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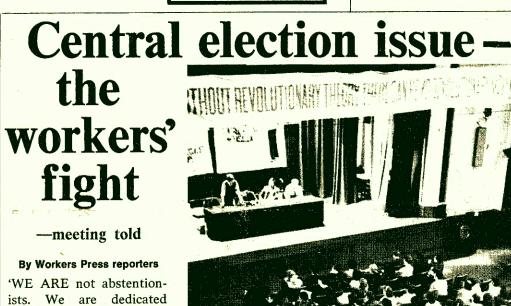
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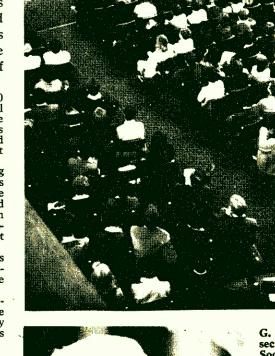
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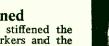
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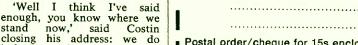
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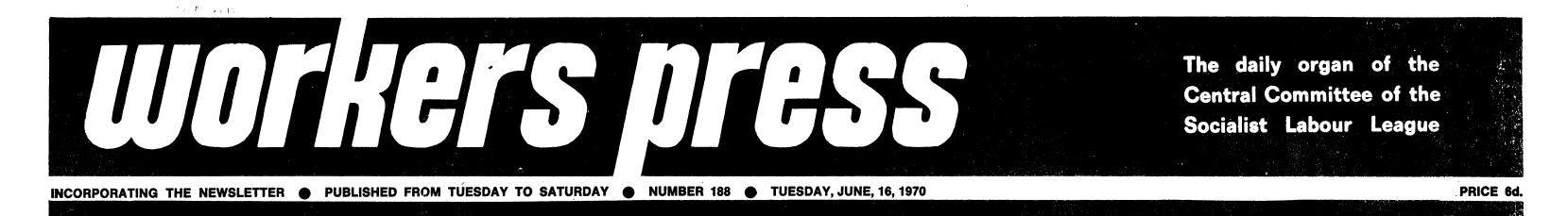
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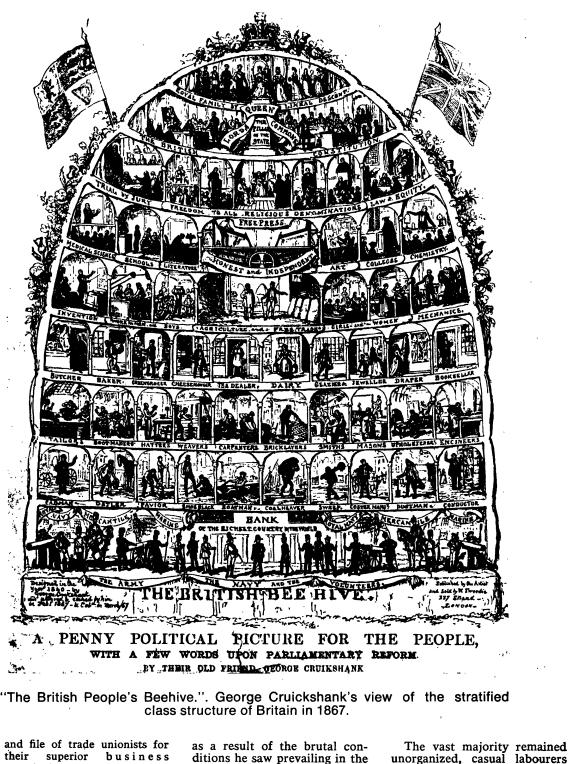
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'There is a tendency, to regard somewhat slightingly the distinction between skilled and unskilled labour. But the fact remains that artisans whose manual labour is not heavy, who are paid chiefly for their skill and the work of their brains, are as conscious of the superiority of their lot over that of their poorer brethren as is the highest nobleman in the land. . . .'

(Herbert Marshall 1873)

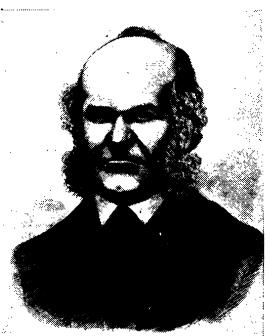
# THF EMERGENCE OF THE LABOUR BUREAUGRACY



Robert Applegarth, secretary of Amalgamated Carpenters.



William Allan, secretary of the Amalgamated Engineers



ment.

#### SKILLED

Technical changes in engineering increasingly demanded a skilled and trained labour force and around 1860 roughly threequarters of the labour force in the industry were skilled men. Similarly in building where the figure was only slightly lower.

It was largely around these skilled, privileged layers that a new type of trade unionism, so admired by the Webbs and other Fabians, began to emerge.

It was characterized by an attitude to the employers summed up in the phrase 'Defence not Defiance!'; a craft exclusiveness which, as a deliberate act of policy, sought to exclude all unskilled workers from its ranks; a high level of contributions matched by equally high levels of benefit and, crucially, the growth of a permanent, salaried laver of full-time national officials who were quite different from their largely amateur, unpaid predecessors of the earlier period.

The Webbs, in their classic history of the unions, were aware of the importance of this latter change:

'During these years,' they write, 'we watch a shifting of leadership in the trade union world from the casual enthusiast and irresponsible agitator to a class of permanent salaried officers expressly chosen from out of the rank

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Newton of the engineers, class : Robert Applegarth of the carpenters, Edwin Coulson of the builders, Daniel Guile of the ironfounders and George Odger from a small and highlyskilled union of shoemakers, were amongst the first group of such officials whom the Webbs were to name 'the

capacity.'

Junta'. This Junta, according to the Webbs :

'. . . accepted, with perfect

good faith, the economic individualism of their middleclass opponents, and claimed only that freedom to combine which the most enlightened members of that class were willing to concede to them . . . their understanding of the middle class [that is, capitalist] point of view and their appreciation of the practical difficulties of the situation, saved them from being mere demagogues . . .' In Allan and Applegarth, Guile, Coulson and Odger, the traducers of trade unionism found themselves confronted with a combination of high personal character, exceptional business capacity, and a large share of that official decorum which the English middle class find so impressive.'

#### CONDITIONS

Alfred Marshall, later to become Professor of Political Economy in the University of Cambridge, and teacher of Keynes, and who first turned to the study of economic matters

They are steadily striving upwards; steadily aiming at a more liberal preparation in youth; steadily learning to value time and leisure for class. themselves, learning to care

more for this than for mere increase of wages and material comforts . . . they are steadily accepting the private and public duties of a citizen . . . They

And Marshall went on to contrast this comforting picture of the labour aristocracy with 'that darker scene which the lot of the unskilled labourer presents'.

## GROWTH

It should be stressed that this growth of a number of national, stable unions, aiming at a policy of conciliation with the employers, was confined to an extremely small section of the working class.

Until the next wave of unionism in the late 1880s and 1890s. the 'labour movement' is largely synonymous with a small layer of skilled workers.

This distinction in the ranks of the working class was, we shall see, very important in determining the attitude of the employers and the government to these changes.

living in squalor and poverty.

The conscious policy of this new labour aristocracy was, in fact, to attempt to make these divisions permanent. By fixing contributions at a high level and insisting that only timeserved apprentices be eligible for membership and vigorously controlling the entry of ap-



Beatrice and Sidney Webb.

prentices into their ranks, these new unions sought to safeguard their privileges against the rest of the working

As the rules of the Journeymen Steam Engine, Machine Makers and Millwrights' Friendly Society pointed out in 1845 :

'The youth who has the good fortune and inclination for preparing himself as a useful member of society by the study of physic, and who studies the profession with success so as to obtain his diploma from the Surgeon's Hall or College of Surgeons, naturally expects, in some measure, that he is entitled to privileges to which the pretending quack can lay no claim; and if in the practice of that useful profession he finds himself injured by such a pretender, he has the power of instituting a course of law against him.

'Such are the benefits connected with the learned professions. But the mechanic. though he may expend nearly an equal fortune and sacrifice an equal portion of his life in being acquainted with different branches of useful mechaneffectively for them.' mentary reform but also to the unions, as we shall see in the next article next Tuesday.

not only to questions of parlia-

And this attitude applied

George Odger, an official of the Ladies Shoemakers.



#### BBC 1

9.15 a.m. Schools. 10.45 Watch with mother. 11.00-12 noon Schools. 1.00-1.25 p.m. Dvn a wall. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05 Schools. 2.25-4.35 Royal Ascot The principal races and the fashion scene. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Shazzan. 5.20 Hector's house. 5.25 Summer search. 5.50 News and weather including BBC campaign report.

- 6.00 WORLD CUP GRANDSTAND. Preview of the semi-finals.
- 6.25 ON TOP OF THE WORLD. International ice gala. 7.10 THE LAUGH PARADE. 'Born Yesterday' with Judy Holliday,
- William Holden and Broderick Crawford. A crooked millionaire hires a writer to educate his dumb girlfriend.
- 8.50 NEWS and weather including BBC Campaign report. 9.10 'EUROPE-A Continent Fit To Live in'. Tuesday's documentary about the wildlife of Europe and the threat to their existence from pollution.

10.00 ELECTION BROADCAST. Labour Party. 10.10 24 HOURS. 11.00 THE SKY AT NIGHT. 'Steering By The Stars'. 11.15 Viewpoint. 11.40 Weather.

#### **REGIONAL BBC**

All regions as BBC 1 except:

Scotland: 5.25-5.50 Reporting Scotland. 10.10-11.00 Current account. 11.15-11.35 Scottish viewpoint. 11.35 News, Midlands and E Anglia: 5.25-5.50 Mid-lands today. Look East, weather. 11.42 News, weather. North of England: 5.25-5.50 Look North, weather. 11.42 News, weather. Wales: 4.55-5.25 Telewele. 5.25-5.50 Wales today. 6.25-6.50 Heddiw. 6.50-7.10 On top of the world. N Ireland: 5.25-5.50 Scene around six, weather. 11.00 12.15 General election, news, weather.
South and West: 5.25-5.50 Points West, South today. Spotlight South-West, weather. 11.42 News, weather.

#### BBC2

- 11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.
- 7.05 p.m. MAKING OUT.
- 7.30 NEWS and weather including BBC campaign report.
- 8.00 CODENAME. 'Appointment in Prague'.
- 8.50 HOLLYWOOD IN THE SIXTIES. 'Man's Favourite Sport' with Rock Hudson and Paula Prentiss. Comedy about an author of
- angling books who has never fished in his life. 10.00 ELECTION BROADCAST. Labour Party.
- 10.10 'MAN'S FAVOURITE SPORT'. Part two.
- 10.55 NEWS and weather including BBC campaign report. 11.00 LINE-UP.

#### ITV

11.25 a.m. Cricket. Durham v Staffordshire. 12 noon-1.40 p.m. Hookup. 2.45 Cricket. 3.55 The enchanted house. 4.10 Crossroads. 4.35 The Sooty show. 5.00 Magpie. 5.30 The Lone Ranger. 5.45 News. 5.55 WORLD CUP 1970.

- 7.00 TUESDAY FILM. 'Along Came Jones' with Gary Cooper and Loretta Young. A cowboy is mistaken for a notorious outlaw and
- doesn't correct the mistake
- 8.30 FATHER, DEAR FATHER. 'A Man About The House'. 9.00 A FAMILY AT WAR.
- 10.00 ELECTION BROADCAST. Labour Party. 10.14 NEWS.
- 10.50 WORLD CUP 1970.
- 11.20 'RAGGED REVOLUTION'. A unique film of the Mexican civil war at the beginning of the century never shown before. 12 midnight Magic man.

#### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 3.42 Puffin's birthday greet-ings. 3.52 Hatty town. 4.05 Survival. 4.35 London. 5.30 Houseparty. 5.45 London. 5.55 Lookaround. 6.20 News, weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'Happy Thieves'. 8.25 London. 10.00 Life in France. 10.13 London. 11.55 Gazette. Midnight news, weather.

WESTWARD: 3.40 News. 3.42 Gus Honeybun. 3.52 Hatty town. 4.05 Sur-

battle-weary French division is forced to make a suicidal attack on the Germans during First World War. 9.00 London\_Midnight news, 12.05 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 4.05 Floris. 4.35 London. 5.30 Report. 5.45 London. 6.30 Election special. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bonanza. 8.00 Mr and Mrs. 8.30 London. 10.50 Election West. 11.35 World Cup 1970. 12.05 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above

except: 4.03-4.05 Report West. 5.30 Londor 5.38-5.45 Peter. 5.55-6.30 Scene West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 6.30-6.35 Cartoon, 10.50-11.35 Yr etholiad yng nghymru.

HTV Cymru/Wales black and white service as above except: 5.30 Y dydd. 5.40-5.45 News. 6.30-6.35 Eholiad creffredinol 1970. 10.50-11.35 Yr etholiad yng nghymru.

ANGLIA: 4.10 Newsroom. 4.20 En-chanted house. 4.35 London. About Anglia. 5.45 London. 6.25 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Song of the Thin Man' with William Powell and Myrna Loy. Nick, Nora and Asta investigate the murder of a bandleader. 8.25 London. 11.20 Election probe. 11.50 'Ragged Revolution'. 12.30 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12 noon-1.40 Lon-don, 3,55 Peyton Place, 4.20 Origami, 4.30 Flaxton boys, 5.00 London, 5.25 Women today, 5.45 London, 6.25 ATV today, '6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Western: 'Sugarfoot' with Randolph Scott, Adele Jergens and Raymond Massey. A former Confederate officer arrives in a small Arizona town intent on leading a peaceful life. 8.25 London.

ULSTER: 4.10 Romper room. 4.30 News. 4.35 London. 5.30 Summer sea-son. 5.45 London. 6.30 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: "Port Afrique" with Pier Angeli and Phil Caray. Adventure story set in Morocco. 8.30 London.

YORKSHIRE: 11.25-1.30 London. 2.45 London. 4.05 Houseparty. 4.20 Tingha and Tucker. 4.35 London. 5.30 Calendar and weather. 5.45 London. 6.30 Elec-tion calendar. 7.00 Father, Dear Father. 7.30 'The Battle Circus' with Humphrey Bogart and June Allyson. A mobile hospital unit operating near the Korean battle line. 9.00 London. Midnight All our yesterdays. 12.25 Weather.

TYNE-TEES: 11.25-1.30 London. 2.45 London. 4.20 Newsroom. 4.22 En-chanted house. 4.35 London. 5.30 Today. 5.45 London. 6.30 Election special. 7.00 Film: 'Valley of the Kings'. 8.30 London. Midnight news. 12.17 Epilogue.

BORDER: 12 noon-1.40 London. 3.52 High Living. 4.18 News. 4.20 Origami, 4.34 Floris. 5.01 London. 5.30 News. Lookaround. 5.45 London. 6.30 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Election report. 7.45 Cartoon. 8.00 Opportunity knocks. 8.30 London. Midnight news, weather.

SCOTTISH: 4.00 Scotland early. 4.10 London. 5.25 Scotland now. 5.45 Lon-don. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Western: 'The Quick Gun' with Audie Murphy and Merry Anders. 8.25 London. Mid-night. Late call.

vival. 4.35 London. 5.30 Diary. 5.45 London. 6.30 News, weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: **"The Happy Thieves"** with Rex Harrison and Rita Hayworth. 8.30 London. Midnight weather. **GRAMPIAN:** 4.05 High living. 4.35 London, 5.30 News. Farming news. 5.45 London, 5.55 Election special, 7.00 Western: **'Springfield Rifie'**. 8.30 Lon-**SOUTHERN:** 3.55 London. 5.30 House-party. 5.45 London. 6.30 Day by day. 7.00 Father, Dear Father, 7.30 Film: **'Paths of Glory'** with Kirk Douglas. A

task facing the capitalist class was: 'to fight against a class much more dreaded than the holders of the £7 franchise-I mean the dangerous classes in our large towns. If we can get into parliament those who are more

This attitude was increasingly typical amongst sections of the employers and groups within the Liberal Party. W. E. Forster, who was to be the architect of the first Act of Public Education in 1870, warned the House of Com-

ism, has no law to protect

But it would be a serious

error to imagine that such an

attitude to the rest of the

working class and to the em-

ployers amongst such skilled

sections grew simply out of

the economic conditions of the

that the 'gap' between the

skilled and unskilled began to

grow and that this gap was

recognized by the leaders of

the unions, the more far-

sighted employers were also

aware of these changes. The period after 1850 is

thus also marked by the ap-

pearance of a group of large

and influential employers,

usually supporters of Glad-

stonian liberalism, who de-

liberately set out to win the

confidence of the new breed

of 'responsible' trade union

ing unions they sought, often

in conflict with other sections

of the capitalist class, to give

them legal status and draw

them into the orbit of public

Levi, himself a prominent em-

ployer, reflecting on the level of earnings and living stan-

dards of the working class.

'Some are startled with the

thought that, in the aggregate,

the working classes far out-

number the middle and upper

reaches of society. But how

many are there who are only a

shade below the middle class?

Where is the difference be-

tween an ill-paid school master

and a foreman in a factory?----

between a small tradesman

and a mason or carpenter?'

LEGISLATE

could write in the 1860s:

As a commentator, Leon

Far from opposing the exist-

While it is certainly true

his privileges.'

period.

officials.

life.

mons in 1866 that the great

immediately above them, we shall be able to legislate more

are steadily becoming gentlemen.

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Leon Trotsky.



THE FORMER prominent colonial bureaucrat of Great Britain, Sir Roger Casement, by conviction a revolutionary Irish nationalist, the gobetween for Germany and the Irish uprising, on being sentenced to death declared 'I prefer to sit on the bench of the accused than in the seat of the accuser', before the reading of the sentence, which ran according to the old formula that Casement should be 'hung by the neck until dead'. at which God was invited to have mercy on his soul.

tence on him will bring to a conclusion the dramatic episode of the Irish uprising.<sup>1</sup> In so far as the affair concerned the purely military operations of the insurrectionaries, the government, as

we know, turned out comparatively easily to be master of the situation. The generalnational movement, however it was expressed in the heads of the nationalist dreamers, did not materialize at all. The Irish countryside did not rise, mercial and industrial bourup. The Irish bourgeoisie, as geoisie, in so far as it has also the upper, more influen- formed over the past decades, tial layer of the Irish intelligentsia, remained on the sidelines. The urban workers fought and died, together with revolutionary enthusiasts from the petty-bourgeois intelligentsia. The historical basis for the national revolution had disappeared even in backward Ireland. Inasmuch as the Irish movements in the last century had assumed a popular character, they had invariably fed on the social hostility of the deprived and exhausted pauper-farmer towards the omnipotent English landlord. But, if for the latter Ireland was only on object of agrarian plunder and exploitation, for British imperialism it was a who, in their turn, supplied necessary guarantee of their the movement with a prepondominion over the seas. In a derance of the green flag over

about Germany, proves that Ireland, in practice has bethe naval domination of England. This is true in so far as an 'independent' Ireland could imperialist state hostile to England and as its military naval base against the English supremacy over the sea routes. It was Gladstone who first expounded with full clarity the military imperialist consideration of Great Britain over the interests of the Anglo-Irish landlords and laid the basis for the wide agrarian legislation by which the state transferred to the Irish farmers the landlords' land, very generously compensating the latter, of course. Anyway, after the agrarian reforms of 1881-1903, the farmers turned into conservative small propertyowners, whose gaze the green banner of national independence is no longer able to tear away from their plots of land.

the war, Casement, speculating

pamphlet written on the eve of the red. In this way, the

The redundant Irish intelligentsia flowed in their thousands into the towns of Great Britain as lawers, journalists, commercial employees, etc. In this way, for the majority of them, the 'national question' got lost. On the other hand, the independent Irish comresentment against militarism immediately adopted an antagonistic position towards the young Irish proletariat, giving up the national revolutionary struggle and entering the camp of imperialism. The young Irish working class, taking shape in an atmosphere saturated with the heroic recollections of national rebellions, and clashing with the egoistic, narrow-minded, imperial arrogance of English trade unionism, naturally swing between nationalism and syndicalism, ever ready to unite these two concepts in their revolutionary consciousness. It attracts the young intelligentsia and individual nationalist enthusiasts.

the independence of Ireland come an uprising of workers, means the 'freedom of the and the obviously isolated seas' and the death blow to position of Casement in the movement only serves to emphasize this fact still deeper. In a pathetic and shameful exist only as an outpost of an article, Plekhanov recently pointed to the 'harmful' character of the Irish uprising for the cause of freedom, rejoicing that the Irish nation 'to their credit' had realized this and not supported the revolutionary madmen. Only complete patriotic softening of all the joints could lead anyone to interpret the situation as if the Irish peasants had declined to participate in the revolution from the standpoint of the international situation, thus saving the 'honour' of Ireland. In actual fact they were led only by the obtuse egoism of the farmer and complete indifference to everything beyond the bounds of their plots of land. It was precisely because of this and only this that they supplied the London government with such a quick victory over the heroic defenders of the Dublin barricades. The undoubted personal courage, representing the hopes and methods of the past, is over. But the historical role of the Irish proletariat is only beginning. Already into this uprising-under an archaic banner-it has injected its class

'national revolution'. even in



LAST WEEK saw the launching of a new offensive by the Husak regime against the Czechoslovak trade unions.

Meeting on June 10, the Plenum of the Central Council of Czech Trade Unions removed four prominent union leaders from its Praesidium and four others from the post of plenum members.

Summing up the state of the purge in the trade unions, Prague Radio commented the same day:

'To date, 37 members and alternates have left [sic!] the Central Council, 181 members Central Council, 181 members have left the Central Committee of Czech Unions, 24 have left the Slovak Unions, 47 members and alternate members have left the Czech Trade Union Council and three members and alternate members have left the Slovak Trade Union Council.'

By the middle of May, claimed Jan Pillar at the Plenum meeting, 503 members left the district trade union councils in the Czech lands and 52 in Slovakia'. But these dismissals only affect the top and middle layers of the trade union leadership.

The actual confrontation with the working class in the factories and mines has not yet begun ! The 'card exchange' campaign has almost ground to a halt, as in district after district it has been revealed that the interviews are being conducted by Party members who themselves sympathize with the anti-Husak oppo-

Many such 'hearings' have been invalidated because the expulsion rate has been far too low. A target of 50-60 per cent has been upheld as the minimum permissible expulsion rate. So the bureaucracy has now shifted its attack directly into the unions. But here the problems are even greater. It is not a matter of 'interviewing' individual Party members, but confronting a mass working-class movement embracing millions. And this is openly admitted by the Stalinist Pillar : . in cleansing its own lines

the trade union movement has

to workers everywhere.

stituencies.

opposed by a right-wing Tory and also a National Front candidate, one would think that it

was a heaven-sent opportunity

for clarifying the class nature of

Powellism before workers in both of the Wolverhampton con-

Not so. Here is an indignant letter,

Sir-I do not normally have

penned by Mrs Short recently and published in the local press

to correct reports of my speeches in the "Express and Star"; but

the report of my speech at my

adoption meeting in Monday's paper calls for some correction. 'As I have said in the House,

I believe firmly in vigorous con-

trol of immigration into the

United Kingdom from anywhere,

including the Commonwealth,

and I have always supported the Labour government's success in

this. 'Contrary to your report, I pointed out that we never admit anyone to work in this country

unless they are essential to the

national economy . . . 'I also pointed out that the

largest number of work vouchers, 30,000, was issued in 1963 under

a Tory government, of which Mr

Heath and Mr Powell were leading members. 'Last year, under the Labour

government, the number of work vouchers was the lowest ever.

Figures for the first quarter of this year showed a further decline — they equalled just over 6,000 for people with work

Young Socialists are very proud of Mrs Short and completely back her call to the Home Secre-

tary for 'an immediate inquiry

into the recent deplorable and

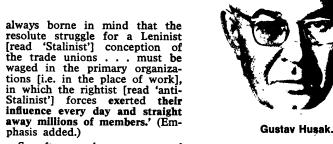
alarming clashes between skin-

With such friends . . .!

heads and Asians'

vouchers and dependants. One might only add that the Wolverhampton NE Labour Party

('Express & Star', June 4):



So after nearly two years of But try as they may, the pro-Soviet occupation, and more than a year of hard-line Stalinist rule Kremlin Stalinists simply cannot either buy over or intimidate even a small fraction of the under Husak, the Czech working class openly defies the bureau-cracy in its millions. Czech working class. The re-markable bluntness of Pillar's statements are the most eloquent

The Stalinist purge proceeded relatively smoothly while directed only against students, intellectuals and leading supporters of Dubcek.



testimony to the plight of the bureaucracy, which is unprece-dented in the entire history of



MAN of parts is Mr Onassis Greek millionaire shipowner and enthusiastic supporter of the colonels' regime. In addition to being a fan of grand opera, and an eager collector of private an eager collector of private yachts and archipelagi, he is, as is well known, the most recent spouse of Jacqueline, née Bouvier, The budget of which connec-tion is currently running, as we reported in a recent edition, at \$20 million a year.

A wedding:

Onassis and

ex-Kennedy

Jacqueline née

Aristotie

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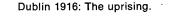
Marriot Corporation, who are to provide catering services on the airline. But Mr Onassis' monetary re-The other signature was that of Mr Donald Nixon, Marriot's lations with the American Presiexecutive vice-president and be-He recently signed, on behalf loved brother of Richard. What you lose on the roundof his own Olympic Airlines, a the about . . .

Should the sentence be carried out? This question must have given Asquith and Lloyd-George many troubled hours. To execute Casement would make it even more difficult for the opportunist, nationalist and purely parliamentary Irish party, led by Redmond, to ratify a new compromise with the government of the UK on the blood of the insurrectionaries. To pardon Casement, after having carried out so many executions, would mean an open 'display of indulgence to a high-ranking traitor'. This is the demagogic tune of the British social-imperialists of the Hyndman type-downright blood-thirsty hooligans. But however the personal fate of Casement is resolved. the senand imperialism. That resentment from now on will not subside. On the contrary, it will find an echo throughout Great Britain. Scottish soldiers smashed the Dublin barricades. But in Scotland itself coal-miners are rallying round the red flag, raised by Maclean and his friends. Those very workers, who at the moment the Hendersons are trying to chain to the bloody chariot of imperialism, will revenge themselves against hangman Lloyd George.

(From 'Nashe Slovo', July 4, 1916.)

<sup>1</sup>Roger Casement was executed, along with other leaders of the uprising, on August 3, 1916.

**Roger Casement.** 





dency do not end there.

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DR DOOJEN NAPAL is probably not very well known outside Wolverhampton.

A lecturer in Social Psychology at the Bilston College of Further Education, Dr Napal earned himself some space recently in the local 'Express & Star' by clashing with some of his skinhead students.

Having been pelted with bacon,





Standing for Wolverhampton N.E.: (From top to bottom) Mrs Renee Short (Labour), Geoffrey Wright (Conservative)

STRANGE FRIENDS

> bread and ham rolls in his lec-ture room by 'Paki-bashing type' students (according to the E&S), Dr Napal had the following comment to make: 'I am pleased to note that the

skinheads appear to be attracted to Mr Enoch Powell. In my view it's far better for these types to be attracted to Mr Powell, a scholar and a gentleman, than to the real extremist organizations which get their inspiration from the Nazis.'

Surprising? Not to those who have followed Dr Napal's politi-cal activities over the last few years.

According to one Wulfrunian. the doctor's reactionary statement in praise of Powell is completely in line with his position on the Tories in general and the right-wing Powell in particular since the latter's speech on immi-gration at the beginning of 1968. From that time on, Dr Napal publicly associated himself with the Powellite position and even went one step further in calling

for a ban on all immigration. While openly supporting this position, he formed an organization called the Afro - Asian Minorities' Association and hanched a paper — 'Pardesi' — which was printed in English, Punjabi and Urdu, 'the first

multi-lingual paper in Britain'. This finally folded last October after the Afro-Caribbean Circle -which had opposed Napal's claim to represent local West Indians — produced information on his political activities.

Tory councillors defended him against this 'communist-inspired witch-hunt' and the 'Express & Star' expressed their 'regrets' for the demise of this 'multi-racial experiment'.

With such friends as Dr Napal . . .!

# Co-op insurance men strike

THE LITTLE-publicised strike of 7,000 agents employed by Manchester - based Co operative Insurance Society (CIS) entered its third day yesterday.

The agents who work under individual contracts with the Co-op are engaged in only their second dispute in 40 vears.

But despite what the Lon-don area USDAW representative of the agents called 'very little experience' of strike action, the stoppage is about 99 per cent solid.

The strikers have been angered by letters sent to them individually by the CIS which they say are an en-couragement to 'blacklegging'. The CIS directors have assured every agent that if he is expelled from USDAW for working during the strike the CIS will not enforce the clause in the agent's agreement requiring him to be a member of a trade union.

The agents are claiming £3 week travelling expenses with extra for country agents travelling excessive mileage.

At present agents who travel 200 miles a week and over are given a maximum allowance of 8s.

# Paisleyite tail wags Party dog **Ulster Unionist** party plunges deeper into crisis

THE ULSTER Unionist Party – the N Ireland branch of the Tory Party which has ruled the six counties at bayonet point for the past 50 years - is now in acute crisis as the election approaches.

> Not only does the party face the loss of at least three more seats to Labour or Nationalist candidates, but it seems almost certain to lose at least one seat to the Protestant Unionist Party of the Rev Ian Paisley.

And it is the ultraloyalist Rev Paisley who has thrown the latest and biggest spanner into the Unionist works.

He claimed at the end of ast week that leading Unionists had entered an electoral pact with the Protestant Unionists who had agreed not to stand candidates in the key constituencies of Armagh, Derry and S Antrim. Paisley's bombshell coin-cided with the visit of Sir Alec Douglas Home to Ulster to address Unionist Party workers.

Home received a somewhat back-handed reception from colleagues Tory N Ireland, who applauded loudly when he referred to the Union with Britain and the need for more 'law and order' to deal with demonstrators and preserve the sanctity of rugby and cricket matches, but omitted even the most perfunctory palm-beating when he said the Tories stood be-hind the 'reforms' now under way in Ulster.

the pact is vehemently denied by Stormont premier James by Stormont premier , and Chichester-Clark, there have been many indications over the past weeks of the close

and N Ireland. He is also a director of the Institute of Works Managers. The candidate in Armagh, Jack Maginnis, made a blatant apology to the Paisleyites

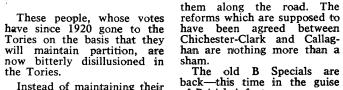
**On-the-spot report by J. Spencer** 

He publicly thanked them for not standing against him and assured them that he would pull his socks up in the next parliament and fight for right-wing policies.

#### Involved

The entire Tory Party is thus deeply involved in the negotiations which Paisley claims took place.

The revelation is a shattering blow to the official Unionists' efforts to appear liberal' and institute 'reforms'. While its official mouth-pieces piously assure Wilson and Callaghan that they in-tend to reform N Ireland, are secretly wheeling and dealing with the extreme right-wing ultra-opponents of even these miniature 'reforms'. A split is now in the offing: Paisley also says three



Instead of maintaining their meagre 'ascendancy' over the Catholic workers, the Unionist Stormont government last year supported the calling in of British troops, who proceeded to gas and beat the poor Protestants back into submission.

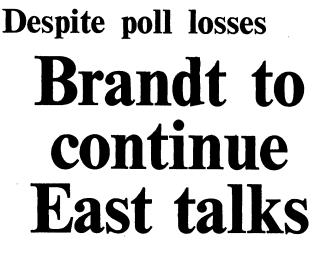
> 'Alternative' new regiment.

In the absence of any real attempt to build a united force of Protestants and Catholics on a class basis, many sections have seen in Paisley an alternative to official Unionism. Paisleyism, of course, is

nothing of the sort. It is Unionism in running shoes, aimed at walling off the working class from class action against Toryism. Paisley the most dangerous enemy of the Irish workers, Protestant and Catholic alike.

ow in Ulster will be able to

The break-up of the Ulster Unionist Party, however, is



**BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT** 

DESPITE THE state election reverses suffered by the Social Democratic-Liberal coalition over the weekend, Brandt declared yesterday that he intends to press ahead with his drive to improve relations with the Soviet Union and E Europe.

The conservative Christian Democrats have been beating the anti-communist drum in recent weeks as the Bonn government nears the conclusion of a non-aggression pact with the Kremlin.

They also attempted to make right-wing political capital out of the two meet-ings between Brandt and his German opposite number, Willi Stoph.

Judging from the results of the state elections in N Rhine, Westphalia, Lower Saxony and Saar, this cam-paign appears to have scored some success.

DEFECTIONS

The bulk of the defections to the CDU have come from the deeply divided and middle-class based Free Democratic Party under Walter Scheel, who, as Brandt's Foreign Minister, has



Its purpose is to defend British imperialism in N Iredefend ON THE EVE of Sunday's elections in three of the major Lande (states) of W Germany employers un-convincingly denied trade land and that is what it is being trained to do. The Chichester - Clark Callaghan 'reforms', of course, union allegations that they keep black-lists of militants.

have the wholehearted support of the Labour Party in N Ire-land, which is likely to take Speaking at Bad Driburg last at least two seats from the week at a meeting of the employers' associations of N Rhine Westphalia, Herr Zigan, the chairman, said:

The Labour Party, as its Stormont leader Vivian Simp-son admits, is itself 'Unionist' —it bases itself on the Government of Ireland Act passed in 1949 by the Attlee govern-

Ulster PM Chichester-Clark

Unionists a boost last week.

(left) at a meeting attended by Alec Douglas Home to give

Regiment.

Tories

'If firms refuse employment it is in the interests of peace in the factory, and overall economic stability. The time

tories.

the new 'eastern policy'. In N Rhine, their vote dropped from 7.4 per cent to 5.5, while in the other two states, it fell below the 5 per cent level required to secure representation in the state parliaments (Saxony: from 6.9 to 4, Saar: 8.3 to 4.4). The extreme right-wing National Democratic Party continued its slump which began at last September's General Election.

been identified more than any

other cabinet member with

They lost half their votes Lower Saxony (from 6.4 3.2)—a traditional strongto hold of reaction. It failed to reach the 5 per cent minimum in the other two states also.

**IMPROVED** 

The rightwards move in sections of the middle class has had very little impact on the trade union-supported Social Democratic Party.

In fact, they improved on their previous vote in both Saxony (from 43.1 to 46.2) and Saar (40.7 to 40.8).

Only in the strongly Catholic Rhineland did they lose votes to the CDU. The losses of the Free Democrats will impose new strains on Brandt's coalition partners, who are deeply divided from top to bottom on their leader's support for Brandt's foreign policy.

Brandt has already made clear that his discussions with Poland, Moscow and

E Germany are to go on: 'For me, this [the election results] means that the government must continue with redoubled vigour its policy aimed at actively securing peace, economic stability and reform.'

Internal questions have also had a big impact on the decline of the Free Democrats.

#### WAGE RISES

big

The Brandt coalition came to power in the middle of West Germany's largest-even

last week.

Though the existence of Chichester - Clark supporters

Denied

# **Orange Order march**

**'Snatch squad' arrests** 

as youth protest

Troops and police chase one

youth across back gardens in

Dungiven. They were later prevented from entering the

gardens by local villagers.

THERE WERE sharp outbreaks of street fighting and troops were pelted with stones as the army and the police mounted the biggest security operation since August last year at the village of Dungiven, Co Derry, N Ireland on Sunday.

The operation was afurther concession to the Rev Ian Paisley and the extreme right wing of the Unionist Party, who insisted last week that a provocative Orange parade through the overwhelmingly Catholic village must be allowed to proceed.

Unionist premier James Chichester-Clark agreed on Friday after talks with Paisley and his lieutenant, Rev William Beatty, that the-march, held every year since 1958, be allowed to go on. The march is ostensibly organized by the Dungiven lodge of the Orange Order, which has precisely seven members.

In fact, villagers say, the initiative for the march comes from Paisleyites in the neighbouring town of Boveva.

The Tory candidate for the constituency, the Stormont premier's brother Robin Chichester-Clark, is said by Paisley to have negotiated an electoral pact with the Protestant Unionist Party in order to keep his seat.

While this has been denied, the Unionist Party at Stormont is furiously trying to conciliate Paisley and is hitting



#### **DOCKYARD DEAL GIVES** 600 A RISE

The first productivity deal to be agreed in Portsmouth dockyard gives an immediate  $\pounds 2$  4s-a-week rise to more than 600 Transport and Union General Workers' members in the port auxiliary service.

WALL STREET OPENS QUIETLY

New York, Monday-Stock market prices opened almost unchanged today in moderate trading. Gains outnumbered loses

by a narrow margin. After 30 minutes the Dow Jones industrial index was up only 0.07.

Farmer Joseph O'Neill locked army in his field.

out more and more against the working class as Paisley systematically steps up the pressure. 600 police-one for every

two people in the village-and 550 soldiers with Saracen armoured cars flooded the main street of Dungiven and guarded virtually every tree in the vicinity as about 2,000 members of the Orange Order trailed their coats through the town.

**TRADE FIGURES** 

REACTION

(See page one)

The trade figures made it clear that 'the honeymoon of

devaluation was over and that

serious economic trouble lies

ahead', shadow Chancellor

Mr Iain Macleod claimed

In Barnsley, Yorks, Mr Roy Mason, Board of Trade President, said exports dur-

ing the past three months

were 2 per cent higher than

were still on the increase and

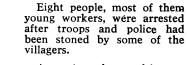
Therefore, Britain's exports

the previous quarter.

the trend still upward.

The march was led by Tory Stormont MP Joseph Burns.

vesterday.



Army 'snatch squads' were several times in action, watched from the air by Royal Ulster Constabulary chief Sir Arthur Young, who supervised from a helicopter. The arrested men were later released to appear in court at Limavady today.

Strong protests

Royal

out.

Villagers protested strongly as an army snatch squad ran through back gardens in an unsuccessful attempt to capture one boy accused by police of throwing stones.

They crowded round the Artillery officer in charge of the squad and demanded his name to enable a formal complaint to be lodged. The troops and police were eventually forced to leave the gardens and a cordon of villagers formed up to keep them

Typical of the growing hatred for the British army of occupation was the attitude of farmer Joseph O'Neill, who kept 26 army landrovers and four trucks worth more than £50,000 locked in his field for more than four hours.

No permission

He told Workers Press:

'When I ordered them to leave they refused to go, so I padlocked them in. They had to cut the padlocks to leave.

'They are the army of occu-pation in Ireland. This is Irish soil and we've been tramped Paisley's agreement. down on it for 500 years.

'The troops are no better now than they ever were. The British troops must be driven out of Ireland altogether.'

Many of the youth in Dungiven were similarly inflamed about the troops and police. They alleged that Royal Ulster Constabulary members murdered a villager at the time of the Orange parade last

The fact that troops in Ulster are now being used to blatantly further the ambitions of the Paisleyites is a further indication of the reactionary character of the British occupation. It makes the call for the

Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. Printed by Plough Press I.td. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. immediate withdrawal of the troops more timely than ever.

links between Paisleyism and the Unionist right wing. Captain L. P. S. Orr, leader of the Unionist group at Westminster, is the candidate

in S Down. He has publicly stated that the signatures on his nomination paper included local members of Paisley's

DEAD MEN'S



GERRY FITT, Republican Labour MP for W Belfast, has discovered that at least ten dead people in the con-stituency have obtained postal votes for next Thurs-day's General Election.

He has told the returning officer that copies of their death certificates are available.

Fitt, who thinks there may may be many more corpses who will be resurrected on polling day, discovered the ten by combing the death notices in the Belfast newspapers for the last year and comparing them with postal vote applications.

'I took these precautions because I expected this to happen,' he said.

'I am sure my Unionist opponent, Mr Brian McRoberts, is unaware of it -I don't believe he is aware of anything that is happening in W Belfastbut he should now openly

condemn it.' MINIMUM

Free Presbyterian Church. They are extremely unlikely have signed without

Orr, who has been an MP for 20 years, is Grand Master of the Grand Orange Council the World and a former chairman of the Tory Party's broadcasting committee.

#### Posts

His colleague in Derry is the Ulster premier's brother, Robin Chichester-Clark. In the 15 years he has been in parliament, he has held a number of government posts under the Tories, in-

cluding assistant government whip and comptroller of the Queen's Household. He is at present the Tory front-bench spokesman on ment. Public Building and Works

in the Stormont parliament-the three Stormont MPs for not an episodic event It shows very clearly that S Down-offered their resigsections of the ruling class in nations to Chichester-Clark when they heard of the pact. N Ireland are turning consciously to Bonapartist, ultra-They had earlier sought and right methods in order to obtained assurances that no maintain capitalism in Ireland. They fear that the troops

True character

**FROM PAGE ONE** 

Labour is a class vote.

leadership.'

secretary of Labour League.

over wages.

in one way.

Offensive

for a vote for Labour, he said.

to recognize in this election

is that the unity of the work-

ing class can only be expressed

Neither the advanced

worker nor the backward

worker can be separated from

the working class in move-

'The most important thing

such pact existed.

hold the line against the working class for only a With the Paisleyite tail limited period and they are merrily wagging the Unionist making determined preparadog, the true character of Toryism in N Ireland is out in tions to mobilize an extraparliamentary force on the the open. There is not the streets to do that. slightest doubt that in a shut-Paisley, as they well know. down the majority of N Irecan carry out the job in preland Tories will plump for

paring that force. Like the Powellites in Britain, the N Ireland Tories Paisley. Paisley — who mixes a rabidly uncompromising brand are returning to far more of Unionism with demagogic vicious and extreme methods appeals to the Protestant rule even than the hated B Specials and periodic pogroms of the past. And the Wilson governworkers' vote-represents the main hope the Unionists have of maintaining their influence with a section of workers and small farmers.

ment, under the guise of instituting reforms, is helping

**Central election issue** Because of the rotten leadership of the Labour Party, for impatience. youth are conned into supporting Powell. We say to these youth-we have to vote Labour. We say a vote for ness but fight and educate.

> 'Powell knows that the economic crisis is on the way and that the present Tory leadership is inadequate.'

The big change in Hitler's fortunes came with the Wall St crash, said Cde Healy, but the working class is not the same as in that period. The employers have made a long since the Second World War.

'The decisive question is the 'The capitalist class is in a

ment, which guarantees British support for the Ulster Tories until Stormont decided to dis-solve itself into the Irish Republic.

### Blank cheque

Since it supports this blank cheque for another 50 years of Tory rule in Ulster, it is hardly surprising that the Labour Party in Ireland is unable to win the support of hundreds of thousands of workers, who correctly regard its policies as an endorsement of the rights of imperialism.

These are the conditions under which Ulster workers have to fight against the grow-ing threat of Paisleyism and danger of a renewed outthe break of civil war. The election in N Ireland

is thus a paramount oppor-tunity to hit back at the Tories and worsen the crisis inside the Unionist Party.

England, Glasgow area, N

**Ireland:** Dry. Sunny periods. Wind variable, light. Warm. Max. 22C (72F).

NE England and Edinburgh :

Mainly dry. Rather cloudy

near coasts, sunny intervals

inland. Wind easterly, light.

Outlook for Wednesday and

Thursday: Little change.

Max. 13C (55F).

and manner of the announcement in the DGB post-war strike wave. Since then, the main trade unions—under great pressure (W German trade union) press leads me to the confrom the ranks-have negotclusion that it is a maniated sizable wage increases oeuvre to make electoral propaganda.

for millions of industrial and administrative workers. This new militancy has Herr Zigan's evasiveness deeply alarmed many spelled out his hostility to the Social Democrats, and employers and bankers in W Germany. made it clear that the em-Employers' organizations are

ployers and the politicians of the right will not give now calling for state control of wages as the only method any undertaking to lay off of combating that inter-national trend now known as victimizations in the fac-

wage drift'. The CDU—the main party of the banks and industrialists Earlier last week the Christian Democratic Union filed a suit for slander against Social Democratic Chan-cellor Brandt following his statement in an election The real motive is not so address that the Christian

much a hostility to the Democrats had urged em-Stalinist bureaucracies - displovers to provoke unofficial cussions with the Kremlin strikes in the period before were in fact begun under the CDU—as the need to build up a powerful middle-class counter-weight against the reawakened German working class.

As in Italy and Britain,

elections reflect the move-ment and growing polariza-

tion of historic class forces in W Europe. The decisive factor now is

the building of revolutionary leadership in all these coun-

tries on the programme of

tension never before seen in the history of man.'

The audience heard Sheila much weaker position,' he in-sisted, but there was no room Torrance report on the im-proved circulation of the Workers Press, particularly 'Revolutionaries understand -through its comprehensive that they cannot take power without the working class. election coverage, and the plans for further development and expansion. The response was a magnifi-Don't capitulate to backward-

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# **MEETINGS**

**BRISTOL UNIVERSITY** YOUNG SOCIALISTS significance of STUDENT SOCIETY

> Marxist Week

#### **June 11-17**

OXFORD

In commemoration of the Wednesday, June 17, 7.30 p.m. Alma Hall, Alma Place Speaker: G. Healy (SLL national secretary) centenary of Lenin's birth.

**ATUA and Young** Socialists meeting

Wednesday, June 17 Speaker Mike Banda, editor of Eve of election meeting

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday, June 17 7.30 p.m. Connaught Hall, Blackett Street. Speakers: Neville Atkinson, National Committee Young Socialists. Peter Flack, Socialist Labour League. Workers Press. Lenin and the coming English revolution.

Tuesday, June 16 Marxism and alienation

Meeting will include a film showing how Workers Press is **ALL TRADES** produced

UNIONS ALLIANCE ALL MEETINGS 8.15 p.m.

MEETINGS 'Fight the Tories' OLLERTON. Saturday, June 20, l p.m. Plough Inn.

**STUDENTS' UNION OUEEN'S ROAD** BRISTOL



#### 'No one is talking about floating voters. No one is even listening much to the election speeches. There is a deep polarization of forces. In the background was the world economic crisis and this means that there is more involved than just militancy

said Gerry Healy, national secretary of the Socialist