

**£1,000 August Appeal Fund**  
now stands at **£540 3s 3d** five days to go

YESTERDAY'S post brought us £33 0s 0d, which gives a total for the fund of £540 3s 3d.

We very much appreciate the enormous sacrifices made by our readers for the paper. However, the constant attacks by the Tories against the working class leave us no room for complacency.

We have only five days left to raise the outstanding amount of £459 16s 9d. Don't leave it until the weekend—send your donations now to:

Workers Press, Appeal Fund, 186a Clapham High Street, London, SW4.

## What we think

### Nationalize motors

NOTHING BETTER illustrates the anarchy of the capitalist mode of production, and its elementary right to a job, than

in the name of 'private enterprise', the manufacture of cars is divided between four companies (British-Leyland, Ford, Vauxhall, and General Motors).

Of these four, three are part of US-owned world-wide monopolies!

The hundreds of millions of pounds in profits extracted by these companies are sweated not only out of their own employees, subjected to the most ruthless speed-up, but also, indirectly, out of the workers in hundreds of car-components factories, usually located in areas where wages are markedly lower than in the car plants.

The capitalist press is in full cry against the breakdowns of car production resulting from the legitimate struggle of these components workers for higher wages—currently at GKN-Sankey and at Dunlop's.

Workers in the big car plants will not be deceived that their interests have become the tender concern of the press lords, and the directors in the boardrooms whom these press lords represent.

The press campaign against 'anarchy' and 'bloody-mindedness' ('The Times') stems from a very fundamental crisis for the ruling class, and is part of their preparation against the whole working class. But the working class they must defeat has long been mounting its own offensive. 'The Times' yesterday summed up:

'In terms of days lost through industrial disputes the worst year of the fifteen before 1970 was 1957 with 8.4 million. The average from 1957 to 1962 was 4.8 million. In the next six years to 1968 it fell to 2.8 million. 'From about the time of devaluation the total days lost began to rise ominously; to 4.7 million in 1968; to 6.8 million in 1969; to 9.2 million in the 12 months to last June; to an annual rate above 10 million in the first half of 1970; and to an annual rate of 11.4 million in the second quarter of this year.'

Now that unemployment is increasing more quickly, the employers are flexing their muscles for a fight to end this wave of militancy. British-Leyland's reorganization threatens shutdowns to add to the unemployment; their sports-car plant at Abingdon and their Castle Bromwich plant, employing 12,000, are likely to be under scrutiny for closure. This is the meaning of their 'rationalization'. Alongside it the employers intend to use the union leaders to establish productivity dealing and no-strike pledges in the components sector. There is no separation of interest between carworkers and component workers. It is vitally urgent, for example, that Pilkington glass comes up for 'blackening' in the car plants. The decision of British-Leyland stewards to ask the TUC to consider the situation is an evasion.

To allow Pilkington's to win

# British labour must act against US-Kremlin carve-up of Cambodia

RICHARD NIXON has given the US air force a blank cheque to bomb the Cambodian people into submission.

BY ROBERT BLACK

Pentagon official Daniel Henkin, announcing the decision, said: 'US air operations are designed to interdict enemy supplies and manpower that could pose a threat to the lives of US and allied personnel in Vietnam...'

Military spokesmen admit this formulation can be used to cover any bombing raid on Cambodia as well as Laos and Vietnam.

Already the rate of US bombing raids on Cambodia is rising ominously. 80 sorties are now being flown daily, which is double the rate of a few weeks ago. Vice-President Agnew's current tour of pro-US puppet regimes in SE Asia has as its central purpose the co-ordination of a strategy to check the national liberation struggle in Indo-China.

US imperialism, after suffering a long string of reverses in S Vietnam and Laos at the hands of the guerrilla movement, decided last March to throw its flanks by overthrowing the 'neutralist' Sihanouk government in Cambodia, which allowed the liberation movements to operate on Cambodian territory.

The result was the CIA-inspired coup of March 16, which deposed Sihanouk and installed the anti-communist, ultra-rightist Lon Nol.

But the Cambodian people fought back. Within weeks, and despite the most horrible massacres perpetrated by the Lon Nol regime on the Vietnamese minority in Cambodia, the CIA puppets were driven back into their stronghold of Phnom Penh, where they have remained besieged ever since.

With the Lon Nol regime doomed without external aid, Nixon launched his May 1 invasion.

US and Saigon troops blazed the same trail of pillage, burning, looting, killing and mass terror that has been inflicted on the Vietnamese people for the last quarter of a century.

Nixon's attack did not go unanswered. From Liverpool and Italy to Australia, workers struck against his war, despite the stubborn refusal of the British government to mobilize the working class for such action.

But they have underestimated the fighting spirit

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### Seamen back glassworkers



Rank-and-file secretary John Potter appealing for Mersey workers' support.

SUPPORT for the sacked glassworkers at Pilkington's St Helens factories came yesterday from the Liverpool branch of the National Union of Seamen which passed the following resolution:

'We, the members of the Liverpool branch of the National Union of Seamen, advise our members not to sign articles on ships carrying Pilkington's glass until the sacked men are reinstated.'

This is a magnificent gesture from the seamen,' Gerry Caughey, chairman of the Pilkington rank-and-file committee, commented yesterday.

'Every trade union should reach this decision—because any trade union will be penalized themselves if they stand by while workers are sacked for going on strike.'

Wall's strike

2,000 workers at Wall's Atlas Rd factory in London went on strike yesterday after voting to strike every Tuesday until the company stops using the wages computer which has been in operation for the last two months.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

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### Rearming of RUC ahead

PREPARATIONS by right-wing Unionists to step up repressions against the Ulster working class advanced yesterday with the announcement that a committee is being set up to advise on the 'supply, use and availability of arms' to the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

This move follows demands from the RUC for all officers to be retrained.

The committee is supposedly to advise on the type of arms, the circumstances under which police would be justified in using them and the location of armouries—yet not to decide on the actual rearming.

But why establish an advisory body unless it is to plan action?

The Hunt Report last November recommended the RUC should no longer carry arms 'in principle and in normal practice', whatever this meant.

All those like the Irish Stalinists who welcomed the transparent fraud are now shown to have greased the slippery slope for repression in Ulster.

They chose to ignore the Hunt recommendation that arms should be readily available to police in cases of emergency—the provision now endorsed by the N Ireland government.

These moves towards rearming the RUC form a backdrop to the sordid manoeuvres of Gerard Fitt MP and his 'united opposition' in Stormont—the new Socialist and Democratic Labour Party.

Yesterday it was announced that Fitt and Paddy Wilson had been expelled from the Republican Labour Party.

### Palestine guerrilla movement in danger

# US threat to force M-East settlement

EVEN EARLIER than expected, talks began yesterday between United Nations 'mediator' Gunnar Jarring and Israeli, Jordanian and Egyptian representatives in New York.

All the Israeli objections on the level of representation and venue miraculously dissolved over the weekend.

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicated the type of settlement to be expected.

He called for a US-Israel treaty to underwrite any agreement reached by the talks at the UN. This would guarantee the security and independence of Israel, 'within the borders of 1967'.

The UN settlement might have to be imposed by force, says Senator Fulbright.

Thus, acceptance of the US 'peace talks' by Nasser, under pressure by the Soviet leaders, opens the way for the imperialists to force Arab agreement to the permanent occupation of Palestine by Zionism.

It is in this context that the situation of the Arab guerrilla movement must be seen.

Mainly based in Jordan, the groups now face destruction by the Arab leaders backed by imperialists and the Moscow bureaucrats. King Hussein of Jordan returned home on Monday after three days of talks with Nasser. The main issue discussed was clearly the fate of the guerrillas in Amman.

Hussein took with him Nabulsi, the chairman of the National Block, and leader of the exiled Palestine bourgeoisie. The object was to prevent any opposition from this quarter to Hussein taking action against the guerrillas.

At this stage, Nasser and Hussein want to avoid a clash with the guerrillas.

As Hussein returned to Amman on Monday, Yasser Arafat, leader of Al Fatah, arrived in Cairo for discussions with Egyptian officials. This was his first meeting with Egyptian leaders since their acceptance of the Rogers plan on July 23.

Hussein correctly denounced the US plan as a plot against the Palestine people. Arafat still tries to leave a loophole for the re-establishment of Egyptian aid in the event of the negotiations breaking down.

So long as the struggle of the Arab masses against imperialism remains within the bounds of nationalism and democracy, it is threatened with defeat and betrayal.

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### All Trades Unions Alliance Conference

MINERS  
Sunday, September 6  
Danum Hotel  
High St  
DONCASTER  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
WRITE TO: T. PARSONS,  
61 DERWENT DRIVE,  
FERRY FRYSTON, NR  
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### Stalinist calls for 'pressure' on Tories

A FEATURE by Jack Woddiss in yesterday's 'Morning Star', headed 'New prospects for peace and sanity', calls for trade unionists to concentrate on persuading the Tories to change their foreign policies.

Welcoming the many diplomatic deals being cooked up between the Soviet bureaucracy and imperialism, Woddiss deplores the negative role being played in them by the British government.

He concludes: 'The recent moving series of articles by Sam Russell in Middle East, Vietnam — on each of these issues the British government must be forced to abandon its obstructive role and throw its weight on the side of sanity and peace.'

'In two weeks' time, at this year's Trade Union Congress, Britain's trade unionists can make a decisive stand for peace by speaking out for a complete change in British foreign policy.' (Our emphasis.)

Applauds US

He applauds the US moves to settle the Palestine question — by guaranteeing the Zionist occupation forever.

'The Soviet Union has European security, the

### Dangers ahead for Rolls draughtsmen

COVENTRY Rolls-Royce joint shop stewards' committee is meeting today to discuss support for the 1,000 design and technical staff who have been locked out by the management over the past seven weeks.

BY MARTIN ZARROP

This is the first full meeting of the stewards on this issue and the Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' strike committee are asking for support by the 'blackening' of material which would have been used by DATA members and by forming a second line of pickets to enforce this.

In addition a joint statement will be issued on the implications of the dispute for the whole combine.

DATA members are holding a mass meeting later this morning and a demonstration to the town centre.

The staff members have been locked out since July 14 following a work-to-rule over their claim for a substantial wage increase—around £5 a week. The company has refused to move from its offer of 7 per cent: an increase of £2 15s for those between 21 and 25 and £2 5s for older workers.

PROFITS DROP

With the company facing acute economic problems the implications of the lock-out go far beyond the confines of Coventry.

Despite the Labour government's £20 million financial transfusion, Rolls-Royce profits have dropped disastrously and there is a strong possibility of their losing Lockheed's order for the RB-211 engine—which has already cost over £100 million to develop.

Opposition to DATA's claim has therefore been stiff, and the company are insisting that any increase is restricted to Coventry and not extended throughout the combine.

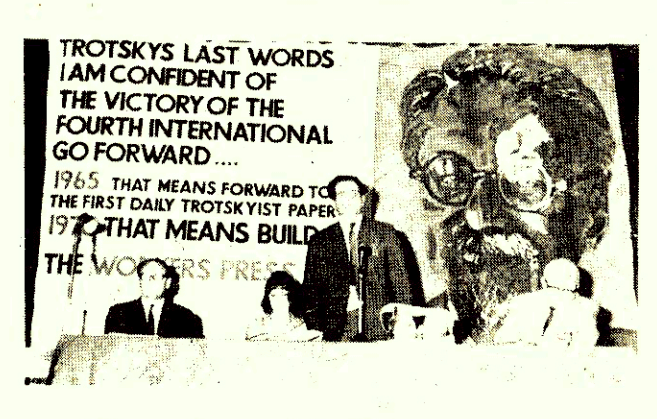
Strike committee chairman Dick Jones told Workers Press: 'We are the only section of the plant that has not accepted productivity "strings". We are just not interested.'

'The company's financial position is obviously causing them concern.'

'Their policy was determined before the section and they are determined this year to get strings that will bite. It's part of a wider attack on the trade union movement, and not a parochial DATA wages issue.'

Jones supports the DATA's

### Trotsky Memorial Lectures



Monday, 14 September  
'Trotsky's struggle against Stalinism'  
Monday, 21 September  
'Trotsky's fight against revisionism'  
BEAVER HALL  
GARLICK HILL  
Near Mansion House tube  
Starts 8 p.m. Admission 2s  
Both lectures given by G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)







