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ALL ARMED workers will think carefully about the Greenwich by-election. Labour Party lost a seat it had held since the end of World War II.

For many sections of the Left, the loss of this one seat can be seen as a disaster. This is not the position of Workers Press.

Let us clear up one thing. Blame for the defeat on the dirty smear tactics of Tony pressmen is being placed on the Labour Party. It is not hypocritical for the campaign against the Labour candidate was initiated not by the Tories but by Kinnoch and his friends, even before she was selected.

Considerable Tory support for the victorious SDP is no surprise. The fact is that reformism caving before the Tories will never win the middle class. The most important thing to remember about the SDP leaders is that they cannot offer social-democracy stable as Kinnoch and Hattersley. Owen, Jenkins and Shirley Williams were in the group that led the fight against the Labour Party of Clause Four, to undermine the unilateralist fight inside Party and to tie it securely to the immediate interests of the Labour Left.

The Owen-Jenkins SDP merely sets the pace for social-democracy as a whole. It was entirely predictable that the Greenwich result should be a signal for stepping up Kinnoch’s campaign against the Labour Left.

For some 80 years the Labour Party, formed by the trade unions, has been the centre of working class power. Over two world wars and several periods of economic crisis the Labour leaders have kept the working-class mass safely for capitalism. It is not a surprise to say that, throughout this period of decline of British imperialism, the Labour Party has been the most important prop of the British capitalist state.

That prop is crumbling. The industrial disputes of the last period — the miners’ strike, the battles of the steelworkers — have been characterised by profound distrust and hostility of workers for the trade union leaders. The collapse of much of British imperialism has led to the growing parasitism of British imperialism and finding their expression in the political field.

Now layers of the working class are showing their first hostility towards the craven, bankrupt Labour leadership. The miners’ strike last winter brought many workers and youth into a direct confrontation against the capitalist state for the first time. Waving repeated this experience. Young people — at school, in the colleges and in the dole queues — feel particularly bitter, blaming the Labour and trade union leaders no less than Thatcher for unemployment.

Sections of the middle class who were supposedly attracted by Kinnoch’s respectable image. have demonstrated in Greenwich once again that they are in fact repelled by it. In the past, millions of workers were prepared to vote Labour automatically. Those days are gone for good.

Those whose thinking is imprisoned within the old forms of trade-union militancy plus parliamentary Labour politics must naturally draw the most pessimistic conclusions from these changes. But it is a crisis of social democracy — which has deepened continually especially since the appearance of the SDP — is a precipitate and general crisis in revolutionary leadership in the working class.

Greenwich has served to indicate once more the great vacuum of leadership in the working class. It has opened up new possibilities for the Workers Revolutionary Party, possibilities which we must now seize firmly.

Despair of jobless youth

TWO unemployed young people in Manchester committed suicide recently.

The father of Glyn Roberts blamed depression for the tragedy. Glyn and his best friend Louis McDonough were found dead at a park in woodland at Worsley. A boy led from the exhaust pipe through a car window and the engine was left running.

Thomas Roberts told the 'Manchester Evening News': 'I have seen similar cases in the newspapers that they had parents in the country and it is all starkly the same scene in which the youth of today have to live.'

For youngsters, a job is a passport to society. Without that passport you are treated like a nobody — a bum. Neither of those lads had one. But they were both trying to find work and simply couldn’t get it.

The savage rise in prescription charges has caused a rise in the number of people using prescription drugs, especially among the poor and the sick who must keep the dosage. Charges are very often more than the cost of the drugs themselves, particularly for those on benefits. The worst off are those who are in work, but who have no profits to put aside for the last chance to pay them.

There is another enormous increase in prescription demands, according to Peter Johnson, chairman of the Pharmaceutical Services Organisation.

To overcome the high cost of medicine, the Workers Press will issue prescriptions for longer periods of one month or the purchase of the drugs supplied is not used.

LSE occupation ends

OVER 350 students occupying the London School of Economics left the campus after a police and bailiffs on Tuesday after a judge ordered the police to secure court injunctions against them.

The students have been occupying the Cunnaugh House building since last week, calling for investigations of the government of South Africa.

LSE student Jerry Shevlin, one of the occupiers, was informed by the police that the occupation was an illegal one. He was one of 120 students arrested.

The occupation held meetings every day.

Glyn went for a job as a tyre fitter last week and in the end would have been treated like a nobody — a bum. Neither of those lads had one. But they were both trying to find work and simply couldn’t get it.

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OUTRAGE at Shaw inquiry result

THREE HUNDRED students and other young people demonstrated outside Manches-
ter University on Monday evening against the decision to charge Steven Shaw, 19, for perverting the course of justice.

They marched from Manchester Students’ Union to the main Bootle Street police station in the city centre.

The procession was led by the Director of Public Prosecutions, N. J. L. Kinnoch, and the students were met by the police before Kinnoch’s visit to Manchester University Students’ Union on 1 March 1987.

The DPP has also decided to prosecute three men who were charged with perverting the course of justice.

Steven Shaw was one of hundreds of students who approached the police at the beginning of the Students’ Union building to demonstrate against the police and the Thamesside Home Secretary, Leon Brittan, who had been invited to speak at the University Conservative Society. Police broke up the demonstration and Shaw was one of the first students to be caught.

Students were kicked, thrown down the steps, and dragged by the hair. One of the most seriously injured was Sarah Holiss, who was thrown down the steps after she tried to stop a police baton charge.

Steven Shaw helped in the campaign to publicise police behaviour and was arrested. He was one of 19 students arrested.

Manchester City Council’s police monitoring unit to take statements from witnesses.

He and his friends were subjected to continual harassment and intimidation by police officers. His lawyer was required to be present when he was interrogated for five hours and subjected to a body search. Shaw was then kept in hospital treatment for his injury.

Later he was beaten up by officers, who broke a cigarette out in his face and left him angry and badly injured.

Zak Bakhsh, general secretary of Manchester Students Union, told Workers Press: We have read the 45,000-word report because it is absurd. The report suggests that it was the non-co-operation with the police that caused the problem.

It is not true to say that this has been an independent inquir of Manchester City Council, along with the University of Manchester. The police have been called in to see that justice is done.

This is not the first time Manchester police have probed the operations of the DPP. It has been a result of the DPP’s action.

The executive decision has been made to defer other charges for another time. It is not true that they feel they are being stopped by the University Council, along with the University employers. They feel that the Justice for Steven Shaw committee is being funded by the unions and not by the university.

We are not going to give any further comment on this. We will say no more. The DPP has its report for seven months. It is only another way to cover up their activities. We have always been called for a public inquiry and our call has been supported by Manchester City Council, Manchester University Students Union, and Manchester Trades Council.

Steven’s only crime has been to speak out against people who have had to flee the country because of what he has said. Steven’s nightmare ordeal is that the name of the DPP’s action.

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**EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW**

**TERRY FRENCH IS OUT!**

KENT MINER Terry French was jailed at the end of the miners' strike. Throughout the year-long strike he was amongst the most determined defendants against Tony Blair's plans to destroy jobs and mining communities. In this interview with CHRIS McBride Terry explains why he was jailed, discusses the lessons of the strike and the present situation in the National Union of Miners.

**WHAT significance do you see in your jailing?**

WHEN the autobiography was done on the strike it became clear to me that I was jailed for such a long time to deter others from the violence that was escalating at the time... violence that was perpetuated by the police. It was a just reaction from the miners that they did respond to the way they did.

My only importance is that my trial came up at the right time to more or less tell the people... and the working class of this country... that if you don't toe the line, this is what's going to happen to you.

I was a bit naive when I went to court but looking back at the evidence I've collected since, there was definitely a job done on me and Chris (Tassey). The same can be said for Mike Hicks. He wasn't sent to prison for punishment, he was sent to keep him out of the way.

At the time I went to jail it was obvious to me that we weren't going to win it because of the attitude of the TUC. The way I look at it is that they were frightened of Scargill, of calling for a general strike or giving us any concrete help. If we had won then strike then Scargill would be, in their terminology, the top man. He would have the most credit, he would be the working-class hero and they weren't prepared to see that.

I still believe that Arthur Scargill is one of the few trade union leaders with any real guts about the working class. The likes of Willie Ross and the other men of today... like Eric Hammond don't give a damn about us. They've got a nice little set-up, their membership fees are going into the bank, and that's all they want... to walk away... they are part of the local community... part of the state. They don't give a damn.

**DO YOU consider the miners' strike ended in defeat?**

IN THE short term I see it as a defeat. It was for people in my own generation, but for anybody in the working class. In the long term I think it has done a lot of good. I'm a believer in the old adage that there is no substitute for struggle.

ON THE forthcoming NUM vice-presidential elections, French spoke about the role of Euro-Statistick Mick McGahay:

I CAN remember McGahay standing up at the TUC conference in 1975 when the Sheevokeby picket, Des Warren was in prison. He said: 'If that had been a miner in prison, he wouldn't be there now, we soon would have had him out.'

It shows you how empty his words were. Mick did start out as a union leader with the interests of the working class at heart, but he hasn't any more and I'm afraid that he's at all the time... it's a sad state of affairs.

FRENCH believes the scab UDM is crumbling:

Only this week we've seen the miners in Notts are back in COBRA and that is a major breakthrough. I don't think Lynx and his cohorts are going to last long. Even if they're already saying the honey-moon is over... I don't know. They're the ordinary members' interests that are represented and no longer those barriers in the coalfields.

**HE** had clear opinions on a future Labour government:

ONE OF the biggest things is to go international. The NUM have now gone multinational and so should we. If the NUM called their members out, it wouldn't cause a dent. They are multinational, they need national unions. If they don't take on the multinational mining power in the NUM, we might not be able to organise a strike from one end of the country to the other.

Because of that we've got to go international. In the NUM now you've got Yorkshire, Kent, Wales. We ought to be talking about South Africa, France, Britain; they're our new areas.

**TERRY** spoke warmly in praise of his wife Liz:

She's a diamond. Through the strike she's become politicised. She knows what her role is supposed to be and I'm trying to do I... that's a slave. I'm not prepared to go back to working in the garage for Liz, nor a lot of my comrades in Kent. As a result there is none better than my girl.

The Kent police: new look

THE Kent police corruption investigation took a new turn last week when a woman camp forward claiming to have more information on the allegations. The police were then forced to reopen the investigation.

Previous efforts to investigate allegations by serving officer PC Ronald Walker that criminals were involved in the investigation had not been successful and he had refused to comment on allegations mysteriously disappeared from police headquarters.

**Deceit**

A spokesman said last week: 'With one exception, the original reports of the statements containing admissions to these offences which were the subject of PC Walker's complaint have vanished without trace.'

'It has not been possible to discover what happened to these statements. They were lost or destroyed, but has it been possible to establish whether, if they were destroyed, this was done by officials, or deliberately and by whom.'

Walker later made further allegations about corruption and the investigation was extended to the whole of Kent.
International Women's Day

DEFEND THE GAINS OF OCTOBER

Capitalist society, however, has not ceased to use the woman as a wage-earner and as a housewife. The sections of the Fourth International should seek bases of support among the most exploited layers of the working class; consequently, among the women workers. Here they will find inexhaustible stores of devotion, selflessness and readiness to sacrifice.

This year as the Workers Revolutionary Party celebrates International Women's Day we are living in pre-election preparations for an international conference to hold the Fourth International.

The two are distinctly linked, for International Women's Day is a day to commemorate the past struggles of women workers and a time to launch the future struggle for the end of our double oppression.

An international conference, called by the Red Women's International, calls for the bona fide Trotskyist organisations in Australia to send representatives to the Fourth International. The conference is a step towards developing the international Trotskyist leadership capable of leading the world working class to victory.

The whole history of the struggles of women to throw off their double oppression, is a part of the struggles of the world working class towards the overthrow of capitalism.

The call for this conference was made possible by the split in the Workers Revolutionary Party and the International Committee which began with the expulsion of Healy's sexual abuse of women comrades. This has opened up new possibilities for resolving internationally the crisis of the world class leadership. It has once and for all exposed the true face of the crisis in the Fourth International and created the conditions for overcoming that crisis.

One of the first areas of political degeneration detected was the denigration of the women within the International Committee. The results of the refusal to struggle against that trend were too painfully evident. But it is no coincidence that the political struggle within the Women of the Workers Revolutionary Party and the International Committee are the worst manifestations of bourgeois feminism's repressive force on the workers.

No less significant was the gain for women made by the Bolshevik Revolution and the effort of world workers to support it, to bring the struggle and the organisation for the struggle beyond the boundaries of his strategic role.

The Theses make it clear to all those who think that this issue is not fundamental to the achievement of our goal that they are mistaken.

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Making clear the international nature of the problem, the first of the Theses says:

"Women's struggle against her double oppression (capitalism and her home and family servitude), at its highest stage of development, assumes an international character, becoming identified with the struggle of the proletariat of all peoples and nations and the struggle for the destruction of private property, of the patriarchal and the socialist system."

Our call to the international conference is that the Fourth International and the Founding Conference of the Fourth International should discuss bases of support among the most exploited layers of the working class; consequently, among the women workers. Here they will find inexhaustible stores of devotion, selflessness and readiness to sacrifice.

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A vital principle of our call is the defence of the conquests of the 1917 October Revolution.

As mentioned earlier, the gains made for the emancipation of women by this revolution were considerable and were among the first to be destroyed by the Stalinists.

Describing these gains in "Revolving Trotsky said:

"The October revolution honestly fulfilled its obligations in relation to woman.

The young government not only gave all political and legal rights in equality with man, but, what is more important, did all that it could, and in any case incomparably more than any other government ever did, actually to secure her access to all forms of economic and cultural work.

"Recognising that many of the barriers faced by women in the Russian Revolution from the mid 20th Century to the 1990s..."
NURSES TAKE AUSTRALIAN STRUGGLE FORWARD

NURSES in the State of Victoria, Australia, won a decisive victory after a 58-day strike began in June. The victory was inspiration to the Australian working class who have been involved in struggles for the last four years, have had their hands tied by the action of the Federal Arbitration Board, which limits industrial negotiation to the bureaucratised wage-fixing commission.

In return for agreeing to abide by the rules of the 'Accord', trade unionists have been forced to take on the entrenched bureaucracy, or shifted by their own leaderships.

In October last year, Victorian nurses walked out of the hospitals and began what became an epic and record-breaking struggle.

Their victory has broken the hold of the labour aristocracy, and too often, at least in the past, they have been at last been challenged — and by a group of workers who have been seen as among the weakest of all trade unionists: nurses.

Skills

Travelling round the world, nurses symbolise the exploitation of women workers. Their work is highly skilled, requires a long period of training, carries the ultimate responsibility of life and death, requires great physical effort and mental stress.

Whatever 'value' criteria were used to determine the rewards and professional - and yet they are among the lowest paid of all workers. The justification for this is that they have a 'revelation' and don't want economic remuneration for their work. No one would demand a high price for the work of equal value.

With the rise of the Stalinist bureaucracy abortion was again made illegal. The state took the official position that women have no right to decline 'the joys of motherhood' in a society which has no unemployment.

In other words women have no right over their own reproductive activity, they are merely instruments of the state.

The rehabilitation of the family by violent attacks on abortion and quickly became a nauseating reversion to the class-based sexuality. Which the bourgeoisie and the working classes are fighting.

Trotsky was so horrified by this process he said: the leaders are forcing people to glue together again the shell of the broken family, and not only that, but to consider, under threat of extreme penalties, the sacred name of triumphant socialism.

'It is hard to measure with the eye the scope of this retreat.'

On this International Women's Day as we look forward to rebuilding the Fourth International we are taking up the struggle to defend the gains made by women in the Russian Revolution.

In doing so we also take up the struggle against the betrayal of the Stalinists in their misleadership of thousands of women who have come forward over the last 20 years to fight for their emancipation. Sheared away from revolutionay politics by Stalinism many of these women have been misled into fighting a gender battle instead of a class one.

We look forward to the resolution of women's struggle against their double oppression with the victory of the world revolution and the women to take this fight into the revolutionary movement and fight with in building the Fourth International.

Value

In line with a number of campaigns around the world the ACTU one short strike in 1986 and one solid 58-day strike in 1987. Avcieau and the Victorian nurses have a new 'career' structure which gives them a large pay increase and brings them up to the parity of other para-medical workers. The nurses' strike itself brought to the whole of the Victorian working class a new on front on which to fight.

Militant

Only months before the strike, the old union leadership of a right wing clique of ex-mature were deposed by radical, militant rank and file nurses. The new leadership was not prepared to see any compromises and was able to support its members through to the end.

The strike saw large rank and file participation. Meetings were held every morning at the union head office. All nurses were invited and at least one representative from each picket line was obliged to attend. Demonstrations and rallies were held continually, the Labor Government was under constant barrage.

The ACTU tried to intervene but were unsuccessful in their attempts to manoeuvre the 'naive and inexperienced' nurses into accepting a package from the government which fell far short of their demands.

An interesting feature of the strike compared with the way industrial disputes are being handled here in Britain is that the government at one stage brought out the police to try and stop the nurses picketing laundry trucks going in and out of the hospitals. The whole exercise was completely unsuccessful and was never tried. Rumours that the police refused to attack the nurses, believing they had a fair and just case. Clearly if the Australian government want to ape Thatcher's use of the state in industrial disputes they have to tighten up the training of their police force.

BLOW

The victory of the nurses has not only won them a pay increase and career structure which sets prece
cence in valuing women's work, but it also struck a blow against the government's proposed cuts to health care.

Most important of all it has opened the way for other groups of workers to begin the battle for the Labor bureaucrats have held over them.

SOLIDARITY

Nurse making their point at a march in Victoria Dec. 1986

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH

Saturday March 7, meet 11.00 at Tower Hill tube to march to rally 1.00 at Jubilee Gardens, SE1 with speakers.
Success for striking workers

BY TRUDI JACKSON

Introduce telephone exchanges with a capacity of 800,000 lines. The Board spent its money in order to prevent any further outbreaks and paid needs of the Court. The agreements were signed on 8th August.

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Thatcher's hand in Sri Lanka war

TORY Prime Minister Thatch- er will support the government backing for war in Sri Lanka's military's war on the Tamil Tigers. Thousands of civilians have been killed in the fighting. Hundreds of civilians have been taken away, and many of the civilians' Special Task Force, and reappear again. 'The Tigers have tortured, and dug their own graves before being executed. One of the Tigers was under inter- rogation, and their bodies are being claimed some British officers quit the Sri Lanka mission but it is not known to escape from the Royal Air Force. The Tigers claim they are available to regular British units.

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AN ISRAELI court has refused bail to left-wing journalist Michael War- shawska, who has been arrested by police on charges of terrorism. The magistrate at the Information Centre (AIC) was questioned about the reasons for his arrest. It is said the AIC was preparing for a report on Israeli terror and interrogation methods against Palestinians. They also admitted they had been tapping the AIC's telephones for a long time.

The 16 February police raid which caused the cancellation of the Palestinian prisoners and de- monstrations in the West Bank and Gaza. Set up in 1986, the Altern- ative mimeographed by the Arab Information Centre for journalists and visitors on conditions and struggles in the occupied territories within Israel.

The police have closed it down for six months, using a 1960 amendment to the Pre- vention of Terrorism Act which makes it an offence to 'identify' with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

This can be, and is, used by police to ban anything that is said to be a terrorist publication. In court, police lawyers accused the AIC of having actions on behalf of the PLO and rendering services to the Popular Front for the Lib- eration of Palestine and un- specified 'terror organisa- tions' in the occupied terri- tory.

The example they cited was that the Centre was pre- paring a report on the trading of kidneys and the torture of prisoners, with advice on how to resist them. They said they had to operate 'with operational signific- ance' for an illegal organi- zation.

The prosecution also charged that the AIC had received money from illegal organizations and was in possession of illegal litera-
ture. During their raid, police had taken away large quantities of literature as well as office equipment from the AIC's West Jerusalem office.

In a statement to the court, Warshawska said AIC was established thanks to the donations and subscriptions of friends and supporters, helped by a loan from Ithaca Press, a London publisher. He said all the centre's published material was legal. Any literature which the authorities considered 'illegal' was found in the office was unsolicited material which came through the post, not different to that which many peace groups and journalists received all the time.

The government has released AIC co-operative members Ronnie Heiman, Ghada Abu Al-Jazar and Hana Aljarah on bail, but according to a police request, bail solidarity with Comrade Aljarah has been de- clared for another seven days.

Michael Warshawska is a Tel Aviv-based lawyer and the author of the book, 'Israel Against the Order.'

He has been active in such campaigns as the Committee for Solidarity with Bir Amal, the Committee to Stop the War in Lebanon, and the Committee Against the War on Iraq. He is a member of the Israeli Peace Movement and the Israeli-Palestinian Committee for Coexistence.

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The attack on the Altern- ative Information Centre and detention of Michael War- shawska is an escalation of the Israeli government's move to suppress information about what is going on in the West Bank.

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Dear Pal,  
I have been asked to write this reply on behalf of the North East Area of the Workers Revolutionary Party. We are all incensed by the actions of the Herald/Torquell group which have resulted in your imprisonment. 

Every revolutionary comrade knows that at some time or other the state will imprison him. To find oneself incarcerated is not only a direct action of a sect who dare to call themselves Trotskyists, it is an outrage. 

We support WRP as a solemn duty to warn the labour movement of the actions of those who support WRP. We send our best wishes to you and we hope that you are well. 

The Labour movement has a role to play in this case. 

Sincerely, 
Dave Temple  
Secretary, North East Area WRP.

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Workers Revolutionary Party

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9 February 1987

Dear Comrades,

THE JAILING OF PHIL PENN

One of our comrades, Phil Penn, has been jailed for 12 months, eight months of it suspended, for assaulting a highly respected member of our Committee, a party member for 18 years, active in the trade union movement and recently in campaigns such as that on the Guildford Four.

Our concern in this case is that members of another organisation claiming to be part of the labour movement were, apart from the arresting officers, the only police witnesses. This would be like miners giving evidence against miners in the recent strike.

As you may know, in October 1986, the Workers Revolutionary Party expelled its former leader Gerry Healy for sexual abuse, violence and slanders against members of the organisation; charges he never contested. A small group of party functionaries - including Curtis and Vanessa Redgrave, Sheila Torrance and Richard Price - supported Healy and were expelled by the majority. This group then formed a bogus party calling itself the 'Workers Revolutionary Party' and publishing a newspaper, 'News Line'.

Phil Penn was arrested and charged after a demonstration called by the print unions at Wapping, on 3 May 1986. The event, as reported in court, was as follows:

- In the 'News Line' of 1 May 1986, the Worker's Notebook column carried a crude and provocative attack on Phil, insisting his intellect and presenting him as ignorant and illiterate, speaking in gross.
- On the 3 May Wapping march, as the conflict between demonstrators and police became increasingly fierce, Phil went to fetch his camera. Once away from the main body of demonstrators, he came across members of the Healy-Torrance group. They verbally abused him, taunting him with questions from the above-mentioned article. He refused to be provoked.
- Fear of them, Richard Price, Paul Williams and another man, then attacked him physically - in Price's case with banner- poles - and knocked him to the ground. In defending himself, Phil damaged the eye of one of his assailants. Only Phil was arrested.

No organisation calling itself socialist would collaborate with the police against members of the labour movement. This is a point of principle. But members of the Healy-Torrance group eagerly acted as police witnesses. Three of the four men who attacked Phil did not appear in court but two women members of the Healy-Torrance group gave evidence which Phil vigorously contested. Had he been found guilty on the charge of wounding with intent, he would undoubtedly have been given a much longer custodial sentence.

This is not the first time the Healy-Torrance group have acted in this way. Six of them appeared as prosecution witnesses in the Guildford Crown Court in January this year after an incident between themselves and members of the International Communist Party. On this occasion the court did not believe them and the defendant was found not guilty.

We should point out that members of the Healy-Torrance group again attacked and beat up Phil Penn on 3 May 1987. They used sticks and knives. The police wished to prosecute his attackers, but, as a matter of principle, Phil refused to act as a witness and the case could not go forward.

We are asking all labour movement organisations to condemn the anti-working class actions of the Healy-Torrance group, which were responsible for the jailing of Phil Penn. Messages of support and inquiries should be sent to: Workers Revolutionary Party/Workers Press, PO Box 735, London SW9 7QF.

Yours fraternally,

Dave Temple,
Chairman, Workers Revolutionary Party/Workers Press.

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Message received from Carole Richardson, one of the innocent Guildford Four prisoners:

61 send my best wishes to Phil, to Sandra and their two children, Amy and Tracey, and hope the time in prison doesn't drag too much for Phil.

Message from the Durham Mechanic:

The Executive Committee of this Association discussed your correspondence of 9 February 1987 which dealt with the issues surrounding the jailing of Phil Penn.

They decided that a letter of support should be sent to the Workers Revolutionary Party, together with their complete condemnation of those responsible for the prosecution of the WRP members.

It was considered that the action of the former members of the WRP were initially anti-socialist and the principle of working class solidarity.

I have also been instructed to circulate copies of the correspondence between Phil and me through my association.

WM Etherington, General Secretary
Mechanics National Union of Mine Workers Group No.1 Area

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A reply to the Workers League

BY DAVE BRUCE

LAST WEEK, we reprinted a statement from the north of England defending their stance purporting to denounce the comrade referred to as "WRP" in the jailing of Phil Penn. 

How could they have done so? Despite our differences, etc. etc. . . . But on the question of action, do we not hope that Phil sleeps with his back to the wall in the knowledge that the WRP are not for him.

The statement denounces Healy and the scurrilous role he played. All WRP members are part of this group or are never mentioned.

Since all the information about Phil Penn's jailing has come from Workers Press, WRP members can scarcely claim ignorance of the reality.

The rump "WRP" spell - we have reported this in our press and stressed how Torquell's efforts managed to mix the differences between themselves and the party into a state to secure Phil's imprisonment.

Indeed, though Healy has maintained the one-man stance, Torquell is on record as opposing that.

Is he hoping for a Hynd-Torquell type of operation in which the leader of the Holy Grail of a daily paper - or will he be able to move fast and start calling 'international Communist Party' to secure his state?

What concerns me, though, is that when he purports to fight for the rights of Sheila Torquell forthwith - we will not see him in the fight for Phil forthwith.

Next point, North accusers Healy of adopting the methods of SWP leader Hanan in the use of violent provocation, quoting the 1967 "Tate Affair". A Manchester set-up aimed at discrediting Healy as an extremist.

In 1966, North was a teenager, still in Clase Club and Bobby Sands, but definitely not in politics. The "Tate Affair" occurred in Britain - a long wet journey from North's college campus. His claims to intimate knowledge of the event are therefore suspect - a suspicion that is deepened when we take this opportunity to record that the WRP has anything on file a statement of actual number of the comrades who were instructed to act by The Worker/Healy.

As it were not enough to take steps to undermine the opportunity to make a pass at the Torquell group on the crime of rape and murder, North also takes a swipe at Phil. Phil is in the wrong again.

He accuses him of playing a disproportionate role in the split of early 1986 by "standing by" while "the other WRP statesmen" joined the faction fight of the time.

The facts of the incident to which North refers remain unpublicised and have not been admitted to by members of the ICP - North's British compatriots.

The Hynd group in the WRP staged a provocative outside a Congress of the WRP in London. A neighbour called the police when she heard him shouting and screaming. Three local police officers - our rewards were able to calm the situation down, prevent arrests and send the窗口 of his force on their way. That's all - one knows it.

Phil's only brush with the law occurred in Newcastle, when he was allowed to collaborate with the police on an attack on him by members of the Healy-Torrance group - he pointedly stood that, with doubt, encouraged the second, and more sec.

To accuse Phil - while in prison - of collaborating with the police when he is on record as doing precisely the opposite can take courage of a special kind. The Leicester incident is a more topical and pertinent incident than the 1967 "Tate Affair".

North's statement ends with a call for class-conscious workers to support the campaign for Phil Penn's release. This is a fraud. Phil has received a sentence on charges that were substantiated months before his trial. We do not categorise Phil as a class-war prisoner. That would be the same as regarding Phil Penn as a branded traitor. We regard the trial of Phil as one of the most outrageous attempts to bring down the personality of Brian Prenner.

What did we ask was for the labour movement to demonstrate and explain the role both of the Healy/Torquell group and what was implied in collaboration with the police. The Manchester Workers League has called to do so. We hope they will do so correctly.

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Message received from Marie Tolly (Singer/Reformer) on Saturday evening at the Lumby Social Club:

Dear Dave, (Temple)

Thank you for your letter.

I am concerned about the jailing of Phil and I shall table a Parliamentary Question about this case. Trusting this is acceptable,

Sincerely,

Ron Brown MP

The following letter has been received from Manchester Irish Solidarity Committee:

Dear Phil,

At our last meeting our members were outraged to hear of your imminent release on the basis of the miscarriage of the News Line. Everyone remembers you for your staunch support of the Irish people and our first public meeting on the Guildford Four.

Your imprisonment is not the only case of a political prisoner who has been released. We have co-operated with the WRP and have acted against class-fighters. They have played a similar role in their policies and actions to yours.

We send you our solidarity and look forward to seeing you when you get out. In the meantime we will use your case to further isolate the WRP and to further the work of class movement.

Yours fraternally, 
Manchester Irish Solidarity Committee.
Sandra says

It is not insignificant that women were used by the Healy-Terrance 'rump' in the court against Phil. Their abuse of women has not stopped.

The ramp embroidered their evidence in court and I'm sure they would have been prepared to perceive themselves had it been necessary. It was a very thorough effort on their part to make sure the outcome of the case was that Phil would get sent down for as long as possible.

It was significant that Phil's case was heard at Southampton Crown Court where practically all the errors made at Wapping were put to trial. One court official commented there had been a surprising number of custodial sentences passed throughout the trial, often on minor charges.

The judge stated that he had to make an example of Phil. He was asked to take into consideration that this was a first offence, that Phil had a wife and young family to support, including a three-year-old son, that he had a steady job, a house with a mortgage etc. I feel strongly that these things were not taken into consideration, that the judge was blinkered by the 'ramp factor'.

Phil told me only vultures would turn up on the day to see him receive his sentence. The vultures did turn up — in the form of Mary McIntyre who had already given evidence against Phil. She was exposed in court for embroidering her evidence — the defence barrister likened her statements in the press box to a theatre performance. Even the jury had to laugh when she suggested Phil had picked up one of his attackers and used him as a battering ram against the other three.

Ray Abbott sat in the press box taking notes on behalf of the 'News Line' but nothing has appeared in their paper about Phil's case. I don't believe this is a byproduct of Phil's movement. Acting as police prosecution witnesses where there would be no case had they chosen not to do so is a matter of conscious decision to look Phil down. This is a serious breach of working-class principles.

How far will the journey go? They now have a history of using the state against other sections of the workers' movement. They are a dangerous element in this country and if they are allowed to get away with this lot it will be four months. Next time it will be someone else and they may get four years.

When Amy was young Healy was always sending Phil away to work. The result was that Phil never saw her growing up. New we have Terry and the shadow of Gerry Healy is still looming over our lives. Phil will miss the first important months of Terry's life.

Having said this Phil's sentence is a measure one compared to those dished out to the Irish prisoners of war and the framed Irish prisoners.

Sympathetic friends and families cannot be seen in spite of everything Phil is in very good spirits and hopes that the campaign he has been involved in will forge ahead and the flight to free the framed Irish prisoners will continue.

Solidarity on the left is instantaneous in support of Phil. Despite immense political differences all groups have reacted in unison to this question. There has been a tremendous response: endless phone calls of support, letters, donations of money and offers to look after the kids.

Phil says the letters he has received have been an enormous source of strength to him. I urge people to keep sending the messages he is receiving them all.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to everybody and invite you all to the benefit organised for Phil. Phil will face this ordeal with the same strength that he showed throughout the split.

In REPLY to your letter of 9 February 1987 we assure Cde Phil Penn and the Workers Revolutionary Party that we are committed to solidarity against the slanders, physical violence and material suffering organised against him by members of the Healy-Terrance 'rump'.

These contemptible methods must be resisted and the struggle against philie moves us to rule out Healy-Terrance as an option.

We salute Phil Penn for his courageous stand in the face of this attack and his dignity before the slanders and his willingness to continue the battle of his base proceedings of his aggressors with the police.

In the course of the last 15 years, the kind of methods used by Healy have poisoned the leadership of several other Trotskyist organisations.

They have contributed to discrediting the thousands of young fighters recruited in the 1960s and 1970s to develop the Fourth International. On one occasion they attacked 1072 with similar methods. In the build-up to the First International, notably the campaign of Solidarity we were part of this tendency Michel Varga.

This was the pretext to provoke, publicly expose Phil and in physical attacks against him.

But recent years have shown that the struggle against the youth and the youth and the struggle against him and the actions are going more than a fumescreen for a flight from the actions of political opponents.

The duty of all workers organisations, and in particular of the Trotskyists, is to unmask the perpetrators and to participate concretely in driving them from the workers' movement.

We take this opportunity to remind you that we are entirely ready to support the formation of an International Trotskyist Against these methods.

We cannot be sent to Phil Penn and to your party warm greetings and I urge you all to support you in our sections, whom we will immediately inform of your message.

For the International Secretariat
Michael Faure
The Fourth International (reconstituted) La Vérité

From Cllr. Mick Woods

Despite the political differences which divide socialists the most basic principle we all hold is unity in action against the State.

By using the Wapping picket for sectional attacks on other socialists and then running to the police in the children's section, the situation has reached a level where the movement is in a serious plight.

The various sections of our movement have crossed and our support as well as that of our sections, whom we will immediately inform of your message.

Best wishes to Phil Penn and his family and comrades.

Mick Woods
Brent

Sandra says

In the case of the Communist International, which has not yet expressed an official standpoint on the reactionary position of the Healy-Terrance group towards Comrade Phil Penn. It is well known that this group (like those that have been formed) with ease use the police against political opponents in the Trotskyist movement.

This tendency of theirs is a clear expression of their conclusion to support the bourgeoisie and their embodiment into bourgeois legality.

This time taking the responsibility for the jailings of comrades they have shown that they have reached an extremity and in their reaction dwarf Phil. We feel a duty to help him to demoralise them.

G. Lucas for RISE

Publisher of 'Ergatiki Dora' member of the National Building Workers' Union, Greece.

What you can do...

- Raise the jailing of Phil Penn in your local Trades Council, support group, etc.
- Write to the Home Secretary. Address: The Home Secretary, PO Box 100, London WC2A 2DS (copies of the circular letter should be particularly emphasized in the case).
- Write to the WRP: No: L27055, HM Prison Wormwood Scrubs, PO Box 797, Dacorum Road, London W12 OAE (registered post is best).
- Send messages of support for Phil and reports which can print in Workers' Press. We will have a special section in our next week while he is behind bars.

No gangsterism among workers!

Solidarity with Phil Penn.
Down with the gangstering of the workers!

25 February 1987

Comrades,

We are very indignant when we received Cde. Dave Temple’s letter about the jailing of Phil Penn and the disgusting behaviour of the Healy-Terrance group towards him. We raise the question: who is responsible for the WRP, which is responsible for it.

All solidarity for Phil Penn! All our indignation for his cynical treatment.

We are in solidarity with Phil because we are all freedom fighters we can justify this fact. We are always for the workers’ cause. But those who use political differences — however grave — to justify themselves are not to be regarded as a working class fighter deserves nothing but our contempt.

We are in solidarity with Phil’s principles in rebelling, in his defence, the methods of his persecutors, which are to ally themselves with capitalist justice against political enemies. To use political differences in order to use them as a weapon.

We are all Trotskyists we are definitely committed to eradicating from the workers’ movement those methods implanted there by Stalinism, and we therefore demand that methods and the methods that belong to it.

No gangsterism among workers! Down with gangstering of the workers!

Comrade greetings on behalf of the Political Bureau of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario de España (section of the Fourth International)

Avial Ramón

Dear Phil,

I was shocked to hear of your imprisonment.

The ramp may have won the case in the eyes of the State but the working class see otherwise, as do the people of London.

We are all owed to you to carry on the work you have done in the campaign etc as your absence as a public figure has opened the way for the police to throw them while you are in prison.

Remember what Trotsky said: the ramp was the only place he could write what he liked without fear of arrest.

Best wishes for you and your family.

Jolyan Ralph
This letter from a Trotskyist of a great many years is a searing indictment of Banda. It is perfectly true that Mike Banda and his tiny group make no impact at all on the British working class today. However, an analysis of the reactionary sources of the ideas they express is of great importance. This concise Samarakkody does. We believe he is wrong when he says that the struggle against "Pabstite revisionism" took Banda and Healy straight into the Stalinist camp. Rather, they embraced the same "orthodox" theories as Pablo. However, while making these positions on the article, we are extremely pleased to publish it.

Banda's letter

My dear Edmund,

This issue of Forum is going to shock you. Evidence of 10 years' pursuit of a wrong line and the downfall of a method which had nothing to do with Marx-Leninism. Of this I am absolutely convinced. You, and I and a lot of others were all victims of Trotsky's bogus dialectics and his completely subversive, which I reject. My conclusions about your present orientation and the result of any emotional reaction is that Trotsky and Trotskyism is not at all. Your document has shown in our hands. Where are you arrived at?

1. The members of our organisation, the Revolutionary Workers Party, and myself had kept ourselves informed about your agitation from the time we set you. Anyway, you are, very strangely, were spending a six-month holiday when Roma was burning — when the other leaders of the Workers Revolutionary Party were grasping with the problems of the continuing crisis of the organisation since the expulsion of Stalin.

3. In Banda's case, I can add a few more points. Banda has been describing the views of your resignation letter. In order to express Trotsky's bogus dialectics you have called Banda and Stalinist to support you. But you know well that Stalin openly specifically and categorically rejected the dialectic or political revolution in the USSR. He was left to the Stalinist Workers Party (US) when they found themselves defeated and at the mercy of the official pro-Stalin minority in the country of the factional struggle 1930-1940 in which Trotsky himself played the leading role in exposing their anti-Maoist views. In order to expose Trotsky's bogus dialectics you have called Banda and Stalinist to support you. But you know well that Stalin openly specifically and categorically rejected the dialectic or political revolution in the USSR. He was left to the Stalinist Workers Party (US) when they found themselves defeated and at the mercy of the official pro-Stalin minority.

I can assure you that genuine Trotskyists need have no bother about you or your whereabouts politically.
The decline of the Communist Party of Great Britain...

by JOHN REES CHAIR --- TOWER HAMLETS PRINT

Introduction

I was forced out of the CPGB in 1984 along with many comrades. The reasons were basically the same as for the party by alien "de-guanted Marxist" and that the task now is to reform the party using the "Morning Star" and the Communist Campaign Group as the cutting edge of such an effort.

It is dangerous to scoff at this strategy. There are no vacuums in politics, and with the departure of the CPGB there is a real peril of allowing the whole Bloomsbury organisation (CPGB industrial organisers) and Momentum, previously isolated, to rally ready to make a fresh attack.

There is no break between the Communist Campaign Group (CCG) and the pro-Euro CPGB. Political continuity is maintained by its general staff, e.g. Tony Chater, "Morning Star" editor, and the CCG's orientation to the programme of The British Road to Socialism (1983).

Historical Notes

IT IS valuable to profile some historical examples of this orientation and methods for naming:

J.V. Stalin; Harry Pollitt; and 'generalists' most dangerous man in Britain', Bert Ramsden.

Since the 1930s Stalinism has formed the political outlook of Brit-ain's Communist Party members. 'The British Road' is based on international notions of peaceful co-existence with imperialism (bolting the tiger by its tail) and an adaptation to bourgeois demo-cracy. Both these positions accurately reflect Stalin's concern to maintain a centre of influence within, in which the international status quo was upheld.

Bert Ramsden (industrial organiser of the CPGB back in the 1940s) and 'generalists' most dangerous man in Britain', Bert Ramsden.

Defeat didn't prevent the liquida-
tion of factory branches and reor-ganisation of the party on a ward basis. This general orientation, which went through various twists and turns, lay at the heart of the CPGB crisis in the early 1980s.

It was more a long-drawn-out saga than an explosion. The leading antagonists hid behind rules (including the 'Morning Star' control over the 'Morning Star' was made an article of faith, both sides. These facts merely expressed the principle that the CP had become irrelevant to the working class.

The fall in party membership, the fall in Morning Star circulation, and the decline in party influence in the higher echelons of the labour movement paralleled its general loss of support, with similar effects on the trade union movement and to the middle strata of the 1960s, 1980s, and 1990s.

The printers' strike is salutary. It was led by Hicks, Field, and Freeman (CCG), and yet in the borough where the strike was fought the CCG consistently failed to intervene and win printers and local people to their political perspec-tive. It was almost as if one could smell the fear of being tested politically in a strike struggle which has much graver political implications for our class than even the miners' heroic struggle.

The CCG stands for the leading role of the working class in a Broad Democracy Alliance. Unfortunately the understanding of that leading role is based on industrial strength rather than on the political task of the working class to emancipate itself. Therefore militants in the CCG often interpret the slogan in purely syndicalist terms, whilst its intel-
lectuals discuss who belongs to the class in terms of the economic muscle of various strata, e.g. the teachers and civil servants.

The ardor of this perspective has left a small number of commu-nists wondering about what direc-
tion to take. But decisions are sev-
eral months in a vacuum, and the miners' strike, the printers' struggle, and the national liber-
ation struggle in Ireland have been steps towards revolutionary gentlemen. It is clear that the trade union move-
ment cannot fulfill its task without strong ranks of the trade union movement with a conscious revolutionary political leadership.

and the road forward for revolutionaries

The Party

BY 1979 the CPGB was in a bad way. It took the most reactionary government in years to split it. The CCG took its de-
parting post-Morning Star leadership of leading members like Mike Hicks and David Whitfield in the London District.

However, after a painful period in which literally hundreds of members were mobilised in sup-
port of the victimised, the CCG held on to the 'Morning Star' and began plans to create an alterna-
tive centre of Stalinism in Britain.

This in itself led to a drift of members... back to the CPGB; into the wilderness; and into trade union

Leader. Because of a lack of perspective outside the programme of The British Road... the CCG has consis-
tently failed to build a national organisation of militants.

Left and right reformists have collapsed before the state and the bosses. However, capitalism is not omnipotent. Its state is more an oppressive and confused system of armed forces, secret police, apparatus of the judiciary, and its parliamentary wing at Westminster. Workers im-

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Total silence over Mozambique

Reexamine Healy's sexual abuse: the abandonment of Marxism

HEALY's sexual abuse was the complete opposite of Marxism and communist principles. As Marxists and communists, we are shocked and appalled by the liberal-dominated system today, which tiptoed even with more primitive forms of sexual abuse.

In every single case, all the basic principles split off from our party and people. This necessitated radical changes in Healy's sexual abuse as political concepts in the Mozambique — but it was his baseless political and bourgeois policies.

From the birth of Trotsky's party, we have been fighting for the working class to understand what the masses are fighting for. The Trotskyist movement was a mouthpiece of the working class, which opened the eyes of millions of workers in Mozambique. It was a mouthpiece of the working class and workers' power. The Trotskyists fought to change the world and bring about the socialist revolution.

In other words, principles split from our party on the basis of the contradictions between society and the working class in Mozambique. This epoch-making period, like the great battle of the world, was for our struggle to be recognized as the principle.

Necessity, therefore, is the basis of our opposition to Healy's sexual abuse policies. Healy's failure to understand the objective material conditions of the Mozambique situation has led to a misunderstanding of the revolution.

At the centre of the historical development of Healyism and the corrupt bureaucratic party, there was an abandonment of the revolutionary leadership and mobilization of the working class. This was a capitulation of the idea of people's freedom and socialism. This is a capitulation of the people's right to self-determination.

In conclusion, Healy's sexual abuse was a complete capitulation of the people's freedom and socialism. He has capitulated to the bourgeoisie, to the capitalist class, and to the imperialists. This is a capitulation of the people's right to self-determination.

Confusion on Simon Bolivar Brigade

WHAT a confused man is served for an army in the Simon Bolivar Brigade in Nicaragua (28 February). He tried to prevent the party from organizing, from a serious struggle to unite the masses of workers and his former comrades in the fight against the imperialist intervention.

He is a confused man who does not know what to do in the face of the imperialist intervention. He is not a serious worker in the fight against the imperialist intervention.

If we have to work on this, we must work on the basis of the historical development of the Soviet Union, of the struggle against the imperialist intervention.

It is necessary for us to be united and to act on the basis of the historical development of the Soviet Union.
Norah’s vote of thanks.

I WOULD suggest that to find the right answer a perceptive reader should reduce the question. With this in mind I urge you not to miss the recent article by Prof. Dr. N.M. of Dublin’s letter (Workers Press), on the exceptionally confused theories of the Social Democratic Party (SDP). The article might be found in your local monthly magazine, ‘Social Republican’. It is easy to identify the main theme of the article, if one is perceptive. Let me remind N.M. that the main tool for Trotskyists along with its historical materialism is historical materialism, once accepted, self-evident, and revolutionary in society in history. Therefore Trotskyists are all historians as important as historians.

However Trotskyists, basing themselves on the struggle and primitive of the working class, have no trouble in identifying both the SDP’s theory of the national question, and the nationalities policy of the New Ireland government as a whole, as a whole new chapter. In fact, it is the whole story of the Irish conflict, and the struggle of the whole Irish people through taking part in the great struggle of the people of Ireland.

In the case of the Irish people, the County Citizen’s army (Teddy Trotsky and Lenin on question) to identify the values of 1668 and the conflict that was not a gentleman’s business, but a struggle to modernise the settlement, in practice nothing was done to restore the land to its former Catholic owners.

In the fact of the Act Settlement was replaced later on by the barbaric penal laws under N.M.’s much vaunted ‘democratic’ British state. N.M.’s reference to Ashe leaves me at best bemused. What Provost Ashe had done was to prevent the leasing of the gates of Dublin university — which at that time was a bastion of Protestant ascendancy.

Anyhow it would seem that petty bourgeois philosophy notions extended beyond said to other well-known examples. Dear Swift being one of them. However, much enlightened views only held entry with a handful of individuals and never made a jot of difference to the oppressed peoples of Ireland.

I found N.M.’s letter unsatisfactory and misleading, for a person reading it might assume by its tone that it had been a succession of Republicans and Catholics which has stopped the ‘democratic’ state of Ireland allowing a degree of autonomy to the oppressed peoples of Ireland in the period 1660-1899 and after.

In the case of the Act Settlement there might be a slight misstatement in such an article. Let us recall that it was the British demos which underpinned the class system in Ireland. As a result the whole petty bourgeois ideas of Republicanism and reaction in Ireland had been established by the British imperial and colonial presence, in that order.

Let me assure N.M. that while the WLP will support the cause of the oppressed, we will not be the cause of the oppressed. We will support the genuine revolutionary movements. Indeed we do not seek to work with such movements, we could detach ourselves from polemics with right-wing and fascist fighting, negate our position in our support of extending our tendencies and we could also be accused — quite correctly — of being sectarian.

However, it is true that we must build the party in Ireland and develop a programme for the Irish dimension. To conclude I would suggest that if N.M. wishes to understand the real ‘mater- ialism in Irish history’ he or she should look at the New Ireland government and looking at British attempts to rule in Ireland by force of arms rather than placing his cards on the British government’s ‘national’ agreement of the constitution, or the even more gentlemanly aspirations of past Provosts of Dublin University.

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AIDS: Product of Imperialist War Drive?*

**BY USE BADER**

There has been much scientific specula-
tion about aids in the media in recent weeks, but the origin of this killer disease is still pre-
cipitated as a mystery. The BBC TV programme — the Facts — claimed that 'nobody knows for sure' how the virus came from and left it at that.

However, many scien-
tists now believe that the AIDS virus is man-made.

One scientist in particular, Professor Jakob Segal, has published devastating evi-
dence which points to the time and location of the AIDS virus' origin in 1967. A top U.S. military research labora-

ory, Block 250, in Fort Det-

rick, Maryland, U.S.A.

Professor Segal, former head of the Institute of General Biology at Humboldt University in East Ber-
lin, specialises in the translation of proteins, higher protein systems and the synthesis of laboratory structures.

In a provocative interview with the West German rad-
io station WDR (11.2.1987), Professor Segal explained his new theory to the world for the first time. He is now in the process of publicising the origins of AIDS virus.

When, in August 1985, the theory was published in the media that AIDS was a man-made virus, when a lethal virus of unknown origin surfaced in the mona-
key colony in Africa was trans-
ferred to the US military base in the


dases and murdered the AIDS virus to the human body, his finding was much too impor-

tant to be discounted.

**Identification**

The theory was first ad-

vanced by a US virologist, Dr Mark Jordan, in 1985 and all Ameri-
dicts put the virus beyond all dis-


ection.

The spread of such theo-

ries by scientists consti-
tuted a serious breach of sci-


cence, says Professor

Segal.

The first successful identi-

fication of the virus was in the spring of 1983 by Professor Maser, director of the Pasteur Institute in France.

Three months later, the virus was found also in the US by the Bethesda Laboratory led by Professor Ghend, who named it the HTLV III.

The suggestion was that it was a virus related to two other newly discovered viruses, HTLV I and HTLV II, which control the growth of antibodies to infection in the human body.

The AIDS virus turns out to be a virus related to cancer-inducing viruses.

The latter do not declare themselves as a cancer in may, one cell divides into another and other 999,009 cells intact to continue functioning.

The virus, on the other hand, will divide all the T-Cells, causing the entire body to fall victim to serious or-


taneous diseases.

**Entire**

Identifying the virus, the theory of AIDS was a threat to the AIDS virus which is caused by the AIDS virus, is being caught and exported to Europe and the US.

A remarkable discovery was then made. Although the genetic structure of the V1-IV virus is identical to the AIDS virus, the V1-IV virus lacked just one single 'piece', a piece which was general in all AIDS virus and HTLV I and HTLV III (AIDS virus).

In the words of Professor Segal, 'One of the AIDS virus, which is caused by the AIDS virus, is being caught and exported to Europe and the US' (AIDS virus).

Professor Segal is certain that this extra piece could be brought into a virus which is the cause of the disease of AIDS.

This discovery can lead to a second piece which is the cause of the disease of AIDS.

**Infection**

Since AIDS starts with a phase resembling a slight in-

fection (diabetes, rash) which di-


gress in the body without any further symptoms occurring for several years, the conclusion must be drawn that the newly manufactured virus is the vaccine for the prisoner-volunteers' treatments.

Fort Detrick, situating in the state of Mary-


delum, is not far from the city of New York.

Professor Segal in certain experiments has shown that the obvious choice for these experiments is in the new home of the virus in the body of the patient and the obvious choice for these experiments is in the body of the patient and the obvious choice for these experiments is in the body of the patient and the obvious choice for these experiments is in the body of the patient.

In addition, many long-


term experiments also show that the people are against confinement — not surpris-


ingly, the people would choose the ride and not stay in the prison, their arriv-


eal would lead to the death of the Earth's life.

This explains, according to Professor Segal, that the first AIDS cases appeared among the gay community in New York in 1979.

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REVIEWS
NEW EVIDENCE

First Tuesday: A Case That Won't Go Away. 3 March

YORKSHIRE Television's First Tuesday programme this week showed again that the imprisonment of the Guildford Four — Carole Richardson, Paul Hill, Yvonne Goss and Paddy Armstrong — was nothing more than a crude state frame-up.

The government's attempt to keep the Guildford Four in prison in spite of clear evidence that they were innocent and that the state's need to intimidate and suppress the movement led to the flight for a united Ireland and demanding a withdrawal of British troops from the north of Ire land, not to save anyone, to have the skids of those in the judiciary who have conspired to keep them locked up.

While Secretary Richardson recently referred to refer the case to the Court of Criminal Appeal, there were the protests from the opinion leaders, but we could not, because there was no new evidence.

Patrick Armstrong

The maintaining of the Guildford Four, the conviction followed by previous home-ratification, is another outrage. The statutory requirement is for the Attorney General to refer the case to the Court of Appeal if 'he thinks fit'.

The Appeal Court has already ruled in the Conflict case that cases can be referred to the Court of Appeal if they are of 'the greatest interest of justice'.

Lawyers for the Guildford Four have told Hill if he is exonerated, are free to use evidence now being prepared to throw light on the case. The only evidence used today was to show that their own 'confessions' extracted by the police, were the products of a police blackout by a Labour Home Secretary.

The confessions were immediately withdrawn by the Guildford Four, all of whom have proved their innocence since.

Present legal guidelines prevent disclosure of confessions without corroboration evidence.

Notwithstanding the misdirection of justice which has occurred, regardless of 'hurry' for 'new evidence', the First Tuesday programme this week revealed that such new evidence was never found.

2. It was impossible for any jury to consider the evidence from the Bailey Street street despite the pressure from the Bailey Street residents and other defendants. By splitting the trials separately, the evidence for the Guildford Four was prevented from being considered against the same evidence.

3. By deciding that the evidence in question against Paul Hill at the Appeal Court was sitting as an appeal against a conviction from a jury — a concept unknown in English law.

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