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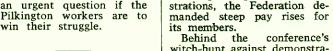
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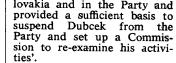
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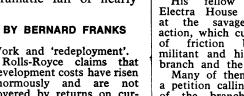
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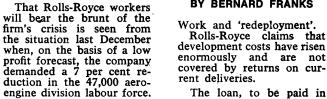
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But the fundamental crisis in the Party leadership cannot be hidden from the ranks.

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qualified for the job. James Klugmann was Educational Director of the Party until 1956. He was, and should remain, famous as the author of the book 'From Trotsky to Tito' (Lawrence and Wishart, 1951). The book was 'withdrawn' in 1956, when its lies could no longer be defended, and has never since been referred to by its author.

tures a report given by Klugmann to the CP Executive Committee on 'Socialist Democracy'.

He claims, very tentatively, with a great show of modesty, to be making a 'personal contribution', merely 'opening' a discussion on the question. He warms up with some quotations from Lenin on the importance of communists being honest and critical. He then proceeds to set out an argument carefully designed to spread as much confusion as possible on some key issues. In a nutshell, it comes to this: a peaceful and 'constitutional' transition to socialism will lead to a democratic workers' state; the corrollary obviously being that the revolutionary conquest of power leads to bureaucracy. Of course, it is not put in so bald a fashion.

'Democracy'

Great care is taken by this master craftsman to confuse three different ways that the word 'democracy' has been discussed in the socialist movement: (a) the fight for and the utilization of democratic rights by the working class under capitalism; (b) the possibility or otherwise of the constitutional forms of parliamentary rule being sufficient to overthrow the capitalist class; (c) the development of bureaucracy in a workers'

state. It is not hard to find many quotations from Lenin's writings explaining the importance of the battle for democracy. Let us see how Klugmann

uses such passages, however. 'The Marxist solution to the problem of democracy is for the proletariat to utilize all democratic institutions and aspirations in its class struggle against the bourgeoisie in order to prepare for its overthrow and assure its own victory. (Collected Works, Vol. 23, p. 26), quotes Klugmann.

He stopped his typewriter just in time. For, a few lines down on the same page, Lenin makes clear his revolutionary meaning:

'. . . civil war against the bourgeoisie is a democratically organized and democratically conducted war of the property-



Stalinism

by JOHN CRAWFORD

One difficulty in particular faces those who want to disclaim Stalin and recommend the Fabian line of 'The British Road to Socialism': the inspiration for the conception of a British, peaceful road to socialism came from-J. Stalin.

Another of Klugmann's quotations raises a similar point. 'For many of us it was an eye-opening experience when

Georgi Dimitrov, in his great speech to the 7th Congress of the Communist International in 1935, quoted Lenin's incisive declaration that "the proletariat cannot prepare for its victory over the bourgeoisie without an all-round, consistent and revolutionary struggle for democracy".'

We have already seen what Lenin meant by this statement. But it is also worth remembering the context in which the quotation was made. Dimitrov's speech launched the 'People's Front' policy, whose author was Klugmann's late master, Josef Stalin.

'Discussion'

British Stalinists have constantly built up Dimitrov as a supporter of a more 'liberal' line, distinct from, if not in actual opposition to that pursued by Stalin himself. Hence the frequent references to his less mass against the properspeeches at the 1935 Congress.

According to his account, what he calls the 'aberrations' Here it is necessary to point under Stalin resulted from wrong attitudes to democratic forms of organization. These, in turn, were made more likely by the historical conditions prevailing after the Revolu-

> And so, even though he repeatedly warns against 'explaining away' or 'whitewashing' these 'errors', his pretended 'analysis' is intended to do nothing else.

'So,' says Klugmann, 'sometimes the pace of building socialism had to be forced in an almost inhuman way. Sometimes the most cruelly rapid centralization and industrialization was a question of life and death.

[.]. . . Concentrations of power in the hands of a few, or the special authority of the Party, or measures of censorship, or of security, could of necessity become a habit, and, no longer necessary, become a danger.'

'Explaining'

The 'democrat' Klugmann This sort of 'explaining' will has to cover over the deep connection between the crimes of fool no one. The greatest flowering of democracy in history Stalin and the alliances of the took place precisely in the hardest period of the Civil War. It was after the war was won, in 1922-1927, when Stalinists with 'democratic' forces in the 1930s.

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rid of capitalism.

The last thing he wants his

readers to remember is that

the first fighter against Stalin-

Klugmann's 'explanation' of

the 'aberrations' of Stalinism

attributes them to the efforts

of 'building socialism'. But this raises the question: what

'One of the theories of

Stalin, often used to justify

his most repressive measures,

was that with the growth of

socialism, the class struggle

would intensify inside the

Soviet Union, and later inside

the socialist camp, that the class enemy in the most

subtle ways, creeps into the

mass organizations and into

the Party itself. When this

becomes a dogma only repres-

sion seems the answer; and

the repression breeds repres-

So Klugmann's 'socialism'

can include repression. How-

ever, he never explains who

In the years after the Revo-

were democratically

lution it was the exploiters

repressed by the workers'

state; later, it was the workers

who were repressed by their

own bureaucratic leaders.

Klugmann tells his readers.

followed the Congress.'

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was repressed.

is his idea of socialism?

ist bureaucratism was Lenin.

attack on Stalin's memory, ism could be built in a single, backward country, expressed took place in 1956. But it was in 1968 that Khrushchev's the tendency of the Soviet successors organized the invabureaucracy towards accomsion of Czechoslovakia, to modation with the capitalist suppress the Czech working class. class, using the same kind of excuse as had been employed Against it Trotskyism continued the fight within the excuse as had been employed when Khrushchev sent his tanks into Budapest (with Klugmann's approval) and by Stalin before that. Klugmann avoids having to explain how Stalin's methods were being applied 12 years after the CPSU had 'rejected' them for his report on international workers' movement for Lenin's principles. The revolution was betrayed, but it was not destroyed. The Soviet Union

continued to exist on the basis

of the property relations estab-lished in 1917, its industry

developed on the basis of

planning, despite the bungling,

oppressive rule of the Stalinist

a society mid-way between

on the revolutionary struggle

of the working class. Inside the

USSR, the bureaucracy

threatens to destroy the heri-

tage of October. Its removal

by the working class in a poli-

workers' democracy, is bound

up with the spread of the

revolution to the advanced

by Stalinism. This is the

Fourth International, founded

Only Trotskyism grasps the

rise of Stalinism and its over-

throw as class movements. According to Klugmann, on

the contrary, its appearance,

and especially its disappear-

ance, are events outside the

objective course of history.

Beginning as a 'mistake', con-

tinued out of 'habit', it was

ended with a speech from the

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The whole purpose of Klug-

mann's long article is to direct

He makes great play of the

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revolution, restoring

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them, for his report on 'Socialist Democracy' does not mention either the Czech inva-sion or the Hungarian crisis of 1956.

'Marxism Today', edited by Klugmann, has shown the same remarkable amnesia with regard to Czechoslovakia. In May 1969, an article appeared by Marian Slingova, widow of Otto Sling, one of the victims of the 1952 Slansky purge in Czechoslovakia entitled: 'Why Did It Happen? Some reflec-tions on the Czechoslovak Trials of the Fifties.'

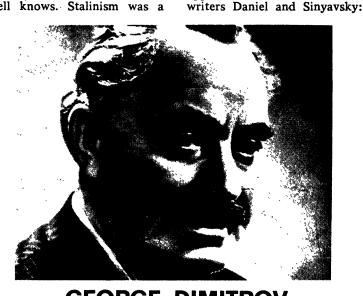
Comments

While it did not get very far in answering the question,

it did at least pose it. In December 1969, Maurice Dobb wrote expressing surprise that no one had commented on the article. A further note, by F. Gee, was printed in March, but these are the only Party members who have ventured to comment on this question, or at least whose comments have appeared.

Klugmann, Gollan and company, despite all their 'democratic' pretences, are the con-tinuators of Stalin's heritage of lies. Workers who want to understand the destiny of the October Revolution, and the way the working class must build the party to spread it to the rest of the world, cannot find clarity through the 'expla-

attention away from the crisis nations' of men like them. and bureaucratic regime within Klugmann tries to give the the British Communist Party. impression that Stalinism was something that happened a long time ago in a far-off fact that his own Party country. This is false, as he opposed the trial of the Soviet well knows. Stalinism was a



GEORGE DIMITROV

War, factions were permitted inside the Bolshevik Party.

The ban introduced at the 10th Party Congress in March 1921 was only intended to be temporary. It explicitly upheld the right of tendencies to be formed and to elect their leaders onto the Party Central Committee — on the basis of clearly defined oppositional

platforms. This right was denied the Dutt-French minority at the last CP Congress. In fact, the chairman of the Congress insisted that all discussions between delegates had to be stopped—though this did not, of course, prevent the Party leadership securing the election of a new National Executive which, as far as is known, does not include a single sup-

porter of the Dutt-French group. this group secured Yet around a quarter of the votes in the resolution condemning the Soviet invasion of Czech-

oslovakia. There is a faction in control of the British Communist Party.

But like its prototype in the Central to the development Soviet Union, it rules in the of the revolution is the conname of the entire Party, upholding a fictitious 'monolithic struction of the international unity'. A faction is only a facrevolutionary leadership, buildtion when it is in opposition! ing on the experience of the Third International destroyed

Klugmann's formulations on 'democratic centralism' smack of that favourite Stalinist slogan of the 1930s 'criticism and self-criticism'. This catchword was never more popular than when Stalin's GPU were hunting down Lenin's old comrades and framing them as 'Hitler's agents'.

Griticism was applied from the top downwards, with those below only being permitted to apply the other half of the formula-'self-criticism'.

This is the type of **Party** regime that developed in Britain and throughout the Communist International following the death of Lenin and the consolidation of the Stalinist regime in the Soviet Union. It is a product of the working-class defeats.

The internal life of a Party cannot be separated off from the class struggle and the development of Marxist theory and philosophy. But this is precisely the task Klugmann has set himself.

His article is a carefully constructed cover and apology for the bureaucratic regime of Gollan and Matthews. At all costs, the peaceful road and the alliance with the labour and trade union 'lefts' must be preserved.

Protected

And as more and more Party members experience the treachery of the latter and the counter-revolutionary nature of the former, attacks on the Party leadership will increase. Gollan and company must be protected from their own rank and file.

out that the murder of the old Bolsheviks was not just a crime of Soviet Stalinism. Each of the three Moscow Trials was publicly endorsed by Klugmann's Party. After the third 'trial' Klugmann's Party leadership endorsed the following resolution.

tion: 'We express our full confidence in our brother party of the Soviet Union and in its great leader Comrade Stalin, in Comrade Yezhov's determination to root out the last remnants of the anti-Soviet conspiracy, and in the judgment of the Soviet Court on the assassins and wreckers who formed the "Right and Trot-skyist bloc".' (March 5, 1938.)

This resolution—and many

others like it—have never

been repudiated by the lead-ership of the British Commun-

ist Party. So when Klugmann begins

to warn against 'whitewashing'

the crimes of Stalinism, he is

careful to avoid his own

Party's record in this respect.

Tito

Describing the trials of Laszlo Raik in Hungary and Traicho Kostov in Bulgaria, shot as 'imperialist spies' in 1949, the book explains how Tito and his supporters had become 'fascists' and 'agents of American imperialism'. It goes on to talk about the trials of Russian communists in the 1930s and how they revealed. Trotskyism to have played a similar role.

'The imperialists hate the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and its leader Stalin,' enthused Klugmann, 'because it is the most experienced and clear-sighted of all workingclass parties in the world-the greatest enemy of dying capi-

talism . . . 'Those of us, like myself, who in the early stage were deceived by the manoeuvres of the Titoites, can well understand the gratitude that we owe . . . to the wisdom of the warnings given by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.' (p. 202.)

Since penning these words, Klugmann has seen many changes.

Now engaged in writing the Communist Party's history (who else?), he spends a lot of his time in the 'dialogue' with the Church. He expresses 'regrets' at the events of the 'Stalin era', without being too specific, and tries to give the impression that the new, 'liberal' CP is far removed from those days.

In 1970, this old admirer of Stalin's murder machine assures everyone, no Labour MP need be afraid to decorate a CP platform: all the GPU bloodstains have been scrub-

bed away. But the real situation is quite different. The new model CP leader is a direct continuation of old-style Stalinism. Only the **form** of treachery to the working class has been brought up to date. The May issue of the CP

journal 'Marxism Today' fea-



LASZLO RAJK

tied minority. But civil war, like every other, must inevitably replace rights by violence. However, violence in the name of the interests and rights of the majority is of a different nature: it tramples on the "rights" of the exploiters, the bourgeoisie, it is unachieveable without democratic organization of the army and the "rear".'

So, despite his tearful disclaimers of Stalin's crimes, and despite (perhaps we should say because of) his close associations with the church these days, Klugmann in 1970 is up to his old tricks.

All his learned-looking quotations from Lenin are attempts to hide and distort Lenin's idea: the working class needs democracy in order to mobilize the maximum force to smash the capitalist state. From Belfast to Ohio, this lesson is driven home by the actions of imperialism.

Just when the international crisis of capitalism involves the sharpest clashes between the working class and the state power all over the capitalist world, the Stalinist leaders are fighting for the line that the ruling class can be persuaded to leave the historical stage quietly and peacefully.

Klugmann, in trying to dupe workers into accepting this idea, brings to bear all his experience as a Stalinist distorter of texts.

But his task today is much harder than it was in 1951.

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Buried But the history of that

period cannot be buried by the Stalinists: Klugmann, like the rest of the CP leaders, tried hard enough after 1956. The stench of Stalin's corpse is not hidden even by the incense provided by Klugmann's clerical friends.

Going through the motions of considering these issues, Klugmann asks:

'How could it come about that, under Stalin, so many innocent people, some of them well-tried Communists, were arrested or killed, that false evidence was often concocted. that the role of mass organizations was deeply curtailed, that the power of decision fell more and more into the hands of a small group, at times of a single man, that inner-Party democracy was so sadly reduced and thwarted?' thwarted?'

Excellent questions, Mr Klugmann! What a pity they did not strike you in 1951, when you wrote:

'When you read of the secret agreements between the Trotskyists and German fascism, the plans for the internal sabotage of the Soviet regime, for the assassination of the Soviet leaders, and for the restoration of Russian capitalism subservient to German imperialism, you read of the precursor of the Titoite agreements with the successor of German fascism — American imperialism.' ('From Trotsky to Tito', page 85.)

This book, it is true, vanished from the shops in 1956. But that was 14 years ago; now. Klugmann has decided it is time to 'open' a discussion.

The delay was not due to refusal to accept criticism. In the same book, Klugmann wrote indignantly of the Yugoslav CP:

'Is it possible to think of an honest Communist who would not be proud to receive criticisms from the Parties whose leaders were Dimitrov, Rakosi, Stalin, Togliatti or Thorez?' (p. 25.)

The pretended 'answers' Klugmann gives to his questions are, not surprisingly, feeble. Where Khrushchev blamed it all on to the defects of Stalin's personality, Klugmann tries to make it look a bit more scientific.

industrialization was at its slowest, that the bureaucracy

consolidated its power in ment, eventually destroying industry and in the Party the Communist International which Lenin and Trotsky had founded as the 'World Party of This privileged layer, increasingly separated from and hostile to the Soviet and Socialist Revolution'. the international working

Klugmann's methods are part of this development. class, grew up largely after the period of 'War Commun-Theoretically, they are founded on the conception that the ism' and before the first Fivetransition to a socialist society could be, and was, in fact, Klugmann would never put completed within the borders of the Soviet Union.

it so plainly, but the implication of his argument is that it All the lies and distortions was in Lenin's time that the of Stalinism flow from this conditions for the rise of fundamental departure from Marxism. Klugmann's contortions thus reflect the degenera-In this, he is at one with the 'state capitalist' theories tion of the Soviet state, in of 'International Socialism' ---the course of which the workas well as every anti-communing class was expropriated from political power by the ist who wants to warn against the 'terrible results' of getting bureaucracy.

Stalinism was not a matter of 'wrong methods' or bad 'habits' or organization, but of definite developments in the class struggle.

In the conditions of isolation of the revolution, surviving only through the struggle of the Soviet and the international working class, the bureaucracy arose as the transmission mechanism of the pressure of world imperialism.

Stalin's 'theory' that social-

tendency that developed in the 'There is, in my opinion, a international communist moveneed for a clear demarcation between dissent and subversion. . . . To treat the dis-sent of the working people as subversion is no solution at all.'

This applies with equal force to the internal regime within Communist Party.

But here Klugmann upholds the bureaucratic principles of Stalinism, which for more than 40 years have masqueraded as 'democratic centralism':

. . . in between Congresses all have a right through the channels of the Party to raise points of disagreement, but not in the form of fractions or factions . . .'

Faction

Bolshevism itself began as a faction within the Russian Social Democratic Party at its Second Congress in 1903. And even within the Bolshevik faction, shadings and groups arose expressing genuine differences over policy, programme and philosophy. Yet Lenin never raised the

question of bureaucratically excluding them by applying a ban on factions.

As we have already emphasized, right through the Civil







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That is Klugmann's — and

also Monty Johnstone's—job. In the 1930s, the grip of the bureaucracy on the international workers' movement made it possible to twist Marxist theory in this fashion with the GPU to deal with awkward questions. Today, the fight for Marxism becomes too strong to allow anyone to get away with such distortions. When the French workers

engaged in struggle with the Gaullist state in 1968, the treachery of the Stalinists was clearly seen by thousands of workers and youth, and not only in France.

When the Soviet leaders make agreements with the Spanish fascists or the Greek colonels, Trotskyists demonstrate the class significance of these actions, and are heard by workers all over the world, even in the countries ruled by

the bureaucracy. Klugmann continues the fight for Stalinism, but under conditions where he cannot go unchallenged.

As the working class breaks free from the bureaucratic stranglehold, the Fourth International clears away the mountain of lies and slanders manufactured by Stalinism and opens the road for Marxism theory and leadership and the conquest of workers' power.

'Long live the faithful and tested companion-at-arms of the great Stalin, long live the helmsman of the Communist International, Comrade Dimitrov.' (Seventh Congress Documents, p. 32.) Dimitrov himself was one of the most fanatical adherents of the 'Stalin cult', which is

now belatedly condemned by Klugmann. On Stalin's 60th birthday, Dimitrov wrote this of his hero, AFTER his murder of all Lenin's closest comrades. 'There is no greater honour

for the proletarian revolutionary than to be . . . a real Stalinist [emphasis in original] . . . there is no greater happiness for the Communists than to fight under the leadership of Stalin. . . . Not everybody can be a Stalinist.' ('Commun-International', January ist

Dimitrov's reply to the 'dis-

cussion' cited by Klugmann in

fact ended with Manuilsky

declaiming:

This then was the 'helmsman' for Stalin's 'Popular Front'.

have been carried out.

1940.)

Inseparable from this policy, which enrolled duchesses, bishops and Tories in the fight for 'democracy', was the destruction of thousands of communists in the blood purges by order of the same Stalin. Without the Moscow Trials and the campaign of anti-Trotskyist slander of the period 1936-1938, the line set out by Dimitrov could not

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Transmutation PART TWO SCIENTIFIC WORLD Of matter

The need to know nature is imposed upon men by their need to subordinate nature to themselves. In this sphere any digressions from objective relationships, relationships determined by the properties of matter itself, are corrected by practical experience. This alone seriously guarantees the natural sciences, chemical research in particular, from intentional, unintentional, semideliberate distortions, misinter-

('Dialectical Materialism and Science', Trotsky, 1925.)

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summed up in the following way:

• All matter is composed of

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THE RISE of capitalism and

to subordinate nature to themselves for the purposes of manufacture and trade prepared the way for major development in all fields of natural science, including

chemistry.

'To know **BY MARTIN ZARROP**

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Modern chemistry takes its beginnings from Dalton's atomic theory (1803). His theory may be

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have different properties and different weights. • Chemical combination results from the joining of atoms in simple numerical proportions. Looking at these postulates

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During the 19th century much

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plained the results of previous experiments. Lavoisier had found with those of their neighbours, Mendeleev was very accurate in his predictions, as the table that in a chemical reaction the below shows. total weight of all compounds is the same at the beginning and

Modern-day periodic tables have little advantage over the at the end (total number of original, but scientists now know what lies behind them. atoms remains constant through-Also, if we take a piece of salt and break off a portion, we

Engels placed Mendeleev's achievement on a very high level. 'Dialectics of Nature' he says: . . the Hegelian law is valid not only for compound sub-

whatever portion we take. This is simply explained if we assume that each atom of the element stances, but also for the chemical elements themselves. We know that . . . their quality is detersodium combines with an atom The general acceptance of the mined by the quanty of their atomic weights. . . . Mendeleev achieved a scientific feat which atomic theory made it possible to investigate series of chemical compounds, formed from varying it is not too bold to put on a par proportions of different elements, with that of Leverrier in calcu and to attempt to explain their lating the orbit of the until then properties (boiling point, melting unknown planet Neptune.'

Both Engels and Trotsky recognized that despite the However, until 1869, the growing list of elements still defied attempts to put them into a meaningful order which could be scientist's reactionary political position, in natural science he was a materialist.

'The cause of chemical reac-tion lies in the physical and mechanical properties of com-pounds', said Mendeleev. In other words, chemistry needed no supernatural force to

emphasize similarities in proexplain its workings' but a study of the real material properties and thereby facilitate their systematic study. John Newlands in England be-tween 1863 and 1865 came very cesses going on within matter. It was the carrying through of this programme that revealed close to succeeding. He listed the known elements in order of finally what lay behind the power of the periodic table. To be continued next week atomic weight starting with the

lighted the important tasks facing revolutionary workingclass youth in France today. Since its founding conference in February 1969 the AJS has consistently fought to carry through the vital lessons of the May-June days of 1968 when

AT ITS FIRST Congress in

the 'Salle de la Mutualité'. Paris, last weekend the

Alliance des Jeunes pour le Socialisme, sister organization of the Young Socialists, high-

ten million workers out on general strike against de Gaulle's government were betrayed by the Stalinist leadership. With branches in all the main industrial areas in France and important progress made amongst students in the universities, the AJS fights on a programme of building a mass revolutionary

youth movement in a fight against the betrayal and class collaborationist policies of Stalinism, The AJS has its own monthly 'Jeune Revolutionnaire' and in Paris new spacious head-quarters were opened earlier this year with meeting rooms and offices.

The success of the AJS are a reflection of the combativity of the French working-class youth. On February 1 this year 10,000 young people from all over France and groups from Germany and Belgium took part in an AJS-organized rally at Le Bourget

airport, near Paris. This was the biggest revolu-tionary youth rally ever organized in Europe since the Second World War. In France today one out of

every four youth are unemployed (approximately 700,000). One AJS member interviewed by Workers Press had been in and out of jobs for one and a half years—since he left school—and he had no qualifications.

No opportunity

'Once you leave school without a training there is barely any



other opportunity of getting one. Even when you come from training school there is, in most cases, no suitable job,' he said.

'In the training schools (CET) most youth start working and give up their courses before taking their exams because they know they won't get a job even with the exam.'

In France there are very few apprenticeships. In the field of industrial drawing there is the opportunity to become a teacher after a period of five years' passing additional by work exams.

For aliens—mainly Algerians— there is a method known as 'Alphabetization' to teach reading and writing. This course has no particular use other than to enable a young worker to read his terms of employment and sign a form . . . if there is a job available.

In the factories the AJS has been mobilizing amongst young workers who are now increasingly affected by the government's

demands. organize on a class basis; they accepted the contracts. CGT (the Stalinist-controlled union) the AJS fought against CGT

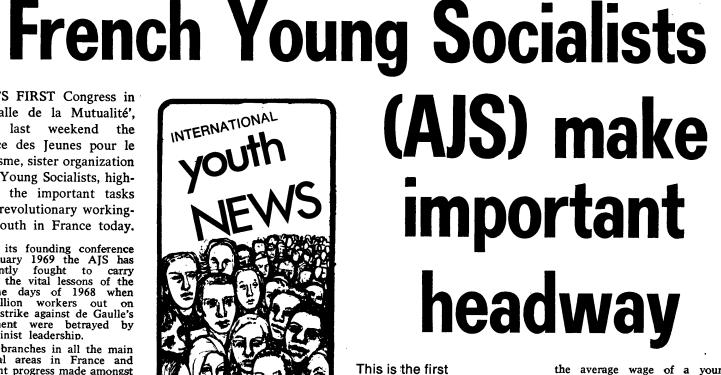


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There is thus every likelihood of a 'compromise' between Smith and the Church and it is for the

sibility for this apartheid.' The missionaries were experts in the practice of educational apartheid and starvation.

Their main role was to regiment and starve 'African education'. They were the major party to the fact that up to 1939 there was no secondary



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'sixth plan', a programme of attacks on the working class to meet the economic crisis.

In Renault, where there are

100,000 workers, there has been a fight over the past two months

against the introduction of

'progress contracts' which seek to tie workers to the management and attack the right to strike.

Organized

The AJS organized on the shop floor to mobilize workers

against the government's 'sixth

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The Stalinists refused to

At the March Congress of the

They oppose the progress con-tracts on the basis that the

Stalinists and the trade union

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the average wage of a young workers is 900 francs a month (about £14 a week).

Through its work for the February 1, rally the AJS has been able to contact thousands of young workers in the factory.

The AJS campaigned around the hostels — provided by Michelin for the young workers — and made many contacts through relating these conditions in the factory to the struggle for socialism.

Michelin own many of the flats and lodgings which their employees live in. Workers rent houses for which they pay 90 francs a month.

'The political work of the AJS has been specifically turned to-wards the youth in Michelin. The key to the problems on the shop floor is to train a youth leadership to win the confidence of the workers in struggle against the Stalinists and the church, explained a young Michelin worker.

Consciousness

'In preparation for the Congress of the Alliance Ouvrière on June 15 and 16 and in building the AJS, we have to raise the political consciousness of the workers and youth on two levels to link the struggle in the factory and around the lodgings to the general struggle against the bourgeoisie.

AJS members at Michelin have recently had a very important experience in struggle against management-union participation.

Following an ultra-left pro-vocation by the Stalinists, three workers were sacked, but the



lightest—hydrogen—as number 1 and noted that in many cases there was a repetition of chemical **MODERN VERSION OF MENDELEEV'S PERIODIC TABLE** properties in each eighth element. He called his law the 'law of octaves', but this was laughed out of court by the Chemical Group 56 Society and they refused to publish his paper. His work was not recognized until 1887. Li In March, 1869, Dimitri Men-Na 11 deleev transmitted to the Russian Chemical Society his first paper on the classification of the Ca 20 23 V Co 27 elements, which bore the title Cu 29 Ge 32 The Relation of the Properties Se 34 to the Atomic Weights of the Elements'. In it he sums up the Rb 37 Zr 40 Nb 41 Mo 42 Tc 43 Ru 44 Pd 46 Rh 45 repetition or periodicity of chemical properties in his famous periodic table.

ical processes, lie some funda-mental laws. What are they? Do they explain past experiments? Can we predict the results of future experiments?'

The elements are denoted by their atomic numbers and chemical symbols. The two groups marked * do not fit easily into the scheme. These are the rare earths of which the second group contains uranium (92) and plutonium (94) as well as some of the radioactive man-made elements. Each group contains elements with similar chemical properties. Group O contains the noble gases—(from the top) helium, neon, argon, krypton and xenon which are chemically inert and do not interact easily with other elements.

Rt 104

Sb 51 Te 52

Ta 73 Bi 83 W 74 Po 84

Ha 105

1 53

Re 75 At 85

Os 76

THURSDAY

11.00 a.m.-2.58 p.m. Schools. 3.30

Mad movies. 3.55 Face of the

earth. 4.17 Origami. 4.30 Cross-

roads. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 Mag-

Ir 77

Pt 78

Sc, Ga, Ge are Mendeleev's predicted elements; Au gold; Pb lead; Ra radium and Ha is hahnium, the man-made element produced earlier this year.

GERMANIUM

Property	Predicted 1871	Observed 1886	
Atomic weight*	72.0	72.3	
Density compared to water	5.5	5.5	
Colour	Dark grey	Greyish white	

* compared to carbon which is taken as 12

ITV

pie. 5.50 News.

6.04 Today.

He formed his table from a study of the regularity in the material properties of the elements and was therefore able to make an important develop-

ment of theory. He stated that the atomic weights of certain elements had been incorrectly determined and that new elements would be dis-

The superiority of the Men-deleev table over the work of Newlands and others was that

the Russian scientist did not allow himself to be mesmerized by the 'magic' of the atomic

covered to fit into vacant spaces in his classification. Trotsky says: 'Here with the authoritative gesture of a research worker confident of himself, Mendeleev knocked at one

REGIONAL ITV

against any encroachment of the state on the preserves of the Church.

The Church ultimatum to Smith that it would close all its schools, hospitals and oldpeoples homes is not directed against apartheid, but against the danger to the church of state interference with the implementation of apartheid

ULSTER: 11.00-2.58 London: 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Arthur. 5.20 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' with Charles Laugh-ton and Maureen O'Hara. Victor Hugo's story of a hunchback who falls in love with a beautiful gypsy girl. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Avengers.

purpose of such a compromise that Smith agreed to meet the Church leaders and that the ultimatum itself was issued at the end of April. The Roman Catholic Church

Rhodesia has, for half a in century, carried out the various anti-African land laws made by Britain. Its protest against the inten-sification of the Land Acts by Smith

is thus nothing but fraudulent. This Church, like the Anglican Church, has practised every form of apartheid law made by Britain during its long and brutal direct rule over S Rhodesia. Its recent protest cannot therefore



SMITH

In particular the Churches were the main agencies of educational apartheid and starvation from the very beginning of British rule until the present

They have owned and managed special inferior schools into which they segregated African children even when there was no law to enforce such segregation. At the same time they have

owned and managed separate, luxurious 'Europeans on ly' schools, old people's homes and hospital services.

They are the oldest masters of apartheid in S Rhodesia. It was not for nothing that Rhodes' special thanks went out to them the 1890s-already after the defeat of the Matabele and Mashona by Britain.

The Catholic and other major imperialist churches-for that is what they are in the modern epoch — have always practised and also preached the apartheid they now pretend to condemn in order to curry bogus favour with the 'independent' African and to divert antistates imperialist struggle into liberal, pro-imperialist diversions.

A look at the educational position in S Rhodesia makes the role of the missionaries in this respect clear enough. One hand-book says of the

present, Smith period: Most schools in S Rhodesia are run by missions, grant aided by government (e.g., A. Gordon-Brown). Since the educational system in S Rhodesia is notor-

iously segregationist, the missions

bear the main direct respon-

school at all for any African children in Nyasaland, S Rhodesia or N Rhodesia. For the 'European' child there

was a luxurious system of separate well-equipped schools. The purpose of the mission schools was to indoctrinate the African child with a slave mentality. The purpose of the European schools was to prepare the 'white' child to be a master.

These purposes were often openly stated as British state policy in S Rhodesia, as they had been in S Africa.

By 1939 the missionaries who are now loudly 'protesting' against Smith were mainly re-sponsible for a 'system' of sponsible for a 'system' of 'education' which starved the African child by means of a state expenditure of 1s 5d per African child, compared with £6 (a year) for each European child —a discrimination of about 80 to l practised by the holy missionaries themselves.

After the war, apartheid in schools was extended and intensified-again with the help of the Churches.

By the time of 'independence' for Malawi and Zambia there was the grand total of 3,300 Africans in secondary schools in Renault can be seen in the fact that at Billancourt the Stalinists S Rhodesia (with some million people classified by the British are completely unable to slander racial classifiers), 2,108 N Rhodesia and 1,300 in the Trotskyists. in Nvasaland.

The total for 'European' children was 21,671 (for some quarter million 'Europeans')-a racial discrimination of over 100

The Churches participated fully in the running of this apartheid system of education starvation for the African colonial slaves and of training for 'white supremacy' for the children of the 'whites' of all classes.



Delegates and visitors to last weekend's congress in the Salle de la Mutualité, Paris.

Long live Lenin! Long live Trotsky! First congress of the AJS.

The problems of young workers wave of strikes and the deterat Renault are centred around a mination of the Michelin workers demand for a conference of all forced the management to retreat. young workers

IN THE universities the AJS has The CGT has been forced to emerged this year as the largest group in the National Union of call for a national meeting in defence of youth at the factory. French Students (UNEF). An AIS member working in

the factory explained his work and that of his comrades:

'The strength of the AJS in

Large branch

Clermond-Ferrand, the AJS has a large branch of members-

some of them came over to the

Young Socialists' 10th Annual

Conference in Scarborough in

Out of a labour force of 24,000,

5,000 are under the age of 25,

April this year.

At the Michelin factory,

language students the AJS policies for a national strike 'The AJS intervenes not just committee were carried over-whelmingly in face of opposition on a particular local issue or factory issue, but relates it to from the United Socialist Party the general demands of the youth (PSU), the Stalinists and the in jobs, unemployment and low Maoists. wages on a national scale.

The strike took place because of a bill proposed by the French government to abolish the teaching of a second foreign language in schools.

In a recent six-week strike by

Demonstrations

When the strike ended the National Central Strike Committee proposed demonstrations throughout France on a united platform of students' and teachers' demands.

Big demonstrations were held in some of the major cities in France - Grenoble, Dijon, Clermont and Lille.

It was mainly as a result of the struggle carried through in this strike that the AJS emerged in April as the strongest single organization in UNEF.

Out of this fight the AJS won many new recruits and was able to gain a powerful force amongst students.

The AJS work amongst young workers, students and un-employed over the past year is a powerful vindication of the history of the revolutionary movement and the theory of Marxism; theirs is a record to be proud of.

With the Young Socialists the AJS is this year celebrating the year of Lenin and Trotsky, working towards an international conference of revolution youth at the end of 1970. revolutionary

This will bring together youth from all over the world, young revolutionists who will forge an international programme for building the Fourth International and establishing world socialism.

'Man Detained'. 12.00 midnight Trends or gim-11.27 Something to say. micks. 11.00-11.20 a.m. Play school. island off the Dutch East 7.05 p.m. Man in society: Indies to six months hard 'Making New Men'. labour. 7.30 News and weather. 10.00 Jazz scene at the Ronnie Scott Club: 8.30 The money programme. With the Lionel Hampton 9.10 W. Somerset Maugham: Octet, the Cecil Taylor 'The Vessel of Wrath' Quartet, Sarah Vaughan with James Booth and and her Trio and Buddy Sian Phillips. Ginger Ted Rich and his orchestra. is sentenced by the Dutch 10.45 News and weather. Controleur of a small 10.50 Line-up. **REGIONAL BBC**

All regions as BBC 1 except: Midlands and East Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Midlands today. Look East, weather. Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather.
North of England: 6.00-6.45 Look North, weather. Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather.
Wales: 12 noon-1.30 Cricket. 2.30-2.50 Dysgu cymraeg. 6.00 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.10 Hed-diw. 11.57 Weather.

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CHANNEL: 11.00-2.58 London. 4.02 Pufin's birthday greetings. 4.11 Ori-gami. 4.25 Wendy and me. 4.55 Sea-spray. 5.20 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Police file. 6.15 Sports roundup. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Tarzan's Triumphs' with Johnny Weismuller, Frances Gifford and Rex Williams. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 10.30 Goall 12.20 News, weather in French, weather. head. 5.44 The adventures of 6.40 Peyton Place. Parsley. 5.50 News and weather. 7.10 Nearest and dearest. 6.00 London-Nationwide. 7.40 The action film: WESTWARD. As Channel except: 4.00 News. 4.02 Gus Honeybun show. 6.00 Diary. 8.30 This is your life. 12.25 Faith for life. 12.31 Weather. 'A Thunder of Drums' with Richard Boone, George Hamilton and Richard Chamberlain. Western. 9.10 Sportsnight with Cole-9.30 This week. Champions of the world 10.00 News. on ice and international 10.30 Cinema. Columbia 11.00 Tales of Edgar Wallace: Scotland: 6.00 Reporting Scotland. 6.15 The General Assembly. 6.30-6.45 Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather.

Northern Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather. South and West: 6.00-6.45 Points West. South today. Spotlight South-West, weather. Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather.

ANGLIA: 10.58-2.58 London. 4.30 Newsroom. 4.40 Plupp. 4.50 Flipper. 5.20 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 "The Left-Handed Gun" with Paul Newman and Lita Milan. A young boy sets out on a trail of vengeance. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 10.30 Cran-well Squadrons. 11.15 Cinema. 11.45 Reflection. ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-2.58 London. 4.02 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Stingray. 5.20 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: **Houdini'** with Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh. The story of Harry Houdini, the world's greatest escapologist. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Prisoner. 11.56 Pulse, weather.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-2.58 London. 3.55 Houseparty. 4.10 Origami. 4.25 Mat-inee. 4.50 Phoenix five. 5.20 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Champ-ions. 7.30 Dr in the House. 8.00 Mannix. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 This is . . . Tom Jones. 12 midnight Weather. SOUTHERN: 11.00-2.58 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.35 Film: 'Vengeance Valley' with Burt Lancaster, Robert Walker and Joanne Dru. Western full of sin and vengeance. 8.00 Strange Report. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 10.30 Untouchables. 11.30 News. 11.40 Weather. Langley House. **GRANADA:** 11.00-2.50 London. 4.15 News. 4.17 London. 4.25 Short story. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 Newsview. Campaign. 6.30 Champions. 7.25 Laughtermakers: **'The Goose Steps Out'** with Will Hay and Charles Haw-trey. An English schoolmaster is cap-tured by British Intelligence, mistaken for a German spy. 8.50 Cartoon time. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Untouchables. HARLECH: 11.00-2.58 London. 4.10 Sara and Hoppity. 4.25 Mad movies. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.01 Report. 6.10 Hogan's heroes. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: "The House of the Seven Hawks' with Robert Taylor. A small boat captain becomes involved in a murder. 8.30 Doctor in the house. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Seaway. 12 midnight Weather. TYNE TEES: 11.00-2.58 London. 4.10 Newsroom. 4.12 Sara and Hoppity. 4.25 Freud on food. 4.55 Richard the Lionheart. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Police call. 6.35 Saint. 7.30 Joker's wild. 8.00 Wild, wild west. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 University challenge. 11.30 News. 11.47 Friendship week. HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 4.25-4.55 Tins a lei. 11.00 Y dydd. 11.30 Dan sylw. 12.15 Weather. **BORDER:** 1.40-2.58 London. 4.00 News. 4.02 Houseparty. 4.15 Nanny and the Professor. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 Lon-don. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Dr in the house. 8.00 Strange report. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Seaspray. 11.55 News. HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 4.25-4.55 Tins a lei. 6.01 Y dydd, 6.30-6.35 Report Wales.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.58 London. 4.20 Scotland early. 4.30 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.00 Scotland now. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Film: 'The Mountain' with Spencer Tracy, and Robert Wagner. 9.00 Near-est and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Seaway. 11.55 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-2.58 London. 4.25 Freud on food. 4.55 Mad movies, 5.20 London. 6.00 News. 6.10 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Mid-week movie: 'Behold the Pale Horse'. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 Lon-don. 11.00 Five on a tiger. 12 mid-night Epilogue. night Epilogue.

in Atlanta on Saturday, but the racialist governor of Georgia, Lester Maddox, has already stated:

'We're not going to have any

In a last-minute attempt to

head off mounting Negro unrest after the recent spate

of lynchings in the South, President Nixon held a meeting yesterday with the

heads of 15 'black' colleges.

demonstrations at all on the Capitol grounds.'

Wire reject strings

720 members of the Wire Drawers and Kindred Workers' Union at United Wire Works, Granton, Edinburgh are now in the third week of their strike for 2s 6d-an-hour increase without strings.

Their union has refused to accept a contractual agree-ment—signed by six of the seven other unions at the plant—which includes job mobility, flexibility of labour and change of work schedules by management without consultation

The agreement also outlaws sectional strikes in sympathy with other sections of the works.

The company has offered 2d-an-hour increase on condition that the union signs the agreement. The workers are contemptuous of this offer.

Since the strike began. management has sent letters to all workers warning that if the strike continued they would be liable to dismissal.

Dismissal notices have in fact been sent to eight of the strike leaders, most of them members of the strike committee.

In reply to the dismissal notices, the workers voted unanimously at the weekend to stay out. They also determined not to open negotia-tions until the eight dismissal

notices are withdrawn. Of the 720 workers who struck, only four have re-turned to work.

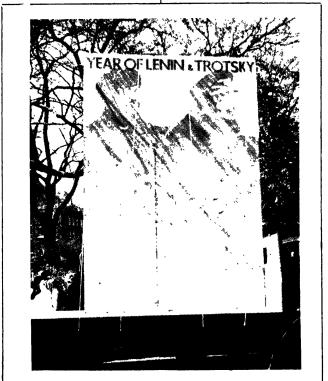
WEATHER

London area, SE, central southern and SW England, Channel Islands: Cloudy with a little rain. Soon becoming dry and bright. Wind westerly, moderate. Temperature nor-mal. Max. 16C (61F). East and West Midlands, NW and central northern England: Scattered showers. Sunny periods. Wind westerly, fresh. Temperature normal. Max. to spread it. 15C (59F).

Edinburgh: Scattered showers. Sunny periods. Wind westerly, strong. Temperature normal. Already, they have offered an immediate 10s increase all

Max. 13C (55F). Glasgow area, N Ireland: Occasional showers. Sunny periods. W in d westerly, strong. Temperatures normal. Max. 13C (55F). Outlook for Friday and Saturround if telecontrol is accepted in principle over the entire site. Outlook for Friday and Satur-

The existing factory claim was to have been for $\pounds 6$ and $\pounds 8$ without strings. day: Unsettled with rain or showers in most places. Gen-The convenors say manageerally rather cool ment claims an extra 25s a



workers C.A.V. Acton Stewards still talk telecontrol

ATTEMPTS by the management at CAV's, Acton, London factory to link the introduction of the 'big brother' telecontrol system to the factory pay claim have been partially rebuffed by shop stewards.

BY A WORKERS PRESS

CORRESPONDENT

week could be earned with

The stewards decided at their Monday committee meeting to accept an executive recommendation that the extension of telecontrol could only be discussed after the site claim-for 3s an hour for men and 4s an hour for women-had been satisfactorily settled.

But this still leaves two sections open for the introduction of telecontrol-

which stewards have the system in operation. But it must be stressed that the system itself will not bring already accepted in principle in departments 55

10s offer

and 66. At Monday's meeting, stew-ards' leaders presented the introduction of the system

the buying and storage of components and raw materials, and rapidly tighten up pro-ductivity, threatening jobs throughout the plant.

Dublin arrests after arms SWOOP

A NUMBER of people appeared in court in Dublin yesterday following an overnight swoop by police in search of arms.

About 50 police, reinforced by Special Branch detectives, broke into a Dublin house whose occupants are mainly members of the Dublin Housing Action Committee.

Two people were detained in hospital and a number treated for injuries when fighting broke out.

A police spokesman re-fused to say if any arms were discovered or the nature of the charges. While British troops in Ulster carry out similar 'peace keeping' activities under the code name 'Operation Mulberry', the repressions against militants

Need to extend **C&B** strike BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

THE SEVEN-WEEK-OLD strike at Crosse & Blackwell's Peterhead factory has reached a critical stage. As the employers' campaign to break its solidarity is stepped up, the illusions which many strikers still have in the union leadership threaten to lead them into a trap.

councillor.

strike.

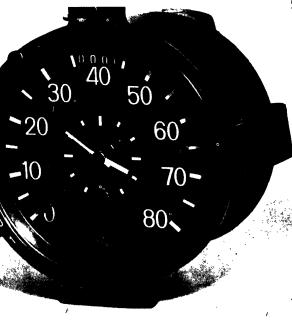
Six workers have refused to

Determination on the picket

RUMOURS

The employers, Nestlés, join the union, USDAW, three remain intransigent on the of them because they are question of 100 per cent members of the extreme Protestant sect, the Close Brethtrade unionism, which is the only demand so far line has now prevented all put forward. attempts to get these workers into the factory. But the fac-tory has by no means been at

TACHOGRAPH EVIDENCE USED **AT INQUEST**



BY BERNARD FRANKS

EVIDENCE DEDUCED from examination of a tachograph chart was used in a recent inquest on a driver killed in a vehicle accident.

According to the trade paper 'Motor Transport' this is pro-

mph. A further acceleration of up to 36 mph extended for about 150 yards. Covering another 150 yards the speed was increased up to about 41 mph. When the tachograph reached

Civil rights leader killed as Georgia march begins

THE 110-MILE civil rights march across Georgia began yesterday with yet another murder.

Shortly after marchers set out from Perry-40 miles from Augusta where six Negroes were killed last week--a leader of the National Association for the Advance-ment of Coloured People ment of Coloured People was found shot dead in front of the organization's office in Savannah, Georgia. Police stated that the Negro leader, James Floyd, had

The meeting was arranged after Dr James Cheek, President of Howard Unibeen shot in the chest. The marchers, led by the pacifist Rev Ralph Aber-nathy, plan to hold a rally versity, telegraphed Nixon, warning him that tension in the colleges was 'nearbreaking point'. State pay control-US

a standstill. Over 50 engineers (AEF members) have been doing important repair work, and are still doing maintenance work in the factory. A large number of clerical and other workers are also still at work circles for state control of wages.

— including one USDAW member who is a Labour The latest and most influential advocate of a US incomes policy is Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Fed-

eral Reserve Board. In a Making use of the workers still in the factory the em-ployers now seek to step up speech this week to the annual monetary conference of the American Bankers' their campaign to break the Association, he stated:

'Other countries that have depended on specific wage-price policies — or incomes policies as they are fre-quently called—have achieved Rumours are being circulated that they intend to close the factory and office staff have apparently been inrelatively little success and the same can be said of our structed to make calculations concerning possible redun-dancy payments. own experiment during the

Previously periodic letters 1960s. were sent to all strikers threatening them that the 'Nevertheless, we should not close our minds to the possistrike would lead to the perbility that an incomes policy, provided it stopped well short of direct wage and price conmanent withdrawal of orders by the shops. No call has been made for trol, and was used merely as a the extension of the strike to the engineers and others. Only supplement to overall fiscal and monetary measures, might now is there talk of extending speed us through this transithe strike to other Nestlé's factories, and an USDAW tional period of cost push inflatior executive member spoke in Peterhead on Saturday of examining the 'feasibility' of calling on other unions to coopérate.

NO CLAIM

Nor has any wage claim been put forward, despite the fact that strikers claim that their factory is one of the low-est paid in the country. They are demanding a £15 Deal' 10s minimum for men-an increase of about £4 on present rates — but the union leaders say this cannot be put forward until after the closed shop has been gained. price and wage control'.

with the Soviet Union.

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The omens are clear.

ALL TRADES

MEETINGS

TONIGHT

NORTH LONDON

'Keep out the Tories!'

'Fight for socialist policies!'

Thursday, May 21, 8 p.m.

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Tasks of trade unionists

today'

Thursday, May 21

7.30 p.m.

People's Hall

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SW LONDON

Tuesday, May 26, 8 p.m.

Princes Head

Falcon Road, SW11

PRESSURE continues to build up in US ruling circles for state control BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

But the point has been made and, we can be sure,

taken: 'Even with these reservations, however, there may be a useful-albeit a very modestrole for an incomes policy to play in shortening the period between suppression of excess demand and restoration of reasonable price stability.'

Gloom

Gloomy predictions for the future of the economy dominated the meeting.

Andrew Brimmer, another Federal Reserve Board member, told the conference that according to his calculations, the budget deficit for the fiscal year 1970 (ending June 30 this year) would be \$2,500 million and not a surplus of \$1,500 million as predicted by President Nixon. Confronted with grim eco-nomic reality—a steadily fall-

ing rate of profit, mounting

Burden

Significant

This is a highly-significant admission.

inflation, a record drain on State intervention in the gold reserves and the United economy has always been resented by sections of US States' worst ever trade figures leading US bankers are big business, even when it is beginning to call for state action to reduce the living standards of the working obviously designed to benefit the monopolies and banks. Roosevelt had to break

down much of this subjec-tive hostility before his 'New class. More than any other workto rescue American capitalism could be launched. ing class in the capitalist world, the American workers Burns' support for an incomes policy is therefore are being compelled to carry guarded — he has to declare himself opposed to 'direct the burden of Nixon's war in Indo-China

The threat of a bankers' offensive against the US trade unions will make it possible

extra work into Acton: it will mean speed-up for the operators, setters and workers who will find themselves tied down to their machines. Their absences will be reinto the two departments as corded second by second and honouring the agreement. But once it is introduced manage-ment will try by every means details of their output fed to a central console.

accusation.

impact.

the right wing.

Tighten up The system will enable the management to tighten up supply methods, rationalize

Stewards are to seek an early meeting with the man-agement to 'clarify' a number of questions about the scheme. It is essential that the stew-

ards reject tele-control outright. The Workers Press coverage of the telecontrol issue at Acton was twice raised a Monday's stewards' meeting. One convenor accused was twice raised at steward of 'selling an article' (published last Friday) to the paper 'for financial gain'.

Impact

in which the paper's exposure of telecontrol is not attacked

by right-wing stewards: sure proof that it is making an

THE SOLID strike by

1,500 Dunlop engineers in

Birmingham to achieve a

£6-a-week raise without

strings comes after years

and years of frustrating

In the early 1950s, the Rubber Workers' Union at

Fort Dunlop achieved an agreement which gave pro-

cess workers average piece-

'normal' negotiations.

It is noticeable that neither

Hardly a meeting goes by

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RUSSIANS FLYING JETS —NASSER

Soviet pilots are flying jets for the Egyptian air force and could have been in dogfights with Israeli planes President Nasser said in an interview in Hamburg yesterday. The Russians had been in Egypt since 1968, the President said in 'Die Welt' news-

paper. Although refusing to con-firm Israeli charges that Soviet fliers had engaged in air battles, Nasser said: 'We have Russian pilots.

They are training our own pilots and the Russian pilots do not fly unarmed. . . . They could bump into an Israeli fighters plane.' Asked directly whether

there had been such battles, the President said: 'that is the 20.000 dollar question. I don't know. Maybe the military knows.

A second a second a second sec

Home Secretary Callaghan has invited members of the ·Cricket Council to discuss the implications of the African tour with him today. He announced yesterday that he would ask the Council what it proposed to do and to consider the consequences in the light of all the decisions

which have been made about the tour. WALL STREET SLUMPS New York Wednesday-Stocks opened substantially lower today in moderate trading. The Dow Jones Industrial index after the first half hour was 684.69 (down 6.71).

Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.

work or bonus earnings for annual holiday pay. Attempts by engineers to achieve similarity in pay were refused. There was a strike over this two years ago. The 1968 engineers' package deal gave improvements

in holiday pay leading to a payment of £25 6s a week for holidays in 1971. This will be nowhere near average earnings for most workers.

Minimum

On basic pay, apart from two 6s awards, only those on bare minimum rates would achieve a rise. In other words, Dunlop

engineering workers, like many other thousands of engineers, got nothing tan-gible out of the package deal except a few days more holi-

day. For this, union leaders sold away every basic right on

are now being stepped up He could, of course, offer on both sides of the border. no evidence to back this lying

When another steward re-Hatred ferred to an article on a modified system of telecontrol The growing hatred of all Irish workers for the in Workers Press and said he imperialist occupation forces had verified the figures quoted in the North emphasizes the with another article in 'Tarmportance of our demand journal of the British for the withdrawal of British Productivity Council, the controops. venor dismissed this with the remark that the papers did not always tell the truth.

Conversely, the crisis of the Lynch and Chichester Clark governments is worsened by this movement which raises the central issue of the partition of Ire-land on which the two regimes depend.

Six speed-up

shop-floor organization by

accepting the infamous strings

which would allow time-study

and Measured-Day Work to

Agreement

be introduced.

engineers.

the 'Acton Gazette' — which recently published a story THE General Election will about 2,000 CAV workers go speed up the start of negotiations for Britain's entry to ing on strike-nor the 'state capitalist' weekly 'Socialist Worker', which is sold in the Common Market, French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann said in Paris yes-CAV, are ever attacked by terday.

among lorry drivers as 'the-spy-in-the-cab', records times, 41 mph, it varied from the distances and speed of travelling on a chart. By examining this under a

bably the first time that a

tachograph recording has been

used in Britain for this pur-

pose. The tachograph, known

microscope almost a foot-byfoot, second-by-second analysis of the progress of the vehicle in question can be made.

Concerned

In this case it was con-cluded that the dead driver, whose articulated vehicle had run into the back of a brokendown vehicle parked on the hard shoulder of the M6. had not tried to brake before the collision A written report from the

German tachograph company Kienzle, which was asked to analysed the chart in detail. estimated that the driver had accelerated continuously apart from a brief period of con-stant speed of 24 mph which ended 550 yards from the point of impact.

The report continues : While another approx. 130 yards were covered, the speed was accelerated to approx. 32

normal recording method and started to show abnormal re-Dubcek cording. We ascribe this to the extreme vibration to which the vehicle was subjected at the moment of the accident.' • FROM PAGE ONE

Report

The company was also able to give the time at which the driver's body was removed from the vehicle and how long after this the wreckage was cleared.

The fact that the instrument was damaged in the impact and that the chart had been originally inserted wrongly did not affect the recording. The owner of the firm oper-

ating the lorry explained after the inquest that 'tachographs enable operators to accurately assess vehicle and driver performances and so plan their operations more efficiently'. He advocated government

subsidies to every haulier in the country to enable them to fit them to all existing them to all existing vehicles.

Rolls-Royce men **Dunlop engineers stand firm** their profitability in terms of how fewer workers can work

• FROM PAGE ONE wanted by the company for at a much higher pace of the development of advanced engines and follows a previous £45 million loan which went into the de-

shareholders' meeting that, despite increased sales, pressure of wages and salaries and other costs will make it difficult 'to achieve a commensurate increase in profits'. In a booklet entitled 'Dunlop at Work in Britain 1969' this is taken further when the 56,000 employees are told: The growth of competition accepted as normal and neces-

Speed-up drive

This is the meaning of the drive in all Dunlop factories to bring in speed-up through job evaluation, time study and measured work. The firm is relying on full collaboration by shop stewards and union officials in the various factories to per-suade workers to sell away

of struggle. The Birmingham engineers' action can be a blow against this collaboration. They must receive full support from all factories.

sacked leaders of the Czech

party. The French Stalinists are unable to deny the statement from Indra himself that they participated in this vile preparation.

ing energy, and of limited ability, but who wanted to see the victory of the Party of socialism and friendship Dubcek will be accused of having connived at the development of the 'counter-revolution' in Czechoslovakia. 'However, his discussion with Comrade Waldeck Rochet In fact his real 'crime' is to have allowed some freedom shows that this is one of the of expression to those forces many myths skilfully manu-factured by the Prague mani-pulators. What sort of man in the working class and among the intelligentsia which challenged the oppression and was he, and is he, in fact?' The Internal Bulletin goes censorship of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

on to accuse him, along with The fumbling reponse of the French (and British) Com-munist Parties is not simply 'conscious distortion and dissimu-lation about the real state of the result of their having affairs in our country and been caught with their pants Party, and this to the repre-sentative of a fraternal Party'. down. Under the pressure of the

working class the Stalinists The Czech Stalinists, under are thrust into an unprecedentedly deep crisis, a crisis the direct instructions of their raised to its most acute point masters in the Kremlin, are moving towards a vicious by the invasion of Czechosframe-up of Dubcek and other lovakia.

elected to the board

put into effect'.

recommendations on the

running of Rolls-Royce are

But the problems of the Rolls-Royce company reflect

supply of engines to the Lockheed Aircraft com-pany which itself had to

call for US government aid

earlier this year to the tune of £260 million in order to

Rolls-Royce workers must prepare now for the fight

A total break is needed

pany's right to implement 'efficiency' measures.

Nationalize

for the employers' crisis.

An alternative leadership

continue production.

ahead.

for American Marxists to educate thousands of workers in the class realities of the Cambodian invasion. Vorster,

Banda in secret talks

SECRET talks between S African premier Vorster and his Malawi opposite, Dr Hastings Banda, continued in Blantyre yesterday.

It was Vorster's first official foreign visit since he took office four years ago.

Ironically it is to the state ruled by a coloured—but pro-apartheid—leader whose government has worked very closely with the Vorster rean IRC member will be gime over recent years. 'to make sure that the IRC

Malawi is the only African state North of the Zambezi River which has diplomatic relations with the S African racialists, though several African states have begun to trade with the Vorster regime on a

a far greater crisis of the growing scale. Relations between Banda falling rates of profit involving major aircraft comand Vorster are so cordial topanies throughout the world. day that there is even talk of In fact part of the coma joint 'defence' agreement pany's contracts include a

between the two regimes! Brandt and Stoph meet again

from the policies of the right-wing and Stalinists TALKS began today in Kassel (West Germany) between the who, during the last attempt Prime Ministers of East and at a cutback, failed to re-West Germany. sist the attacks and com-pletely conceded the com-

The meeting between Willy Brandt and Willi Stoph is the follow-up to their first encounter at Erfurt, East Germany in March, which opened the door for more cordial relations between the Ulbricht regime and the Bonn Social

is needed which will fight Democrats. for complete nationalization So far there has been no of the firm under workers' official statement from either control and without com-pensation and which will reject all 'efficiency' and side on the subjects being discussed, though the much publicised Stalinist call for an all-European 'Security Conference' will probably be 'productivity' strings aimed at making the workers pay high on the agenda.

The galloping cost of living **Joint council** coupled with years of frus-tration in trying to catch up A joint workers' council is established for the purpose of with the wages of bonus workers has led to this strike by Fort Dunlop maintenance On the basis of this, pro-

in Birmingham

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In August 1969, the Rubber Union and the Workers⁷ General and Municipal Workers' Union signed an agreement with Dunlop based on the lines of the package deal, although rubber workers have a National Joint Council which conducts separate negotiations to the engineering unions. This agreement, which every employee is given, fills 50 pages of a close typed booklet.

In it, job evaluation, time study and Measured-work are normal conditions of employment. Even the election of shop

stewards (called representa-tives) are laid down. No one who has been at the firm less

than three years is allowed to stand for election. Stewards are pledged to help enforce the agreement.

running the whole system. Collaboration between shop stewards and management is laid down to the 'nth degree.

cess workers got increases which, according to the maintenance engineers' AEF convenor, gave them wages vary-ing between £25 and £32 for shift working—wages, well below averages in the motor industry for piece-workers. The 1,500 Fort Dunlop

engineers are quite right to demand £6 without strings and to reject the firm's offer of £3 a week provided the

engineers accept 100 'voluntary' redundancies. But the struggle at Fort

sarv.

Dunlop must be seen in the rights won over a long period wider context. Dunlop is finalizing

merger with Pirelli which will make it a £1,000 million combine. These huge monopolies see working, leading to ever more sackings. This is exactly what Sir Reay Geddes, Dunlop chair-man, meant when he stated at velopment of the Concorde's Bristol Olympus engines. One of the strings in-

cluded with the loan is that UNIONS ALLIANCE

due to falling tariffs and technical innovation puts a high premium on the creation of an environment in which change must come to be