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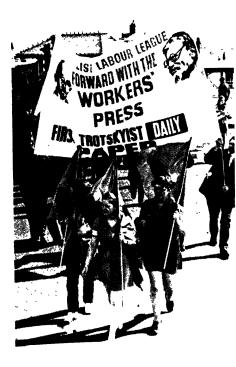
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what I have called for many

times over the year-an offen-

JOHNS: Do you think that he

is wrong to remain in his

DALY: No, not particularly.

The CIR has no teeth any-

JOHNS: Well the Tories are

certainly trying to give it some.

DALY: Yes, well I doubt very

much whether Paynter will

remain on the Commission if

I may be wrong here, but my feeling at the time when

Paynter went on the CIR was

that it was better to have

someone like him from the

unions than perhaps someone

with different political and

the Bill goes through.

industrial attitudes.

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situation.

sive strategy.

THE MINERS' STRIKE

JOHNS: If the miners vote to strike it will be the first national pit stoppage since 1926. They will meet a Tory government pledged to resist wage increases like that of your union. In this situation the strike will clearly develop into a major political confrontation. How do you intend to fight this political battle and are you, like Mr Heath, prepared to face a general strike?

DALY: Absolutely, without any qualification. The position is this, that I expect we will win the necessary two-thirds strike majority in the ballot and the miners will come out solidly for what is a moderate claim for a £20 minimum.

With their declaration of official support we have already had indication from the Transport and General Workers' Union that they will support us if the government attempts to resist us in the course of the strike.

We will be discussing tomorrow [October 8] approaches we can make to other unions to prevent the movement of coal by transport workers, railwaymen, dockers and seamen. We want those unions to instruct their members not to move coal in the event of a strike.

If this becomes the situation, Heath will be half-way towards a general strike and I hope, as I said at the Labour Party conference, that in this situation the miners and their allies will receive the widest possible support from the entire trades union and labour movement.

JOHNS: Yes, Hugh Scanlon, leader of the engineers, said at the Labour Party conference that any union involved in a battle with the government would have the full support of the TUC and the member

If the Tories intervene in your strike with troops, for example, what kind of support will you ask the trade unions for? Will this include requests for sympathetic action?

DALY: In the first place it would be quite impractical for the government to intervene with troops. They simply could not do the kind of jobs that miners, particularly on the power-loading machines, have

to do. But if Heath used other measures against the miners to break the strike, there is no question that it would intensify the determination of the men and those in the trades union movement who are supporting them, to resist, and fight all the way to victory.

JOHNS: If a situation like this did emerge I take it therefore you would go to the TUC and ask for sympathetic strike

DALY: Obviously we cannot make an official approach to the TUC until we know the result of the ballot. But if it is for the strike, as I hope, I would hope that our executive would agree to approach the TUC Congress for their fullest support.

JOHNS: I don't want to labour this point, but would you ask directly for sympathetic strike action if the government did

DALY: We certainly would be asking for sympathetic action. Verbal militancy is not enough. It's action we want.

JOHNS: You have aiready rejected arbitration with Lord Robens through an independent panel. Does this mean you will keep out on strike until the demand is met in full? Will there be any danger of a retreat on the claim, like there was in the recent docks and GKN-Sankey disputes?

DALY: There is certainly every indication on the coalfields that if the men come out they will stay out until the claim is met in full on the minimum wage demand.

JOHNS: And you yourself are recommending this?

DALY: I am certainly committed to this. I have said this all the way through in the negotiations and we are not in any way influenced by Robens' offer to go to arbitration.

First of all the annual conference, which is the governing body of the union, decided that if the minimum demand was not met in full we would proceed to take strike action and this we are doing by balloting the members.

In any case it is my own view, and I expressed this to Robens, that in the present climate with a Tory government in power, arbitration would be a waste of time.

JOHNS: I read an interesting statement made by an old Scots miner who compared the situation now emerging in Britain to 1926. What do you think of this comparison?

DALY: This may well be, but I have said to my members, '1970 is not 1926', the miners in 1926 were fighting a defensive battle against a wage-cut and an increase in hours.

We have now at last got an eight-hour day for the surface workers and we have got 50 per cent of what we are asking for for the lower-paid men. The miners this time are on the offensive and this time the miners are going to win.

JOHNS: The council workers are now meeting threats from the government that the miners will have to meet when, and if, they come out.

Would you consider linking the fight of the NUM-as a body which represents lowpald workers-with the fight of the manual council workers?

DALY: If we are to call on the other unions to support us, equally the unions organizing the local government workers will be entitled to ask us for our co-operation and I have no doubt that the miners will assist in every way possible.

POLISH STRIKE BREAKING

JOHNS: Very much related to the strike is the question of coal imports. You may remember that during the strike o the Spanish miners the Polish government exported coal and broke the strike. What do you think of this act by the Polish government?

DALY: The National Executive Committee of the NUM sent a letter to the Polish government expressing their deep concern about the export of coal to Spain during the Asturian miners' strike.

The Poles replied to us saythat dealt with qualities of coal that were not being produced by the Asturian miners and reassuring us of their traditional solidarity with the struggle of the Spanish workers against

But my own personal view is that the Polish government would not dare to even consider an invitation to export coal to Britain while the

miners were on strike. If they did there would be no more contact between the Polish miners union and the

JOHNS: And you would tell them this if it did occur? DALY: Absolutely.

JOHNS: Does this go for other countries as well?

DALY: Equally.

PIT CLOSURES

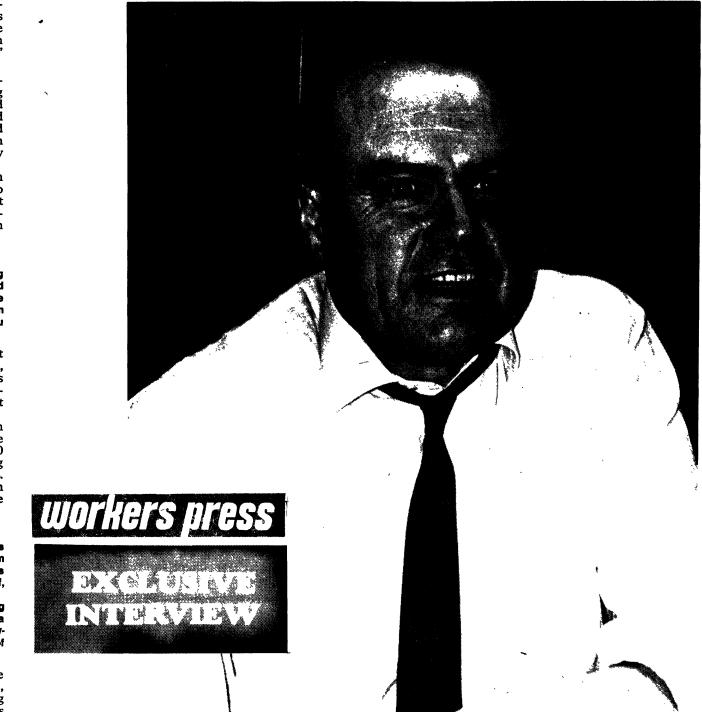
JOHNS: Already the Secretary of State at the Ministry of Technology, Sir John Eden has stated that closures will be increased if productivity in the mines does not rise. This threat will obviously be used in the course of the strike.

How will you counter this threat, and in the future will you lobby on your national executive to fight closures by

national strike action?

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INTERVIEW WITH LAWRENCE

DALY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL UNION

CONDUCTED AT THE NUM HEADQUARTERS IN EUSTON,

OF MINEWORKERS

LONDON ON OCTOBER 7 BYSTEPHEN JOHNS

DALY: I would hope to convince the national executive that, if, for example, 1,000 miners were told that you will now be redundant because of the strike, they should encourage our members to take further strike action to resist

pit closures quite definitely. I made this clear to Sir John Eden when we met in August negotiating the financial reconstruction of the industry.

We said then that we wanted removal of some of the interest burden from the industry and the return of some of the £1,000 millions stolen from the mining industry through subsidized coal during the first decade after nationalization.

JOHNS: Does this mean that in the future if the government announces a programme of pit closures you would take, what for you is a radical step, and back strikes against ciosures

DALY: Robens has said that he will close six or seven pits in the current six months because they are exhausted. And we don't oppose closures where a pit is exhausted.

But if they came along with a programme that went further than this, I am sure that there is such a mood of militancy developing among the men that the rank and file and other people in the union would compel official action.

JOHNS: And you would actively support this?

DALY: Absolutely, I have been wishing for years that this mood would develop.

JOHNS: On the question of interest payments, are you prepared to say in the case of a pit closure—'We will not have this pit closed until we have these interest payments stopped; until this massive amount of money is returned to the industry'.

DALY: We are pressing the government—we have had two meetings with them-for the removal of the interest burden and for the adoption of other measures to make the industry financially viable.

But officially we have not reached the stage you suggest. But it is my view that we should stand up and say that until the miner and the industry get a square deal that we are not prepared to accept pit closures save where the pit is exhausted.

JOHNS: So you would then, like to see the end of interest payments?

DALY: Absolutely. We have paid once again in the last financial year £37 million in interest payments. We have paid out hundreds of millions, including not only interest charges on loans to reconstruct the industry, but also the near £400 million that went in compensation to the old owners.

All this has been paid out of the profits made by the

prepared to tolerate this.

We have made it perfectly clear to Sir John Eden that unless measures are taken to assist the industry, to enable decent wages to be paid to miners, the forecasts of coal shortages for this winter will be insignificant with the shortages that would take place because the miners were determined to take strike action.

THE OFFICIAL **STRIKE**

JOHNS: In last year's unofficial strike half the miners came out for higher rates for surface men, yet you did not call for this strike to be made official. You eventually told the men to go back. Why did you take this stand?

DALY: The constitution of the NUM includes in its rules a provision that there shall be no strike action without authority of the national executive and that there should be no strike without a ballot with two-thirds majority in favour.

In those circumstances I had no power, and neither had the executive, to make the strike official.

The other thing is that not one area, including the Yorkshire area, which initiated the strike, called for official back-

ing. This was for a wise reason that this would have required a special conference of the union which would have taken two weeks then a ballot which would have taken a further four or five weeks to complete.

This would have meant, therefore, the possibility of two months delay—in addition to the two weeks Yorkshire had been out—before a decision could have been reached. By that time the men, I believe, would have had suffered so much that many of suffered so much that many of them would have balloted against the strike.

Rather than see them dissipate their strength in this way it was my view—which I did not, and never will, apologize for—that it was better they return after making their demonstration.

I have myself had to face similar situations when I worked underground at Glencraig coal mine for 25 years. You have to judge the time to come out.

You have made your protest, you may not have got everything you want, but you have also to gauge the position of your members and know when it is time to go back as a united body, which is all important.

The other thing was that I had discussions here with unofficial leaders from Yorkshire. Some of them honestly told me 'Lawrence, if you or someone can't get us off the hook and get the men back, get some sound reason for getting them back to work, then there is the danger of the men going back themselves'.

There was this great danger that if it had gone beyond the second week it would have begun to break up with the kind of consequences I men-

PRODUCTIVITY

JOHNS: Productivity In the mines has increased from 33.4 cwt per man shift in 1963-1964 to 43.4 cwt in 1970. At the same time pit closures totalled 177. We believe that productivity deals which introduce speed-up and labour cuts In the guise of Measured-Day job-evaluation directly contribute to un-

Are you against all productivity dealing in principle?

Will you fight to end such dealing in the mining industry?

DALY: I am opposed to national productivity dealing in the mining industry. For us this is very bad strategy—I oppose it all the way.

With the geological conditions in mining, if you make a deal you cannot be certain that you will reach the targets set in particular mines because you do not know in advance what geological conditions are going to be like.

Equally I am opposed to local productivity deals for the

They do mean in general speed-up and intensifying the work to meet targets, making the miner increase the risks of injury and disease to himself

JOHNS: So you are against signing any productivity deal

DALY: Oh yes. In fact where they still exist, for a minority of men, we are trying to get them abolished for a high-day wage which is our strategy throughout the industry.

ANTI-UNION LAWS

JOHNS: We now know the

extent of the Tories anti-trade-

union legislation. It threatens

to dismantle every gain won

by the unions since their

inception. Would it be cor-

rect to assume that you are

opposed to national strike

action by the miners and other

unions to defeat this legisla-

WORKERS PRESS

JOHNS: Finally Mr Daly, what do you think of the Workers Press. We have published as a dally now for one year and had improved sales and techniques. We have criticized you often-please criticize us nov If you wish.

DALY: I think typographically it is attractive. I think politically there are a few things that I disagree with, but I don't want to go into them at the moment—the important thing is to get together and start pushing.

DALY: Oh no. I cannot speak I have noted over the years for my executive, but my view that the Workers Press and its is that this so-called Industrial predecessor 'The Newsletter', have, every time they men-Relations Bill is an employers' charter and I am positive that it will be resisted by the trade tioned me, managed to portray me as some kind of leftunions and resisted successtalking revisionist.

fully.

This resistance, in my opinion, should include indus-I don't think we should go into this at the moment, but I Our executive will be dis-

elbow.

cussing the Bill when we have had time to consider it. I am certain that we will reject it and if the TUC is not successful in persuading the government to withdraw it I will be trying to persuade other union leaders to fight it in every way possible — and this will include industrial action.

trial action.

JOHNS: Are you against a political campaign which involves industrial action to force the government to resign on this

am prepared to go into it with any of your members or supporters over a pint of beer sometime. But I will say that despite that fact that I can't agree with a lot of what it says, I recognize the spirit behind the people who produce it and the

objectives they are working for. Therefore in as much as

the Workers Press is helping

the miners—all power to its

JOHNS: Thank you Mr Daly. We will be fighting alongside all the miners in their great coming battle.

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BBC 1

10.40 a.m. Time Machines. 11.40 Weatherman. 11.45 Grandstand: 11.45, 1.40, 2.05, 3.45 Golf Picadilly World Championships. 12.50 Football Preview. 1.10 International Boxing. 1.50, 2.20, 2.50, 3.25 Racing from Ascot. 2.35. 3.05 Horse of the Year Show. 4.55 Results. 5.20 Pink Panther show. 5.40 News and weatherman. 5.50 Here's Lucy: Lucy and the Used Car-Dealer.

6.15 SHOW OF THE NORTH. International artists in a non-stop musical presentation of songs old and new.

6.45 HIGH ADVENTURE: 'Night Passage'. With James Stewart and Audie Murphy 8.10 THE HARRY SECOMBE SHOW. With guests Jimmy Tarbuck

and Clodagh Rodgers. 8.55 BEN TRAVERS FARCES: 'A Cup of Kindness'. With Arthur

Lowe and Richard Briers.

9.45 HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW.

10.25 NEWS and weather. 10.35 MATCH OF THE DAY.

11.35 CONFERENCE REPORT 70. Final day of Conservative Party Conference and speech of the Prime Minister.

12.00 midnight Weatherman.

REGIONAL BBC

11.05 Sportsreel. 11.05-11.35 Mod 70: The Grand Concert. 12.02 News, weather. N Ireland: 5.05-5.20 Sports results and News summary. 12.02 News, weather. All regions as above except: Wales: 10.20-10.40 Cadi Ha. 5.50-6.15 Iris. 11.15-11.35 , Match of the N day. 12.02 Weather. & Scotland: 5.00-5.20 Sportsreel. 10.35-

BBC 2

11.15 a.m. Conservative Party Conference: The Prime Minister. 3.00-4.20 p.m. Cinema: 'The Tall Stranger' starring Joel McCrea and Virginia Mavo

7.30 NEWS, Sports and Weather.

7.45 DISCO 2. 8.10 RUGBY SPECIAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOLF.

9.00 CHRONICLE: Marx was here-in London.

9.45 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. By Jean-Paul Sartre—'The Age of Reason'

10.30 LAUGH-IN. With Rowan and Martin. 11.20 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.25 MIDNIGHT MOVIE: 'The Left Hand of God'. With Humphrey Bogart and Gene Tierney.

10.00 a.m. Conservative Party conference. 12.30 p.m. Wind in the willows. 12.45 News from ITN. 12.50 World of sport. 12.55 On the ball. 1.20 They're off! 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Racing from Ayr. 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Racing from York. 3.10 International Sports special. 'The tour of Lombardy'. 3.55 Results, scores, news. 4.00 Wrestling from Walthamstow. 4.55 Results service. 5.10 Forest rangers. 5.40 Beverly hill-

6.10 NEWS FROM ITN.

6.15 MAKING WHOOPEE. Introduced by Kenny Everett.

6.45 NO, THAT'S ME OVER-HERE. 7.15 CROWTHER'S IN TOWN. Leslie Crowther with guests.

8.00 HAWAII FIVE-O: 'Cry Lie'.

9.00 FRAUD SQUAD: 'Double Deal'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.15 THE FROST PROGRAMME. David Frost.

REGIONAL ITV

11.15 THINK TWICE. With Russell Davies and Clive James.

11.30 ON REFLECTION. John Osborne reflects on David Garrick.

11.55 IN YOUR INTEREST.

CHANNEL: 12.45 London. 5.15 Shane. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Film: 'The Shark Fighters'. With Victor Mature and Karen Steele. 9.00 London. 10.15 Theatre. 11:15 Frost. 12.05 Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 10.00 a.m.-12.30 London, 12.10 Faith for life, 12.15 Weather. **SOUTHERN:** 11.30-12.30 London. 12.42 Weather. 12.45 London. 5.15 Cowboy in Africa. 6.10 London. 6.15

Crowther's in town. 7.00 Film: 'The Adventurers'. With Jack Hawkins, Peter Hammond, Dennis Price and Siobhan McKenna. 8.30 No, that's me over here. 9.00 London. 11.15 News. 11.25 Name of the game. 12.50 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 10.00 London. 5.10 No, that's me over here. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 Love, American style. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 11.15 Name of the game. 12.40 Weather.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.15-7.00 Wrth fy modd.

ANGLIA: 10.00 London. 5.10 Making Whoopee! 5.40 Wheel of Fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in Town. 7.00 No, That me over Here. 7.30 'Thunder in the Sun'. Starring Susan Hayward, Jeff Chandler. Wagon train journey across the French Pyrenees. 9.00 London. 11.15 Name of the Game. 12.35 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 10.00 London. 12.30 Pups' picnic. 12.45 London. 5.10 No, that's me over here. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 7.00 Your stars tomorrow. 7.03 Film: 'A Date With Judy'. With Wallace Beery, Jane Powell, Elizabeth Taylor, Carmen Miranda, Xavier Cugat and Robert Stack. A girl discovers that her boyfriend has been taking lessons from her sister on how to handle women. 9.00 London. 10.15 Theatre. 11.15 Frost, weather.

ULSTER: 10.00 London. 5.10 Flipper. 5.40 Sportscast. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Film: "The True Story of Jesse James'. With Robert Wagner, Jeffrey Hunter and Hope Lange. Jesse James falls in love. 9.00 London. 10.15 Theatre. 11.15 Frost.

YORKSHIRE: 10.00 London. 12.30 Cartoon. 12.45 London. 5.15 Gunsmoke. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 'Odongo'. With Rhonda Fleming, MacDonald Carey and Juma. African adventure. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.10 Human jungle. 12.05 Weather.

GRANADA: 10.00 London. 12.30 Cartoon. 12.45 London. 5.10 Greatest show on earth. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Tough guys: 'Carter's Army'. With Stephen Boyd. Robert Hooks and Susan Oliver. A tough bigoted officer in Second World War is ordered to defend a dam that the Germans plan to destroy. 8.50 Cartoon. 9.00 London. 10.10 For adults only.

TYNE TEES: 10.00 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Film: 'Sailor of the King'. With Jeffrey Hunter, Michael Rennie and Wendy Hiller. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. 12.10 Epilogue.

BORDER: 10.00 London. 5.10 Big valley. 6.05 Sports results. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No. that's me over here. 7.30 Movies 'The Monk'. With George Maharis and Janet Leigh. Murder mystery. 9.00 London. 10.15 Theatre. 11.15 On the house. 11.40 Love American style.

SCOTTISH: 10.00 London. 5.15
Adventure time. 6.10 London. 6.15
Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's
me over here. 7.30 "Tarzan and the
Amazons'. With Johnny Weissmuller.
9.00 London. 10.10 This is ... Tom
Jones. 11.10 March report. 11.25 Late
call. 11.30 Don't watch alone: "The
Ghost of Frankenstein'. With Lon
Chaney Jr., Sir Cedric Hardwicke and
Beta Lugosi.

GRAMPIAN: 10.00 London, 5.15 Laredo, 6.10 London, 6.15 Crowther's in town, 7.00 No, that's me over here, 7.30 Movie: "Illegal". With Edward G. Robinson, Nina Foch, Hugh Marlowe and Jayne Mansfield. A district attorney takes to the bottle after learning that he has sent an innocent man to the electric chair, 9.00 London, 10.15 This is . . Tom Jones, 11.10 Match report, 11.25 Untouchables.

SUNDAY

9.00 Nai Zindagi-Naya Jeevan. 9.30 Know How: the Engineering programme. 10.00 Si Dice Cosi. 10.30-11.00 Seeing and believing. 11.35 Men and Materials. 12 noon Ask Zena Skinner! 12.25-12.50 11.35 Men and Materials. 12 noon Ask Zena Skinner! 12.25-12.50 p.m. Hardy Heating International (new series). 1.25 Farming. 1.55 Education Programme: Pidgeon-holed at 13? 2.20 Made in Britain: Cars The battle for Europe. 2.29 News headlines. 2.30 Personal Choice: talking to Michael Abdul Malik. 3.05 Family Film: 'Long John Silver'. Starring Robert Newton. 4.40 Asterix the Gaul. 4.50 Golden Silents. 5.15 Going for a song . . . the world of antiques. 5.40 The Black Tulip: part 5.

6.05 NEWS and weatherman.

•6.15 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks The Question Why.

6.50 SONGS OF PRAISE. 7.25 DR FINLAY'S CASEBOOK: 'Not Qualified'.

8.15 IN TIME OF WAR: 'The Desert Rats'. With Richard Burton and Robert Newton.

9.40 NEWS and weather. 9.55 OMNIBUS. Everything in the Garden: The past, present and future of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

10.55 AD LIB. 11.15 Weatherman.

All regions as above except: Vales: 2.30-3.15 The Doctors. 3.15-3.55 Rugby Union. 3.55-4.15 Transworld Top Team. 4.15-4.40 Swyn Y

Glec: Welsh verse contest. 11.17 Weather: Cotland: 2.30-3.05 Scope. 6.15-6.50 Sunday Set. 6.50-7.25 Songs of Praise. 11.17 News, weather.

7.00 p.m. NEWS REVIEW and weather.

7.25 THE WORLD ABOUT US: Baobab—a film portrait of an African 'upside-down tree' and its wildlife.

8.15 MUSIC ON 2. From the House of the Dead-opera by Leos Janacek

9.45 CHILDREN TALKING. Greeks, Romans and all that . . 9.55 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. The Age of Reason, part 2.

10.35 OH! IN COLOUR. With Spike Milligan.

11.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather.... 11.10 FILM NIGHT. Talking to Jason Robards star of 'Tora, Tora Tora' a new film about Pearl Harbour.

11.00 a.m. Service. 12.10 p.m. On Reflection. Sir Tyrone Guthrie

reflects on Gilbert and Sullivan. 12.35 Music room. 1.00 Toolbox. 1.30 Wind in the willows. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 Survival. 2.45 Big match. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 4.45 Golden shot. 5.35 The Flaxton boys.

6.05 NEWS FROM ITN.

6.15 BEYOND BELIEF. 6.35 MY SHIP, MY PARISH.

7.00 STARS ON SUNDAY.

7.25 PLEASE SIR! 'Enter Mister Sibley'.

'CARRIE'. With Laurence Olivier and Jennifer Jones. A girl finds the reality of Chicago too much to bear until she attracts the attention of a middle-aged restaurant manager.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.15 THE EXILES. 'Jennie'.

11.15 THIS IS ... TOM JONES.

12.10 a.m. IN YOUR INTEREST.

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.35 London. 2.13 Weather. 2.15 Big match. 3.10 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 4.05 Carton time. 4.35 Date with Danton 4.45 London. 7.55 London. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Avengers. 12 midnight Epilogue, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 1.25 Decimalization. 1.45 Farm and country news. 1.55 Acres for profit. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather. **SOUTHERN:** 11.00-12.05 London, 12.07 Weather, 12.10 London, 1.30 Sara and

Hoppity. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 London. 3.45 Seaway. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: "To the Shores of Tripol!'. With John Payne, Randolph Scott and Maureen O'Hara. War film. 9.30 Mating machine. 10.00 London. 12.10 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-1.25 London. 2.15 Big Match. 3.15 Matinee: 'The Fat Man'. With J. Scott Smart, Julie London and Rock Hudson. Investi-gating the murder of a dentist 4.45 London. 7.55 'The Key'. With William Holden, Sophia Loren and

don, 12.10 Weather, HTV west as above.

HTV (Wales) colour and HTV (cymru Wales) black and white as above except: 12.10 Dan Sylw. 1.10 Sel 'I Sylwedd.

ANGLIA: 11.00 London. 1.25 All Our Yesterdays. 1.55 Weather trends. 2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30 Jokers Wild. 3.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 3.55 Match of the week. 4.40 London. 7.55 Movie: 'The One-piece Bathing Suit'. Starring Esther Williams and Victor Mature. Fight of a physically handicapped girl to become a champion swimmer. 10.00 London. 12.10 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.30 Mr Piper. 1.45 London. 2.15 Soccer. 3.15 'The Spoilers of Alaska'. With Anne Baxter, Jeff Chandler, Rory Calhoun and Ray Danton. Gold prospectors in Alaska. 4.43 Your stars tomorrow. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Wages of Fear'. With Yves Montand, Charles Vanel, Peter Van Eyck and Folco Lulli. Four men bring huge quantities of high explosives two hundred miles along bumpy roads in lorries without shock absorbers. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Saint, weather.

ULSTER: 12.10-1.30 London. 2.15 Survival. 2.45 London., 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 4.45 London. 7.55 Movie: "The FBI Story." With James Stewart and Vera Miles. History of the crime bureau and its most famous cases. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Prisoner.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-1.30 London. 1.35 Calendar. 1.55 Farming diary. 2.25 Soccer. 3.20 'Road to Hong Kong'. With Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. 5.05 Room 222. 5.35 London. 7.55 Film: '36 Hours'. With James Garner, Eva Marie Saint, and Rod Taylor. In Lisbon in 1944 an American intelligence agent is drugged by German agents and flown to Berlin. 10.00 London. 10.15 Exiles. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-12.00 London. 12.10 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Interpol. 2.20 Football. 3.20 Quentin Durgens. 4.15 Survival. 4.40 London. 7.55 Best of Hollywood: 'An American in Paris'. With Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. An ex-GI goes to live in Paris after the war. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost.

TYNE TEES: 11.00 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.25 Shoot. 3.20 Champions. 4.15 Nanny and the professor. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'The VIPs'. With Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is Tom Jones. 11.15 Challenge. 12 midnight Epilogue.

BORDER: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.50 Diary. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.20 Football. 3.20 Saint. 4.15 Making whoopee. 4.45 London, 7.55 Film: 'A Night to Remember'. With Kenneth More. Reconstruction of the sinking of the Titanic. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 12.10-1.25 London. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Young approach. 3.45 Gazette. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: "The Lonely Man'. With Jack Palance. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.10 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 12.10-1.25 London. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Training the family dog. 3.10 Movie: 'The Huggets Abroad'. With Jack Warner, Kathleen Harrison and Jimmy Hanley. A family treks to S Africa. 4.45 London. 7.55 Cinema: 'Serenade'. With Mario Lanza and Joan Fontaine. A night club singer is discovered by a society woman. 10.00 London. 12.10 Nocturne.

Silence is golden

THE STATE visit of French President Pompidou to the Soviet Union is the occasion for a glittering pageant in honour of 'peaceful coexistence' between the Stalinist bureaucracy and the French capitalist class.

Pompidou and his entourage, including Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann and a small tribe of lesser Gaullist politicians, are being given red-carpet treatment.

As well as a round tour of Siberia, the Soviet space centre at Baikonur, Tashkent and Samarkand, Pompidou will have several hours of private talks with top Soviet leaders.

There is little doubt that the

communiqués speaking of 'amity' and 'mutual understanding' between the participants will be substantially correct. Before his departure Pompidou explained:

'France remains faithful to the policy defined by General de Gaulle which has as its aim the strengthening of understanding and co-operation between all the countries of eastern and western Europe and first of all between France and the Soviet Union.

TACTFUL

He spoke glowingly of his previous trip east, as de Gaulle's Prime Minister in 1967, but tactfully omitted to mention de Gaulle's last excursion, when h returned post-haste bedecked with Stalinist garlands from Rumania to face a general strike of the French working class in

DURING US President Nixon's recently-completed whistle-stop tour of friends and acquaintances in Europe and the Mediterranean, the broadest smiles were undoubtedly reserved for His Holiness Pope Paul VI, who received Nixon at home in the Vatican city.

Flanked by an impressive retinue of bodyguards the distinguished guest prudently arrived and departed by helicopter to avoid massive demonstrations in the city of Rome, and affably adopted a cruciform pose for photographers in St Peter's Square.
The cordial exchanges so

widely reported were by no means only formal. Pope and President have much in common, and not least an intelligence service designed to keep thorough tabs on left-

'disruptive' elements. Naturally St Peter's heir does not aspire to a network the size of the CIA, but Mother Church herself, as revelations in Italy last

wingers and other potentially

ADVANCED work-study systems applied to physical handicapped workers are examined in the current issue of the Institute of Work Study Practitioners' journal.

The article, originally presented as a paper at the European Work-Study Federation Conference in May this year, is concerned with 'utilization of . handicapped workers in industry'.

It explains that employing such workers involves great problems: they cannot work effectively enough; they cannot work hard enough; they cannot stand the pressure of ordinary industrial work.

The answer is said to be to design the work-place to fit the worker.



POMPIDOU VISITS THE **SOVIET UNION**

Clearly recognizing that 'democracy' comes a poor second to diplomacy, he refrained also from any indelicate references to the warmth of Franco-Czechoslovak relations.

Reciprocating these courtesies to the full, the Stalinist propaganda machine pulled out all the stops in celebration of his visit. Even the minor details were carefully attended to.

CO-OPERATION

A recent number of the Moscow 'Literary Gazette' reproduced long extracts from Pompidou's

preface to his 'Anthology of French Poetry'. It heartily approved his taste, though finding it 'a little subjective'.

On the more substantial questions, a 'Tass' news agency release anticipated 'an even closer Franco-Soviet co-operation in the interests of peace and European and world security'. Getting to the details of what this means, the Moscow correspondent of the French CP daily 'L'Humanité', Max Leon, ex-

plained: 'The situation is favourable, since on the burning questions of international politics - Indo-

China, the Middle East and even European security—their points of view have grown closer, are often parallel and sometimes coincide.'

Appetites whetted by the Bonn-Moscow treaty and the blows they helped to strike at the Arab revolution, the Kremlin Stalinists clearly hope to persuade Pompidou to put his full weight behind a European 'security' conference.

Accordingly, all class questions must be thrust out of sight. The Stalinist press is silent on Gaullist repression of the French labour movement and the laws establishing collective guilt for demonstrations. The bloody colonial war being waged by Pompidou's troops against the liberation fighters in

Chad is passed over. French employers, whom Communist Party trade union militants are in bitter struggle, appear in 'L'Humanité's' columns as praiseworthy participants in Soviet economic development-most importantly Renault, scheduled to share with Daimler-Benz and Fiat in building a giant lorry plant in Siberia.

Truly, rose-tinted spectacles are the order of the day.

Father Agostino was shortly to

discover, however, that a con-science of his type is a serious

obstacle to preferment in the

Church—he was suspended from

His fellows among the lay teaching staff protested and Genoa students demonstrated

against his victimization.

And, to the horror of the

Church authorities, the matter

exploded into a national scandal. In a final irony the issue was

taken up by the secular capitalist

press — who themselves have a record for vigorous whitewashing

of spying and provocations by the

oeuvres to defeat the divorce bill



Father Agostino Zerbinati.

week showed, provides a useful

cover for such activities. **TEACHER**

Father Agostino Zerbinati was, until recently, a teacher of religious subjects at the State Art School in the N Italian city of

Genoa In addition to his obligations to his employers and students, he recognized a duty of obedience to the diocesian Curia (the Holy Office, an administrative machine of the Catholic Church). He was thus required to fill in

for the Church a report form

each year on his work and the

to the local education authority. **EFFERVESCENCE**

Copies of such reports were sent to the schools involved and

achievement of his students.

But this year priests teaching in Genoa state schools were called to a special meeting and told they would have to fill in—at the Curia offices—a special, confidential report on their experience at work, covering, among other things, the political opinions of students and staff and the formation and activities of any left-wing societies or organizations.

SPEEDING-UP

tor of the Genoa Catechismal Bureau, subsequently explained, this extra form was required by 'the present moment of particular effervescence in the places where we live and work'. Father Agostino, who did not

As Monsignor Patrone, direc-

was highly put out when faced with the new form. As he disarmingly explained. he refused to fill it in and justi-

conscience'.

state intelligence services against the left wing—as a stick to beat the Christian Democrats. For, at papal instigation, they have been engaged, with the support of fascists and monattend the special conference. archists, in parliamentary man-

accurately.

his post.

PROTEST

before the Senate. If divorce becomes legal in Italy, some of the credit must go to the humble and chaste Father Agostino, and his view that what God wishes to know about the

fied his decision as 'a matter of His 200 or so fellow priests teaching in the city felt no such qualms and apparently completed left wing he should find out for the forms promptly and

Examples are given of the case of a dwarf, where it may only be necessary to reduce the dimensions of the working area, and a worker has one

Here, work is specially arranged so that the good hand does all the complicated and

Norwegian Institute of Technology is claimed to be suitable for 'ultilization of older workers and re-education of workers'.

'indicate that the efficiency of a handicapped worker in some cases may increase by about 50 per cent'

given). It is true to say that at its

time of crisis, capitalism can

conform to the pace required for maximum profit—or go to the scrap-heap.

Speed test for picking the table.

HANDICAPPED **WORKERS BY BERNARD FRANKS**

commendable - though not a On the face of it any scheme

to improve an operatives' working conditions is fair enough. To design a working environment to suit an incapacitated operator so as to make his work easier is a

particularly original—aim. However, this is not the real purpose of the exercise. It is the time studies that are the real issue.

The paper explains that the

up a small object. The operator moves his hand from rest on a metal plate to pick up a nut from the box. The 'performance-time' is recorded to the nearest thousandth of a second by the electronic counter which is attached to the plate and to the box by wires under

worker must be given a series of speed tests on dexterity, accuracy, co-ordination and learning ability to find which actions he can perform normally and to isolate the disability.

These tests are based on the basic manual operations of Methods-Time-Measurement (MTM) system-reach, move, grasp, position and turn with the 'standard' MTM times as a base.

REACH TEST

For example, a reach test is made by getting the worker to sit with his hand resting on a metal plate. He reaches forward from this and takes an engineering nut from a box.

The 'performance-time' for

electronic counter connected to the plate and box. A grasp test is made by giving the worker ten nuts to hold in one hand. These have

to be slipped one at a time on

to a metal rod.

the action is recorded by an

Tests for turn are made by giving the worker a handle to twist. After the tests, which last for six to eight hours, spread over two or three days, a full MTM analysis of the operative is said to have been made.

Following this, the worker is given manual operations to perform which have been planned and analysed, using MTM.

The resulting performance level at these is then compared with that of a 'normal' person. The final table shows what actions the operative can perform normally and those which are affected by the dis**ab**ility.

The worker is then given tasks and a working lay-out which can avoid the difficult elements and enable him to achieve 'normal' MTM times.

DWARF

hand which does not function properly.

straining movements. The system which has been developed by the industrial management section of the

It states that results so far

Hiding behind the genuine need to provide a trade, therapy and rehabilitation training for the handicapped worker, the work-study consultants evolve speed-up systems to turn even disabled workers into speeding automatons.

The early concepts of the craft training, both for physical and psychological purposes, are now swept away and he or she must become a top speed manipulator in some light engineering process (assembling door-locks and bicycle bells are two examples

allow no worker to dictate his own speed of working which he finds reasonable, safe and comfortable. He must either be made to

SYD HINCHCLIFFE,

Colliery, Yorkshire:

MY TAKE-HOME pay is £13. I pay £2 12s 1d a week

for a council house that was built in 1922.

to house improvements, the

rents will go up at least another 15s a week. On my

wage I can't afford a holi-

day. The last time I had one

was in 1960.

With a start being made

worker, Glasshoughton

aged 53, surface

It happened

... yesterday

HUNDREDS of seamen

demonstrated outside the Central Labour Commission

offices in Bombay against the

government's nominee to represent them at next week's

International Labour Organiza-

tion maritime conference in

Two British freighters and

the 'Sirdhana', a passenger

liner, are among ten ships held up by a seamen's boycott.

IN AMMAN Palestinian com-

mando organizations were

meeting to co-ordinate control

of their forces. This move

follows King Hussein's state-ment that he will deal only

with Al Fatah, the largest

commando group, led by Yassir Arafat.

A reward for the capture of

Economy

FROM PAGE ONE He spent much of his speech attacking the Labour government's economic legacy. On taxes Barber was cheered when he told the

'In our manifesto we stated what we would do about income tax, surtax and selective employment tax — and what we said, we shall do.' This was a reference to Tory promises of reduced income tax, surtax and the replacement of selective employment tax by a more widespread form of indirect

Any hope of tax cuts being introduced at once was remote, he said. Public expenditure had to be considerably reduced merely to prevent a rise in taxes.

INCREASED food prices are certain to result from future policy outlined by the Agriculture Minister Mr Jim Prior 'Our new system,' he said, is one of levies at the ports, higher return from the market and a drastic reduction in government support.'

The new policy is to cut back subsidies and reduce government spending. Imported food will become

dearer and the cost to the housewife of home produce will rise because of the reduced subsidies. Urgency was the keynote

for putting this burden onto working class as Prior said, 'We intend to carry this through in the shortest possible time. There was also opposition

during yesterday's debate to entry into the Common Market which one farmer-delegate opposed as joining up with 'an agricultural policy which has already thrown Europe into economic confusion and her farmers into the bankruptcy

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MINERS' PAY CLAIM

Notts and Yorks miners talk to Workers Press

SYD ('ECKY') BARKER, aged 47, married with three children aged 21, 20 and 14, a faceworker at Ollerton Colliery, Notts:

IN MY opinion the wage claim is very poor. It is too meagre. I've earned more than £30 a week ten years

The pit-top men now have to live at the pit to get decent living. They are forced to do tremendous amounts of overtime.

Robens said on television that if miners strike there will be 2,000 out of a job. He says nothing about the men who have lost their jobs through pit closures. He said, if we give

miners a rise we'll have to put money on the price of coal. If he knocked off the interest payments, he would have to put nothing on coal. he could bring it down.

When the TV interviewer asked Robens if he would take a cut in his own salary, he gave a sickly grin. I'm not surprised — my wages wouldn't keep him in cigars. If miners don't stand to-

gether and fight now, they will lose everything. The union—will be finished. In 1940 I got suspended Ollerton pit and couldn't even draw the dole. There wasn't even a decent union round here then.

Heath wants to stop the closed shop in the mining industry because he wants one man to be turned against another. There'll be men back to 'greasing the elbow at the public bar what're you having, gaffer?'.

I finished up in the army

and did four years in SE

It was a marvellous meeting. I was proud to think that there are men who think as they do. They staked their livelihood for

All I can say is that if the NUM leaders retreat

now, they'll not only lose

face-they'll lose the union.

What's happened at Pil-

kington's will happen on a

far bigger scale in the mines. I went to the Pilkington's

Conference at Liverpool and

I was ashamed that the National Union of Mine-

workers was not officially

represented.

GRAHAM ('TAFFY') KING aged 31, married with two children aged nine and eight, a faceworker at Bilsthorpe Colliery, Notts:

THE WAGE claim is important, but more important is the existence of the whole

trade union movement. Unless the unions can continue to function, future wage claims will be put to government arbitration and the working class will lose every time.

The consequences of a defeat would be disastrous. It would be like drawing a dog's teeth—he's got noth-ing left, he can't fight. Heath's policy is to de-unionize the labour move-

The question of an overtime ban has been brought up in Nottinghamshire, I don't believe a work-to-rule can replace a strike, but it should take place immediately, plus the strike. What Robens has offered

brings my wage up to £29 10s. We are demanding £30. So the argument boils down to 10s in my case.

important.
The fight to defend the is more important than any amount of money. The government is trying to break the trade unions prior to breaking the working class.

But it is not the 10s that is rights of the trade unions

JOHN BURKILL, married, aged 27, NPLA (National Power-Loading Agreement) worker at Wheldale Colliery, Yorkshire:

THE WAGE offer is a contemptuous insult. We should strike without a ballot. Ballots only give the em-But it also shows up the NUM leadership for what it is—hiding behind a ballot

instead of giving a lead. We should have no about Lawrence illusions Daly and company. You have only to look at their

struggles. For example, Daly saidprior to getting the national secretary's job — that if he was elected and any pits were closed, he would advocate strike action at

selected pits. He has done no such thing. In the strike over surface men's hours in 1969, Daly condemned the miners. How can he be trusted to give a lead now?

Another N London closure

SHOP STEWARDS in Joseph Lucas's Rotax aircraft equipment plants believe £3 million of Industrial Re-organization Corporation money may be responsible for redundancy plans issued earlier this week.

Rotax, which makes aircraft starters and generators, is to shut down its headquarters site at Willesden's Chandos Rd in N London by July next year. This is part of a major rationalization involving redundancies at Luton, contraction of operations at Bradford

and the closure of a second factory in Wolverhampton.

When Lucas bought up GEC-English Electric's Special Products Group for £8 million last November, the Labour government-sponsored IRC swung in with a £3 million loan and an endorsement that the take-over was 'a significant contribution to the rationalization of the UK effort in the aircraft field'.

Now, with the Tories back in the political saddle, 600 jobs—a tenth of Rotax's total labour force — are to to a management statement, of the progressively diminishing workload and the uneconomic working which arose from it'.

Workers at all ten; Rotax division factories are now banning overtime, special night-working, sub-contract work and all transfer of plant in protest against the closure threats, combine stewards' secretary Ernie Scarbrow told the Workers

Press. 'This alone could almost bring the whole group to a standstill, he said.

But unless there is a drastic change in the stewards' first reaction to the closure announcement they will not convince the company that they mean

'Resist'

'At the outset we're saying we resist the closure,' said Scarbrow, 'but whether in the final analysis we will be able to stop it remains to

management shortly to discuss the company's offered terms of some alternative work at Hemel Hempstead and Chase Rd, Willesden, plants, though no figures are given.

Stewards will be meeting

deadlock

The strikers pointed out that the strike was for the lower-paid workers and that the union had called the Lambeth men out.

of the London strike comwill stay out even if we have

to starve. What other way can we fight the governors.' 'What's going to happen in six months' time if your men come out—there won't be a borough in the city that will support you after this,' an-

Meeting
Union officials have met stewards representing nearly 300 Lambeth dustmen, but

negotiations.

It had been drawn up by Tuesday when a mass meeting ill be held. Yesterday Frank Sully agreed to allow Hackney, Kensington and Chelsea, mili-

The other speaker will be Peter Jones, group trade secretary of the Transport and General Workers.

Bristol students oppose Dutschke deportation

BRISTOL University students are opposing the threatened deportation of Rudi Dutschke and have passed the following resolution at a Union General Meeting:

to deport Rudi Dutschke as a vicious attack on the political and academic freedom of a socialist student. It recognizes that the victimization of Dutschke is a part of the general Tory offensive against both the student movement and the workingclass movement, and that such attacks can only intensify unless the Tories are forced to resign. It therefore calls upon the National Union of Students to launch an immediate campaign

Dutschke be allowed to remain in Britain. All restrictions on his political and academic freedom

to the Home Secretary informing him of this resolution.

Nixon

The Soviet leaders had advance copies of Nixon's speech—the British Stalinists were hedging their bets. Yesterday's 'Morning Star' described the plan as 'a

tribute to the success of the anti-war movement in the US and throughout the world'. But it added editorially: 'Despite the propaganda effort to present Nixon as a

dove, the peace forces should not be disarmed. Great pressure is still necessary to compel the US to withdraw its troops quickly and unconditionally and allow the people of Vietnam to decide their own future.'

This 'more pressure' is authentic voice Stalinist double-dealing

I think we should go all-There is not a word about out in the wages struggle and if the NUM leaders do the pressures that are really being exerted: Nixon's not stay the course in a pressure on the Stalinists in strike action, we can camthe Middle East, which paign to have them removed forced the withdrawal of Syrian tanks from Jordan, and the behind-the-scenes and under a new leadership we shall stand an outstanding chance of winning our diplomatic pressures bearing full objective of the £20 a down from Moscow on the Vietnamese leaders. week minimum, and a blow

It is the same kind of pacifistic bilge that the British CP put out after the against the Tory govern-Briefly, if we stand out for the £20 minimum we Geneva Conference when it are also standing out against exhorted workers to keep alive the so-called spirit of pit closures and a new wave of solidarity on this issue 'Camp David' and supported Eisenhower. will produce a new leader-

Silent

The British Stalinists stay silent about Kosygin's be-trayal of the Palestine guerrillas, they hold their peace as the Czech Stalinists maintain relations with maintain relations with and sell arms to the Lon Nol puppet dictatorship in Cambodia.

We warn all trade unionists attending the November 15 conference on Vietnam to beware of this Stalinist conspiracy against the Vietnam revolution and demand of the organizers that they unequivocally reject the terms of Nixon's 'peace' fraud as well as the Soviet recognition of the Lon Nol government. They must be forced to

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

make their position clear on

COVENTRY: Wednesday October 14, 7.30 p.m. City Arms, Smithford Wav. CROYDON: Thursday, October 15, 8.00 p.m. Prince of Wales, Thornton Heath Clock Tower. 'Force the Tories to Resign'.

Italian CP cut reforms action

Backstage deal on divorce

A LAST-MINUTE settlement between Christian Democrats and lay parties in the Italian Senate has approved, with some amendments, the bill establishing civil divorce.

Hi-jacker: **Parents** are 'not ashamed'

A VERDICT of lawful homicide was returned at the inquest of Patrick Arguello, the American who died of gunshot wounds when try-ing to hi-jack an El Al airplane over the North Sea with Leila Khaled.

The seven-man jury sitting in Middlesex yesterday heard a statement said to have been made by Leila Khaled the day after the attempted hi-

believe this action [the hijack] was legal because I was one of the people driven out of their homeland and this target is a military one.'

Coroner Dr John Burton dismissed the possible verdict of an act of war 'as a flight of the imagination complete fantasy'. After the jury returned their verdict Patrick Arguello's

But in his summing up

mother issued a statement. 'My husband and I deny that we are ashamed of Pat,' it said. 'We are proud that he felt so deeply about the injustice done to Palestinians that he was

prepared to die for them.'

The Vatican reconciled itself to the law when the Pope, addressing an audience of newly-wed Catholics on Wednesday, made it clear that his remarks on the sanctity and indissolubility of marriage applied only to church marriages.

It is an open secret—even hinted at in the left-wing daily 'Paese Sera', unofficial mouthpiece of the Italian Communist Party — that the crisis on divorce was solved by behind-the-scenes dealings between Christian Democratic and Stalinist leaders.

REVISED

The ugly backside of this deal appeared when Stalinist union leaders agreed Wednesday to a revised programme

Outstanding claims on price control, tax reductions and transport policy are to be indefinitely shelved, and negotiations will re-open at the end of the month on agricultural policy and development of poverty-stricken S Italy.

Forni, spokesman for the CP-led largest union, the CGIL, made no reference to past calls for strike action.

He spoke of 'negative ele-

POLICE IN

Riot police have been

Venice, striking metalworkers occupied the main road linking Venice to the mainland on Wednesday, bringing traffic to

from Syria crossed the Jordanian border to fight the

negotiations on reform

ments' in the situation (the Catholic and Social-Democratic unions have definitely set their face against any strike call), but it seems clear that the CP intend now to avoid a fight on the full demands for reforms

moved into Verbania, near Novara, where 4,000 workers at the Rhodiatoce textile plant have been on strike for over a month for the implementation of the national agreement signed in March.

Trade union officials were forced to call a two-hour general strike in the region on Thursday following the issue of arrest warrants against six strike leaders. Only one, Antonio Lo Nigro, was ac-tually held by police, the others having gone into hiding.

At Poroto Marghera, near

leaders of two other commando Popular Front and the Popular Democratic Front still stands. CONGRESSIONAL sources in Washington confirmed the 'New York Times' story of a joint US-Israeli plan to intervene in the Jordan war last month. Close liaison was established between Washington and Jerusalem after tanks

TROOPS supporting Bolivia's new president routed what official sources described as a right-wing revolt in one of the country's crack regiments.

Iordanian Royalists.

Forces of the Yungavi regiment were expected to sur-render to General Juan Torres'

FIVE MEN, including a priest, accused of having formed a branch of the 'workers' commissions' underground Labour movement in Barcelona were tried by the Madrid public order court. The trial, in accordance with the 1953 concordat between the Vatican and Spain, was held behind closed doors because one of the accused is a priest.

N VIETNAMESE and NLF forces shot down three US Army helicopters — two of only half a mile from the Laotian border-wounding four crewmen.

AT LEAST 18 bombs exploded in several Argentine cities, coinciding with the third anniversary of the death of Chè Guevara.

SEVEN HUNDRED Rhondda Transport Company bus crews are to ban collecting fare increases due to come into operation tomorrow, as a 'reprisal' against the refusal of their pay 'claim.

A NINEPENCE-plus rise in the Greater London Council's rate was forecast yesterday by Mr Horace Cutler, Chairman of the GLC's policy committee.

He warned of the necessity of 'a rate rise unprecedented in my 25 years' local government. could be as much as 2s 6d with any borough increases'.

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Russia to seize this opportunity to achieve a withdrawal of all foreign troops, including those of the United States, from Vietnam. Negotiations could take the form of a recalling of the Geneva Conference.

LAIE NEWS

MINERS EVACUATE PITS Miners were evacuated from Thurcroft and Treeton collieries in the Yorkshire area yesterday after an under-ground fire had been discovered in the Haigh Moor seam at Thurcroft, the two collieries are linked under-

ground.

HOME MENTIONS GENEVA SOLZHENITSYN (See Nixon page one) OFFICIAL CONDEMNATION Sir Alec Douglas Home, Foreign Secretary, referring at The official Soviet Writers' Union yesterday deplored the Blackpool to President Nixon's decision to award writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn the statement on Vietnam, urged 1970 Nobel literature prize,

charging that the move was politically motivated. An official Union statement said: 'It is deplorable that the Nobel committee allowed itself to be drawn into an unseemly game which was by no means begun in the interests of developing spiritual values and traditions of literature, but was prompted by speculative political consideration.'

The immediate fire was ex

tinguished, but it was not known whether gas might still

be burning in the strata.

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Pickets break

selves. What I ask is are people in school meals or caretakers with the money of a dustman? We will negotiate on our own,' he told the angry crowd that surrounded

Call made

'No one wants to strike,' said Tony Sweeny, chairman 'It's near Christmas but we

ton dustmen's steward said that carts from the Lambeth picket lines at the Lotts Road rubbish dump.

one of them told me yesterday that the problem was that they couldn't get at the rank They will try to do this on

tants to speak from the platform.

'This UGM condemns the decision of the Tory government in all universities and colleges demanding that:

It was further decided by the meeting to send a telegram

Morris men must keep piecework

CARWORKERS from British-Leyland's Austin-Morris plant at Cowley, Oxford, met yesterday in the sixth week of their 1,250-strong strike.

LOCAL OFFICIALS of the Transport and General Worktravelled all night from York to a mass meeting of assembly workers from the Oxford Austin-Morris plant yesterday with a document hammered during eight hours'

Moss Evans, T&GWU national engineering officer, Reg Birch, AEF executive member and a British-Leyland team headed by director of industrial re-lations Pat Lowry.

The Oxford strike has lasted for nearly six weeks, and has been made official

by the AEF and the T&GWU. The local officers had instructions to put the York deal to the mass meeting as a basis for a return to work.

Bulldoze Senior shop stewards from

the Cowley plant, who had not been involved in these negotiations, would not agree to this obvious attempt to bulldoze the meeting into acceptance without adequate time to discuss and, consider the complicated proposals. The meeting unanimously accepted a resolution put by

The proposals, while going some way towards settlement of the original issues of the dispute—movement of labour and interim payment—leave the central issue of Measured-Day Work unresolved.

meet again on Monday.

During the York meeting Pat Lowry told the national

officers quite clearly that the company does not intend to put traditional piecework into the new QT block develop-ment and tabled a complete Measured-Day Work plan as the alternative. This was rejected by the unions, but it was made clear

that Leyland would now take

this through the procedure machinery to York as an employers' reference. At their meeting the shop stewards passed a resolution that the strike should continue and that the proposals do not form the basis for a

It is understood, however,

that the local officers may call for a return to work on Monday.

These workers should stand firm against this deal and demand a guarantee that piecework should operate

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before a return to work.

Pressure will remain high in the south, but weak troughs of low pressure will move east across Scotland and N Ireland.

Scotland and N Ireland will be generally cloudy with some rain at times. Bright or sunny intervals are likely over N Ireland and S Scotland later.

Over much of N England and over W Wales and SW England it will be rather cloudy but dry, with bright or sunny periods.

Widespread mist and fog over E Wales, central, eastern and SE England will clear slowly during the morning, to be followed by a dry and sunny day.

Temperatures generally near normal, but with frost at night over central and eastern districts of England. T&GWU senior shop steward Bob Fryer to stay out and