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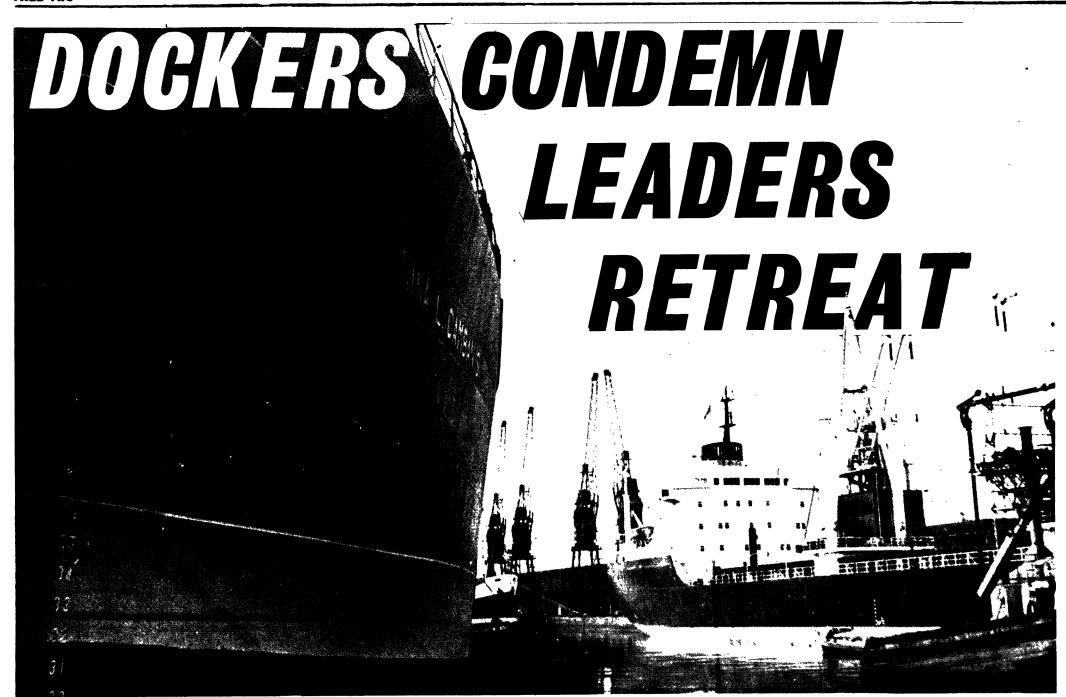
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Jones wouldn't face the issue. Although he was fully aware that it was a political struggle, he wouldn't accept it -either because he couldn't or because he had ulterior motives of another kind.

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As I said, the shop stewards were aware of the position but they still led us back and they never spoke against Jones or anyone else.

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The people that want the scheme are in the minority. So I can't possibly see Phase Two going in.

But it'll be the employers' job to force it in at the first opportunity because the longer they wait the more it will cost and in the end the rest of the workers will realize that its certainly no good to them. It won't come in at any price. So that the policy now is to crunch it in at the first opportunity.

WHAT will be the effect of Devlin Phase Two on the Royal Group?

FOR a year or two, perhaps it won't make a great deal of difference.

It's the rest of the country I think they're aiming at. But it will end up with nine in ten redundancies. Nine in ten men will be out of work by 1975. You'll have no bargaining

power whatsoever, it'll be a Measured-Day Work stroke, but it'll give them collosal tonnages.

For years and years we've worked on piecework, and the cheapest type of worker is the pieceworker.

We've had to get along with inadequate gear, dilapidated places of work, old-fashioned got to switch over quick. Until they do get Phase Two in and they get us at this Measured-Day Work they can't possibly introduce new

But now they've realized

renew them we'll be in a posi-

tion where we can do vast

Whereas in the past the em-

ployer wanted you to do piece-

work for nothing an hour -

once we stopped we were

virtually off pay—we're coming

to an era now where we can

work at a casual stroke and do

colossal tonnages, so they've

tonnages.

YOUR UNION is opposed to the introduction of Devlin. How do you think they will fight on this question?

WELL, as I say, most people only get the leadership they deserve. I've got faith in Newman.* He's still new to the job and he's only feeling his feet. It's quite a job he's got on his hands.

But I believe he'll realize that this is the be all and end

If we lose this one we might as well give up. So I think he'll take it to its extreme, if the men'll go behind him in

this thing. I think its a fight to the finish. But then again we've got the might of the transport union leaders. That'll have a disastrous effect if they retreat on Phase Two as they retreated on this basic wage thing.

So although I've got faith in Newman, I'm afraid the T&G could retreat again.

WHAT IS the attitude of the Royal Docks shop stewards to the Devlin proposals?

THEY DIDN'T like the idea of losing this basic wage struggle. They looked rather sick when it was announced that it had gone against us — that they'd accepted the Pearson

Report and were going back as from Monday.

They looked physically sick, the shop stewards that are supposed to be representing us, but they still said, 'Well, OK, that's it, we'll go back Mon-

day.'
Well, I don't think it really carries a lot of weight, what they say and what they do now. If they're told to go back to work, I'm afraid they might just do that.

They did it on Pearson, they could do it on Devlin Stage

I can't explain why they went into such a somersault. It's bad no matter how you look at it.

HOW DO you see the development of alternative political leadership on the docks? I THINK the Workers Press

made a very good case during the strike.

I've always been to the left. I've never been in the Communist Party. I've never quite known why, but perhaps things are coming to light now that are making me know why.

They'll go for anything they can get provided there's no effort involved. But if it's going to cause any sort of trouble, they change their minds and negotiate later. But its always later rather

than sooner. They duck all the main issues. There's a strong Commun-

ist Party element in the Royal Group, but I haven't seen anything great from them. Over this Pearson Report,

which they themselves were against, they still advised us to return to work. I'm afraid I'm not all that inclined to accept them. If

our leadership is this type of communism, then that's something I don't ever want. I want something to represent the workers, and this Workers Press has put a good case all along the line and if

anything my money is on them. *NAS&D acting general secre-

spoke to Transport and General Workers' steward Jack Abbott— (on left) one of those who opposed recommending a return to work on the Pearson formula ten days ago.



scheme.

HOW DO you feel about the ending of the strike and the return to work?

WE HAVE to admit that it was a retreat.

I think what happened was that, with the Tory government in power, the employers put up a hard and solid front and backed the union leadership down. But if we'd stayed out longer—even if the troops had been used — the resolve of the men would have hardened.

Iones and O'Leary have lost a lot of prestige on this dock through their handling of the

dispute. The Liverpool delegates voted 100 per cent to continue the strike: none of us wanted to go back. It was only the smaller ports that saw the £20 fall-back as something good and it was they who led the

We really haven't got anything out of the strike.

DO YOU think this means the employers are now going to press more confidently for the implementation of Devlin Phase

Two? THERE'LL be no agreement over productivity deals in this

The employers have put out a 42-page document on Phase Two in reply to our demand for £60 for 20 hours for working Devlin.

Let me tell you, when I read this document I thought it must have been written for a joke or something.

No one on Merseyside could possibly accept this deal. 60-for-20 is the only way we can deal with this shiftworking and the other provisions they want to introduce -price them out.

Of course, if we get those hours we'd need twice the number of people there'd be

otherwise under containerization—and you could absorb all the present labour force. The £60 is actually based

on the average earnings now for what the employers tell us is the present average tonnage: 15 tons an hour. In fact on the present rates containerization should give us

about £60 an hour, but-not to be too greedy-we've said we'll settle for that for the whole week!

What we're really after is some of the fruits of produc-

But the whole of Devlin Phase Two is really completely unacceptable. You've got this massive document there, and —one thing I object to—they seem to have broken their necks not to mention shop stewards; they keep calling them 'workpeople's representatives' and the like.

This goes on right up to Clause 21, when they mention senior stewards. But they would just be puppets, there to make sure everyone abides by the agreement.

AND IF they don't?

THEN THE management would have the power to do

WHAT about the discip-

linary clauses in the document? THEY CAN have you up on charges for negligence in a way

have a witness. And then there's the discipline imposed under the Measured-Day Work system. I don't go along with that at

that virtually takes away a

man's democratic right to

You can't treat people as a block -- which is what the employers want to do. They take a fast rate of working and call it the average which others have to reach.

I don't agree with piecework, but what's happening here is now that dockers are making a bit of a go of it the employers are saying it's got to be abolished.

They're trying to get us to attend courses to hear about

Method - Time Measurement

Systems. The danger is that in the little two-page sheet they've given you're going to get £35 a week for almost nothing.

The shop stewards have rejected these proposals and I can't in all seriousness see it being accepted in this port.

The £35 is for anyone who can do any job—but what about the men who are not completely fit?

If you read it carefully you can see that what they're aiming at is just to throw the older and the injured men on the scrapheap and use the younger ones. Light-duty men will be on just £27.

HAS any progress been made towards implementing the sort of promises on working conditions the employers were making when Phase One was introduced?

THERE HASN'T been much progress on the amenity blocks they were supposed to set up under Phase One of Devlin.

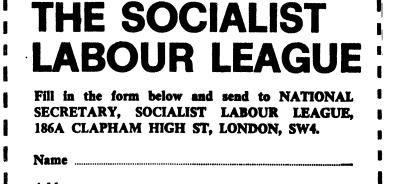
The ridiculous thing is that they've got one for the banana berth-and you don't get much dirt off bananas!-while for the men working fish-meal there's still absolutely nothing.

HAVE YOU any comment to make about the conduct of the strike leadership?

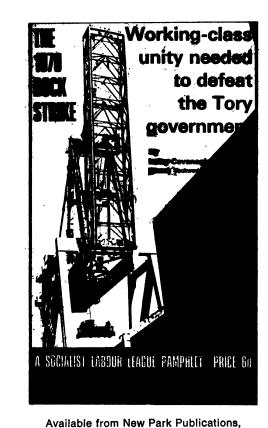
I'VE LOST a lot of faith in Jack Jones over this whole business. He's general secretary of the biggest union in the country and he never needed to go to the employers like he did—coming on television like that, telling us to stay at work and pleading for a meeting with Tonge. And he should have rejected

the inquiry outright without recalling the delegate conference. The employers are certainly

going to take advantage of the situation they've got now.



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REVIEW BY DAVID BARNES

Making revolution in one's head

IT WAS because they were unable to achieve a revolution in reality, Marx says, that the Germans made one within their heads. The impotence of the

German bourgeoisie, at a time when the French revolution was decapitating the king and laying waste the old order, was reflected in the amazing power and inventiveness of German philosophers when the 18th century was becoming the

Gunter Grass is the inheritor of that impotence—and of a little of that inventiveness, but now grown sour and over-ingenious.

The Plebeians Rehearse the Uprising' is intended to be a play erected on a dilemma — that of the intellectual 'defining his position' in relation to the

'Dilemma'

But the 'dilemma' is the playwright's own construction, and one moreover in which he finds himself entirely at home.

'The Plebeians' is set in East Berlin, on June 17, 1953. On that day the uprising against the Ulbricht regime, which had started when the con-

struction workers of the Stalin-allee led a demonstration against increased work norms, reached its height in a general strike, involving many other parts of E Germany.

Without any political lead, and with the W German trade union leaders refusing to give support, the workers were attacked by Russian tanks and martial law was imposed. After fierce street-fighting in

Berlin the insurrection was defeated. Hundreds were shot, including men in the Red Army who had refused to attack when ordered. Stalinism regained control and

the western powers discreetly wiped their brows.

Grass — who, though broadminded, recognizes that his stage

Costello. 5.50 News and weather.

The Salvation Army.

11.30 POSTSCRIPT. 11.35 Weather.

All regions as BBC 1 except:

Midlands and E Anglia: 6.00-6.45
Your region tonight: Look East,
weather. Nationwide. 10.00-10.30
Contact. Monty Python's flying
circus. 11.37 News, weather.
North of England: 6.00-6.45 Your
region tonight: Look North, weather.
Nationwide. 10.00-10.30 Monty
Python's flying circus. Look North
for the Great North Road Show.
11.37 News, weather.
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Wales today, weather. Nationwide.

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.30 p.m. NEWS and weather.

Miss Frances MacRae'.

York City and then loses him

10.45 NEWS and weather. 10.50 LINE-UP.

BBC 2

REGIONAL BBC

6.45 Z CARS. 'Weekend With Sally'. Part two.

8.00 GOOD OLD DAYS. Old-time music hall.

10.00 MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS.

7.10 HIPPODROME CIRCUS. Great Yarmouth.

6.00 LONDON. Nationwide.

8.50 NEWS and weather.

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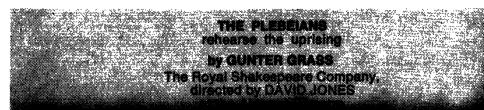
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would be overcrowded if he were to admit the political revotheatre.
With doubtful honesty he - takes us to another Brecht's Berliner Ensemble are

rehearsing his adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Coriolanus'. A delegation of workers arrives, asking Brecht to support them and write a mani-

Endlessly he prevaricates, questioning, provoking, examining the workers, deceiving them and himself to get material for his

stage.
And at the end the revolution is suppressed while Brecht (whom Grass thinly simulates as 'The Boss') laments his inability to take its side—'Condemned to live forever with voices in my

Grass has no scruples about

6.45-7.10 Heddiw. 10.00-10.25 Z cars. 10.25-10.30 Not strictly folk. 11.37

Weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland.
Nationwide. 11.30-11.50 Scottish
viewpoint. 11.50 News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six,
weather. Nationwide. 11.37 News,

weather.

South and West: 6.00-6.45 Your region tonight: Points West. South today. Spotlight South-West, weather. Nationwide. 10.00-10.30 Monty Python's flying circus. See it my way. 11.37 News, weather.

12.25-1.25 p.m. Cymanfa ganu. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53

News and weather. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Mole and the Rocket. 4.45

Dusty of the circus. 4.55 Animal magic. 5.20 Shazzan! 5.44 Abbott and

9.10 'THE DEVIL TAKES THE YOUNGEST'. Tuesday's documentary.

8.00 SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S SHERLOCK HOLMES. 'The

8.50 LOOK STRANGER. 'Patterns in the sky-the two worlds of

2.35 p.m. Journey of a lifetime. 2.50 The young approach. 3.50 F

troop. 4.17 Enchanted house. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Bright's boffins.

7.00 FILM: 'The Bandit of Zhobe'. With Victor Mature, Anthony

10.30 REPORT. 'Europe: The Great Debate'. Ludovic Kennedy intro-

Newley and Anne Aubrey. The chieftain of Zhobe vows ven-

PREMIERE. 'Who Killed Merri-Ann?'. With Dennis Weaver. A

US marshal escorts his prisoner from New Mexico to New

11.05 WORLD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR LEICESTER.

distinguishing history

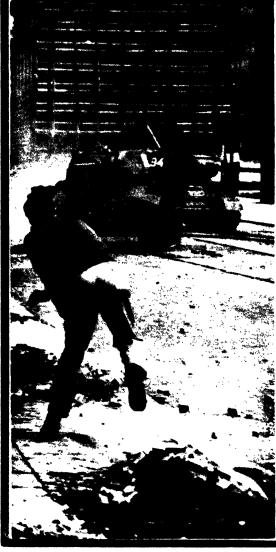
tells us he didn't 'intend to write a documentary play about the way Brecht behaved', despite the fact that 'The Boss' unmistakably Brecht and does him, in clever cynicism, a snide injustice. But let us leave the real

Brecht out of this.

Grass's interest, a note tells us, is not in Brecht but in 'The Situation . . . of the poet and intellectual who does not come to grips with the political reality he has so often invoked'.

Looked at that way the situation is complex enough. Reflected in Grass's intellec-

tualism and through three layers of literary allusion it becomes



IN NOOSES: NICHOLAS EMRYS JAMES-THE BOSS. RIGHT: EAST BERLIN JUNE

Volscians put him to death.

class-conscious plebians'.

Bertold

BRECHT

Grass's Brecht is adapting the

The Berlin workers are to be

models for them, and they in

turn are to interpret the workers. He greets those who inter-

rupt his rehearsal and keeps

them waiting around while he wrestles with his 'dilemma':

Straight walls — straight sentences. Who can build them with-

out difficulty? A minute ago I thought a manifesto was shaping up; but now that I say its

For art must not let itself be hurried by life. And if art must kid life along for its own

ends, so much the worse.

And if at the end life kicks

art on one side, could anything

When, irate, the worker propose to string The Boss and his assistant up from their own

props, they extricate themselves

by relating 'the fable of the belly' from Coriolanus.

away with the belly—a useless parasite, 'idle and inactive',

loing nothing but take the food

they themselves have sweated to

belly cautions them: 'I am the

store-house and the shop of the

whole body. I send out cargoes

of nourishment to all you other

parts, yielding a full account of

all that comes to me. I keep

If you hang me you will hang

yourselves at the same time. So beware, for so it is with the state. And the other members,

being warned, spare him.
You see? So sophisticated is

their predicament that only sop-

necks but nothing can ease their

because they survive.

The Boss's indecision, on

Story-telling can save their

And our hearts bleed for them

nothing but the waste.

histries can save them.

spiritual agonies.

Eager to preserve himself, the

produce.

The other limbs decide to do

over it smacks of elegy.'

be more artlessly artful?

'You build walls. I write.

play to set 'Coriolanus' against

SELBY-ERWIN (left) AND 1953: STONĘS WERE THROWN AT SOVIET TANKS BY WORKERS.

Shakespeare's 'Coriolanus' is a military hero, a Roman patrician who despises the common people but becomes Consul when he captures Corioli from the Volsci-

When he refuses to ease the shortage of grain the plebians rebel and he is forced into exile. 'The Plebeians' is, in fact, a He goes over to the Volscians, and leads them against Rome. But his mother persuades him nothingness. not to attack the city, and the

It's the outgrowth of that section of the intelligentsia which seeks in the struggle of classes a nostrum for their own uncer-

Watching it, my mind was carried behind the stage to the workers of E Europe and the Soviet Union whose real task it

In June 1953 they almost immediately passed beyond the questions of the work norms (important enough in them-selves) to call for the resignation

But there was no support (though all sorts of agents were

The Berlin uprising pointed the way for the Hungarian Workers' Councils and the political revolution in Czechoslova Learning from these bitter

At the same time (a fact with which Grass's Brecht has great

fun) they insisted on the legality

of their demands, 'being careful not to walk on the municipal

experiences and joining hands with the revolutionary struggles in the West the workers of E Europe will forge the strength to put an end to Stalinism once and for all.

But they will get no support from Gunter Grass, who is a fervent supporter of Willy Brandt. 'I have no ideology, no worldview. The last one I had fell

apart when I was 17 years old.' The programme biographer describes him, doubtless with his approval, as 'dedicated with single-minded fanaticism to the cause of moderation'.

It is social-democratic 'moderation' that revels in the convulsions of the intelligentsia and stands aside for Stalinism to strangle the revolution. But the German revolution will

find an appropriate fate for him. 'Take eloquence,' as a French-man once suggested, 'and wring its neck'.

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FABIAN DREAM

NOW THAT the Labourites porters (and dependent on the have settled comfortably into the opposition benches with a good view of the Tory government on the rampage, the time has come to write a few memoirs, edit a journal or two or even become a lord of the realm.

No doubt it helps to pass the time and keeps the wolves away from the door.

In any case, it is a time for (some) truth—when a little of the goings-on behind the scenes and a certain amount of soul-searching is made available to the outside world. Mr R. H. S. Crossman — Dick to his friends—obviously

enjoyed government. Speaking to a recent meet-

ng of the Central London Fabian Society on 'The Future for Labour', the ex-Minister of Health and Social Security went on at great length about how pampered he was as a member of Wilson's govern-

His middle-class audience, packed into the inadequate Oak Room at Holborn's Kingsway Hall, guffawed and chuckled at his performance.

'Like the Queen, I never got wet,' he said, 'I didn't even know about the Victoria Line. There was a stratospheric separation from reality.' Nevertheless, mused R.H.S.,

it's a good system'.

Lots of helpful civil servants waiting to draft legislation for you, based on your election manifesto. In fact this seemed Crossman's main argument for having a programme

If you stray from definite policies, 'you find yourself committed to idiocies and you have to carry them out. That's the penalty of democracy.

'The Prices and Incomes Act, the Industrial Relations Bill were not part of the manifesto and we had a little

rouble with it. Clearly R.H.S. and his colleagues were more worried about trouble with 'their' civil servants than with the work-

However, while defending a Labour government's right to be independent of its sup-

civil service), he had to admit that there was some opposition to the Labour Party becoming a 'party of government'.

'The labour movement would never be content if we were to constitute ourselves as a party of government. We were sent there [parliament] to carry out what is referred to as so-called socialist change.

What this strange animal was he wasn't quite sure.

'I'm not an economist', he admitted, 'and I know little about public ownership. We did not find the secret of a rapidly - expanding economy with a balance of payments surplus.

'We had the highest level of unemployment for 40 yearswas this inevitable? If so we had better abandon some of our socialist principles and say so openly.'

Having said so openly for some years, the remark seemed superfluous!

'We tried and we failed,' he said ambiguously. However, it was up to others to criticize. 'We're not likely to make

objective criticisms about ourselves. The NEC cannot look at its record.' Yet he ventured his opinion

that 'I don't think organization was responsible for the last election. I don't think that the nationalization of steel was anything but a liability in terms of votes.

'I was in favour of a sharp immigration policy. Callaghan handled it with supreme skill. We stopped the people coming

These remarks evoked scarcely a murmur from the audience.

Not even Crossman's astounding statement that had the Labourites won the election, they would have run out of ideas in two years, disturbed the fossilized Fabians. Think of that — only two years away from socialism!

Of course, the working class got hardly a mention (even though 48,000 dockers happened to be on strike at the time) and the Fabians moved out into the evening air to the inspiring rally cry: 'Third time lucky!'

The bureaucrats tremble

AS THE SECOND anniversary of the Kremlin invasion of Czechoslovakia on August 20-21 approaches, the Husak regime has launched a concerted press and radio campaign against those workers who took strike action against the invasion.

As reported in last Thursday's Workers Press, the threat of even passive resistance to the regime has forced the Stalinists to reveal details of the movement in 1968 which were previously unknown. Prague Home Service on

August I reported the activities of one strike committee set up in the Vitkov uranium mines to organize resistance to the invasion forces. According to the broadcast,

the strikers issued the following appeal to fellow workers: 'Dear comrades, we inform

you that we, workers of the Vitkov II mine of the uranium mines in W Bohemia, yesterday started a general strike under the following condi-'1. We are not willing to

deliver a single gramme of our uranium to those who have attacked and occupied us. '2. As soon as the situation

becomes normal again and the full activity of all elected State and Party organs is secured, we shall compensate for all shifts lost through the strike, in such a way that all damage caused to our national economy will be made up completely. We shall secure the fulfilment of all planned

tasks and of the plan as such. '3. We believe that, if the normal activity of the State and Party organs is not restored and the occupation of our fatherland continues, our uranium shall not serve the occupiers.'

active. They arrived on August 21, 1968, to see the chairman of the district national committee, Comrade Kozlik and told him that the official radio has broadcast information about Comrade Kozlik being a collaborator with the occupiers. 'They asked him to accom-

pany them to the shaft, where a meeting of the all-enterprise strike committee was taking 'There, representatives of

the enterprise attacked him sharply and asked him to repudiate publicly the entry of Warsaw armies. 'Comrade Kozlik, on whom

the attention of the fanatic crowd [this is how the Husak regime speaks of the Czech working class!] in Tachov was centred, was forced in the end to speak in this spirit on the wireless . . . Dubcek's return—then as

the leader of a collaborationist regime — politically disorientated the growing strike movement, which was clearly not confined to the uranium mines or W Bohemia.

With Dubcek and his supporters disgraced, there is now only Husak and the ultra-Stalinists around Bilak and Strougal between the Kremlin's forces and the Czech working

Despite the slanders and the purge which has decimated the ranks of the Czech Communist Party, the working class refuses to accept the Soviet occupation or to collaborate with the invaders. As more and more details

are released, the prostration of the revisionists before Dubcek in 1968 is revealed as completely treacherous. Every detail vindicates the

stand of the Socialist Labour League from that time to this. Not surprisingly, the leaders of the British Communist Party maintain their despicable

group of workers of

11.30 WORLD OF CRIME. 'The Lessons of Crime'. 12.00 midnight 'J. S. Bach: Genius or Hack?'. REGIONAL ITV

5.20 Country boys. 5.50 News.

6.30 GHOST AND MRS MUIR.

geance on the British.

9.00 SPECIAL BRANCH. 'Inside'.

8.30 NEVER SAY DIE. 'Goodbye, Mr Bridge'.

duces a debate on the Common Market.

CHANNEL: 4.30 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Police file. 6.15 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'Meet Me After the Show'. With Betty Grable and Rory Calhoun. 8.30 London. 11.25 Gazette. 11.30 Les francais chez vous. 11.45 Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 4.25 News, 4.27 Gus Honeybun, 6.00 Diary, 11.30 Faith for life, 11.35 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.40 Film: 'Robbery Under Arms'. With Peter

Finch, Ronald Lewis, Maureen Swanson and David McCallum. Cattle-rustling in Australian outback in the 1860s. 8.30 The Worker. 9.00 London. 11.30 News. 11.40 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 4.25 Women today. 4.49 Diane's magic theatre. 4.55 London. 6.01 Report. 6.10 Parkin's patch. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Champions. 8.00 Mr and Mrs. 8.30 London. 11.30 Underwater swimming. Midnight weather. HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.23-4.25, 6.01-6.35 Scene West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 10.30 Interview. 11.00 Y dydd. 11.30 Dan sylw. 12.05 Weather. HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01 Y dydd. 6.30-6.35 Report Wales. 10.30 Dan sylw. 11.00 Danger man.

ANGLIA: 4.30 Newsroom. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'The Ship That Died of Shame'. With Richard Attenborough, George Baker and Virginia McKenna. A ship is bought by some of its war-time crew and used in a smuggling venture. 8.25 London. 11.30 Letters from the dead. 11.58 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 4.00 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.50 Catweazle. 5.15 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Western: "Thunder Over the Plains'. With Randolph Scott. 8.25 London. 11.30 Legends of the West, weather.

ULSTER: 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Mona McCluskey. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Tarzan and the Leopard Woman'. 8.30 London. 11.30, Parkin's

YORKSHIRE: 3.30 All about riding. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Tingha and Tucker. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.05 Gun-smoke. 7.00 'Girl Happy'. With Elvis Presley. 8.30 London. 11.30 All our yesterdays. Midnight weather.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Short story. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 News-room. 6.10 All our yesterdays. 6.40 Laughter makers. 8.25 London. 11.15 Four just men.

TYNE TEES: 4.10 Newsroom. 4.15 My three sons. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.25 Where the jobs are. 6.30 Joe. 7.00 Film: 'The Astonished Heart'. With Noel Coward and Celia Johnson. A couple happily married for 12 years take each other for granted until another woman comes along. 8.30 London. 11.30 News. 11.45 Variations on a theme of hands.

BORDER: 4.10 News. 4.12 Telephone game. 4.40 Origami, 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Along the Great Divide'. With Kirk Douglas, Virginia Mayo, John Agar and Walter Brennan. Five men and a girl make their way across the Mojave desert. 8.30 London. 11.30 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 4.15 London, 6.00 Summer scene, 6.30 Telephone game, 7.00 Movie, 8.25 London, 10.30 Report, 11.30 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 4.25 Survival. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather, farming news. 6.15 Vintage comics. 6.35 Crossroads. 6.55 Movie: 'The Tin Star', 8.25 Bothy nichts. 9.00 London. 11.30 A kind of living.

which he is crucified at the end, was in the first place a ploy that he deliberately adopted. Before he can get entangled in his problems he must first manuthem his own problems.

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BY PETER JEFFRIES

'Police'

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'peace-keeping' mission in the Middle East.

This is going to be the pattern of the 1970s as far as imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracies are concerned. If Nixon and the Kremlin have their way, Vietnam and the whole of Indo-China will be subjected to the same

In the interests of an imperialist - imposed 'peace', the struggle of the colonial peoples for national liberation and socialism is betrayed with the full approval of the Soviet bureaucracy.

In favour

British Stalinist thinking is completely in favour of this strategy, as is evident from Monday's 'Morning Star' headline, which reports the Zionist bombing raid without condemning it.

And if the 'Star' refuses to condemn the Zionist attacks on guerrilla bases today, then will most certainly not oppose actions against them by any projected Soviet-US force in the future.

Blueprint

What the Stalinists and imperialists are trying to force through in the Middle East is blueprint for counterrevolution throughout the world—including Europe.

But defeat for the Kremlin-Nixon deal in the Middle East

will disrupt these plans. That is why every socialist, trade unionist and Communist Party member must compel the entire labour movement to speak and act against this Stalinist betrayal of the Arab revolution and surrender of the Nasserites to Zionism.

A NEW STAGE in the struggle for the pickings left on the bones of Investors Overseas Services Ltd has been reached with the announcement by former chairman Mr Bernard Cornfeld that he intends to regain control of the company.

A measure of the confidence

now existing in IOS's future can be judged from the advice given by Patrick Hutber, 'The Sunday Telegraph's' City

editor, to all Dover Plan shareholders to immediately

sell their holdings even if this

IOS's second leading mutual trust concern, Fund of Funds,

now appears to be near break-

ing point.
Faced with a flood of

demands for cash redemptions,

its directors have announced

that all liquid assets are to be

frozen for at least two

worth of Fund of Funds -

hived off into a separate con-

Given its peculiar account-

ing techniques and the nature

of its ties with many other

Cornfeld claims that he already has over half the preference shareholdings tied up in 'proxy' votes and will have the necessary two-thirds majority at some point during the coming week.

Cornfeld's plan to 'save' the company had earlier been rejected by the existing board from which he was removed last May.

Its main component was a scheme to build an American 'cinema city' where film companies could lease sets and buy equipment.

Cornfeld also claims promised loans from the Hyatt Corporation of California, who are also involved in the cinema venture.

Few IOS shareholders and certainly no bankers will be impressed by this latest show of 'support'. Not one leading American or European banker has come forward with any concrete assistance for IOS over the last three months.

Nor are these hard-faced gentlemen likely to be re-assured by IOS chairman Sir Eric Wyndham White's counter-plan to salvage IOS. Sir Eric also claims to have negotiated a loan of \$15 million—from International Controls Corporation — which he claims is dependent on Cornfeld's not returning to the

IOS Board. The real worth of this 'support' is questionable, particularly in the light of the fact that a major IOS concern, International Investment Trust, is already a leading ICC

worth, it is impossible to determine the exact state of affairs in IOS.

But it is clear that the big boys are preparing to carve up what remains of what was once the world's largest mutual fund empire.

And whoever wins the lion's share in the fight the millions of small shareholders who sunk their life savings into IOS are certain to end up with piles of worthless paper

Nerve gas

Weekend talks with Italy's premier

Govt touches gloves with the unions

THE COLOMBO centre-left government, sworn in by President Saragat last week, is even less likely to achieve any stability than the last Rumor administration, which toppled a month ago after a life of just over 100 days.

There has been little redistribution of cabinet posts, but a record 58 under-secretaries have been appointed — a sprouting of sinecures made necessary to compensate for the uncertain career prospects facing Italy's assorted parlia-

mentarians. Colombo was obliged to meet the leaders of the three national trade unions at the weekend to discuss their demands for reforms — in housing, health, education, transport and social security. Colombo himself, as Treasury Minister under Rumor, was one of the most

outspoken opponents of con-

cessions to the working class. It is possible for the employers to place him at the head of the government only because of the extreme cowardice of the trade union

BY DAVID BARNES

They broke the general strike for reforms called for uly 7 when Rumor resigned in the face of it.

Nonetheless working-class pressure forces Colombo to meet the union leaders and promise to resume negotiations. Similarly it forced Lama, Stalinist head of the largest union (CGIL) to declare after his interview that 'we shall judge the government on facts . and facts of which we shall not be merely spectators, but protagonists . . .

RESUMPTION

The class battles of last autumn — the real gains of which are being eroded by rapidly rising prices—promise to resume this autumn.

They will be centred around questions which in them-selves unite the working class rather than the labour contracts which brought struggles in each industry during the last year.

Even the labour contracts did not end the conflicts. Railwaymen have threatened a 24-hour strike starting tomorrow against the delay in reducing the working week to the agreed 42 hours.

Management in the state railways hopes not only to impose continued long hours of work, but to avoid recruiting new staff and thus help keep up unemployment. In face of a renewed offen-

sive by the working class, fascist provocations have multiplied in recent weeks.

There are almost daily reports of attacks on militant workers, especially in the new NE industrial areas.

The passive attitude of the police towards these provoca-teurs is the other face of the police shooting near Venice

take on the organized working class, these incidents serve as a serious warning of their

captors. The guerrillas are still hiding two other hostages— Brazilian Consul Aloysio Dias Gomide and another US official, Claude Fly. The Uruguay government has so far refused to agree to an exchange of prisoners.

Uruguayan capital sealed

off in hunt

for guerrillas

TENSION continues to mount in Montevideo after 14,000 police and troops yesterday sealed off the city and raided hundreds of suspected guer-

These new moves followed a report that the US diplomat

Daniel Mitrione, kidnapped

by Uruguayan guerrillas as a hostage for left-wing political prisoners held by the govern-ment, had been killed by his

rilla hideouts.

Above: Raul Sendic one of those arrested on suspicion of kidnapping. Below: Missing American Claude Fly.



Files

● FROM PAGE ONE the worst crime being com-

mitted—being found out. Now the police are to go through the tiresome charade of investigating themelves. Said Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe whose constituency is in the area: 'This is a grave

their embarrassing discovery.

Guerrillas reach outskirts of **Phnom**

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

AFTER a lull of several days in Cambodia, fighting flared up over the weekend between liberation forces and right-wing troops only two miles from the centre of the capital Phnom Penh.

The advance—the closest yet made since Sihanouk was deposed by a USinspired coup last March -appears to be part of a widespread offensive by guerrilla forces against the Lon Nol regime's last remaining strongholds in W and S Cambodia.

Phnom Penh military officials said guerrillas had attacked in force around six towns situated around the

And a Lon Nol official at Kompong Speu openly boasted that his forces were receiving full backing from US jets:

'Our troops at Kirirom get American air support when-ever they need it' said Colonel Sar Hor, the region's deputy commander.

CONTRADICT

This contradicts completely last week's statement by US Defence Secretary Melvin Laird, who repeated earlier claims that US air strikes were aimed at communist supply routes and were not intended to give support to pro-US ground forces fighting guer-

NEATHER

London Area, SE, East and central southern, North-West, Central Northern England, East and West Midlands: Dry sunny periods. Wind light, westerly. Normal Max. 20C

westerly. Normal. Max. 18C (64F). Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Changeable, with rain at times in most places.

CZECH FRAME-UP TRIAL THIS

ACCORDING to sources in Vienna, quoted in the Paris daily 'Le Figaro', the Czechoslovak regime intends to open a frame-up trial on August 15 of some of the leading signatories of the 'Manifesto of Two Thousand Words'.

he 'Manifesto' was pub-lished in August 1969, a year after the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia and openly opposed the re-imposition of the Stalinist dictatorship in the country.

Those expected to be placed in the dock include Jiri Hochmann, Ludvik Vaculik, Vaclav Havel, the historian Teszar and the famous chess-player Pachmann.

Hochmann was a prominent journalist on 'Rude Pravo' immediately before invasion.

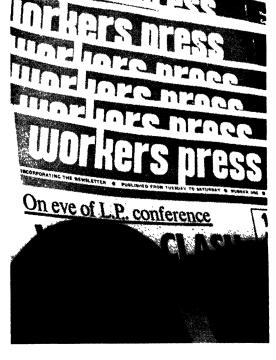
aculik, a writer, and Havel, a dramatist, have been held in jail for some time already, as has Pachmann, who is reported to be in very bad health as a result of his treatment.

ne unmistakable prepara-tions of the Czech Stalinists he unmistakable to return to the frame-up methods of the Stalin era must be opposed by the whole European labour movement.

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CRANE DEATHS

Two men were killed and five other injured when part of a crane fell out of a building site in Bridgton, Glasgow, yesterday. The crane's ballast end gave way. One man was crushed and an

ANOTHER BUSINESSMAN JOINS GOVERNMENT

other fell 70 feet.

Overseas Projects Group. with British firm's business TROOPS BREAK CEASEFIRE

King Hussein Bridge, Jordan Valley, Monday — Jordanian and Israeli troops twice exchanged fire yesterday across the Jordan river, a Jordanian officer, Fakhri Adib, said here today. This was the first violation by regular forces of the 90day Middle-East ceasefire which came into force at midnight last Friday under the US peace initiative

accepted by Egypt, Jordan and Israel.

Mr Leslie Watson, an executive director of Rio Tinto Zinc Pillar—one of the world's largest mining companies—and Deputy Chief of Angelsey Aluminium Ltd is to join the Board of Trade for two years to be Deputy Head of the The Group is concerned

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financial concerns of doubtful

cern at a later date.

● FROM PAGE ONE by the Labourites at the time

of the last budget.

The payroll tax is being introduced in place of the Value Added Tax which the Tories were expected to propose only because it is easier to administer than VAT and would bring in a bigger income than the previous SET.
It would enable the Tories to cut corporation tax or

increase dividends. But as far as the class is concerned, it will mean, inevitably, an increase in unemployment and hardship since the tax, which is not refundable like SET, would fall heaviest on manufacturing industry.

Unsavoury

As 'The Times' was eager to suggest on Monday: 'A general payroll tax would eventually result, it is hoped, in industry (both manufacturing and otherwise) keeping an even closer watch on the size of the labour force.'

To conclude the unsavoury Tory government's latest plan to 'give itself the power to step into strike-prone situations, and order unions and employers to reorganize their The responsibility for this odious and reactionary task

will, as usual, fall on the shoulders of the labour bureaucracy who, in their capacity as Commission on Industrial Relations representatives, are now being asked to take the first step to the According to the 'Sunday

'The CIR is to be given powers to intervene in firms and industries with records of (sic) and unofficial strikes . . .

'The central task of the new CIR will still be investigation and conciliation, but it will probably take on more cases and have enough power in the event of a failure of the conciliation process to anger the unions.' (Our emphasis.) ('Sunday Times', August 9, 1970.)
Some of the men who are being asked to do this work for the Tories are Mr George Woodcock — ex-TUC general secretary—and Mr Will Paynter — ex-NUM president and one-time leading Communist

Party member. The Tory government's plans are becoming increas-

ingly clear. On the one hand they consult with the employers for an agreed strategy, on the other they seek the willing collaboration of the union leaders to play the role of a stalking horse for their attacks against the working class.

The CP leaders and the Labour 'lefts', by their refusal to fight the Tories and expose the union leaders' shameful refreat, are assisting the Tories' plans for the winter. The case for the building of revolutionary alternative to Stalinism and social democracy and for a movement to force

the Tories to resign could not

be made clearer or more

begins perilous months, with the almost un-saleable 'assets' tied up in Arctic land—roughly half the TWO TRAINS loaded with cargoes of deadly

Second World War nerve gas set out across the southern states of America yesterday, despite world-wide protests over the plan to dump the gas in the Atlantic Ocean, only 33 miles off Nassau in the Bahamas.

In all, 12,540 nerve gas rockets containing 66 tons of gas will be loaded into an old wartime liberty ship at Sunny Point, N Carolina, taken out to sea and dropped in 16,000

feet of water. that the rockets are in danger of exploding and the army claims that seawater will dilute the gas and render it harmless when the steel and concreté containers are finally corroded.

on this score. For years nerve gas has been shipped from one part of the United States to another in trains with the minimum of safety precautions.

There are many doubts

Last year a plan to move 27,000 tons of lethal gas in 603 railway wagons across several hundred miles of territory was uncovered at the 11th hour by a handful of Congressmen.

A crash or derailment would have wiped out many centres of population as only a small amount of —a few drops, if it is the latest type—is necessary to kill a human being within seconds by disrupting the central nervous system.

No warning

The US Army had intended to dump the entire shipment in the ocean without informing the State Department or the Department of the Interior and without any warning to international shipping.

The Pentagon admitted that since 1965 the Army

had been transporting drums of poisonous gas by air from one base to another across the United States despite an agreement of the International Air Transport Association, which prohibits commercial carriers from transporting war weapons in peace time. An accidental release of nerve gas from an Army plane in March 1968 killed

There is therefore some scepticism surrounding the claim that the latest dumping will be safe. One investigator has col-

6.000 sheep in Utah.

lected evidence to show that, if a ship carrying a load of defoliants to Vietnam were to be sunk, it could totally poison the surrounding ocean for 25 Defoliants are not nerve gases, but this indicates the

length of time that these

deadly chemicals maintain

their lethal properties.

It is probable that three loads had already been dumped before last Iune. 'The Army tells us nothing,' was one comment from Kevin Shea who investigated the Utah incident. There is nothing in these BY MARTIN ZARROP

surprising. The arrogance and unbridled power of the imperialist armies is well-

only in Indo-China, but through its day-to-day activities in the metropolitan capitalist countries as well.

horriffic activities that is

Today this power threat-

dustrial areas.

last week.
While the fascists are still

was not quite clear whether this referred to the existence of such files or to S England and Channel Islands: Cloudy. Occasional drizzle. Wind moderate or fresh, westerly. Nor-mal. Max. 19C (66F).

N England, Edinburgh, E Scotland and Glasgow Area: Dry. Sunny periods. Wind moderate, westerly. Normal. Max. 18C (64F).

Northern Ireland: Dry at first with sunny periods. Cloudy later with

AUSTRALIAN LETTER

Law-and-order laws for two states

THE STATE of Victoria is following hard on the heels of New South Wales in lending its voice to the screams for law and order.

A bill to 'consolidate, into one act, the powers of police to make arrests', is expected to be passed in the spring (southern) sitting of parlia-

The state's acting Chief Secretary, Mr Ian Smith, came out with the usual verbal camouflage. Demonstrations should not

he said in defence of the bill. But no politically active person needs to have it spelled out what the bill really means. New South Wales' own version of law and order is to be made an election issue accord-

unduly influence the public, or exceed reasonable bounds

ing to state premier Robin Askin of the ruling Liberal (Conservative) Party. Not that Mr Askin wants to turn NSW into a police state, he claimed.

The moves are simply an attempt to increase fines and jail sentences on trade unionists, students and anyone else who has the audacity to disagree with the way society is run-and show this disagreement on the streets rather in sterile debate or through the ballot box. Mr Askin is sure he has the backing of 'law-abiding citi-

Under the proposed legisla-tion the present law would be changed to such a degree that a licence would be needed to hold a demonstration. If the police did not agree

with the reasons for wanting

zens' in his moves to clamp down on dissenters 'if they

licence, and no legal demon-

THE SAME law-and-order echo has been heard from New Zealand too. This week the country's Minister for Labour, Mr

unionists with government action if they did not return to work immediately.

A series of battles have been fought on the labour-employer

Bougainville copper mines

on the New Guinea Island

of New Britain were in-

would be receiving pay

The president of their

union — the Bougainville

Construction and General

Mirau, said he was 'very

happy' with the agreement.

The increase that is causing so much happiness

for Mr Mirau ranges from

labourer to more than \$14

(£6 10s 8d) for crane drivers.

the mines will range from \$12.75 (£5 8s 11d) for general labourers to \$54.8

(£25 9s 9d) for crane drivers

How many natives are

employed as labourers and

how many as semi-skilled

men like crane drivers no

for a basic 60-hour week.

This means that wages at

cents (2s 7d) for

Workers' Union, Mr Gaudi

increases.

this week they

Marshall, threatened striking

Askin chose a recent strike of building workers as an example of what was no longer going to be tolerated. During the strike pickets destroyed work valued at a few hundred

which forced striking workers of ferries linking North and front recently.

It is significant that Mr dollars which had been com-

pleted by scab labour on a Sydney site. And a serious step for the workers was the recent intervention by the government

£5 for 60-hour week

offered the men their air

fare home after one year's

service—(most of them are

brought in from outside the

A \$2 (18s 8d) weekly

Labour department

officers claimed that the

new agreement placed the

Bougainville workers in a

better position than any

similar workers in the

Bougainville is Conzinc Riotinto of Australia Ltd,

the antipodean arm of the

super-large international Rio

The Australian govern-

ment controls the New

Guinea islands, and to give

companies like CRA an

additional boost to invest,

apart from cheap local labour, it has made some

capital

remarkable concessions.

The expected

Tinto Organization.

Running the mines at

charge for accommodation

has also been dropped.

area).

territory.

South islands to submit to arbitration. Strikes have been illegal in New Zealand since 1894, but there were early loopholes which were tightened up in

1913 and 1954. Most unions are now registered under the 1954 Industion Act, which removes the right to strike, but allows access to arbitration court for

pay awards.
This Act is obviously not

Zealand capital and further attempts are going to be made

WORKING families struggling to find somewhere to live in any of Australia's capital cities will not be very happy

This shows an average drop of 25 per cent, with a high of 67 per cent in W Australia. But the squeeze which is forcing money out of housing is having the reverse affect on commercial building and during the same quarter the value of commercial and industrial approvals (hotels, offices, etc.) increased by 35

Council houses are virtually unknown and the alternative security for the tenant.

somewhere to live.

company tax on profits until

investment at Bougainville is \$300 million (£139.992 million), but most of the borrowed for this will be repaid within five years.

of commercial production in early 1972 and because of various other concessions. For example, the company will not start paying

in New Guinea mines

This is largely because of a three-year tax exemption starting from the first day

Evaluation and proving carried out by the company indicate an estimated 760 million tons of ore available for open pit mining, but this is probably a conservative estimate. Most of this is copper, with a little

recent survey predicted a \$9.3 million profit (£4.3 million) in 1973, rising to \$117.8 million (£54.9 million) lion) by 1980.

with building figures for the June quarter.

per cent. Housing is a field in which the consumer is exploited even more than in most other fields. both in quantity and quality. Frequently a purchaser has to take out two mortgages, one at about 10 per cent and the second at up to 15 per cent to enable them to find

to buying is renting on the open market, with all the advantages on the side of the landlord, and very little New building in the ever sprawling cities is done on the basis of selling blocks of land to the highest bidder who then proceeds to sub-divide

and sell the completed houses. Alternatively, low rise blocks of flats are built for sale or private renting in areas already developed.

No matter which is employed, the main concern is not of creating an environment for the people, but of

concerned, from land speculators to moneylenders. The need for parks, playschools, youth clubs, and community centres is ignored.

The thing is to make houses rather than homes: profits rather than communities.

making profit for everyone