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In the postscript he says:

'Since the emergence of a Marxist critique of the Stalin era [where? From what standpoint?] there has also been renewed interest in the oppositional tendencies of the 1920s.

'This is understandable, if from a theoretical and objective standpoint very much exaggerated. For, however false the solutions offered by Stalin and his followers to the developing crisis of the Revolution, there is no question that anyone else at that time could have provided an analysis of perspective which could have given a theoretical guideline to the problems of the later phases as well. A fruitful contribution to the renaissance of Marxism requires a purely historical treatment of the 1920s as a past period which is now entirely closed.

#### Carpet

And so, with a few general academicisms, Lukacs attempts to brush the degeneration of the Russian Revolution and the destruction of its leadership under a historical carpet. Even further he tries to make self out as an early critic of Stalinism.

'Certain of my comments on Lenin's behaviour contain, implicitly, some accurate criticism of Stalin's later development, which was then still hidden except for fleeting glimpses in Zinoviev's leadership of the Comintern.'

Lukacs knows now, if he did not know already in 1924, that Lenin had called for Stalin's removal from office over a year

But in the 'broad sweep of generalization', of which Lukacs is a master, such 'detail' is conveniently lost. veniently lost.

In a previously published let-ter (translated in 'Survey', April 1963 under the title 'Some Reflections on the Cult of Stalin') Lukacs suddenly reveals that he visited Trotsky on Prin-

kipo in 1931. He mentions this only in order to comment:

'My meetings with Trotsky in 1931 aroused in me the conviction that he as an individual was even more inclined to "the cult of the personality" than Stalin.

Here we can see all the corruption of the intellectuals that was so important to the development of Stalinism as a counterrevolutionary tendency, and remains important for its survival today.

In order to protect the bureaucracy against the rise of Trot-skyism in the Soviet intelligentsia and working class, Lukacs will continue to his dying day to distort and falsify the history of the origins of Stalinism and the struggle against it.

With the aid of the 'New Left', Lukacs continues the ideological duties he performed with such brilliance in the 1930s and

He, above all others, tried to demonstrate the possibility of carrying out theoretical work within the confines of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

True, runs the 'New Left' argument, he had to pay the approval of the purges, omission of any reference to the work of Marxists under the ban of the Stalinists.

But he was able to write some

important books on French realist literature, the writings of Thomas Mann, the significance of

In an interview published in the March-April 'New Left Review', Lukacs says:

'Anyone who reads my articles from the 1920s and 1930s will see that even at that time I was in disagreement with Stalin and Zhdanov's line. For example, the book I wrote on Hegel was diametrically opposed to Zhd-anov's analysis of him.'

This appears, in fact, to be the first time this word had been used. Significantly, Stalin used it as the title for his 1924 lecture 'Problems of Leninism', the 'revised' edition of which con-tained the original reference to 'socialism in a single country'.

Lukacs subtitled his essay on Lenin 'A Study on the Unity of his Thought'.

At the moment when the bureaucratic degeneration of the Russian Revolution was accelerating rapidly, the defence of Lenin's heritage meant the theoretical and practical struggle to grasp the nature of this process.

But Lukacs instead gives a formal account of the logical connection between the different parts of Lenin's work, and in



Lukacs

'The Young Hegel published, he had already produced his essay on existentialism, which contains, not just philosophical analysis, but a vicious attack on the French philosopher Merleau-Ponty for his refusal to accept the Moscow Trials.

Admiration for the splendid assessments of Balzac and Stendcondemn Stalin's murders to this

Is it possible to regard Lukacs as a Marxist on some far-off theoretical plane, while coexisting with the grave-diggers of the revolution on the less ethereal level at which Stalin's murder and slander machines operated?

#### **Prostituted**

see in Lukacs a brilliant brain, prostituted and corrupted by Stalinism and to seek the theoretical effects and causes of this corruption?

In the essay on Lenin, we can see the inception of this pro-cess and its philosophical form

after Lenin's death, as the Soviet bureaucracy was beginning to make its mark on the Communist International through Stalin's faction.

In contrast with the Bolshevik tradition of the sharpest struggle for principles, the Comintern was rapidly becoming a place where 'orthodoxy' essential for anyone who wanted

Lukacs gives a formal descripwork, in order to establish a new

But in 1948, when Lukacs' this way helps to cover over the

process of its destruction. Lenin's achievement in the construction and theoretical arming of the Bolshevik Party and the Third International is fossilized, reduced to a few logical formulas, an empty shell at the disposal of the conservative

bureaucracy. Before 1918, the young Lukacs had come from mystical idealism to anarcho-syndicalism and then to the Communist International. He was a member of the ill-fated government of Bela Kun in 1919 and had to go into

exile in Vienna and Moscow. In 1923, his 'History and Class Consciousness' appeared.

This collection of essays was an attempt to adapt Marxism to Hegelian idealism.

Lukacs saw the dialectic as referring to the contradictory development of society, or only of class society. In opposition to Engels, he declares that it has no relevance to the movements of the natural world.

Lukacs made formal acknowledgement of these criticisms and, immediately after Lenin's death, tried to rehabilitate himself with 'orthodox' book on Lenin. And so the controversy of 1923 was never argued out.

In fact, the essay on Lenin contains precisely the same concentions as the book of the previous year. Lukacs' method of adaptation to the bureaucracy is already in operation.

#### 'Historical'

The word 'materialism' never appears in this book without the prefix 'historical'. On page 55 we read the following:

'For the dialectic is no more than the conceptual expression of the fact that the development of society is in reality contra-dictory, and that these contradictions (class contradictions, the antagonistic character of their economic existence, etc.) are the basis and kernel of all events.'

If contradiction is only to be

found in history, then the strug-gle of man against nature must seen as arising outside the material world. Marx, on the contrary, explains

this struggle as arising within matter, and in its course man develops his powers to grasp the contradictions within nature and subjugate them to serve his needs.

state, Lukacs falsifies the core of Lenin's work: the revolutionary party. We shall see that this is closely related to his fundamental philosophical position.

of the need of the working class for a centralized organization.

For Lenin, the Party was the laboratory in which Marxism was developed. For Lukacs, it

Of course, he quotes Lenin against dogmatism; but theory for Lukacs is an 'instrument' to

between the Party and the working class only in terms of tactics and organization.

as abstract forms, quite external to each other, and theory outside both of them. Lukacs' idealism is thus in direct opposition to Lenin's materialist con-

For Lenin, the revolutionary practice of the Marxist Party, in which theory developed and penetrated the working class,

Only in the process could

ist bureaucracy destroyed the Third International.

Marxist theory broke with explain it.

Lukacs' method is adapted to

the needs of the bureaucracy, in that it turns the forms of Marxist thought into means of justifying the decisions of the appa-

the working class and the Party, as without contradiction, and theory as outside both, not pene-

for the bureaucracy. It enabled him to co-exist

century, and it is the method which underlies the outlook of many of the revisionist groups. The 'New Left's' attempt to

present Lukacs as a Marxist theoretical authority is thus no

to Stalinism. But Lukacs' development was shaped by the defeats inflicted

Today, the Fourth Interist theory in an epoch of massive

In his chapter on 'The Vanguard Party', Lukacs speaks only

The word 'theory' does not

is an organization of individuals working with a ready-made set

work with, not the life of a class vanguard. Lukacs describes the relation

Party and class are presented

ception of the party.

meant grasping the contradictions within the class.

the working class achieve consciousness of its historic role and take power into its hands.

Trotsky's struggle against Stalinism was founded on this conception of leadership, and deepened in the fight for the Left Opposition and the Fourth International.

#### Weapons

Lukacs' idealism, in breaking with the Bolshevik method, helped to forge the ideological weapons with which the Stalin-

idealist and mechanical materialist philosophy in that it saw itself in terms of the struggle to transform reality, not just to

He views matter, as he depicts

It was this basic philosophical outlook which Lukacs employed to establish the conception of 'orthodox Leninism', and thus to provide theoretical justification

with Stalinism for nearly half a

They would like to hold a relation to the modern bureaucracy similar to that of Lukacs

on the working class internationally in the 1920s and

national fights to develop Marxrevolutionary struggles.

It will train a generation of intellectuals which will accomplish all that Stalinist corruption destroyed in Lukacs' generation, and much more.

'All prize-giving and marks and examinations sidetrack proper personality development.' 'Most of the schoolwork that adolescents do is simply a waste of time, energy and patience.' 'What is called laziness is either lack of interest or lack of

First of all, Summerhill is a

little shelter. to put these ideas into practice for the last 50 years and It is a fee-paying private school catering for a very small this makes him a pioneer in number (about 45) of children education. of the middle and upper

mostly useless subjects is a bad school.'

A. S. NEILL has been trying

**Force** 

schools, even today, still force

children to work at boring

subjects, badly taught, rewards

co-operation with team-points

and punishes non-co-operation

by the infliction of physical

Neill founded Summerhill

The majority of British

#### It is over half a century since Neill taught workingclass children. To hope that his ideas and practice can somehow spread throughout

pipe-dream.

In fact when one headmaster -Michael Duane-introduced a few similar ideas in a Lon-

don Comprehensive School

(Risinghill) the school was

The British educational sys-

tem has limited aims—to mass

produce workers and to

develop a few specialized

scientists, teachers, administra-

tors, etc. to help keep capi-

*'Non-pressure'* 

His theory is based on the principle of 'non-interference

with growth and non-pressure'.

Secondly, Neill's

assumption is wrong.

closed down.

talism going.

the state education system is a

#### THREE BOOK REVIEWS

## BOOKS

School in 1921. Since then he has sought to run the school without restrictive discipline, on the basis of self-government for students and staff, with school rules being decided by vote at General School Meetings and with the children having the freedom to attend lessons or to stay away.

Neill discovered that when children were not forced to attend lessons they sooner or later attended them voluntarily, and learned more.

He has, of course, no understanding of the real forces operating in the world. He repeatedly confesses his own

'I am groping. I try in vain to understand why mankind does so much evil. Why does an originally good humanity make a sick and unjust and

#### **Kesolve**

He tries to resolve this dilemma by leaping from the acknowledged (though it was far from widely acknowledged when he first put it forward) that children need love and esteem in order to be happy and develop-to the conclusion that making children happy by changing teaching methods will solve the problems of war and poverty.

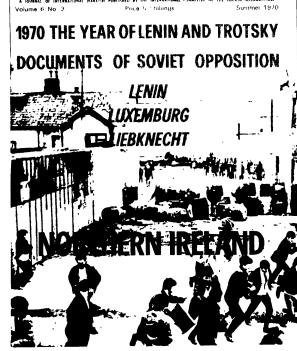
He claims that 'only love can change the world' and even that 'no happy employer ever frightened his employees'!

There is little point, however, in proving that Neill is not a Marxist since he never claimed to be one.

It is more important to examine the value and limitations of his educational ideas and practices.

#### IMPORTANT READING

Fourth International



#### shelter 'A school that makes active children sit at desks studying

Education under

#### BY JACK GALE

'If left to himself without any interference of any kind', he declares, '[the child] will develop as far as he is capable of developing.'

But it is impossible for any child to develop in this way. He is born not into isolation, but into a living, class society with all its contradictions and conflicts.

He can only grow in this real world and develop as the sum total of all his social rela-

#### **Pessimistic**

Neill is, in fact, fundamentally pessimistic. He feels that existing society will always dominate:

'Moulded, conditioned, disciplined, repressed child. He is docile, prone to obey authority, fearful of criticism and almost fanatical in his desire to be normal, conventional and correct.

'He accepts what he has been taught almost without question and he hands down all his complexes and fears and frustrations to his children.' If this were true, then the

working class would be permanently tamed by a bourgeois educational system. Yet, despite this, when working-class children grow up

they find themselves in the fac-

tories, pits and dockyards in

constant conflict with the employer. Despite all the efforts of capitalist education, their class

position is more powerful. They become able, through their revolutionary party and its literature and struggle for theory, to re-educate themselves to challenge and finally

to overthrow the old society

and in so doing to reject its values and teachings.

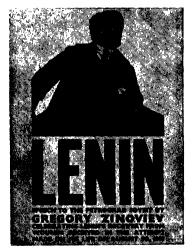
Yet, even though Neill's ideas are fundamentally based on a false premise and though it is impossible for them to be applied generally in a society based on private property, it is still true that much of what he says is good.

A socialist education system will owe a debt to A. S. Neill.

LENIN: Speech to the Petrograd Soviet, 1918

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By G. Zinoviev



Illustrated with many photographs, this was a speech de-livered by one of Lenin's closest associates on the occasion of his recovery from wounds received in an attempt on his life. It gives a remarkably clear picture of Lenin and what is required to be a revolutionary.

#### BBC

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and weather. 6.00 ENTERTAINING WITH KERR.

6.25 CHAMPIONS' QUIZ BALL, Falkirk v Huddersfield Town. 6.45 THE VIRGINIAN. 'Requiem for a Country Doctor'.

7.55 DON'T ASK US. 8.20 ME MAMMY. 'The Night Miss Argyll Got Canonised'.

8.50 NEWS and weather.

9.10 IT'S A KNOCK-OUT! 10.25 24 HOURS. 11.00 CHAMPIONSHIP GRANDSTAND. Amateur Athletics championships. Amateur Swimming Association national championships.

World cycling championships. 12 midnight Weather.

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South and West; 6.00-6.25 Your region tonight: Points West. South today. Spotlight South-West, weather. Nationwide. 12.02 News, weather. Road works report.

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11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.30 p.m. NEWS and weather. 8.00 A GRINGO'S HOLIDAY. 'Patagonia to Portillo, Chile'.

8.25 THE WAY WE LIVE NOW. 'Close of Play'. 9.10 ARTHUR PENN. 'Themes and Variants'. A profile of a brilliant

film-maker. 10.30 NEWS and weather. 10.35 LINE-UP.

1.30 p.m. Mad movies. 1.55 World cycling championships. 2.15 Racing from Redcar. 4.10 Raj. 4.40 Zingalong. 4.55 Arthur! 5.20 Two D's and a dog. 5.50 News.

who was a student leader at Essex University, about student

6.30 EARLY BIRD. 6.30 PEYTON PLACE. 7.00 KENNY EVERETT EXPLOSION. 7.30 GUNSMOKE. 'Uncle Finney'.

8.30 HARK AT BARKER. 'Rustless on medicine'. 9.00 CONFESSION. 'Just as the sun was rising'. 10.00 NEWS. 10.30 MANNIX. 'The cost of a vacation'. 11.30 FACE THE PRESS. Tony Palmer. 12.00 midnight PROTEST! Glen Gibson talks to David Triesman,

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SOUTHERN: 2.15-3.45 London. 4.05 Paulus. 4.15 Ivor the engine. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Robin Hood. 5.20

protest.

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ATV MIDLANDS: 2.15-3.45 London. 4.02 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 That girl. 7.30 Champions. 8.25 London. 10.30 Baron. 11.30 Midland member. 11.45 Who knows.

ULSTER: 2.15 London. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Viewfinder. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cinema: '36 Hours'. With James Garner, Eva Marie Saint and Rod Taylor. An American intelligence officer is drugged by German agents and flown to Berlin. 9.00 London. 10.30 Two-shot golf. 11.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). YORKSHIRE: 1.55 London. 3.55 Houseparty, 4.10 Zingalong. 4.25 Pastures of the blue crane. 4.50 Phoenix five. 5.20 London. 6.00 Calendar and weather. 6.05 'United, United'. Story of the last weeks in Leeds' United's season. 6.30 Beverly hillbillies. 7.00 'Three Came Home'. With Claudette Colbert, Florence Desmond, Patrick Knowles, and Sessue Hayakawa. Story of a woman's love for her family behind the barbed wire of a Japanese concentration camp. 9.00 London. 10.30 University challenge. 11.00 Edgar Wallace. Midnight weather.

GRANADA: 1.55-3.45 London. 4.10 News. Short story. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 News-view. 6.05 Put it in writing. 6.15 Doing their thing. 6.40 Julia. 7.15 Name of the game. 8.25 London. 10.30 Thriller: 'Night of the Demon'. With Dana Andrews, Peggy Cummins and Niall McGinnis. Black magic.

TYNE TEES: 2.15-4.20 London. 4.35 Newsroom. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 7.30 Hark at Barker. 8.00 I spy. 9.00 London. 10.30 Movie: "Lowe Me or Leave Me". With James Cagney and Doris Day. 12.40 News.

BORDER: 2.15 London. 4.13 News. 4.15 Room 222. 4.40 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Border roundabout. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 Ours is a nice house. 8.00 It takes a thief. 9.00 London. 10.30 Movie: 'The Chapman Report'. A psychologist and his team of researchers come to a Los Angeles suburb to conduct a survey into the sex habits of women. 12.15 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 2.15 London. 4.15 Dan. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 5.50 London. 6.00 Summer scene. 6.30 Handful of songs. 7.00 Name of the game. 8.25 London. 10.30 Songs remembered. 11.00 Fact and fantasy. 11.30 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 2.15-4.20 London. 4.30 Rumblie jumblie. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Nanny and the professor. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.25 Preview. 7.35 Garrison's gorillas. 8.25 London. 10.30 Never say die. 11.00 Outer limits.

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hal cannot but be tinged with contempt when one recalls that they were written in Moscow in 1937-1938, when the purges were at their height, and that Lukacs has never made any attempt to

Is it not rather necessary to

This outlook opens the way for idealism.

> The consequences of Lukacs essentially idealist position were developed in the rest of the book-and in the rest of his life. While he can talk about Lenin's conception of the workers' revolution in Russia, his theory of imperialism and of the

#### BERNARD FRANKS

**AUTOMATIC PRICE-RISES** SYSTEM

## THREAT TOBAKERY **VVORKERS**

ALONG with their demand for yet another round of increases in the price of bread, the major baking companies are seeking to install a new system for continuous and automatic price rises.

They say that instead of having to wait until increased costs justify a penny increase, price rises should rest on maintaining a guaranteed rate of profit of 14 per cent and should be automatic.

This can only mean that they intend to make bigger increases and to make them more often than at present.

#### **Policy**

This policy is explainedand approved—in the Prices and Incomes Board Report on prices and pay in the baking industry, published last week.

As usual, the PIB also arrives at its standard conclusion that all manner of schemes for the intensification of work are needed to cut labour costs.

Up to the beginning of this century, all bread and confectionary was made by hand, mainly in small family

The rapid spread of mechanical handling methods originating in the USA into many aspects of baking led to the development of the huge 'plant' bakeries and the mass-

production of loaves, cakes and biscuits. In Britain, continued concentration and closure of the

small firms has led to four large bakeries dominating the trade, controlling between them 70 per cent of the

Over recent years even more advanced automated flow-line production methods have been developed to cover all mixing, baking, cutting and wrapping processes.

The PIB's current report on the baking industry is the second. The first, issued in April 1970, allowed a penny increase demanded by the

This PIB survey found long hours and low wages a standard pattern for the 65,000 production workers in the

#### Intensive

Overtime was found to be increasing, reflecting the more intensive working in fewer

The average hours worked by men in plant bakeries in England and Wales has risen from 51.5 in 1965 to 54.5 at present. The number of men who work 60 hours a week or more has also risen from 10 per cent in 1965 to 25 per cent in March 1970.

The report observes that working on rest days is 'vir-

The average basic wage for men is around £14 10s for a 40-hour week, with a £27 total

in many bakeries'.

for 54 hours. The 25,000 women in the industry work little overtime and receive on an average £11 6s 5d for 40

tually a condition of service

The report also notes that the bakeries are the second largest users of vehicle transport in the country, employing 28,000 distribution workers.

The Board explains that a further 93,300 workers in the industry-office workers, maintenance staff, etc.—are not covered by this Report.

The turnover of workers at plant bakeries was found to be at a phenomenally high rate of 80 per cent, with absenteeism standing at be-tween 7 and 10 per cent.

The PIB's only criticism of the automatic price-rise system is of the recommendation that this should be based on a 14 per cent return on capital. It comments that 'a somewhat lower figure might be appro-

For the bakery workers the Board recommends:

#### **METHOD STUDY**

'We found that at one bakery a new system of palletization had enabled the time taken to load a van to be reduced from 20 to five minutes; and at another all

labour apart from the van driver's had been eliminated from the loading operation. There is considerable scope for improvements of this kind.'

#### TIME STUDY

'. . . work measurement in the industry is patchy and there is scope for much wider and more systematic use of it.'

#### **EXTENSION OF** SHIFT WORKING

'In Scotland the relaxing of the restrictive arrangements applying to shift-work could be made the subject of negotiation.'

Price increases are to be encouraged and the use of 'productivity' working systems stepped up.

The PIB also wants a cut in

Its concern, however, is not

overtime hours brought about.

in welfare and the need for

proper working hours, but to cut the wage bill.

With the special appointment of businessmen to

government positions and pre-

parations for anti-union legis-

lation, the Tories are making

it abundantly clear to all

employers that the time is

ripe to unleash a savage drive

for profits.

The only possible line of retaliation for bakery workers is the demand for nationalization of the major companies under workers' control.

Firms sharing the market by volume of sales of bread in 1969

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British						25
Allied			•••			24
United			•••	• • •	• • •	12
CWS I			•••		• • •	7
Lyons		• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	11
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Recommended retail prices of unwrapped standard loaves since 1966

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#### THE REPORMATION PARLIAMENT 1529-1536 By S. E. Lemberg ge University Press 70s

#### THE REFORMATION: Tenuous alliance on the road to

#### BY KAREN BLICK

TROTSKY described the Reformation as the period when the capitalist class 'did not immediately set itself the task of conquering power but sought instead to secure for itself within the framework of feudal society living conditions most comfortable and best suited to its needs.

revolution

'It proceeded to enlarge the framework of feudal society, to alter its forms and to transform it into bureaucratic monarchy. It transfigured religion personalizing the latter, that is adapting religion to bourgeois conformities.

'In these tendencies we find expressed the relative historical weakness of the bourgeoisie. After securing these positions for itself the bourgeoisie went on to the struggle for power.'

This characterization is particularly true of English bourgeoisie. Throughout the 16th century this class allied itself with the

Tudor monarchy. This alliance was cemented by their common opposition to the residue of the feudal aristocracy and to the Roman Catholic church. However the alliance was an

unstable one, as the monarchy itself was a feudal institution. Lemberg's 'The Reformation Parliament' is a factually detailed study of the historical period when co-operation began between the Tudor monarchy and the emerging bourgeois class.

It provides a comprehensive account of the discussions of the Reformation parliament and its relations with Henry VIII. However the book makes no attempt to analyse the activities of the parliament as a reflection of changing class relations.

The fate of the English church was decided in the parliament that lasted from 1529-1536. By using the anti-clerical feeling of the House of Commons, Henry VIII ended Papal control over the English church.

#### **SUPPORT**

The support he received from this body was not accidental. The House of Commons was largely composed of non-aristocratic country gentry and town bourgeois, who were anxious to reduce the economic and legal power of the church.

Opposition to Henry's ecclesiastical plans came mainly from the House of Lords. In this were the representatives of feudal reaction, the bishops and the residue of the feudal aristocracy, who were anxious to preserve the privileges of the church.

With minor difficulties Henry remained the dominant partner in his alliance with the Commons, but his successors were to find their bourgeois allies more difficult to control.

By the 17th century the bourgeois increasingly found the

monarchy the centre of resistance of the old feudal state machine. To achieve state power it was forced to destroy its

An important aspect of the Reformation parliament brought out clearly in Lemberg's book is the violent anti-clericalism of the Commons without which the Reformation would hardly have been possible. Even at this early stage of its

development, the bourgeoisie was quite clear that the parisitical hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church was its sworn enemy.



Henry VIII

One Commons petition to the King described the clergy as 'a sort of ravenous wolves, nothing else attending but their own private lucres and satisfaction of the covetous and insatiable appe-

tites of the said prelates.' (p. 85.) Many of the Commons' complaints about clergy are clearly those of a capitalist class fretting at ecclesiastical control over

They demanded that the taxes exacted by the church from the laity should be abolished. They complained about the excessive number of holy days celebrated by the church causing idle workmen to fall into 'abominable and

execrable vices'. (p. 85.)
Finally they enthusiastically passed a bill prohibiting clergy from holding farms, keeping tanning houses or breweries. and dealing in cattle corn or other merchandise.

The Lords were quick to answer this challenge to their privileges. The Chronicler Edward Hall, describing the bishops reaction to the Com-

mons proposals, wrote:
'They both frowned and 'They both frowned and grunted for that touched their profit.' (p. 87.)
They accused the Commons of heresy, linking them with the

names of Luther and Huss. Henry VIII well aware that he would need the Commons' support against the Lords in passhis anti-papal legislation, about a compromise solution in the Commons' favour.

Yet even at this stage the Commons were showing some independence of their royal They were far less enthusias-

tic about much of the King's anti-Papal legislation than they had been about their own laws against the English clergy. This was partly because they were afraid that bad relations with the Pope might disrupt the Flanders wool trade, and partly because the English bourgeoisie was less directly oppressed by the Papacy than some of its European

counterparts.

However the Commons did show considerable enthusiasm for one piece of anti-Papal legislation: the act abolishing taxes paid by the laity to Rome.

This suggests that, as yet, the bourgeois class was far more concerned with its immediate economic interests than Henry's more grandiose schemes for national sovereignty.

#### **SYMPATHISERS**

Some of the more far-sighted sympathisers of the bourgeois aspirations, such as Henry's chief advisor Thomas Cromwell, were clearer about the necessity of political independence from

Rome.
Without the establishment of the 17th national sovereignty, the 17th century bourgeois revolution would have taken an entirely different and more tortuous In other respects, however,

the Commons were far more adventurous in pressing for religious change. They suggested the translation

of the Bible into English and parliamentary control of heresy trials. Henry, who wanted no challenge to his newly-acquired control of the English church, shelved these revolutionary proposals for the time being.

Lemberg rightly stresses that

the Reformation parliament was not completely occupied with religious affairs. Economic legislation took up a

considerable amount of its time. But in this sphere parliament was completely paternalist and backward-looking. Although many of its members were undoubtedly enclosing common land and hoarding goods to increase their price, they willingly passed government-sponsored laws condemning such prac-

In accepting these measures, parliament was influenced neither by fear or a conscious desire to deceive. These laws simply reflect the immense gap between accepted economic theory of the time and actual practice.

The value of 'The Reformation Parliament' lies in its being the first detailed study of this historically important parliament. The book itself makes no

analysis of the period in class terms, but it does bring together material which makes possible a clearer study of the English bourgeoisie in its pre-revolution-

ary period.

CESAR CHAVEZ, leader of the grape pickers' union, last week shook hands with the Don't moralize, organize! California growers over a new This event has taken five harrowing years of strike action to achieve.

Years in which Chavez has had to have a bodyguard 24 hours a day and the pickets— mostly semi-literate Mexican-Americans-worked for starvation wages in the 100-degree heat of California's vineyards.

Violence against the strikers has been encouraged because farmworkers have been excluded from the National Labour Relations Act which gives some safeguards to union organization and collective bargaining.

Chavez's union-the United Farm Workers' Organizing Committee (UFWOC)—also faced the co-operation of federal government agencies with the growers in buying up grapes for shipment to the forces in Vietnam.

Vietnam became the third largest importer of grapes in the world! JS Round-up

Signed just before this year's harvest, the contract between UFWOC and 26 major growers in the Delano area is the union's biggest step forward in its long fight to organize farmworkers.

It means that 80 per cent of California's table grape acreage will be under union contract and the remaining growers in the Fresno district are expected to agree to similar terms shortly.

About 8,000 workers are covered by the contract, which somewhat ironically contains a no-strike clause.

Vineyard men's wages are increased by 15 cents to \$1.80 an hour, while the bonus per box picked has been raised by 5 cents to 20 cents.

The growers will also pay 20 cents an hour into a health, welfare and unemployment bene-

These measures will only provide some of the most rudimentary of amenities.

For instance, it was only during the Second World War that the Mexican government was able to pressure the US administration of the day into providing wooden huts for the pickers to live in.

And conditions for the grape pickers and those working on other 'stoop labour' crops sugar beet, lettuce and figs-have hardly changed since.

The pittance guaranteed in the new contract will only minimally



alleviate the poverty of the 'wet

As we remarked in this column a fortnight ago, Chavez led the pickers' strike not by lighting for solidarity action from other sections of the labour movement, but as a moral

the struggle and allowed the Democratic Party hierarchy to give it verbal support.

The two sides were, in fact, brought together to sign the contract by the intervention of no less than five bishops of the Roman Catholic church (which incidentally owns some of the vineyards in the state).

To achieve wages comparable to those of more strongly-organized unions the farmworkers will have to build a new leadership which means breaking from the clutches of the church and Chavez's pacificism.

The largest firm in the state commented on the settlement:
'It's dawned on everyone in agriculture that unionism has finally come to this industry and there's no sense in pretending it will go away.'

Behind this matter of factness lies the employers' hope that the 'new unionism' will remain tied to the old leadership.

#### THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

THE ARMY last week dis- machine manufacturers and other closed in Washington that it had demoted a brigadier general and stripped him of a Distinguished Service Medal 'because he had failed to maintain a high degree of personal and professional integrity'.

The officer concerned (now Colonel) Cole, is a central figure in separate military and congressional investigations into graft and corruption.

He has been interviewed at least once by the staff of the Senate permanent sub-committee on investigations which is headed by Senator Ribicoff.

The Ribicoff sub-committee, like the army, has never revealed any of its conclusions on the unofficial activities of the Colonel, although it is thought that public hearings may begin later this

What is known is that last

October an Australian booking

agent who worked in S Vietnam

revealed that Cole had a 'very

close friendship' with a certain

William Crum, a wealthy and dubious agent in Asia for slot

interests. The witness described the

meetings at Crum's home between Cole and the mysterious Crum was the principal figure in Sarl Electronics, a firm which supplied millions of dollars worth

slot machines to military Last autumn the Vietnam military command was banned from dealing with the company after it had been charged with black market currency dealings

and smuggling activities.

The whole sordid story fell into place when it was pointed out that Sarl's activities in Vietnam coincided with the period when Cole had authority there over the military clubs.

This saga, though only a small drop in an ocean of corruption, brought to mind a remark of Trotsky's in his 'History of the Russian Revolution':

the society it serves—with this difference, that it gives social relations a concentrated character, carrying both their positive and negative features to an



Edward

**LEAF FROM** THE

#### **POWELLITE BOOK**

for taking on the working class is the same the world over.

#### Strike-breaking

Unemployment grows and troops stand ready for strikebreaking in both Britain and the United States.

So the moves by Senator

THE RULING class's armoury Edward Kennedy to strengthen his 1965 Immigration Bill come

> measures against Irish workers by attacking a section of immigrants in a similar position in N America. The Senator for Massachusetts

Kennedy is following the trail

blazed by Powell's proposed

wants tighter control of the border, which he complains is open and allows Mexican workers to cross without regulation.

#### Tories' book

Taking another leaf out of the Tories' book Kennedy proposes that the status of Mexican immigrant workers be reviewed every six months including an investigation of their jobs and

Britain—to create the conditions for the ultra-rightists to do their poisonous work of splitting the workers' movement. The US employers have long

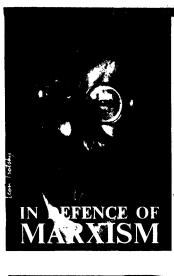
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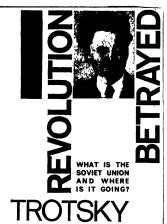
legislation is just the same as in

used the pool of poverty-striken Mexican workers and peasants as a wedge to drive into the working class at home.

Kennedy's measures are only one form that this has taken.

When it has suited the bosses. the Mexican border has been opened to 'unlimited' immigration to provide strike-breaking forces as happened during the Texas and Coachella farmworkers' strikes.





#### Corporation's seek place in the sun

national divisions to weaken the working class in other ways to that proposed by Kennedy.

One rapidly-developing trend is the movement of labourintensive industries lock-stockand-barrel to countries where wage rates are a fraction of those in the United States itself, and where tax havens are willingly provided by the 'host' govern-

Evidence of this development was recently given by a trade

THE US corporations exploit union official, Paul Jennings to a hearing on the subject before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

> Warwick Electronics was named as just one of the firms that has shifted across the border into Mexico.

But Formosa has become the centre of the rush to find a place in the sun.

All black and white and colour television sets may shortly be manufactured on the island as Zenith, RCA, Ford-Philco and Admiral have already moved production there.

the labour movement. The firm sacked 3,000 workers in New England and promptly added the same number to its

ments is particularly galling to

labour force in Formosa. The giant corporations are a law unto themselves.

Any reformist attempts to

regulate their global leapfrogging

in search of profit are obviously non-starters. The fight-back against this means of adding to the soaring unemployment rate poses directly the question of which class is to

control the means of production.

**Airlines** 

The union leaders now in-

The employers and the gov-

sound the retreat at the first sign of a political struggle, as in the dock strike.

Only the mobilization of the

trade unions against the gov-ernment's policies can defend

nationalized

#### Luton Whitbread men stay out

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

DRAYMEN at Whitbread's Luton brewery in Bedfordshire yesterday decided to continue their strike against the productivity deal and redundancies that the management is tying to its pay offer.

About half of the company's public houses in the town are reported to be out of beer and the remainder are expected to be dry by the weekend.

As the strike entered its fourth day yesterday the brewery threatened to close down production.

The highly-automated £9 million brewery in Luton has a capacity of 25,000 barrels

#### Closures

It has taken over the bulk of the company's production in the South East resulting in several brewery closures

in the area.

The strike has spread to several of Whitbread's depots in London and SE England and many of the 2,000 pubs and clubs supplied by these are already out of beer.

#### Unrest

● FROM PAGE ONE absolutely no hint of shorter working hours.

'The whole prospect of automation was fanfared in the 1950s by a promise of more leisure time for the employees. The record of one hour in 11 years replies to that fanfare with a loud raspberry.'

Other grievances mentioned include earnings 'desperately tied to over-time', the 'still hidden and guarded' Department of Employment and Productivity secret report on industrial relations at Electra House and Post Office attempts to push through job-evaluation without

## Moscow Stalinists

## back Meir



A FORMAL request by the 'big four' powers-France, the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain—has been made to the UN General Secretary U Thant for Gunnar Jarring to begin negotiations with Israeli and Egyptian officials along the lines of the US 'peace proposals'.

Yesterday's announcement from the UN headquarters in New York coincides with a new Moscow Radio offensive against those Arab leaders still opposing the deal.

And even more ominously, the same broadcast—in Arabic to the Middle East—implicitly gives support to Israeli Prime Minister Mrs Golda Meir against the right-wing Gahal Party, which left the Cabinet

earlier this week after Meir accepted the Rogers plan.

'The evolution of events which has started in the Near East is already having a paralysing effect on the expansionist ambitions of the İsraeli extremist circles: their most extreme wing—the Gahal bloc—is out of the contest.

#### 'lgnore rights'

'The Gahal bloc represents those people who oppose the return of the Golan heights to Syria, Jerusalem and other territories in the western bank of the Iordan to Iordan . . .

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period of the national stop-page. Port stewards met T&GWU official Lew Lloyd

Walton, Liverpool, last night.

LONDON PHASE TWO TALKS TODAY

London port employers yesterday offered dockers a

further £2 a week for the Dev-

lin 'modernization' scheme's

second phase in view of the

Pearson inquiry recommenda-

This would bring the London guarantee to £36 10s for quay workers, £39 for on-ship working and £28 for the light-

duty men. Employers describe

the outlook for reaching agreement as 'healthy'.

committee meets today and

may endorse these proposals.

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B-LEYLAND CLERKS WALK OUT

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commercial vehicle factory at

Adderley in Birmingham yes-

by management in the after-

600 workers were sent home

Production of the British-

Leyland 1800 model at the Longbridge factory in Birming-

ham was at a standstill for the

third day yesterday as paint

shop workers and toolsetters continued their strikes.

BIRKENHEAD DOCKS STOP

head docks yesterday lunch-

security offices were refusing

to make payments because of

a £10 loan to the dockers

from the employers during the

Work stopped at Birken-

Dockers claim social-

£10 a year

BY JOHN CRAWFORD

and the Sinai Peninsula to the UAR.

'They are also those who ignore the rights of the Palestinian people. The implementation of the Security Council resolution is sure to bury the Israeli expansionist schemes and plans and make Tel Aviv into consideration the legitimate rights and interests of the Arab peoples, including the Palestinians . .

'It is to no avail that some Arab countries try to cause confusion about this clear issue. They portray the matter as if it were possible to isolate the struggle for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, and even as a confrontation with the Palestinians' struggle for their

'The following fact is also being forgotten: the Israeli occupation of Arab territories has always been, and still is, the main method by which Israel takes by force all the rights of the Arab people.' So Moscow puts the question of withdrawal from specifying exactly which—as the only issue.

The 'hawks' in Israel are identified as being the Gahal Party, and Meir's Cabinet is, by implication, classified as wanting peace, and not ignoring the rights of the Palestinian people'.

Meir herself, however,

'Regret'

makes the position much

Her statement on Tuesday stressed her regret at the resignation of the Gahal from government and hoped that 'mutual friendship and confidence would continue between them and the govern-

She emphasized that 'the common attitudes of Gahal and the rest of the Cabinet Ministers had not changed'. The Moscow statement is a clear indication that a com-plete sell-out of the Arab people as a whole, and the Palestinians in particular, has

been worked out, and that Nasser is a party to it. The need of the western oil companies, and even more the Soviet Union, to secure the reopening of the Suez Canal, is one of the factors driving the big powers towards a deal. But the Stalinist betrayal is here going to be more open than at any previous time, and

will be part of a wider agreement with imperialism. The Arab leaders' nationalism, while partially expressing and adapting to Arab aspirations, has always been limited by imperialism's needs. Now they must find ways of covering up this betrayal of the Palestinian people.

No statement

The 'summit' meeting in Tripoli, attended by Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Jordan and Syria, but not by Iraq or Algeria, ended yesterday without a communiqué. Instead, the Egyptian and

Jordanian representatives issued a statement welcoming the Jarring UN 'peace Sudan, which has sup-

ported Nasser's acceptance of the Rogers plan, did not sign, and nor did Syria, which declared its rejection of the Jordan's Foreign Minister

Antallah had earlier said that the question of the ceasefire had not been discussed. He also explained that Jordan's acceptance of the US delayed the operation until next week while committees in both the House of Repreplan did not imply that his government would try to impose a ceasefire on the guerrillas operating from

renewal of August 1968 struggle FURTHER details of the strike against the Soviet

invasion of Czechoslovakia at Vitkov uranium mine

have been made public by Prague Radio as part of its

campaign against further protests on the second

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

whom we always trusted and

for whom we were willing to lay down our lives, have not

carried out your mandate.

against our nation, our home-

land and our party? A betrayal. We did not give you

such a mandate and we there-fore reject the decisions of the talks . . . '

sents a high point of class consciousness in the Czech

workers' struggle against Stalinism, is slandered by

Prague Radio as 'a counter-

revolutionary appeal'.

This leaflet, which repre-

'What have you committed

Can we not trust even you?

Husak fears

anniversary of the intervention in two weeks time. It is a resurgence of the August 1968 movement that the Husak regimes fears above all else, and against which his entire propaganda and state machinery are now being mobilizeď.

The Vitkov strike committee, set up on August 21, 1968, issued the following leaflet on the 26th:

'Our main task today must be unity, solidarity, honesty. There is no doubt that the moment will arrive when the weaker ones among us will consider how to adapt our-selves. Out of holes in the ground will crawl those who served Novotny [Stalin's henchman in Prague].

'Arrest'

'They are going to arrest us, rid us of our most capable people, isolate us from the sources of information. It is about them. So far the traitors and their protectors, the occupiers, are afraid to name them and appear in public. and are afraid of the con-

'The Soviet Secret Police is already among us, their illfame notorious through cruelty and cunning . . . This leaflet had clearly been

drawn up while the Dubcek leadership was still in Moscow, 'negotiating' prisoners in the Kremlin the terms of their return to Prague.

In the first days of the Soviet occupation, it had proved impossible to rally a team of even hard-line Stalinists to come forward as a puppet government of the

So the Dubcek group had to fulfil this role, and returned to Prague on August 26 under the protection of Soviet armour.

Reaction

The Vitkov workers' reaction to this deal, a reaction that must have been wideadvanced Czech workers, is remarkable. According to the same

Prague Home Service broadcast, the strike committee later issued another leaflet denouncing the submission of Dubcek and Svoboda to the Kremlin dictat: 'With tears in our eyes and

terribly crushing pain we stand here, miners and technicians of the Uranium Mines enterprise, Vitkov II, having heard the communiqué on the Moscow talks and the speech of the President of the Republic, Ludvik Svoboda, and shout thousands of times, NO! 'You, our representatives

> Concern grows over nerve gas

THE US has been informed by the government of the concern in the Bahamas and Bermuda over a US Army plan to dump deadly nerve gas in the Atlantic.

The site chosen for the dumping of the unstable nerve gas rockets is about 280 miles west of the Florida coast, 150 miles from the Bahamas and 600 miles from Bermuda. The US army had set August 1 as the last day for disposal of the containers, but

sentatives and the Senate

considered the plan.

and the employers will undoubtedly rely on the union chiefs' continual retreats. In this way, they can steadily prepare the way for far more stringent control over the unions at a later

unions' immunity from civil ing class.

actions in the courts unless

In this matter, the Tories

date, when, they hope, the working class will be far less

able to fight back. Their main weapon in this

will be unemployment.
This traditional Tory instrument-swelled by productivity deals, factory closures and the continued threat of world economic depression—will undoubtedly become the main plank of the attempt to weaken and divide the work-

> gates and the Communist Party stewards has not in slightest averted the danger of anti-union laws.
> On the contrary, it has

> brought them closer. Jones and his Stalinist allies appear to proceed on the assumption that by appeasing the Tories they will get them to call off their anti-union

from the truth. The more the union chiefs bow before the Tories, the more the

control. He said that this was a 'tiny

The National Council for Civil Liberties told Workers Press that there was little that could be done about Padmore because of the speed at which events took place, but that general investigations were pro-

t appears that an appeal tribunal can accept hearsay evidence—unlike a court— and that immigration officers need not attend, but can submit evidence writing.

This was 'very worrying', said the NCCL spokesman.

# Rogers signs new deal

**US** bases

will stay

THE SPANISH and United States governments

vesterday concluded a new military agreement.

which extends for another five years the main-

tenance of US bases at Torrejon and Saragossa

BY A WORKERS PRESS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

has been designed to woo

Franco away from his alliance with US imperialism and to-

wards a more 'neutral' stance

string the Kremlin along in

always appreciated by a

fascist regime.
But Franco also recognizes

that his regime needs the big, armed battalions in the event

of his own forces being un-

able to cope with the increas-ingly militant Spanish working

demagogy, the US bases and military personnel remain.

**Private** 

● FROM PAGE ONE

Throughout the appeal pro-

ceedings two uniformed

Securicor guards waited outside and then immediately escorted Padmore to

a Securicor vehicle to take

him back to Heathrow airport and the next plane

police

So despite all his nationalist

It naturally suits Franco to

Strike-breaking is a service

in European politics.

this game.

and a Polaris base at Rota.

The agreement was

signed in Washington by

US State Secretary Wil-

liam Rogers and Franco's Foreign Minister Lopez

Bravo, who has recently

been engaged in discus-

sions with Soviet leaders

over the resumption of

diplomatic links between

Franco and the Kremlin.

US government will provide Franco with financial and mili-

tary 'aid' totalling about £62 million, and will undertake

joint military arrangements

The agreement, which re-

news the military treaty first

signed between the two gov-ernments in 1953, marks a serious setback for Soviet

Wooing

Polish strike-breaking in the Asturias, together with the recognition of the Franco regime by Poland, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Czecho-

slovakia and increased trade between E Europe and Spain,

CIS agents

return today

THE 7,500 Co-operative In-

surance agents who have been on official strike for nearly

eight weeks are to return to

They voted by the narrow

majority of 3,050 to 2,464 to

accept a peace formula drawn

up by the management and their union—USDAW—under

the chairmanship of TUC general secretary Mr Vic Feather.

The men's claim for a £3 a

week expense allowance is to

work today.

go to arbitration.

with the fascist regime.

In return for the bases, the

State secretary Rogers

#### ● FROM PAGE ONE the way for haggling over prelooted. tend to pave the way for this retreat by drawing out the negotiations. Arrangements are being made for NJC and TUC representatives to meet the President of the Board of Trade, Michael Noble, on August 19. All the talking in the world will not change the Tories' plans to dismember the nationalized industries. ernment know from the start that the union leaders will

#### and defeat the Tories' plans. Hiroshima student rally under attack

SEVERAL thousand anti-war demonstrators clashed with police in Hiroshima during yesterday's ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the city's destruction by the Atomic bomb.

The demonstrators—mostly students from various left-wing groups — held a rally on the campus of Hiroshima University demanding an end to war, the banning of nuclear weapons, the removal of US bases

in Japan and the scrapping of the US-Japan 'Security

Treaty'. When the students tried to

march into the Peace Park where the main commemoration ceremony was being held, about 1,000 riot police attacked them. This is how the Japanese

'Vigilant and Valiant' government honoured the memory of the thousands killed by US imperialism 25 years ago.

Securicor men 'act as order-lies under Home Office supervision', stated Mr Joyce, and had done so over the last two-and-a-half

He emphasized that they dealt not only with coloured immigrants, but those from all countries.

Escorting Padmore 'from A to B' was part of the job. Until recently, Employment Minister Robert Carr was a director of Securicor, which specializes in protecting private property—including

secrets. employees draw heavily on ex-policemen and are closely screened.

payrolls and industrial

property-protectors and the flimsy basis for Padmore's expulsion can only mean that the Tories now intend to surpass even the Labourites in barring the entry of coloured workers to Britain.

spoke to us about the company's role in immigration

operation' for the company, which has nearly 13,000 employees on its payroll and whose expected turnover for 1975 is £100 million.

'It suggests that visitors to

Britain will have to remain completely silent and have

no correspondence with any-

After some delay, a Mr Joyce of Securicor Ltd — motto

Director

The open use of these

● FROM PAGE ONE

petition 'urging Mr Heath to introduce a Bill of Rights for N Ireland, to install demo-cracy over the heads of the Unionist administration in Ulster'.

Not a word about the withdrawal of British troops now maurauding their way across the province in a manner in-distinguishable from the old B-Specials. The fact that Heath and the Ulster Unionists are part

of the same imperialist party, on the partition of Ireland. appears to have escaped these reformists. Predictably, this demand

finds ready support in the 'left' circles of the trade union bureaucracy, all of whom are running scared before the Prominent among the sig-

natories are transport union chief Jack Jones, who accepted the Pearson Report on the docks only a week ago, and Lawrence Daly and Dai Francis of the miners' union, both of whom opposed the miners' strike last year.

#### WEATHER

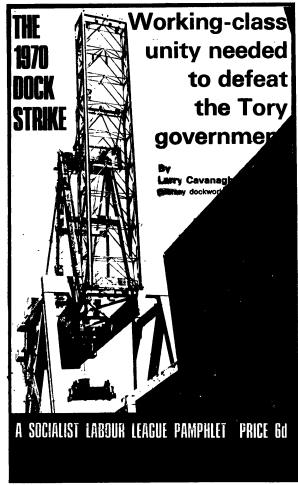
London Area, East Anglia, E and W Midlands, E England, NW, central northern England: Rather cloudy. Some rain at times. Sunny spells. Wind light, éasterly. Warm. Max. 23C (73F).

SE England, central southern England, Channel Islands, SW England: Bright periods. Some rain at times. Coastal fog patches at first. Wind light, variable. Warm, Max. 22C (73F).

NE England: Dry, cloudy. Patches

of fog on coast. Wind easterly, moderate. Normal. Max. 18C (64F). Edinburgh and E Scotland, Glasgow Area, N Ireland: Dry bright period. Wind light, easterly. Normal. Max. 18C (64F).

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#### Venice workers seize rail station after

#### Laws ● FROM PAGE ONE

police jeep during

Tuesday's cashes in Porto

Marghera, an industrial

suburb of Venice.

action for damages dependent on registration by a Registrar and 'laying down a number of conditions for registration which would, in effect, require

them to conform to certain generally acceptable rules of conduct' One of the chief aims of this type of legislation would be to open up the unions to Taff Vale-type

they conformed to government control.

The retreat on the docks led by Jones and carried through by the docks dele-

Nothing could be farther

shootings

BY A WORKERS PRESS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

ing of two engineers by Venice police earlier this week, workers have seized the Mestre railway station and blocked a main road flyover leading into the city

Police had surrounded the the station by Wednesday night, but had made no attempt to enter it.

On the same day, the whole Venice province ob-

served a general strike against the police shootings.

OUTRAGED by the shoot-

One of the two workers hit by police bullets is still on the danger list after an operation on a bullet wound

# Striking workers surround