, you may want to bring some extra supplies.

What sort of entertainment is laid on?

Big dances and discos are being organised for every town we visit in the March. Several high builders and rock bands have already offered their services. While we are telling them that we haven't got the right to work, we must make sure we have a good time.

Join the Right to Work March

Liverpool to Blackpool, 2-7 September

LENN MURRAY

Join the Right to Work March. WE'LL WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE

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BRIGHTON RUGBY WORKERS Public meeting addressing political issues on Thursday, 21 July. 8.30pm. Rugby Club, Southover Street, Brighton. Thursday, 21 July. 8.30pm. Rugby Club, Southover Street, Brighton.

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NAFF have got a big future lined up for us... by TONY McGHEE

DOES REVOLUTION FRIGHTEN YOU? by PHILLIP WEBSTER, BLACKBURN SWP

The collapse of Democracy, as just about anyone can see, is the creeping advance of the same old system. The system is the enemy. It is the system that is killing us, not the individual. The system is the problem, not the people. The problem is not the individual, but the system. The problem is not the people, but the system.

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PICKING POCKETS OF THE UNEMPLOYED

WE ARE unemployed, and have recently left college. We were advised by the local Social Services to go to temporary work picking, before making a claim for unemployment benefits. So we became pickers at a local farm, belonging to Mr. Carter at Manor Farm, Great Baddow.

On our first day, we received 20p per bag of nett, to pick and work fast. The next day we were required to sell the bags at the rate of one every 90 minutes. Then we found that the piece rate was going down flat, to a bag a week.

When the factories have trouble, Down comes ACAS on the double with Management and Union's power. They put the workers in their place.

They came to see the way we were working. At the last day, we were told that the SE Scheme did not include us.

This is what had caused all the fuss.

But to us they had not.

The ACAS fire brigade

The reason he gave for this was that the increasing number of pickers, and that it would be difficult to make up a 100 bag.

He then proposed a swimming pool, a large house, two farms, a farm shop and both his children are prospective schoolboys. His daughter also belongs to the local hostel. Picking for the last day finished at 12 noon.

The day we did not have a particular reason. After the usual announcements and 'make work', the pickers went to their homes. Shouldn't there be government protection for people like ourselves to stop being exploited by opportunistic farmers, who have no reason to make a good profit?

MARRY PENFOLD, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

AS a special treat, we went to see the film of ACAS at the local hostel.

The debate is now taking place on Thursday 23 July at 2pm at the Rose Wynd Hall, our Westminster Central Office.

The support of the South Essex District Secretary, South Essex Communist Party, has been given to this meeting. The South Essex Communist Party is preparing to hold a joint meeting with the SWP.

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IT MADE ME SICK

The paper carried within was a holy book, and I thought it was a sin to read it. So I returned it to the clergyman and asked if he would give it to the poor. He told me he would do so. Then I left the church and went home. My thoughts were occupied by the poor man who had been given the book. I thought that he was the most fortunate person in the world, for he had all the comforts and luxuries of life, and was not troubled with any of the sins that I had committed. I was just going to begin to study the book when I remembered that it was a holy book, and I knew that I must not do so.

GIL CARMIL, Tollesbury.
We are not asking to be top dogs: we are asking for unity.

OH NO - THEY'RE ALL PULLING TOGETHER!

By CLIVE HARTLEY

A member of the founding section of the engineering union, convener of the Federation of Building and Allied Trades Unions, and for more than 20 years an active member of the Communist Party. At the end of last year he joined the Socialists Workers Party.

Chi-Ci: Workers cannot afford to escape these double holidays, or the losses of the 1966 strike, to travel in France or to take a happenings weekend in London, where the CP is playing into the hands of the employers.

Noneider is it a good putdown about the French CP's passivity in the local elections. In fact, these are the same people as about 15 years ago. And no, he has no reason to report.

The CP needs to make a complete break with parliamentarism and reestablish the idea of workers' control and workers' power.

I believe that the CP must take a lead and begin to show that what is best for the CP is also best for the working class, whatever the CP may think.

William Marx insists that art should be a weapon of class struggle, not a weapon of individualism. And so it is.

The CP needs to show a stronger line now and a stronger unity. If it doesn't, things can get very bad.
UNION BID TO DITCH MATHERS SPARKS

TYNESID: The Electricians Union bureaucracy is digging its heels in as it wields its muscle to stop the strike at Lloyds Bank's Tynebridge site.

The union's hardline stance is in line with the behaviour of the Electricians Union nationally, and the stoppage affects the city's entire banking network.

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KILWINNING, Ayrshire: 150 engineering workers, on strike for eight weeks for equal pay, have occupied their factory, the Eastman International Ltd, to protest against the management's refusal to negotiate.

The workers have been employed at the factory for years and are demanding a pay rise of 10%.

The management has offered a pay rise of only 2% and has refused to negotiate.

The workers have occupied the factory to show their determination to win their demands.

They have barricaded the doors and windows with furniture and have set up a small office to run the factory.

The strike is going on for the second week and the workers are determined to fight for their rights.

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Builders march to save Direct Works

BUILDERS IN Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester held protest demonstration outside the offices of Direct Works, the government's new housing agency.

In Birmingham a demonstration of 1000 builders was supported by the public employees union NUFFE and the local government workers union. It was a one-day stoppage of the construction union (UCAT) throughout the Midlands region. Ken Barrow, UCAT Midlands regional secretary, was arrested and the entire picket line was broken up by police.

In Liverpool, the building workers picketed outside the Newby building site and threatened to go on strike if they were not given a meeting with the management.

In Manchester, a demonstration of 500 builders was supported by the local council workers union and the local government workers union. The demonstration was peaceful and ended with a march through the city centre.

The Builders' Federation was also holding a meeting in Liverpool to discuss the situation.

The campaign continues with further protests planned in other cities.

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DALEHURST: A meeting of more than 1000 construction workers in Dalehurst on the Wirral Peninsula last night decided to continue their action to protest against the closure of Direct Works. The union is planning a march to London on 5th June to press the government to reverse its decision.

The meeting decided to continue the picket line at the company's offices in Dalehurst for the next two weeks. The union is hoping to attract support from other unions and is planning to hold a rally in London on 5th June.

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MINERS THROW DOWN THE GAUNTLET

DELEGATES to the annual conference of the National Union of Mineworkers have thrown down the gauntlet not only to the government, but to their own leaders as well.

Joe Gormley, NUM president, has been openly critical of the trade union leaders, and the miners are expected to accept this challenge.

It started off as a picket line at the coalface, but the miners are now calling for a general strike to pressure the government into accepting their demands.

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SEVENTY unemployed workers from Merseyside have said they want to join September's Right to Work march.

They have been signed up to Kirkby, Bootle and central Liverpool. Twenty six marchers joined in Kirkby after the local Right to Work Committee occupied the jobs centre and held a street meeting outside.

Another 16 marchers were signed up after the Bootle Jobs Centre was occupied. Radio Merseyside arrived at the occupation and interviewed two young school leavers who said they wanted to go on the march.

More occupations, street meetings, demonstrations and other activities are planned throughout the Merseyside area.

The march is leaving Liverpool on September 27th, meeting Blackburn on September 28th at the Trades Union Congress.

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