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## Hussein steps up his anti-guerrilla moves

THE JORDANIAN army has stepped up its attacks on the Palestine liberation guerrillas and their supporters in Amman.

Following the rejection by the Jordan government of the Iraqi note threatening to intervene on the side of the guerrillas, shells and rockets have been fired at guerrilla camps and areas of Amman where they have their main support.

Yasser Arafat, leader of Al-Fatah, himself narrowly escaped when a shell hit the Al-Fatah office on Wednesday night.

Yesterday morning, Syria joined Iraq in threatening

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### Moving in

8,000 Iraqi troops have been moving into Jordan from Syria, reinforcing the 12,000 already stationed near Amman.

So far, there have been no reports of any action by Iraqi forces.

Hawatmeh, leader of the left-wing Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said yesterday:

'It is more and more clear. They want a trial of strength, throwing the responsibility on the guerrillas.'

Hawatmeh has declared that it will be necessary for the guerrillas to overthrow Hussein's regime.

Arafat, on the other hand, while declaring that the guerrillas must continue to fight for the liberation of Palestine from Zionism, is still trying to find an agreement with Hussein.

### Silent

There has been no confirmation of reports that Egyptian troops have moved into Jordan to support Hussein.

Cairo Radio has remained silent on the Amman fighting. There is no doubt that the guerrilla movement is now in the gravest danger from those Arab governments which have accepted the negotiations with the Israelis.

Its leaders, depending on support from these same governments, have been unable to prepare for the present showdown.

## Something new?

HANOI's chief negotiator at the Paris peace talks on Vietnam, Xuan Thuy, returned to the conference table yesterday with US chief negotiator David Bruce, to discern whether there is something new.

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UCS told union officials earlier this week that a further 355 finishing trades and general workers must leave today, following last week's 'voluntary' departure of about 200 such workers from the group.

As only 195 volunteered this time under the group's scheme of additional sever-

ance payments, another 160 men will be paid off.

Earlier this year, UCS management announced that over 3,000 workers in all are to be made redundant and it is now within 1,000 of the target.

Last week more than 3,000 outfitting tradesmen employed by the firm stated that they 'were prepared to strike if even one of their members was made redundant'.

Union officials disassociated themselves from the statement.

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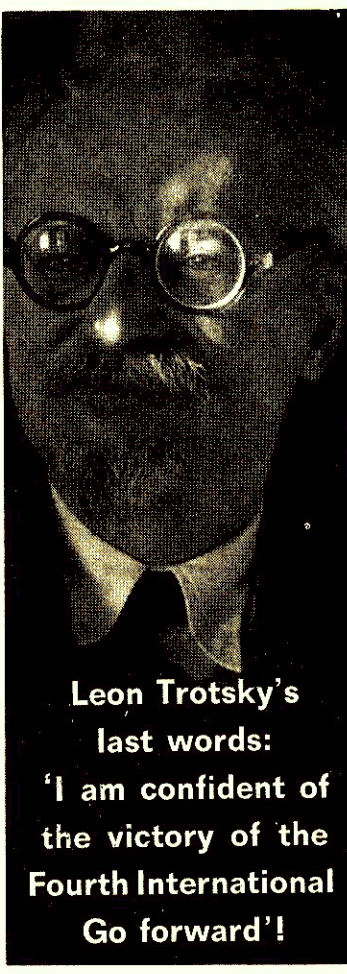
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The offer is believed to be £7 6s a week for top-paid craftsmen through to £3 6s for the lowest grades by December.

It is certain that any increase of this size will be tied to productivity concessions and both union officials and employers are shuddering at the thought that last Friday's meeting may repeat itself.

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COVENTRY Rolls-Royce design and technical staff will march through the city today as the combine management, prepares to attack both staff and manual workers throughout the combine.

The 1,000 members of the Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' Association are now entering their eighth week of lock-out and are demanding a 'substantial' wage increase, estimated to be around 45%.

The management has refused to budge from a 7 per cent offer, worth around £2 10s, and its latest move clearly shows that DATA's insistence on restricting strike action to Coventry is courting disaster.

Rolls-Royce have insisted that any Coventry increase must not be a signal for similar claims elsewhere—a proposal that DATA has rejected—and the employers have now threatened to extend the lock-out from next Thursday to 2,200 of the union's members at Derby, where all Coventry design work is blacked.

DATA has promised full backing to its Derby members and has instructed all its 6,000 Rolls-Royce members not to handle Coventry work.

It is clear that Rolls-Royce is mounting a major attack on DATA by insisting that members at Derby should be organized blacklegs against our Coventry members, commented DATA secretary George Doughty.

But there was no mention of extending the strike action.

## Watching

The combine's manual workers are watching the dispute closely.

Rolls-Royce's rationalization programme is under way and if DATA wins a substantial increase without strings, this will give the green light to other sections to follow suit.

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## Radiation scare at nuclear plant

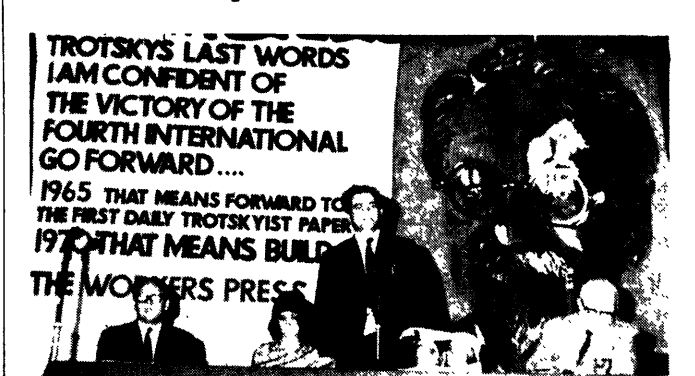
PART of a Cumberland nuclear power station has been closed because of higher than normal radiation levels in one of the buildings.

Investigations have been going on at Windscale power station, Sellafield, for more than a week.

The UK Atomic Energy Authorities commented: 'The radiation levels were very small and there was no abnormal exposure of personnel to them.'

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