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Biggest headache for sewage engineers is not organic matterthere are well-tried systems for dealing with that and most of them work moderately well-but the constantly growing amounts of sophisticated chemical waste from industrial processes, particularly from industries like plastics, which have grown spectacularly since the war.

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The enormous success of this

first IYS rally was based on the fact that a large number of young workers had been able to establish new branches in Derry, Belfast and Dublin.

The rally, he explained, united the heroic struggle of the youth in the North against British troops' repression and 50 years of Unionist Tory rule and the struggle of the youth in the South against the repressive measures of the Lynch govern-

PRINCIPLED

For the first time young people had been brought together to fight on the basis of a revolutionary programme and the demand for a Socialist Republic of Ireland of the 32 counties.

YOUTH NEWS EVERY THURSDAY

Bringing fraternal greetings from the Young Socialists in Britain, National Secretary John Simmance stressed the need for preparation for the International Conference of Revolutionary youth at the end of the year.

The struggle of the youth in Ireland was part of the international struggle of youth against capitalism and the reformist and Stalinist bureaucracies.

In the Middle East the youth were in the forefront of the struggle against US and British imperialism.

In Europe the youth and the working class challenged the governments of France, Italy, Spain

and Germany.

Now in Britain and Ireland the working class faced a showdown with the employers and the Tory government, he added.

Based on a principled fight for Marxist theory in the workers' movement the youth must come to the forefront of such struggles and build the mass Young Socialists' move-

FRATERNAL

Fraternal greetings were given by George Craig from the Irish Section of the Fourth Interthe Irish All Trades Unions

An emergency resolution supporting the Arab revolution was moved by Jackie Vance.

The rally came to a close with

KENYA: WIDE OPEN SMOG

POLLUTION problems are not confined to the industrialized countries of Europe and the United States.

From Kenya, where the wide open spaces are associated with clean air and sunshine, naturalists are worried about industrial smog affecting wildlife.

The alarm was raised by the Director of Kenya's National Museum, Mr Richard Leakey, who said that unless measures were taken to control air pollution, the 44 square miles of Nairobi National Park would become a barren wasteland.

The Park is a sanctuary for lions, giraffes, cheetahs, zebra, hippos and other game and is only five miles from the Nairobi

only live mines from the Mander city centre.

Mr Leakey said the danger came from jet aircraft flying in and out of Nairobi airport over the park, from steam locomotives, and from the increasing number of cars in this city of half-amillion people.

He said the industrial com-

plex bordering the Park could also have adverse effects on the life cycle in the area and lead to extinction or migration of the animals there.

Mr Leakey, son of the anthropologist, Dr L. S. B. Leakey, said haze which might eventually develop into smog could be seen over the city from outside

Ten years ago he said a man could walk about with a clean shirt and find it spotless next day.
'Today, examine your shirt in the evening, and you will find the

collar coated with carbon or some other waste.' Mr Leakey said present pollution posed no immediate threat, but pointed to a problem in the

Pollution would grow into a major problem not only in Nairobi, but in the whole country measures were not taken to check the flow of toxic waste and the over-use of chemicals and

'I would say that in ten years we will have gone a long way down the road to destroying the environment,' he said.

Mr Leakey was backed by Kenya's Director of National Parks, Mr Perez Olindo, who said the country should take urgent steps to legislate control of the disposal of industrial waste.

The secretary of Kenya's Association of Public Health inspec-tors, Mr V. N. Ludindi, said the danger posed by air, land and sea pollution was not only a threat to wild life, but to the

He called for suggestions on ways and means of preventing the new threat to human life. The Nairobi newspaper the 'Daily Notion' said in an editorial: To many it may seem a gross exaggeration to talk of pollution in Kenya, a country with wideopen spaces and an open border with the ocean. 'The United States could

boast of the same at one time.'
It seems likely the Kenya government will try to ensure the country's tourist attractions are Tourism is Kenya's major

foreign exchange earner. A total of 276,000 tourists visited there last year, and the government hopes the trade will bring in 37 million E African pounds (about £42 million) in 1974.

THE USE of selective strikes adopted by the union leaders to forward the council workers wage claim is completely inadequate and seriously endangers the entire action.

By telling the employers that the 14 per cent is enough and by threatening the use of troops, the Tories make it quite clear that they are directly intervening to make council employees the scapegoats for their wage-freeze policy.

Half-hearted

To put forward a half-hearted struggle in this situation is to invite defeat.

Council employees have even greater problems with strikes than many other workers. Belonging to different, unconnected departments, often working out in various parts of the town in ones and twos, questions of who is supposed to be in or out can lead to great confusion.

At the same time, there is always a queue of small contractors waiting to scab on a strike -shifting refuse, carrying out maintenance, etc.—and it is impossible for a few men to picket every street. dustbin and every part of council property.

United

The great strength of the council worker lies in the combined and continuous coverage the major municipal

It is this united strength which can have the greatest and, most certainly, the quickest impact if operated as a total and indefinite

WORKERS MUST TAKE **ALL-OUT** ACTION

BERNARD FRANKS REPORTING

During the last five years local authorities have had immense. government backing in order to enable the launching of a systematic attack on council jobs.

In 1965 a local government operational research unit made up of 30 scientists was set up with a Ministry of Housing grant to find ways of rationalizing all council operations.

In 1967, the notorious Prices and Incomes Board report on local authority workers appeared, making clear the Labour government's intentions to introduce productivity deals on every council job.

These would be used to install work study, eliminate mates, prepare for Measured-Day Work force nationally by 10 per cent.

Redundancies

Since that time, this programme has been steadily implemented. The British Productivity Council, an organization set up to promote increased productivity, regularly makes use of examples from councils of how output has increased while the number of jobs has been cut.

The reports usually claim that the number of workers is reduced without redundancies

In 'natural wastage' council workers have faced one of the biggest threats to employment

They are encouraged to leave or retire from their jobs. No replacements are recruited, so the labour force gradually falls.

This saves the employers having to make redundancy payments. It also avoids strike which would occur if straight sackings were carried

Transferred

In practice, the system is not simply voluntary. Workers have been transferred to areas which they find difficult to get to without a great deal of travel-

This acts as 'intimidation' to 'encourage' them to look for jobs elsewhere. Natural wastage is dangerous because it closes entire industries to new recruitment and leads to mass unem-

With council employment, this hits especially hard because a percentage of workers are approaching retirement age (or over it) and the cutback just through retirement can be very large.

That the Tories are certainly determined to cut down services was shown in a recent

example in the 'Sunday Times', in which it was stated that since it had come into office in 1968 the Waltham Forest Tory

'Closed two of its swimming pools and deferred for a year the building of a new one; closed two of its 12 youth clubs; withdrawn attendants from nine children's playgrounds; and saved £21,000; deferred a clean air programme to save £1,500; increased day nursery charges from 11s 6d a day to a maximum of 28s; increased the cost of meals-on-wheels by 3d; reduced the school dental service by one-third; reduced by one-third holidays for old people and cripples; decided against replacing public health inspec-tors who leave; and restricted free entertainment for mentally handicapped children to one party at Christmas.'

If this is seen in the light of the Tory government's plans to register trade unions, to outlaw strikes and to set up industrial courts as off-shoots of the High Court—then you have a pre-paration for really massive attacks on workers' rights and conditions.

Fighting

It is true that councils are introducing labour-saving devices. Many council workers have been fighting for years to get mechanical aids supplied to help with some of the heavier iobs-to no avail.

However, when the machines have been developed to the level, not of helping the worker, but of helping him out of his job, then the authorities suddenly decide that they are a good idea and that they can afford them

Naturally, the capitalist press has gone to town on the strike with hypocritical bleating about pensioners, cripples, the handi-capped and blind children allegedly put into dire straits by the council workers' actions.

But in fact, the fight for decent wages and holidays is in direct opposition to the employers' deliberate poor pay and condi-tions policy to discourage recruitment and to close down essential services on the basis that there is no one to run

'Dirty jobs'

hospital Many departments have already been closed in this way. Of course, the same newspapers support the real attacks on services, i.e. the Tories' schemes to eliminate jobs and close departments in the name of 'saving the ratepayers' money.

These people play down the low wages and the fact that these are the real 'dirty jobs' of

The work is some of the dirtiest there is. Sewer operations require an iron constitution: gardens have to be treated foul-smelling compost at certain times of the year, and at all times have to be cleared of

Craftsmen work in dilapidated buildings, schoolkeepers must shovel tons of coke and their basement boiler-rooms are permanently filled with fumes in

Dustmen and incinerator men never get far from the filth and

Park attendants even get the unsavoury and not so uncommon task of helping to drag the corpses of suicides out of ponds, while many of the aspects of ambulance men's jobs are too gruesome to be described.

These conditions, which workers in other industries refuse to accept or only accept with an increased payment, are a permanent part of the council

The use of time study to speed-up every action of a worker is a monstrous imposition, particularly so on council work, where many workers are elderly and contribute to services, not by rushing each job, but by conscientiously ensur-ing that it is carried out pro-

Proximity

Also, a very high percentage of council jobs have to be car-tied out in proximity to the public, and safety of passers-by as well as personal safety take priority over speed.

To see older workers who have given a lifetime of work to the bosses, now being followed about by men of half their age—and twice their money—clicking stopwatches on and off to ensure they are not mis-using half a second, is one of the most degrading sights in industry.

Alan Fisher, National Union of Public Employees general secretary, recently wrote an article for the 'Morning Star' about the present dispute, but nowhere did he mention productivity deals and Measured-Day Work and Measured-Day Work schemes which the NUPE leadership has insisted should be introduced.

No mention

Nowhere did he mention the 'natural wastage' and other systems which are leading to cuts in the labour force.

Nowhere did he mention the 1967 PIB report which laid the political basis for these measures and which was enthusiastically received by himself and the other officials.

No 'selective strikes' but allout action on the present claim

- Increase pay to stop the cutback on jobs.
- Throw out productivity
- Kick out the Tories and their schemes to cut public services and attack the

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THE SOCIALIST

Stanle Orme

SJ. I believe you would like to begin the interview by saying a few words about the Workers Press article on Stanley Orme MP which we published on September 29.

EH. Yes, as far as I am concerned the article gives the impression that Stanley Orme is deceiving the working class-I take great exception to this, because if there was ever an honest, courageous man who is not a careerist it is Stanley Orme.

I know that this was meant to be a political accusation in the sense that you believe Stanley is politically deceiving the working class because he is a left and so on, and it would have been all right if this had been made clear.

But I think it does give the impression that he is deceptive and I think this is totally wrong. I would like to say most emphatically that I take great exception to-this.

Anti-union laws

SJ. There has been talk at the TUC Congress and at conference of 'line-by-line' opposition to the Tories anti-trade union legislation. Would it be correct to assume that you are against national strike action taken by unionists and unions to defeat this legislation and also would you be against a political campaign involving industrial action to force the Tories to resign on this issue?

EH. The way I look at it is this. I will certainly have to fight in the House of Commons, equally the workers will have to fight it as well.

If in the course of this fight they hold demonstrations that might well be regarded as strikes is something that the trade unions will have to decide for themselves.

What I believe is that we should have one campaign in parliament and one outside it so that the two are complimentary.

Now you ask me would I be against strike action. My answer to this is that I have shown where I stand in 1969 went on strike against 'In Place of Strife'.

I spoke at their demonstration and I marched with them. If the workers again decide that this kind of action is appropriate, then it is their decision and I, as a working man, would declare my solidarity with them.

SJ. But do you consider this action appropriate. Mr Heath talks of a general strike if the workers decide to challenge him in this way would you back them?

EH. Let's put it this way. If the organized working class decide themselves that the only alternative is to carry out a general strike—if they see no alternative but to do thisthen I will back such a move.

But I don't think this is going to come about and I'll tell you why. Firstly I don't think the trade union leaders as a whole will agree to action of this kind. Secondly I think that the Tory government will seek some last-minute com-

promise rather than go the

whole way.

The British ruling class have always been great compromisers before they take the last resort.

But I can answer your first point. The miners are about to go on strike for better conditions and pay, the municipal workers are on strike and other sections of workers are involved or becoming involved in strike action.

If, because of Tory action, they have to spread their strike and call upon other

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EXCLUSIVE WORKERS PRESS INTERVIEW

Left' Labour MP Eric Heffer talks to Workers Press

Unemployment

SJ. Another great threat facing the whole working class is, of course, high unemployment encouraged by the Tory government. How are you going to fight against this and do you support the calls by the Kirby and South Shields Trades Councils for one-day strikes in their areas against unemployment?

EH. I hadn't in fact noticed that there was a resolution to this effect. But we have had one-day strikes on Merseyside on this issue before as a method of drawing attention to high unemployment and I see nothing wrong with them.

I myself have been involved in one-day strikes where we marched in protest to the House of Commons. But what I would like to stress is that this high unemployment is only a continuation of policies pursued by the Labour government.

workers to support them, if,

in fact, it became a general

strike, then my unqualified

support would be with those

Productivity

SJ. We believe on Workers

Press that workers are paying

for wage increases by signing

productivity deals involving job

evaluation, Measured-Day Work

etc. Because of the resulting

speed-up and labour cuts

these deals directly contribute

to the growth of unemploy-

ment. Are you against pro-

ductivity deals in principle and,

if so, are you prepared to fight

for this position in the Parlia-

EH. Well if you look up my

speeches in the House you will

see that I am opposed to wage

increases related to so-called

increases in productivity. I

remember when the nurses

had their claim in I asked in

the House that if the proposed

higher productivity would mean that they would have to

handle more corpses or bed-

tivity mean here and how do

How, for example, do you

measure the productivity of a

busman—we have got to the

stage of one-man double-

decker busses and I think this

is a very retrogressive move.

I am not in favour of all these

arguments for productivity,

I believe what the workers

SJ. So you are against pro-

ductivity deals in principle?

EH. Well I couldn't say in

principle. I suppose there

might be some occasions

where I might have some sym-

pathy for one—but I really

can't think of one.

should have a decent wage on

the basis of a normal day's

productivity, productivity.

you measure it.

v pans-what in hell did produc-

mentary Labour Party?

workers.

They talked in terms of getting a proper distribution of labour through the country which meant, in effect, a general level of 2 per cent unemployment.

But what happened was that unemployment went up to 2 per cent in areas that had none before and in the areas that has it rose to 4 or 5 per

Unemployment must be fought all along the line. But obviously the only permanent answer is to control the economy in a socialist way.

Pilkingtons

SJ. A campaign we have taken up in the Workers Press is for the re-enstatement of the sacked Pilkington glassworkers at St Helens and Pontypool. Do you support this campaign and are you prepared to bring It up in the Party and parliament.

EH. If there are any workers from Pilkingtons in my constituency or connected with my union and are associated with the Pilkington workers and who are prepared to raise this matter with me—in order to give me some legitimacy-I would certainly raise the matter as strongly as possible.

I think that it is absolutely scandalous that this situation has been allowed to develop as it has. After all, the workers took the action they did because they were thoroughly dissatisfied with their existing trade union.

This isn't a comment on the workers, it's a comment on the trade union and its failure to do its job for its members.

SJ. I don't think this can be seen as just an isolated struggle of some workers in St Helens. Remember these workers were sacked for going out on strike. Isn't their defence therefore at the centre of the campaign to defeat the Tories anti-trade-union legisla-

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

EH. You have to forgive me here I don't know the details of every industrial dispute. But if the complete facts are laid before me—if these lads come to me'and explain the facts-I will certainly raise it, as I have done with other disputes that have not been in my constituency; the arrest of the Burma Oil strikers on the Wirral for

If I get all the facts on Pilkington's I will certainly do all that I can.

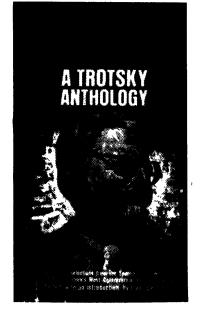
The left SJ. To return for a moment to conference. Talking to delegates and left-wing MPs here I understand that there

is the general feeling that the failure of the 'Tribune'ite MPs to get more representatives on the constituency section of the National Executive Committee of the Party was a blow to your campaign to 'capture the Party for socialism'. Do you think this is the case and how are you now going to fight the right wing in the Party and parliament?

EH. The elections definitely were a set-back. I am very disappointed that there was not more left-wing representation on the constituency section.

I think the reasons for this were firstly that there are over 200 constituencies who have

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vailable from New Park Publications 186A Clapham High St.: SW4 sent no delegates to conference because they simply have no money left in the kitty after fighting the election.

Secondly, as we all know, there is great disillusionment in the Labour Party in many left-wing constituencies, many people have left or have become inactive.

This has strengthened the right at conference.

But I think this is a transitional thing and not a permanent feature. I am certain that at next year's conference there will be a swing to the

I think we will be more successful in the future if we perhaps stand less candidates because the right do seem to organize better than we have done in the past.

SJ. You called last night (October 1) at the 'Tribune' meeting for a future Labour government to expropriate the city of London, the banks and the monopolists; you say this can be done through parliament. But are not these revolutionary demands and isn't it true to say that they can only be carried out by a revolu-

EH. When I say it can be done through parliament I mean that we must try and do it through parliament. If a Labour government is serious about bringing about socialism it must tackle immediately the financial levers of power. It must take over the banks, the finance houses and the big insurance companies and we should pass an enabling Act to do that immediately we get into power. Once the run on

tionary party?

the pound starts we should act, and act promptly.

Now what you are saying is that will the capitalist class and their supporters take all this lying down.

Of course it is my view that they will not. Whether they will resort to other methods than democratic ones to defeat a democratically elected Labour government—of course I wouldn't like to say. I don't

All I can say is that this is a possibility and at such a stage we would have to take the necessary measures to that they

SJ. What would those be?

EH. Obviously if they resorted to arms it would be right for a democratically elected government to call on its supporters to defeat such a measure. It is as simple as

What I am trying to say is that if by counter-revolution-ary means the capitalist class try to bring down a Labour government attempting to bring in socialism—this is an entirely different situation.

Of course, the Labour Party is not a revolutionary party. I don't think there is in existence in this country a revolutionary party.

All I'm saying is that we should pursue a militant socialist policy, and if we were forced into a revolutionary situation this is one thing we would have to meet.



SJ. Finally Mr Heffer what do you think of the Workers Press after one year of production?

EH. Well I must say its very well produced — though you can't expect me to agree with everything that goes in it.

But it seems to be getting better and better.

Of course, its like everything else; its a matter of trial and error. You have to learn as you go through.

But for the Workers Presswhat it has done is a great

9.38 a.m. Schools. 12 noon Golf. 1.30 p.m. Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.00-2.28 Schools. 2.50 Golf. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Blue Peter. 5.20 Scooby-doo, where are you? 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London.

6.45 THE DOCTORS.

7.05 TOP OF THE POPS. 7.45 BACHELOR FATHER, 'The Normal Front'.

8.15 MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW. New series. 9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather.

9.20 THE WORLD OF BOB HOPE. With Cary Grant. Gregory Peck, David Janssen, Arnold Palmer, Jack Benny and Les Brown and his Band of Reknown.

10.10 THE HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW. Featuring the Norwich Union Championship. 10.45 24 HOURS.

11.15 CONFERENCE REPORT 70. Conservative Party conference. 11.40 THE SELLING GAME.

12.05 a.m. Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except:

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nation-wide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 12.07 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 12.07 News, weather.
Wales: 2.30-2.50 Dysgu cymraeg. 6.00
Wales today, weather. Nationwide.
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week out. 12.07 Weather. Scotland: 2.30-2.50 Around Scotland. 6.00 Reporting Scotland, weather. 6.20-6.45 Mod 70. 12.07 News,

weather.

N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 12.07 News, weather. Road works report.

SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 12.07 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. Play school. 4.20-6.30 p.m. Golf. The Piccadilly World Match Play Championship 1970.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather. 8.00 FIRST ELEVEN.

8.15 THE MONEY PROGRAMME. 9.00 LOOK, STRANGER. Writer in Orkney-George Mackay Brown.

9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK. 'Scott on Nature'. 10.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

10.10 A VENUS OBSERVED. The 'Toilet of Venus' by Velazquez.

11.00 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

ITV

9.30 a.m. Conservative Party Conference. 11.00 Schools. 2.55 p.m. Racing from York. 4.17 Origami. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News from ITN. 6.02 TODAY.

6.30 PEYTON PLACE. 7.00 ON THE HOUSE.

7.30 THE THURSDAY FILM. 'Crash Dive'. With Tyrone Power, Anne Baxter and Dana Andrews. A submarine cruising in the N Atlantic is sent to investigate an unknown ship which turns out to be a Nazi Q boat. THIS WEEK.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 CINEMA.

11.00 THE AVENGERS. 'The Fear Merchants'. 11.55 IN YOUR INTEREST. Derek Peck talks about what is being

done to make cars safer.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00 London. 3.10-3.45
States of Jersey lottery. 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Origami. 4.25
Wendy and me. 4.55 Skippy. 5.20 London 6.00 News, weather. 6.10
Cheaters. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film.
'Thirty Six Hours'. With James Garner and Rod Taylor. 9.00 London. 11.00 All our yesterdays. 11.25
Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 9.30-3.40 London. 3.58 Gus Honeybun. 11.30 Faith for life. 11.35 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 9.30-3.40 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Ivor the engine. 4.30 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.35 On the house. 7.05 Film: 'Timetable'. With Mark Stevens, Felicia Farr, King Calder and Jack Klugman. A carefully planned robbery. 8.35 Department S. 9.30 London. 11.00 News. 11.10 Aquarius. 11.55 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 9.30-4.10 London. 4.18 Women today. 4.40 Hatty town. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.01

Report West, 6.18 Report Wales, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Movie: 'Beneath the Twelve Mile Reef'. With Robert Wagner and Terry Moore. Two young people whose fathers are rivals fall in love. 9.00 London, 10.30 Sloman, 11.00 Tales of Edgar Wallace. 12 midnigh

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18, 6.18-6.35 Report West.
HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and white HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 5.20-5.50 Dibyn-dobyn. 6.01-6.18 Y dydd.

ANGLIA: 9.30-4.15 London. 4.30 News. 4.40 Paulus. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.15 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Survival. 7.30 'No Questions Asked'. With Barry Sullivan, Arlene Dahl and George Murphy. A young lawyer tries to prove himself. 9.00 London. 11.00 Prisoner. 11.55 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.30 London. 3.35 Decimalization. 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Fireball XL5. 5.15 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: "The Third Day". With George Peppard and Elizabeth Ashley. Thriller about a man with amnesia. 9.00 London. 11.00 Untouchables, weather.

ULSTER: 9.30-4.10 London, 4.30 Romper room, 4.50 News, 4.55 Mr Piper, 5.20 London, 6.00 UTV reports, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Cartoon, 7.10 Franded, 7.40 Name of the game, 9.00 London, 11.00 What's it all about? 11.20 Aquarius.

YORKSHIRE: 9.30 London. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 Rainbow country. 5.20 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Saint. 7.30 Film: 'Port Afrique'. With Pier Angeli, Phil Carey, Dennis Price, Eugene Deckers, Anthony Newley and Christopher Lee. Adventure story set in Morocco. 9.00 London. 11.00 Avengers. 11.55 Weather.

GRANADA: 9.30 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.25 This is your right. 6.30 Saint. 7.30 Film. 'The Desperadoes'. With Randolph Scott, Glenn Ford, Claire Trevor and Evelyn Keyes. A gunfighter becomes the victim of a bank robbery frame-up. 9.00 London. 11.00 Homicide.

TYNE TEES: 9.30 London, 4.10 News. 4.15 Lone Ranger, 4.40 Hatty town. 4.55 Flipper, 5.20 London, 6.00 Today at six, 6.30 Police call, 6.35 Get Smart, 7.05 Love American style, 8.00 Hawaii five-o, 9.00 London, 11.00 Something else, 11.30 News, 11.45 Epilogue,

BORDER: 9.30 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 Sailor of fortune. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Mr and Mrs. 7.45 Film: 'Gidget Goes Hawailan'. With James Darren, Michael Callan, Deborah Walley and Carl Reiner. While on vacation in Hawaii Gidget gets involved in romantic entanglements. 9.30 London. 11.00 It takes a thief. 11.55 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 9.30-2.55 London. 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Film: 'Springfield Rifle'. With Gary Cooper. 9.00 London. 11.00 Singing for your supper. 11.30 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.00-3.45 London. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Cartoon. 4.20 Telephone game. 4.50 Floris. 5.15 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Win a word with Lesley Blair. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Comedy: 'Who's Minding the Store'. With Jerry Lewis. A young man in a department store falls in love with the lift-girl. 8.30 Mating machine. 9.00 London. 11.00 Making whoopee.

£54m to farmers—but milk will

GOVERNMENT support to farmers worth £54 million was announced by the Minister of Agriculture this week.

This follows urgent demands for aid from farmers facing soaring farm costs since the last price review in March.

In particular the failure of a section of the US maize harvest — confirmed this week at a 9 per cent drop on last year's produc-tion—has sent prices of all animal feeds rocketing.

Dairy farmers and cattle breeders have been worst hit, though poultrymen and pig farmers, who also rely on brought-in concentrates, say they have felt the pinch.

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Most of the money will go to livestock farmers. The guaranteed price for fat cattle goes up by 10s a cwt and for sheep and lambs by 1½d a pound.

Overall the increases add £29 million in a full year to the payments to the farming industry, but the Ministry states that this

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

will be offset by other savings.
The Ministry claims that the 'only' effect on food prices will be that milk will eventually be dearer.

PRICE RISES

However, the newly-formed 'militant farmers' association' stated recently that only a cash-injection of something like £112 million could save the situation and price rises, especially of all dairy products, are certainly on the cards for

WEATHER

A broad, shallow trough of low pressure will cover the country, while a weak high pressure ridge on the Atlantic moves slowly East:

A bright, sunny day with isolated showers is expected in all parts. It will be cold at first with mist and ground frost in many places away from the West coast, but afternoon temperatures will be near normal.

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LATE NEWS

VOTE FOR STRIKE—DALY

urged to vote for strike action

in their ballot next Monday

by leader Lawrence Daly in a special issue of the National Union of Mineworkers' journal.

to import coal, the seamen,

the dockers and the railway-

he claims.

men will refuse to handle it,

STRIKE HALTS

HULL PORT

the ships and brought the

port to a standstill yesterday.

They claimed a breach of the Devlin agreement by an

employer in replacing two men in a gang and giving them

SPENDING UP

another job.

ISRAELI ARMS

Dockers at Hull walked off

If the government threatens

Britain's miners have been

Commerce and Industry official Moshe Zandberg said MY LAI TRIAL, OPENS

opened in Fort Hood, Texas, vesterday with a legal wrangle over the composition of the court-martial.

The My Lai massacre trial

US SHOULDN'T WITHDRAW—BRITAIN

(See page one)
Britain disagrees with the American decision to withdraw from Middle-East discussions among the deputy United Nations ambassadors of the big four powers. But so far no official statement to this affect has been issued.

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Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. Israeli military expenditure has risen steeply since the Suez Canal ceasefire began two months ago, Ministry of

TORY PARTY CONFERENCE—BLACKPOOL

'Priorities' mean education cuts

SCARCELY-VEILED warnings of the cuts in education spending now being considered by the Cabinet were given in the opening debate at the Tory Party's Blackpool conference yesterday.

Moving a motion calling for investment of more national resources in education, Mrs Kathleen Ollerenshaw undermined her own call when she said:

'We must guard against enunciating policies as did Labour without willing

There would have to be a careful choice of priorities and firmness in applying them, she

Discipline

Conference loudly applauded references to the withdrawal by the new Secretary for Education, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, of the previous government's circular on Compre-

for primary education and

then went on to praise the contribution of the independ-

had little meaning after her

regularly have to do this in

our own lives and we cannot

LEADERS of Britain's

teachers yesterday rejected 'illustrative' figures from

management on salaries for

1971 as 'totally unaccept-

Earlier the Burnham Committee management panel had outlined salary

apply from next year, but insisted that only £45m

more could be spent on pay.

assimilates present above-

rate scales and graded

Scales

and rises in 13 annual increments to £1,990. At the

top of the structure,

teachers with top responsi-bilities on band five will

start at £2,229 and rise

through eight increments to £3,005.

'Good' honours graduates

Electricity

charges up

THE NEXT round of coal price rises will inevitably lead

to increases in the price of electricity, the chairman of

the Electricity Council Sir

Norman Elliot warned when

presenting the Council's An-

nual report on Tuesday.

Band one begins at £1,057

The suggested structure

into five salary

structures

bands.

'War of nerves'

over CAV jobs

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SHOP STEWARDS at London's Acton CAV

complex believe that management has decided

on a 'war of nerves' against assembly workers.

which might

But her vague declarations

'In the 1970s we shall have

to decide our pirorities. We drew cheers, but gave away

Management's pay

suggestions are

ent school system.

opening remark:

Mrs Ollerenshaw added:

'There are now signs, not before time, of a welcome change of attitudes and of a new determination to create a more disciplined and acceptable social environment. The public will respond to a strong government lead in this.'

Mrs Lena Townsend, a Greater London councillor, opposing the motion, said it totally failed to give any priorities for expansion.

There were cries of 'rubbish' when a Bedfordshire County councillor, Mr Anthony Soskin, said that retention of selection in education was becoming more and more irrele-vant and less and less accept-

Irrelevant

could never have been local education authorities should commit themselves to the misuse of school buildings, and incur heavy additional expenditure, to retain 'a part of the educational system which as each day passes was becoming more and more irrelevant and less and less acceptable to the public'.

A call for savings in educational spending was made by Oxford Polytechnic student Mr Grant Littler, who claimed instances of 'frivolous spending' by education authorities.

'There are arising more and more obscure degrees which fit people for no specific purpose in present-day Britain. must watch for these sociologists and the rest who come out by the bucket-load,'

Priorities

Secretary for Education and Science Mrs Margaret Thatcher promised government priority

Some 30 workers — both

men and women - were yes-

terday demanding payment for

time wasted on Tuesday when

they were forced to lobby

management for implementa-

tion of an agreement that they

receive average earnings when

They had been told that

morning that they would only receive waiting-time, in other

words, basic rate for two hours on Monday during

When the site's production manager was contacted about

this, he asked the workers'

spokesman to discuss it with him in his office — but the

following them through the

They were later told they

would receive average earn-

ings for the two hours wasted

Wear down

Some stewards believe that

the company may be deliber-

ately adopting tactics of this

kind to wear down the assembly workers — some of

whom have been described as

surplus to requirements fol-

lowing the acceptance of 'tele-control' production

monitoring in Acton.

They feel that a united

struggle of all assembly-line

workers may soon become

whole section insisted

factory to hear the result.

on Monday.

necessary.

parts were not avail-

'unacceptable' - TEACHERS

> and deputy headmasters will receive extra payments or join salary scales at higher

Illustration

The management side emphasized that this was not an offer, but merely an illustration of a possible new salary system.

However, it is well below the £1,250 to £2,000 basic salary scale demanded in the National Union of Teachers' claim.

Bolivian comings and goings

THE three-man military junta which assumed power in Bolivia after ousting president Alfredo Ovando Candia resigned yesterday.

They handed in their resignations after air-force planes
—Second World War Muspresidential palace.

The air force is backing General Juan José Torres, for-mer chief-of-staff and an opponent of the right-wing junta.

He also has the support of workers and students in the capital, La Paz.

Armed workers, apparently backing General Torres, exchanged warning shots with police as they tried to storm the central prison in free political prisoners.

Neither side fired directly at the other and the workers stopped just short of the prison gates.

There were no casualties.

ITALY

Education Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher (left) at a recent NUT dinner.

level.'
The actual decisions on

education, like the Cabinet's

action on public expenditure,

will be reserved for the House

nothing about government cut-backs.

Mrs Thatcher's remarks

Squalid party deals behind divorce reform

BY DAVID BARNES

THE DEBATE which opened yesterday in the Italian Senate on a bill to allow divorce shows party politics at its most squalid.

It threatens Premier Colombo's centre-left coalition of Christian Democrats with three of the lay parties— Socialists, Republicans and Social Democrats.

The divorce bill is sup-

ported by all the lay parties, including the right - wing Liberals.

It is bitterly opposed, at the instigation of the Vatican hierarchy, by the Christian Democrats, with the support of fascists and monarchists.
On strict Parliamentary arithmetic the bill should pass, as it has already in Chamber of Deputies.

Defections

But in the secret first-round vote last week the pro-divorce parties suffered eight defections, reducing their majority to only two. Amid allegations of Vatican

pressure, and even bribery two leaders of the national campaign for divorce resigned in protest on Tuesday.

One Senator accused of sabotaging the bill—though he vehemently denies it—is veteran Stalinist Terracini, founder member of Italian Communist Party. Party leaders are as eager

as ever that their 'dialogue' with the Church should pave the way for a governmental alliance with the Socialists and sections of the Christian

The Vatican claims right to interfere on question because Mussolini's Concordat with the Pope reserves questions of rimony to the ecclesiastical authorities.

The Concordat was embodied in the post-war bodied in the post-war Republican Constitution with the full support of Stalinist party chief Togliatti, who claimed it was necessary in order not to 'alienate Catholic workers'.

(NW France) struck on Tues-Vatican claim day for the fourth time in as many weeks for pay increases and shorter hours. The two factories of Socapex (a subsidiary of Thomson-

> trical goods), have been on strike since the end of Sep-tember at CLUSES (Savoy) and SURESNES for a 6 per cent increase in real wages. Many of the 43,000 workers of the state aerospace industry SNIAS staged short strikes on Tuesday in support of their demands for improved pay and conditions in a new

national contract.
And postmen in PARIS and several other cities held a solid strike on Monday on their pay claims.

Unions split

In negotiations on railway-men's pay, the unions have split, with the CP-led CGT refusing to accept the agree-ment reached between management and the other unions. The CGT is calling for a 2.6 per cent increase in real

wages, almost double the employers' offer. And the national lorrydrivers' union leadership has announced 'massive action soon' following the breakdown

of pay negotiations.
AT LIEGE, in Belgium, 11,000 workers in the state arms factory started an indefinite strike on Monday against threatened reorganization which would involve hundreds

of sackings. They are also demanding pay increases and earlier retirement ages.

War threat Seven in Birmingham court

Students

facing

'privilege'

protest charges

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN MEMBERS of the Aston (Birming-

ham) Joint Guild of Students are to appear

The charges against

them arise out of an

occupation of the city's

further education offices

About 90 students were involved in the action — a

protest against the siting of

the new Birmingham Poly-technic at Perry Barr, several miles from the

dents at the Polytechnic would be separated from and have fewer facilities

than those at the university. High Court injunctions were later served against 75

students to prevent them

from entering any of the local education authority

It was also alleged that eight students, by hailing

passers-by from an upstairs

window during the occupa-tion, were 'obstructing the

One student has been cleared of the charge through lack of evidence and Guild president Roger Haworth is calling for 'silent solidarity' from Guild members cuttide the court

members outside the court

on Monday. Haworth himself will be

appearing in court.
Such a manifestation of

student feeling, however sincere, is unlikely to have

much effect on the judiciary or the Tory authority.

to fight Toryism is by turn-ing to the organized working class for a cam-

paign to force the Tories to resign—and by building the Young Socialists Students

Society.

A petition demanding an

emergency general meeting

to discuss sending a delega-tion to the St Helens

demonstration on October

12 is being circulated by the

Young Socialists Student

Society and has already

gained over 100 signatures.

Pilkington

trict committee in a campaign to mobilize the whole of the

trade union movement in their

gate has now been left in no doubt what kind of action is

The resolution carried by

the branch on September 22, which provoked the district

committee's temporizing ques-

tion, called on 'the Sheffield

district committee, Trades and Labour Council, Confederation

district committee and quar-terly shop stewards' meeting to "black" Pilkington's glass

in this district . . .
'To fight this issue,' it

stressed, 'is essential to any

fight against the proposed

Tory legislation against trade

Its district committee dele-

FROM PAGE ONE

support'.

called for.

The only way for students

last May.

university

education.

buildings.

highway'.

in a Birmingham court next Monday.

Troops out

against 7,000

students

ARMOURED CARS were out

in the streets of Bandung, capital of Indonesia, yesterday

outside the Afro-Asian Islamic

Organization Congress in the

city against the murder of Rene Luis Conrad.

developing through intrigues of Byzantine complexity, the

bitterest anti-clericalism comes from the right-wing capitalist

politicians and their northern

industrialist backers, who would like to put an end to the centre-left coalition and

the few social reforms it has promised.

France:

Farmers

protest,

pay strikes

AN ESTIMATED 10.000

peasants and small farmers

oined in demonstrations

earlier this week in Britanny

(NW France) against the gov-

ernment's refusal to increase

the maintained price of milk

which is about 6 per cent lower in France than in the

other Common Market coun-

The maintained price serves

as a general minimum to the

price received by producers,

and is enforced by government

Despite very high food costs

(including dairy produce) milk

farmers get only about 3 francs (under 5s) an hour for

Widespread claims

The increased cost of living is also reflected in widespread wage claims in French in-

dustry.
Workers on the electric

tramways in the LILLE area

Houston manufacturing elec-

tries.

purchases.

their work.

7,000 students protested

FROM PAGE ONE doubt also interprets Egyptian pleas for a further extension of the Suez cease-fire as a sign of weakness.

Every conciliatory move from the Soviet bureaucracy its bourgeois-nationalist friends only serves to strengthen US imperialism's militaristic drive.

The more the Soviet leaders retreat, the more brazen the Americans and their Zionist allies become.

On alert

The Sixth Fleet has been concentrated in the Mediter-ranean and Washington has made it clear that US troops are on the alert ready to go into the Middle East at a moment's notice.

The United States is maintaining nuclear weapons in the colonels' Greece, a regime with which the Kremlin has the most cordial trading and diplomatic relations.

All these preparations can be turned against the Soviet Union as well as against the Middle East revolution.

Nixon intends to police the Middle East, with or without the collaboration of the Soviet bureaucracy.

If he cannot get what he wants through the Rogers-Kosygin plan, he will prepare for war to get it.

The Soviet Stalinists' counter-revolutionary treachery has played a key part in opening up this exceptionally

The question of imperialist war remains in the back-The students see this an ground of all the diplomatic an extension of the 'binary' manoeuvres taking place in the Middle East. system of privilege in Further education stu-

There can, of course, be no peace with imperialism there or anywhere else in the world.

Unprepared

But the criminal unpre-paredness of the Soviet bureaucracy, its continual con-ciliation of US imperialism, only encourages Nixon's belligerence.

Every blow now struck at imperialism either at home or abroad, whether by the Fedayeen at Hussein or the British workers against Heath's anti-union plans, is a blow which will disrupt US imperialism's war plans and hasten the liberation of the Palestinian people.

The revolutionary struggle against Toryism is the only effective defence of the Palestinian and Arab revolution.

How to

• FROM PAGE ONE

British imperialism once and for all.

To defeat the anti-union laws it is necessary to defeat the Tory government, to force it to resign and create a workers' government based on socialist policy.

Unlike the Communist Party and the trade union 'lefts' we think this is possible.

To Mr Gollan and the CP executive we say state your attitude to the demand for a one-day national stoppage against the Tories unequivocally, or do you intend to sabotage the struggle as you did on June 5, 1969 under cover of supporting the TUC?

Only a general strike against the Tories can lay the basis for a successful struggle against the scabs' charter and its reactionary authors. That is why we urge all trade

unionists to join the All Trades Unions Alliance now to fight for the charter of demands and call the TUC to organize a one-day stoppage against every aspect of Tory policy.

Help the Young Socialists make their

GRAND XMAS BAZAARS

a great success

If you are able to sew, knit, paint and can make goods for our bazaars. If you can give us jumble, gifts, tins of grocery. Please contact Young Socialists Bazaars, 186a Clapham High Street, London, SW4.

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LONDON Saturday, November 28 Plashet School (nr East Ham tube) Doors open 12 noon

Saturday, December 12 Corn Exchange Leeds Doors open 12 noon

Czech poet's death underlines bureaucracy's

STANISLAV NEUMANN, the 43-year-old poet, whose death in Czechoslovakia was announced last month, committed suicide and left a note expressing disillusion-ment with the Communist Party, according to reports

from Prague.

The way he died was kept secret from the public Czechoslovakia, according to the Prague reports, which are at variance on whether he had taken poison or hanged himself.

Neumann won the Clement Gottwald poetry prize for his Stalinist writings in the 1950s and bore one of the most famous names in Czechoslovak drama. S. K. Neumann

Theatre in Prague is named

crisis BY A WORKERS PRESS

after his grandfather, a playwright. The official Czechoslovak News Agency Ceteka re-ported the poet's 'tragic death' on September 22, three days after he died, but

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

did not explain the circumstances.
The information reaching Vienna says that he left a note declaring that he was of sound mind and had no family problems. It explained that the

Communist Party, to which

Neumann's suicide is a blow to Gustav Husak and the other Communist Party

penetrating deeply not only into the working class and student youth, but among top bureaucratic circles. Neumann was not generally regarded as a major poet, but his work was ad-

he had devoted his life, no longer corresponded to the

leaders, who earlier scotched attempts to expel him from the Party for his pro-Dubcek sympathies. Neumann's suicide indi-cates that the crisis of Czechoslovak Stalinism

mired by the bureaucracy.

He was a former cultural attaché in Warsaw.

ideals that it once had, and which it had when he joined