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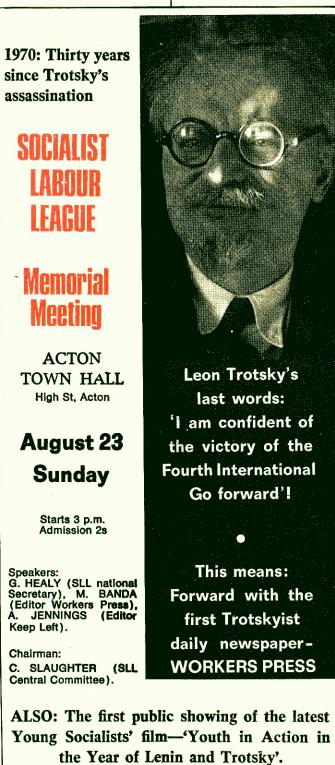
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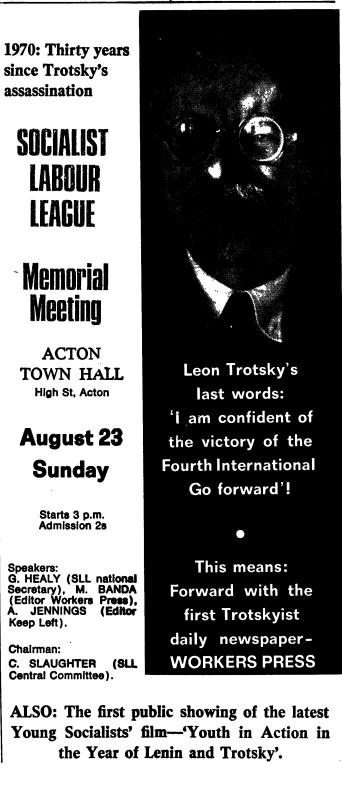
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Mark's letter to weyde meyer (quoted at the begin-ning of the previous part of this series) put it, the class struggle under capitalism leads to the dictatorship of the proletariat and through this to the abolition of classes. The same point is brought

out, this time 'negatively', but with a more detailed exposition of its meaning, in Marx's analysis of the peasantry in France in the revolutionary period 1848-1850:

'The small peasants form a vast mass, the members of

wealth of social relationships. dissolve or at least to divide it 'Each individual peasant as a class: some become bigger family is almost self-sufficient; farmers, but others go down it itself directly produces the into the proletariat; or, charmajor part of its consumption acteristically, peasant agriculand thus acquires its means ture declines and stagnates at the side of big industry and large capitalist farming for of life more through exchange with nature than in intercourse. whole historical periods, and with society. The small holdthe peasant and his the members of this class eke family; alongside them anout their living and protect other small-holding, another their 'independence' in sharper peasant and another family. A and sharper opposition to the few score of these make up a other members of their own village, and a few score of class. villages make up a Depart-

#### Collective

From time to time they organize collective struggles and protests, which even on the largest scale issue in defeat and despair so long as they are not combined with the development of the proletarian revolution.

The potential in the working class of political independence, of its social force achieving an expression which is not simply an affirmation of its oppressed an affirmation of its oppressed position, which is not used simply to develop quantita-tively the existing tendencies in the political life of capitalist society, but can bring about a qualitative, revolutionary transformation, is the essence of the problem around which the development of Marxism the development of Marxism in this century has centred, that of working-class consciousness and revolutionary

by Cliff Slaughter

#### Consciousness

leadership.

What immediately suggests itself is that the working class will require a consciousness which cannot be derived

directly or completely from its braces the overall development of society.

to Marxist

philosophy

It is interesting to note Marx's original formulation of this aspect of the problem, in which he describes the proletariat as

'. . . a sphere which does not stand in a one-sided contradiction to the consequences, but in a general and all-round contradiction to the very hypotheses of the German state.'5

In understanding the Marxist view of this problem, it is important to approach it as a process of struggle for work-

(5'Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right'. 1843.)

TROTSKY Only vulgar "Marxwho take ists" it politics is that a direct and mere "reflection" of economics, are capable of thinking that leadthe ership reflects directly class and simply.

ing-class consciousness and not A political leadership is in terms of whether a given set of ideas 'fits' the abstractly never the automatic 'reflection' of the economic needs of the conceptualized position of the class. proletariat in society 'in

'Men of Politics' Marxists must obviously answer the question of how to Political parties and tendencharacterize the level of concies are formed at the level of sciousness represented by polithe political superstructure, tical leaders of the working and 'men of politics' take their stamp from the prevailing class who certainly represent or control organizations at the level of the mobilization forces in that sphere so long as they are not engaged in conof the class as a class, and yet stant and conscious struggle do not embrace the revolutionagainst it with an explicitly ary outlook of Marxism. critical and revolutionary theory and practice.

It is, of course, not uncommon to find commentators who explain such political ideas by saying that they re-flect the class itself and are in this way historically justified.

general'.

Such an interpretation has nothing to do with Marxism.

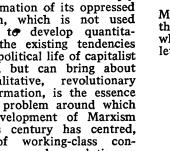
take it that politics is a mere and direct "reflection" of economics, are capable of thinking that leadership reflects the class directly and simply. 'In reality leadership, having risen above the oppressed class, inevitably succumbs to the pressure of the ruling class. The leadership of the American trade unions, for instance, "reflects" not so much the proletariat, as the bourgeoisie."

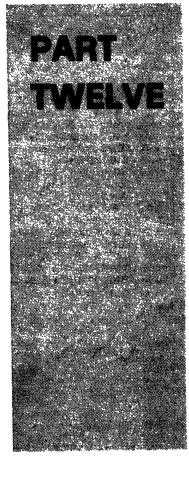
'Only vulgar "Marxists" who

Implicit in Trotsky's .remarks is the basic point which he himself had so strongly emphasized in his 'Literature and Revolution': the notion of 'economic base - ideological superstructure' is applicable only at the level of society or socio-economic formation.

To reduce it to the scale of a particular class, as if the latter had its 'own' base and superstructure is to mutilate the theory.

> Character While the conditions of life





every movement in the working class which comes out as a class against the ruling classes and attempts to force them by pressure from without is a political movement.

'For instance, the attempt in a particular factory or even a particular industry to force a shorter working day out of the capitalists by strikes, etc., is a purely economic movement.

'On the other hand, the movement to force an eighthour day, etc., by law is a political movement. And in this way, out of the separate economic movements of the workers, there grows up everywhere a political movement, that is to say a movement of the class. with the object of achieving its interests in a general form, in a form possessing a general social force of compulsion. . .  $^{\prime 1}$ 

Marx is here expanding the. concepts put forward in his early works (particularly 'The Poverty of Philosophy', 'The Communist Manifesto'): in so far as the proletariat is created by the advance of the bourgeoisie, by its 'other', it constitutes a class 'in itself', 'in relation to capital'.

But this is only the precondition for a process: . . . in the struggle . . . this mass unites and forms itself into a class for itself.'

There is not some metaphysical, predetermined necessity that each class 'in itself' will become a class' for itself'. It is only in so far as the material struggles forced upon

(Marx, Letter to Bolte, 23 November, 1871.)



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which live in similar conditions, but without entering into manifold relations with one another. Their mode of production isolates them from one another, instead of bringing them into mutual intercourse.

'The isolation is increased by France's bad means of communication and by the poverty of the peasants. Their field of production, the small-holding, admits of no division of labour in its cultivation, no application of science and, therefore, no multiplicity of development,

no diversity of talents, no

culture from those of the other classes, and put them in hostile contrast to the latter, they form a class.

'In so far as there is merely a local interconnection among these small peasants, and the identity of their interests begets no unity, no national union and no political organization, they do not form a class.'2

## Origin

Whereas the proletariat's economic origin constantly leads it into a common struggle, binds it into closer internal relations, forces it to undergo radicalizing experiences in in-dustry through the develop-ment of the productive forces (science, communications, technique), and thrusts it towards the necessity of its independent political expression of this common experience as a class, in 'a form possessing a general social force of compulsion', the opposite is true for the small peasants.

The inexorable 'revolutionization of the conditions of production' in the bourgeois epoch certainly affects the peasantry, but, in contrast to the proletariat, in such a way as to

(<sup>2</sup>Marx, 'The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte', in Selected Works. Vol. II pp. 414-415.)

What then is the character-istic political reflection of the class nature of the small peasantry? Marx answers:

'They are consequently incapable of enforcing their own class interest in their own name, whether through parliament or through a convention. They cannot represent themselves, they must be represented. Their representative must at the same time appear as their master, as an authority over them, as an unlimited governmental power that protects them against the other classes and sends them the rain and the sunshine from above.

'The political influence of the small peasants, therefore, finds its final expression in the executive power subordinating society to itself.'3

And this small peasantry is the explanation of the latest and highest phase of the development of an executive power of state standing above the classes in France. Thus:

'And yet the state power is not suspended in mid-air. Bonaparte represents a class, and the most numerous class of French society at that, the small peasants."4

(<sup>3</sup>Ibid.) (4Ibid.) own experience in economic and day-to-day struggles. The political tasks posed before it require a historical and analytical critique of the

whole field of social structure and culture, of the economic, political and ideological ten-dencies in all classes intentionally, for it is the intercourse between all these classes at all levels which decides the total framework within which the life and struggles of the working class develop nationally and internationally.

'Working - class consciousness', conceived in relation to the historical needs and tasks simply as the sum of the consciousnesses of workers, in this sense coincides with the development of Marxism itself, for the latter is a conscious striving to reflect scientifically all the life-processes which determine the course of the struggle of the proletariat.

#### 'Ideology'

This is not the same thing as saying that Marxism is an 'ideology' of the working class. Indeed the contrary is the case: it is the very necessity of the working class's transcending, abolishing its own mode of existence, that explains its imperative need for a consciousness which em-

'In reality leadership, having risen above the oppressed class, inevitably succumbs to the pressure of the ruling class. The leadership of the trade American unions, for instance, "reflects" not SO much the proletariat, as the bourgeoisie. In Defence of Marxism P. 16

and experience common to a particular class give a distinctive character to the habits and opinions of its members, it must be borne in mind that the ideological superstructure of the whole society, developed as a reflection and at the same time an instrument of the domination of the ruling class, is concentrated into very ideological and political manifestation in the society, including the spontaneous reactions of the oppressed classes.

If this were not the case, revolution would be an automatic growth, whereas it is in fact the product of, on the one hand, objective economic contradictions, and, on the other, the resolution of an ideological and political crisis in the midst of the revolutionary class itself, in which the old ideological forms are thrown aside and the objective character of the contradictions is perceived.

(<sup>6</sup>Trotsky, 'In Defence of Marxism', p. 14.)



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HARLECH: 12.35 Skippy. 1.00 Lon-don. 5.15 Robin Hood. 5.45 London. 5.50 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 6.45 London. 7.15 Cinema: "Roust-about". With Elvis Presley and Barbara Stanwyck. A young tough joins a travelling carnival. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.10 Cinema: "Caged". With Eleanor Parker and Agnes Moor-head. A young girl is put in a particularly hard women's prison.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.45-7.15 Y dydd.

ANGLIA: 12.15 Seaway. 1.00 London. 5.50 Weather. 5.53 Branded. 6.15 Sky's the limit. 6.45 London. 7.15 'Guadal-canal Diary'. With Preston Forster, William Bendix, Lloyd Nolan and Anthony Quinn. America's first vic-tory over Japan in Second World War. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.10 Name of the game. 11.35 Ail our yesterdays. 12.05 Reflection.

TYNE TEES: 12.30 Joe 90. 1.00 Lon-don. 5.50 Bonanza. 6.45 London. 8.15 Film: "The Horse's Mouth". With Alec Guinness and Kay Walsh. 10.00 Lon-don. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Gazette. 12.05 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 12.20 London. 12.35 Richard the Lionheart. 1.00 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.10 News. 6.15 Sky's the limit. 6.45 Movie: 'Pirates of Tortuga'. With Ken Scott, Leticia Roman, Dave King and John Richard-son, 8.30 Ours is a nice house. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.10 Match report. 10.25 Late call. 10.30 Movie: 'Sunset Boulevard'. With William Holden, Gloria Swanson and Erich von Stroheim.

#### TV SATURDAY

12.35-1.05 p.m. Y'Steddfod. 1.10 Weather. 1.15 Grandstand. 1.25 Inter-Richard Western. London. national show jumping. 1.50, 2.50, 3.30 Racing from Lingfield. 2.05, 3.35 Swimming. ASA championships. 2.05, 3.05, 3.35 Athletics. AAA championships. 3.35 Cycling. 5.05 Results service. 5.15 Best of Basil Brush. 5.40 Debbie Reynolds show.

- 6.05 NEWS and weather.
- 6.15 THE ICE SHOW.
- 6.50 HIGH ADVENTURE. 'Taggart'. With Tony Young and Dan Duryea. Western about a young man hunting his parents
- 8.15 IT'S LULU. With guest stars Aretha Franklin Mike Newman and Lonnie Donegan.
- 9.00 A MAN CALLED IRONSIDE, 'Rundown on a Bad Rap'.
- 9.50 NEWS and weather.
- 10.05 MATCH OF THE DAY. FA charity shield. Chelsea v Everton.
- 10.55 CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT. Swimming and cycling.
- 11.30 QUIZ OF THE WEEK. 12 midnight Weather.

#### **REGIONAL BBC**

All regions at BBC 1 except: Midlands and E Anglia, North, South and West: 12.02 a.m. Weather.

Wales: 11.00-11.20 Cadi ha. 5.40-6.05 Dyna wall. 10.05-11.05 Y 'Steddfod. 12.02 Weather. N Ireland: 11.30-1.10 and 11.30-12 mid-night Gallaher Ulster open champion-ship. 12.02 News, weather. Scotland: 5.00-5.15 and 10.05-10.55 Sportsreel. 12.02 News, weather.

#### BBC 2

ATV MIDLANDS: 12.35 Robin Hood. 1.00 London. 5.15 Jokers wild. 5.45 London. 5.50 Ours is a nice house. 6.20 Tarzan. **"Tarzan and the She-**Devil". 7.35 Name of the game. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 'Act of Separation'. 11.10 Espionage, weather. 3.00-4.15 p.m. CINEMA: 'Poet's Pub'. With Derek Bond and Rona Anderson. An Oxford undergraduate takes over a run-down Tudor inn.

- 7.30 NEWS, sport and weather.
- 7.45 GREAT ZOOS OF THE WORLD. San Diego, California. 8.15 CAMERON COUNTRY. 'Jomo and the Coat of Many Colours'.
- Documentary film on Kenya. 9.00 SUMMER REVIEW. 'The Three Girls'. By Cesare Pavese
- 9.45 GARDENERS' WORLD.
- **GRANADA:** 11.40 House repairs. 12.05 Better driving. 12.30 Stingray. 1.00 London. 5.10 Flipper. 5.45 London. 5.50 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 6.45 London. 7.15 Tough guys. 'The Man In The Net'. With Alan Ladd. An artist suspected of murdering his wife seeks to uncover the real killer. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.15 Man in a suitcase. 11.10 The other Reg Varney. 10.05 THIRTY MINUTE THEATRE. 'Reparation'. A Jewish couple go before a German Appeals Court to claim compensation for the suffering under the Nazis.
- 10.35 VAL DOONICAN SHOW.
- 11.20 NEWS and weather.
- MIDNIGHT MOVIE: 'The Savage innocents'. With Anthony 11.25 Quinn and Yoko Tani. An Eskimo from northern Canada travels South to sell his furs.

#### ITV

11.50 a.m. RAC road report. 11.55 Stay alive. 12.20 p.m. Wind in the willows. 12.35 Captain Scarlet. 1.00 News. 1.10 World of sport. 1.12 Australian pools. 1.15 On the ball. Preview of Watney Cup Final. 1.20 BORDER: 12.10 All our yesterdays. 12.35 Captain Scarlet. 1.00 London. 5.50 Joe. 6.20 Branded. 6.45 Kenny Everett explosion 7.15 London. 8.15 Film: "Angels One Five". With Jack Hawkins, Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray. 10.00 London. 10.10 Name of the game. 11.35 Party's moving on. They're off! 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Racing from Newmarket. 1.45, 2.15, 2.50 Racing from Redcar. 3.10 International sports special. 4.00 Wrestling from Brent Town Hall. 5.00 Results service. 5.15 Stewpot. 5.45 News. 5.50 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. 6.15 THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES.

- 6.45 OURS IS A NICE HOUSE. 'The Belle of the Ball'.
- 7.15 DES O'CONNOR SHOW.
- 8.15 'THE ADVENTURES OF QUENTIN DURWARD'. With Robert Taylor, Kay Kendall, Robert Morley and George Cole. A young Scot goes looking for the Countess of Marcroy in the France of Louis XI.

10.00 NEWS. 10.10 THE GOLD ROBBERS. 'An Oddly Honest Man'. 11.10 GARRISON'S GORILLAS. 12.10 a.m. PROTEST!

#### **REGIONAL ITV**

CHANNEL: 1.00 London. 5.15 Garrison's gorillas. 6.10 News. 6.15 Beverly hillbillies. 6.45 London. 7.15 Film: "Eureka Stockade". With Chips Rafferty, Jane Barrett, Gordon Jackson and Jack Lambert. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Court martial. Midnight.weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 10.00 London. 11.10 Channel. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather. SOUTHERN: 12.32 Weather. 12.35 Mr Piper 1.00 London. 5.15 Secret ser-vice. 5.45 London. 5.50 Cowboy in Africa. 6.45 London. 7.15 Film: "These

GRAMPIAN: 12.20 London. 12.35 Skippy. 1.00 London. 5.50 Bonanza. 6.45 Movie: 'Hot Enough For June'. 8.30 Ours is a nice house. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.10 Movie: 'Underworld USA'.

SUNDAY

#### BBC 1

9.00-9.25 a.m. Nai zindagi-naya jeevan. 10.30-11.30 Parish communion. can psychiatric clinic. 10.00 London. 1.25-1.50 p.m. Ferming, 2.10 Heritage 'The Competition For Land'. 11.15 The other Reg Varney. 12.15 1.25-1.50 p.m. Farming, 2.10 Heritage, 'The Competition For Land'.

assembled declare for the Soviet (or Workers' Council) system as a means whereby the working class shall achieve power and take control of the forces of production; declare for the dictatorship of the proletariat as a necessary means for combatting the counter-revolution during the transition period between capitalism and communism; and stand for the adoption of these means as steps towards the establishment of complete communism wherein the means of production shall be communally owned and controlled. This conference therefore establishes itself the Communist Party on the foregoing basis, and declares its adhesion to the Third International.' From a resolution adopted at

the founding conference of CPGB.

August 1, 1920, to launch the British section of the Third International.

torical, political or programmatic -for equating the Party founded 50 years ago with the reformist organization which today masquerades under the name of the

Communist Party of Great

Dedicated

For whatever their weaknesses —and they had many—the dele-

and they had many the determined the gates who gathered at the Cannon St Hotel on July 31, 1920, were genuinely dedicated to the revo-

lutionary overthrow of the

Britain.

tions of struggle was the keynote of the convention.

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But its proceedings also reflected deeply-rooted weaknesses in the British workers' movementweaknesses which still hold it back today. A careful study of the Conven-

tion minutes reveals that not a single reference was made in the two days of discussion to the role of Marxist theory in building the revolutionary party.

Tactics and organization pre-dominated to the exclusion of a serious debate on the theoretical basis and history of Bolshevism.

> invoked to win an argument over the need to participate in parliament or seek affiliation to the



Unity Convention and today's Stalinist Party.

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More rapidly than any other section of the International, the British Communist Party swung of — a 'socialism in one country'

the Left Opposition were active in the fight for Leninist principles, especially in those coun-tries that had a long Marxist

But in Britain, Stalin's pro-gramme and policy won hands down. It was not until the early 1930s that a group, basing itself on the writings of Trotsky, emerged to challenge the Pollitt leadership

chairman of CPGB.

finally throw off its right-wing leadership, new political align-ments will emerge [the so-called "broad left alliance"], and the conditions will mature for the election of a parliamentary majority and government, com-mitted to far-reaching social change, and relying on the mass support of the people to overcome the resistance of the ruling

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The fact that Chater (and Gollan in a similar article in 'Labour Monthly') churns out this stale refrain after yet another Stalinist election flop on June 18 is neither here nor there.

It is far more important for Communist Party members to check over the principles agreed on by the 152 delegates who launched their party 50 years ago, principles which were broadly in he with Lenin's famous 21 conditions of admission to the Communist International, adopted at its Second Congress in July 1920.

Executive Committee of the Community Party of Great Britain with Headquarter staff, 1921. The five men seated I. to r. are: Tom Bell, Albert Inkpin, Arthur MacManus, Willie Gallacher, Fred Peet.



WITH VERY little drum beatings or fanfares, the British Communist Party leadership observed the 50th Anniversary of the Communist Unity Convention, which met in London from July 31 to

The reticence is both understandable and justified.

There are no grounds --- his-

tradition.

Party

Many times Lenin's name is

behind Stalin's theory sharp break from Marxist internationalism and economic theory. In other parties, supporters of

Tony Chater

ment of complete communism wherein the means of production shall be communally owned and controlled.

'This conference therefore establishes itself the Communist Party on the foregoing basis, and declares its adhesion to the Third International.'

Chater quotes only the last sentence—excluding as he does so the words 'on the foregoing

And from his point of view wisely, for this 'foregoing basis' is in total conflict with ultrareformist principles of the present British CP.

Even within the present Stalinist leadership, Chater is conspicuous for his ultra-Fabian and anti-Leninist outlook.

At a public Stalinist meeting earlier this year (on the Lenin Centenary of all things!) he argued heatedly that the founder and the Third

International would have given

his full support to the 'constitu-

tional road to socialism' were he

And on another equally infamous occasion, Chater publicly advocated giving full political rights to Tories—even Powellites

-after the over throw of capi,

If this is the 'dictatorship of the proletariat', then clearly the Tories have nothing to fear from the British Communist Party!

In fact the programme of the

British CP has been transformed into its opposite over its 50 year history. Those Party members

awaiting the volumes of James Klugmann's official 'History of the

CPGB' dealing with the emer-gence of the 'British Road' are

Two volumes

So six years of actual Party

At this rate—and he has shown

shown no signs of accelerating-

Klugmann will reach the Moscow

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6.50 7.25 8.15 9.55	D-DAYS AND V-DAYS. Can 'the past' affect us now? SONGS OF PRAISE. PAUL TEMPLE. 'Double Vision'. IN TIME OF WAR. 'They Were Not Divided'. With Edward Underdown and 'Helen Cherry. Story of the comradeship of an American and an Englishman during Second World War. NEWS and weather. OMNIBUS AT THE PROMS. Schubert and Britten.	ANGLIA: 11.00-12.15 London. 1.10 Kenny Everett explosion. 1.40 Weather. 1.45 Farming diary. 2.15 Afternoon out. 3.45 University challenge. 4.15 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Weather. 6.05 London. 7.25 'Carry On Teacher'. With Ted Ray, Kenneth Williams, Kenneth Connor, Charles Hawirey, Joan Sims, Hattie Jacques
11.05		and Leslie Phillips. 9.05 Hawaii five-o. 10.00 London. 11.15 The other Reg Varney. 12.10 Faith for life.

#### REGIONAL BBC

2.55-3.25 He who dares. 3.50-4.40 National Eisteddfod. 10.05-11.05 Cymanfa ganu. 11.32 Weather. All regions as above except: Midlands and E Anglia, North, South Scotland, N Ireland: 11.32 News, weather. Wales: 2.35-2.55, 3.25-3.50 Doctors.

#### BBC 2

**GRANADA**<sup>1</sup> 11.00-12 noon London. 12.25 p.m. Imaginary dialogues, 12.05-5.00 Barenboim on Beethoven. 1.20 All our yesterdays. 1.50 Interpol calling. 2.15 Watney Cup final. 3.15 Time tun-nel. 4.15 Gilligan's island. 4.45 Lon-don. 5.30 Cartoon time. 5.35 H.R. Pufnstuf. 6.00 Felix the cat. 6.05 London. 7.25 Picture. 'The Cardinal'. With Tom Tryon and Carol Lynley. A priest with a decision that can change his life. 10.00 London. 11.15 Felony squad. 1.50-6.30 p.m. CRICKET. The John Player League. Somerset v Kent. 7.00 NEWS review and weather.

7.25 THE WORLD ABOUT US. 'The Stone Age Circus'. New Guinea. 8.15 CAROL BURNETT SHOW. With guests Steve Lawrence and Edward Vilella.

8.55 MUSIC ON 2. 'The Eye Hears, the Ear Sees'. Norman McLaren.

9.55 WHERE WAS SPRING? With Eleanor Bron and John Fortune.

- 10.20 SENTIMENTAL EDUCATION. 'A Start to Loving'.
- 11.05 NEWS and weather, cricket scoreboard.
- 11.15 FILM NIGHT.

#### ITV

11.00 a.m.-12 noon Parish Mass. 12.10 p.m. Sunday session. Casting around. 12.40 Families talking. 1.05-1.20 Decimalization. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 University challenge. 2.45 Big match: Watney Cup Final. 3.45 Never a cross word. 4.15 Joe. 4.45 Golden shot. 5.30 Forest rangers.

- 6.00 BARNEY BEAR. 6.05 NEWS.
- 6.15 BURNING WATER. 6.55 STARS ON SUNDAY.
- 7.25 PLEASE SIR! 'Norman's Conquest'.
- 7.55 HAWAII FIVE-O. 'Leopard on the Rock'
- 8.50 THE OTHER REG VARNEY. 9.50 POLICE FIVE.

10.00 NEWS.

10.15 'ACT OF SEPARATION'. Adaptation of a Guy de Maupassant story with Jack Watling and Lisa Daniely.

11.15 AQUARIUS. 'Heaney in Limboland'.

11.45 THE PARTY'S MOVING ON. 12 midnight PROTEST!

#### **REGIONAL ITV**

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.15 London. 2.13 Weather. 2.15 Star soccer. 3.15 Golf tip. 3.20 Road West. 4.10 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Cartoon time. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: "My Geisha". With Shirley MacLaine. 10.00 London. 10.15 The other Reg Varney. 11.15 Avengers. 12 midnight Epilogue, weather.

**WESTWARD.** As Channel except: 1.45 London, 12.05 Faith for life, 12.10 Weather. HARLECH: 11.00-12 noon London. 2.15 Sports arena. 2.45 London. 3.45 Joe. 4.15 University challenge. 4.45 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.55 Screen: "The Cobweb'. With Richard Widmark and Lauren Bacall. Story set in an Ameri-

SOUTHERN: 11.00-12.05 London. 1.42 Weather. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-12.25 London

Inspired by the example of the Russian Revolution, and driven by their own experiences in Britain towards a break from both purely trade union forms of Alv MIDLANDS: 11.00-12.25 London. 1.40 Douglas Fairbanks presents. 2.15 Watney Cup final. 3.15 'Stranger in my Arms'. With June Allyson and Jeff Chandler. 4.40 London. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.25 Film: 'Torpedo Run'. With Glenn Ford, Ernest Borg-nine and Diane Brewster. 9.05 Saint. 10.00 London. 10.15 The other Reg Varney. 11.15 Strange report, weather. struggle and reformist conceptions of socialism, the founders of the British Communist Party took the whole British working class an enormous step forward when they voted for affiliation to the Communist International of Lenin and Trotsky.

British ruling class.

This desire to break from reformist and national concep-



delegate really gets to grips with the theoretical basis of Lenin's Later its supporters were to be= approach to tactical questions, the core of which is the dialec-tical method developed by Lenin come the founders of the British Trotskyist movement. in his struggle against the revisers It was also not by chance that

Stalin selected the British Com-munist Party to pioneer his pro-gramme of the 'Parliamentary Road to Socialism'. of Marxist theory. Here perhaps is the real con-nection between the Cannon St

Purely reformist in content, 'The British Road to Socialism' was approved by Stalin, published in 'Pravda' in 1950 and then foisted on the British Party a year later.

Its central feature, which is the constitutional, non-revolu-tionary advance to socialism, remains to this day.

#### Reformist

So when the former CP chair-man Tony Chater marks the anniversary in the Stalinist weekly 'Comment', the Party's reformist and nationalist record inevitably dominates over its internationalist and anti-parliamentary origins:

'It was a Party with a new role, and as yet an old type of organization. This was soon remedied at the Party's Fifth Congress held in October 1922.

'Thereafter Britain had, for the first time, a political Party with revolutionary aims and the form of organization needed to make those aims a reality.

'In the "British Road to Socialism", it now has a programme which is a creative application of Marxist-Leninist theory to the specific conditions of Britain, in the world as it is today.'

Chater, impervious to the fact that his Party was launched under the banner of workers' councils (Soviets) and the revolutionary destruction of the existing capitalist state machine, proceeds to outline this 'Marxist-Leninist' programme:

'... in the course of struggle . . . the labour movement will

### No illusions

The circular inviting delegates to attend the Convention, issued by Arthur MacManus and Albert Inkpin, harboured no illusions about the 'peaceful road' later embraced by Chater—and Stalin:

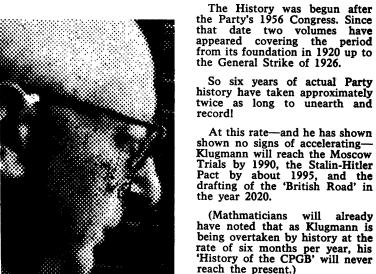
'An invitation to representa-tion at this National Convention is cordially extended to all organizations, branches of organizations, local communist groups and independent socialist societies that accept the fundamental bases of communist unity:

(a) The dictatorship of the working class;

(b) The Soviet system [i.e., rule by workers' councils];

(c) The Third International.'

So not a single Stalinist, currently 'celebrating' the 1920 Unity Convention, would have been permitted to attend it!



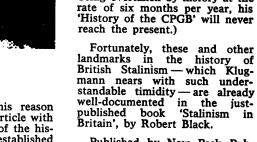
James Klugmann

Perhaps it is for this reason that Chater heads his article with only the last sentence of the historic resolution which established the British section of the Communist International.

The resolution reads, in full:

'The Communists in conference assembled declare for the Soviet (or Workers' Council) system as means whereby the working class shall achieve power and take control of the forces of production; declare for the dic-tatorship of the proletariat as a necessary means for combating the counter-revolution during the transition period between capitalism and communism; and stand for the adoption of these means

as steps towards the establish-



Published by New Park Pub-lications at 22s 6d soft cover and £2 hard cover, this book of 440 pages throws a revealing light on how the CPGB made the tran-sition from its 1920 founding convention, so full of enthusiasm and promise, to the reformist fraud which today poses as Britain's Communist Party.

Neither Klugmann nor any Stalinist for that matter can write the true history of the British Communist Party. They are all too deeply involved in its betrayals and crimes.

That is the reality behind the 50th Anniversary charade.

SCOTTISH: 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Gazette. 3.45 University challenge. 4.15 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 Lon-don. 7.55 Feature. **Behold a Fale** Horse'. With Gregory Peck, Anthony Quinn and Omar Sharif. 10.00 Lon-don. 11.15 The other Reg Varney. 12.10 Late call. progress. 2.45 London. 3.45 Seaway. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 5.30 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.25 Picture: '36 Hours'. With James Garner, Eva Marie Saint and Rod Taylor. Second World War spy story. 9.30 Hark at Barker. 10.00 London. 11.15 The other Reg Varney. 12.10 Weather. Action 70.

Felony squad.

**GRAMPIAN:** 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 London. 3.45 Tele-phone game. 4.10 London. 5.30 Flint-stones. 6.00 Cartoon. 6.05 London. 7.55 Cinema: **'The Bad and the Beautiful'**. 10.00 London. 11.15 The other Reg Varney. 12.10 Live love.

**TYNE TEES:** 11.00-12.15 London. All our yesterdays. 1.50 Farming outlook, 2.20 Soccer, 3.20 Matinee: 'Crash Drive'. With Dermot Walsh and Wendy Williams. 4.35 Hungry wolf. 4.45 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Cartoon time. 6.05 London. 7.25 Film. 'No Place for Jennifer'. With Janette Scott and Leo Genn. 9.05 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 10.00 London. 10.15 The other Reg Varney. 11.15 Wayne and Shuster take an affectionate look at . . . Mae West. 12.10 Beautiful Weardale. **BORDER:** 11.00-12.15 London. 1.50 Diary. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.20 Soc-cer. 3.20 Saint. 4.15 Hogan's heroes. 4.45 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Cartoon. 6.05 London. 7.55 Love American style. 8.50 London. 9.53 Cartoon. 10.00 London. 11.15 Wayne and Shuster take an affectionate look at ... The Westerns. 12.05 Epilogue.



#### A TROTSKYIST ANALYSIS BY ROBERT BLACK

#### NEW PARK PUBLICATIONS 186A Clapham High St-

IMPORTANT READING

NEW PARK PUBLICATIONS

# Westway 'victory' claim avoids main fight ANY WORKER who might still consider that the Communist Party will

lead any fight against the Tory government should look closely at its attitude to the struggles which have centred on the new Westway highway in West London.

PAGE FOUR

Along with the capitalist press, the 'Morning Star' has concentrated on the problem as one of intolerable noise levels caused by traffic passing within 20 feet of some houses.

It is therefore natural that Thursday's 'Star' editorial hails the decision of the Tory GLC to rehouse some of those affected as 'a victory for united militant action by the residents' and goes on to draw the lesson that 'the determination of the local community has squeezed some justice from the GLC.

'Their example will encourage others who may be

similarly afflicted.' On Friday the 'Morning Star's' great 'victory' turned out to be something less spectacular when the 'Star' reporter informed his readers on page 3 that 'Motorway families plan to march again unless . . .' Unless what?

#### ANGER

It transpires that the Walmer Road Action Committee have found 'little to celebrate' because the occupants of only eight houses there are being re-housed and this has 'doubled the anger' of remaining families.

They plan to march on to the motorway tomorrow and disrupt traffic unless they are re-housed. Mr George Clarke of the

Golbourne Social Rights Committee has assured Walmer Road tenants that the council will consider their case. Be that as it may, the 'Star's' attitude is still ex-

tremely suspect. The editorial, for example, does not mention the Tories once!

Yet at the centre of the dispute is not the siting of motorways, but the fight against Rachmanism and the Tory government's proposals to cut back on housing expenditure and create a landlords' paradise.

that there is hope in this democracy and that the human will can prevail over For the Tories there is nothing strange in the most modern roads passing within spitting distance of the most the jaggernaut'. Yet he provides editorial material for the Stalinist 'Morning Star' who are only squalid slums. Both can be extremely profitable on the capitalist side of the class fence.

tco pleased to proclaim 'victory' in order to avoid For the working class there every political question. has been evictions, soaring rents and worsening living conditions on top of every other conceivable attack on Throughout the six years of the Labour government, the Stalinists led the tenants' the value of the wage packet. movement into one blind alley The coming to power of the and adventure after another. Far from learning anything,

Tories holds out the promise of reduced housing subsidies, means tests and the go-ahead they now proceed to beat the retreat before the Tories in for every would-be Rachman. Even the decision to re-house 300 of the Golbourne a situation of extreme danger for the working class. tenants will not see the land-lord go short—£220,500 is to to the 'housing problem' without the nationalization of the be raid out in compensation land and banks. plus the rent that would have It is not 'pressure' on the Tories that is required, but been paid up to the time of demolition, sometime in 1971. the fight around a socialist Mr Clarke stated that the programme for their resig-

'remarkable victory . . . shows Devlin

## • FROM PAGE ONE

increasing intensity of labour and the introduction of labour-saving equipment will

enable the employers to make even greater profits from a reduced labour force.

Dockers' scepticism will also be hardened by what of the docker, under modernization, to feel the modernization has done to the whip of insecurity and speed-up while the carrot of prominers who were, in the early days of nationalization at least, one of the best-paid sectors of the working class.

Today the miners, despite massive increase in producivity (9 per cent in 1968) and efficiency, do not enjoy an eight-hour day and have to threaten a national strike to realize a £20 minimum wage for surface workers and £30 a week on the coal-face.

preciably advanced their earnings this week by as much as £4 to £7 per week This is the price the miners have to pay for 20 years of Stalinist and without any strings attached. centrist leadership and a Labour government which This was due entirely to systematically uprooted thousands of miners by shutting down 600 pits.

the politically principled leadership in the factory. If it can be done in Cowley, Not even the National Coal it can certainly be done in the docks.

Board dares to deny the

Dockers must learn the lessons of the July retreat and leadership which will not compromise with Devlin and the Stalin era. will integrate all wage struggles to force the Tories to resign.

There can be no solution

scandal of miners' earnings

after 23 years of nationaliza-

**'Donkey'** 

'No one gets the best out of his donkey by starving him,' says the NCB in a reply to

The tacuc of starving the

proletarian 'donkey' is not

new to the British employer and it will soon be the turn

ductivity bargaining is dangled

Dockers would do well to

consider, in contrast to Ford's and the mines, the considerable achievements

of the Cowley BLMC car-

workers who have success-

fully resisted the introduc-

tion of productivity dealing

and Measured-Day Work

in consequence, ap-

before him.

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the government this week.

nation.

Provence branch, addressed her open letter to the secretary **Glass men** of her section:

#### WORKERS PRESS

Spanish

workers

maintain

strike

offensive

BY A WORKERS PRESS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

THE STATE - controlled

'Sindicatos' have announced

a new contract for Granada's

12,000 building workers,

three of whom were shot

dead by police during a

demonstration of strikers

The terms are those already

imposed on building workers in Madrid and Seville—a 48-

hour week and a minimum

This represents and increase

The Granada strikers had

dailv

TILLON'S WIFE

DENOUNCES CP

VOU

of 6s on the previous rate.

demanding a

minimum of 27s and a 40-hour

As the deal was fixed be-

Coal strike

ends, the strike of 1,500 coal

miners in the Asturias enters its second week.

production bonuses to bring their pay in line with the rate

paid to miners in the state-

run Hunosa company, which

was the scene of a month-

long strike eight months ago.

They are demanding higher

And as the Granada action

two weeks ago.

21s-a-day wage.

the capitalist state.

been

week.

BY ROBERT BLACK **AFTER TWO WEEKS of bargain**ing, the Soviet and W German Foreign Ministers yesterday initialled a non-aggression pact in Moscow.

The full text of the pact will not be made public until after the agreement has been formally approved and signed by the governments of the two countries -expected within the next few weeks at the most.

Its full text is thought to include a preamble, five articles and two separate appended clauses.

Brandt's Foreign Minister Walter Scheel was reported by one of his aides to be satisfied with the pact.

It 'completely fulfilled' the directives issued to the negotiating team by the Bonn Cabinet prior to Scheel's arrival in Moscow on July 26.

The Kremlin has reportedly finally agreed to the insertion in the pact's preamble of a clause allowing for the re-unification of Germany by peaceful means', which was pressed for by the Bonn delegation and opposed at first by Gromyko.

The Soviet government will not endorse this part of the treaty, but simply note that German re-unification by peaceful means is the aim of the Brandt administration.

In return, Brandt has agreed to accept the 'inviolability' of all Europe's present frontiers, which includes a recognition that the Polish and Soviet annexations of East Prussia and Silesia are final; **Bonn-USSR pact:** 

something which previous W German governments have not been prepared to do.

#### BERLIN

tween the fascist and com-While the Soviet team pletely bogus 'trade unions' and the employers, the rankrefused to discuss the Berlin question, they have made it known to Scheel and-file workers had absolutely no say in deciding its terms. One of the main demands that once the pact is finalized, talks on this thorny of the Spanish working class problem could begin. is the right to independent unions which can negotiate Already confident the pact would be signed, Moscow directly with the employers Radio began its expected free from the intervention of offensive on the 'collective security' theme several days ago:

'In France, as in other European countries, the conviction is growing that the forces of war and aggression can be curbed . . . The French government reacted favourably principle to the proposal of the Warsaw Treaty nations. It spoke up, specifically, in favour of calling an all-European conference . .



wider deal

Part of a

for the European continent, on a new basis, in conditions of mutual trust. This is logical and realistic. To regard such a conference only as a showy ceremony

W German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel and Soviet Foreign Minister

Thursday night.

Andrei Gromyko who initialled the pact between their two countries on

'MORNING STAR' Foreign Editor Sam Russell, who in a recent article came out blatantly in favour of a sellout to Zionism in the Middle East, yesterday displayed great caution in a feature on Cuba's economic probl ms.

# Witch-

Saturday, August 8, 1970

# hunters, rebels, raincoats in Wilson honours

AS I understand it, I have to pick a title, but I hope that to everybody I will simply remain George Brown,' said the new Belper Baron yesterday.

Socialists, however, can think of more suitable appellations for this veteran rightwinger.

Trade unionists will long remember him as the man whose activities as Economics Minister opened the way for anti-union legisla-

He also deserves a place of honour for his My Lai massacre comment: 'Stop the weeping!'.

But he would certainly figure in a Young Socialists' Honours List for his heroic work as chairman of the Labour Party's Organization Sub-committee in 1962-1964.

In this capacity, he was in charge of the hunting down of Trotskyists in the Labour Party.

Other names on Wilson's resignation roll of honour read like a witch-hunter's reunion.

Here is Alice Bacon, a new life peer, who was promi-nent as an expeller of leftwingers back in the 1950s, using Stalinist material when it helped her purpose.

Dame of the British Empire, Sarah Barker, was pro-moted from Labour Party Assistant National Agent to National Agent after ridding the Party ranks of a record number of elements'. 'subversive

Sir Harry Nicholas, as we must learn to call him, was also an enthusiastic Trotskyist-hunter long before he became Labour Party Secretary.

While representing the Transport and General Workers' Union on the Labour Party Executive in 1959, he moved the proscription of the Socialist Labour League, and its paper 'The News-

to terms at precisely the time when Nasser accepts the Rogers Middle-East plan, talks with Franco letter'. But next to the witch-hunters, the honours list contains the names of several one-time rebels and 'lefts'. begin on Soviet diplomatic recognition of Spain and the new and allegedly 'dovish'

Joining so many other former radicals in the House of Lords, Jennie Lee, once the youthful terror of the Independent Labour Party, becomes a baroness.

How many fiery speeches against the ruling class and its decoration of those who serve them has she dis. claimed in her time?

Perhaps she will recall them

when she meets in the Lords her old colleague of

Bevanite days, Anthony Greenwood.

He moved from being a leader

of Campaign for Nuclear

Disarmament marches and chairman of the Movement

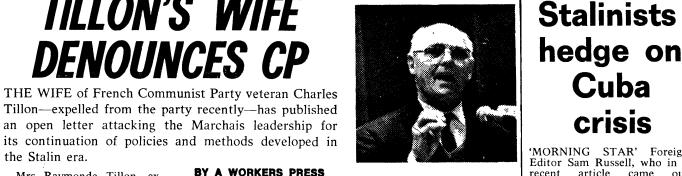
for Colonial Freedom to the

position of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs.

Neither a right-wing witch-

His contribution to the Labour

hunter nor a domesticated 'left' is Sir Joseph Kagan.



The same broadcast --- a

dispatch from Paris pub-

lished in 'Isvestia' of August

-emphasized that 'those

taking part would be able

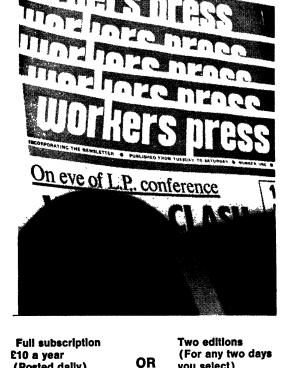
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quickly problems that con-

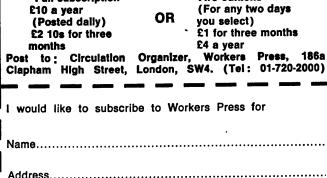




The French CP leaders are [a law concerning the deportation of French labour to



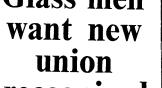
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**BIG PENN LOSSES** Penn Central, the giant US railway company, now in the process of bankruptcy re-organization, lost \$105 million in the second quarter of 1970 This brings the first half-year loss to \$123 million, compared with a net income of \$26 million a year earlier. A former Penn Central executive, David C. Bevan, told a Senate sub-committee in Washington that, without government loan guarantees, finance needed to keep the railway operating would not be available.

It was Nixon's withdrawal of a promised Federal loan that led to Penn's June bankruptcy decision.



# recognized

GLASSWORKERS at Pilkingtons in St Helens, Lancs, are out on strike until tomorrow at the earliest for recognition of their newly-formed Glass and General Workers' Union.

The union, claiming 4,000 membership was formed after seven-week unofficial strike earlier this year as a breakaway from the General and Municipal Workers' Union

The GMWU originally had all 8,400 production workers at St Helens in membership. Since the stoppage of April and May none of the pro-blems facing the St Helens

workers have been resolved The government inquiry which reported in June threw its weight behind the GMWU and opposed any breakaway. It also called for the rapid

implementation of changes in wages structure, including job evaluation and other measures which increased the redundancy threat. Pilkington has adamantly

refused to recognize the new union. The union had already called for a work-to-rule when the suspension of one of its members Eamonn Topping led to a walk-out of 250 workers on Thursday. Topping was suspended after a disagreement over a

work sheet and insisted that he should be represented by a glass union officer. The management refused

and has sent letters to the 250 strikers threatening dismissal if they failed to report for work at their next normal shift time. The battle is on again. The

strikers must have the full support of all St Helens workers and particularly those in the GMWU.

at P&O McKinsey THE P&O Shipping Com-British

pany has hired the management consultants firm, McKinsey & Co to examine its working operations. Rationalization in the ship-ping industry on the basis of modernization is seen by the employers as a logical extension of the Devlin

docks scheme. It was the McKinsey Report of 1967 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 Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.

agreed upon with the Yveton branch tramples the Waldeck Rochet declaration of August 21, 1968 [against the Kremlin invasion of Czechoslovakia] underfoot.

Mrs Raymonde Tillon, ex-

pelled from the Aix-en-

#### Hypocritical

charge

'The

'The charge proclaims throughout that the only right for a Communist Party member is agreement with the servile politics of the Bilak-Indra-Husak group. You ex-pelled Charles Tillon because, faithful to his past and the principles of socialist internationalism, he has had the duty since 1968 to oppose the deceptions of leaders who

have always depended—some willingly, others for material gain—on the Soviet state apparatus.

reduced, because of this servility, to hypocritical Nazi Germany.] declarations. Odious 'This is the main reason

why the leadership feels itself threatened by the view that it should break from this servility to make possible a political union of all left forces, a unity which would not be merely an electoral trick. [Probably a reference to the Stalinist policy of seeking election pacts with the leaders of the right-wing

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

'This continual deception of the Party rank and file has led the Political Bureau to wall itself off miserably in the lies and distorations of Marchais, who avowed in 1970 that he was a Party worker in Germany from 1942 before the introduction of the law on the STO of February 1943

French Socialist Party.] the

in turn cover up for the political bureau "according to the procedure".' Her letter ends: 'Those who today are with Marchais group know

that if I remained a communist in the death camps [together with her husband, Mrs Tillon was arrested by the Nazis for her resistance work], I will remain in solidarity with all the communists, in Czechoslovakia as in France, who struggle for the unity of all the forces fighting to defeat the new spirit of resignation and submissiveness that is hostile to freedom of all peoples who want to be-come their own masters to

take on the future.' Mrs Tillon's indictment will doubtless deepen the crisis of not only French but Czech Stalinism, which has already been forced to intervene actively in the Garaudy and Artur London affairs.

#### Risk

As the second anniversary of the Kremlin invasion approaches, the last thing either Party leadership wants is an internationalist appeal those fighting Stalinism

in Czechoslovakia. Mrs Tillon, like her husband, was prepared to risk Party membership for her such a principle — a stand that contrasts vividly with the total silence of the British Stalinists.

#### WEATHER

**London Area, SE and central southern England, E Midlands:** Cloudy with rain at first. Becom-ing dry with sunny spells during the day. Near normal. Max. 23C (73F).

**Sw. NW and central northern England, Midlands, Channel Islands:** Dull and misty at first. Sunny spells during the afternoon. Warm. Max. 23C (73F). Edinburgh, Glasgow Area, N Ire-land: Dull and misty at first. Sunny spells during the afternoon. Warm. Max. 20C (68F).

Math. Max. 20C (08F). Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Mostly dry with sunny spells in the South. Some rain or showers with freshening westerly winds over Scotland and N Ireland will spread southwards later. Temper-atures near normal. tainly soon come to a halt if the strike had continued.

fidence on the fate of the Palestinians because of Nas-Her letter, she continues, appears 'at a time when, under the cover of a demand for silence, the leadership is ser's recent two week stay in Moscow, where the Egyptian leader was groomed organizing the odious cam-paign in the Party against for his central role in forcing the Rogers plan on the rest of the Arab world. Charles Tillon (whose expulsion was studiously prepared for a year) to cover up for The Kremlin has not yet central committee which spoken on Castro's latest difficulties, which were outfaced with the accomplished fact [of Tillon's expulsion] will lined in his speech to the

Havana July 26 anniversary meeting. So Russell contents himself with reproducing large chunks

of Castro's speech. Can it be that a new purge of the old Stalinist apparatus is being prepared in Cuba and both the Kremlin and British Communist Party leadership are getting ready to cut adrift from the Cuban leader-ship should Castro use certain Stalinists as scapegoats for the regimes economic blunders?

Wages too

high-Carr

But mouths are being worn

firmly buttoned at both the CBI and the DEP about what happens if this policy fails.

After an earlier scene-setting

economic round-up of Con-servative policy from Treasury

level and frequency of rises. 'Ministers felt it was very

difficult', a Departmental spokesman said after the 75-

minute meeting, 'to justify settlements at intervals of less

state-board chiefs—that pay rises be fully matched by cost-

cutting and productivity deal

owned industries. CBI leaders Partridge -

They also welcomed Carr's

planned talks with TUC gene-ral secretary Victor Feather and chairman Sir Sidney

Green next Tuesday. The Congress's full econo-

mic committee will meet Tory

chancellor Anthony Barber the following day.

than 12 months.'

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bureaucracy can free its 'Star' readers might ask whether Russell was able to hands for a fight against the working class and oppositionist intellectuals at pronounce with such conhome. This, and not the preser-

vation of 'peace', is the goal of the Stalinist bureaucracy.



would, in fact, signify the complete distortion of its

Ulbricht regime, which has

more to lose by such a deal than any other Stalinist government, has been forced

to adopt a more optimistic

tone in its coverage of the pact talks and the prospects

It is not accidental that Brandt and Kosygin come

Nixon diplomat Bruce takes

up his post at the Paris peace talks on Vietnam.

The Kremlin pact with

Brandt is therefore part of

at a lasting settlement with

imperialism, so that the

a larger strategy to arrive

a European Security

the stubborn

meaning'.

Even

Conference.

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pressure for the hated Special Powers Act is an indication just how far the successive policies of the Labour and Tory governments have strengthened the hand of the extreme right. Meanwhile, the Communist

Party confines itself to pleading with Heath to 'introduce democracy over the heads of the Ulster Unionists'.

government was to head Kagan Textiles, manufacturers of the Gannex raincoat. His top model. Harold Wilson. is no longer quite as prominent in world affairs as he used to be, so per-haps his knighthood is some compensation.



A SOCIALIST LABOUR LEAGUE PAMPHLET PRICE GU

Available from 186a, Clapham High Street, SW4

Transport Docks Board which projected the possibility of the near elimination of the docker

majority of the five depots

involved — four in London

and the main brewery in

Recommendation

Luton-agreed to a return.

local productivity deals be-ing used to introduce the Devlin scheme are already agreements.

from port work over the next 10 to 15 years. Parallel agreements to the

appearing on ships in the form of General Purpose

past four years and struck against just as many times'. Unacceptable They explained that the

#### The feeling among the Luton men was absolutely firm against the manage-ment's demands which, as Shop stewards from the five centres met on Thursday and agreed to recom-mend a return after being one picket told Workers Press yesterday, 'we've heard several times over the told that the company had withdrawn the letters sent to each striker stating that the stoppage was a breach of contract and threatening to withhold wages.

The draymen are claiming £30 10s for drivers and £27

for 'trouncers' — mates, giving increases of up to £3

deal's 13 clauses were completely unacceptable, especially the proposed sacking of six men at each of the depots involved and the doubling-up of the loads which would bring very

## heavy full barrels on the lorries to above the unloaders' heads. Luton pickets said drivers bringing supplies into the



Luton brewery and four London depots yesterday voted to return to work on Monday after hearing that the firm's productivity and redundancy proposals would not now be included in the forthcoming pay talks. Shop steward Mr Alec Randell told the Luton pay talks could not begin until their productivity meeting yesterday morning that negotiations would begin on Monday if a strings had been accepted.

Whitbread men

force back

#### DRAYMEN at Whitbread's 'strings' BY A CORRESPONDENT The management also gave way on its stand that

a week.