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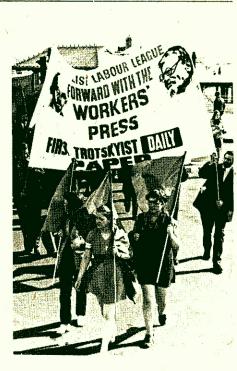
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The science of political economy which had, during the period of the industrial revolution tried to discover the real laws operating in capitalist economy, was now transformed and turned into 'economics' which sought to justify the exploitation under capitalism

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And it is little wonder that

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as a series of processes.

'natural' and 'eternal'.

as 'rational' and 'necessary'.

'Dialectics', writes Marx in the Preface to 'Capital', 'in its rational form is a scandal and abomination to bourgeoisidom and its doctrinaire professors, because it includes in its comprehension an affirmative recognition of the negation of that state, of its inevitable breaking up; because it regards historically-developed social form as in fluid movement, and therefore takes into account its transient nature not less than its momentary existence; because it lets nothing impose upon it, and is in its essence critical and revolutionary.'

Political Economy

Philosophy and

study of the origins of Marxism its relationship to Hegelian dialectics, there can be no full understanding of 'Capital' or a deepening of our understanding of the growing economic crisis.

Part two of

a series of articles by Peter Jeffries

This is what Lenin meant when he warned that 'Capital' could not be grasped without

As we explained in the first article, Marx started his study of capitalism with the com-

Historically this new mode of production involved the dominance of commodity production and in particular the creation of a working class having only one commoditylabour power.

It was, and is, the sale of this commodity — the ability to work - which kept it alive. Marx starts 'Capital' with

an examination of the contradictions within a single

The commodity is at one and the same time a use value and also an exchange value.

Exchange value

A commodity has a certain use: a coat is used to keep its wearer warm, for example. However each commodity also has an exchange value: it has a certain value in relation to all other commodities: a coat, for example, might exchange for two pairs of shoes.

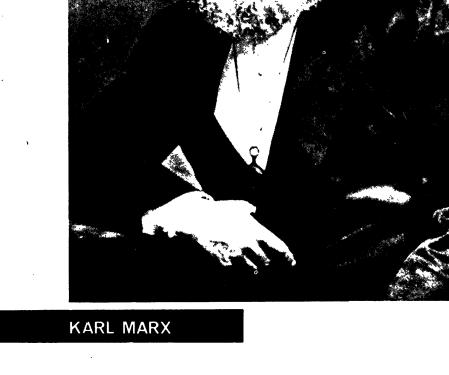
The rate at which com-modities exchange is determined by the proportion of total social labour which they

embody.
In all pre-capitalist society the production of wealth had largely taken the form of the production of use values, that is the production of goods for the actual producer's use.

With the development of commodity production — the sale of goods on the market production of exchange values becomes the dominant aim. For in selling his commodity a producer is losing control over its particular use value in order to acquire money, which he then expands to get the use value of other goods.

Under capitalism, the use value of the product is purely incidental as far as the driving forces behind the system are concerned. The capitalist is not concerned with the commodity's particular use but only to the extent to which it contains exchange value, that is value in general.

If a capitalist starts with a sum of money, M, he is only interested if, after buying raw



materials, power, heat, light, machinery and labour power with which he then produces commodities, there is an increase in value. This will allow him to take what he needs for his own consumption and allow him to start the process again, but on an extended scale.

The capitalist is not just greedy. He is in competition with all other capitalists.

Unless he constantly strives to expand the capital under his control, to innovate and make continual technical changes, he runs the risk of being forced out of business.

Marx shows how a lengthy historical period was necessary to make the transition from commodity production (where the creation of exchange values predominates) to capitalist commodity production (where the drive for surplus value predominates).

When labour productivity was raised to a sufficient level and necessary changes in agriculture were carried through which created a landless proletariat, these gradual quantita-

tive changes produced a qualitative leap. 'Here, as in natural science,' observes Marx, 'is shown the correctness of the law dis-

covered by Hegel (in his "Logic") that merely quantitative differences beyond a certain point pass into qualitative

Opposite sides

So, in starting with the commodity, and the contradiction inherent in its opposite sides, Marx is exposing, at microscopic level, the essence of the contradiction of capitalism: that production is carried on not for use, but for profit.

'In bourgeois society the commodity-form of the product of labour—or the valueform of the commodity—is the economic cell form. To the superficial observer, the analysis of these forms seems to turn upon minutiae, but they are of the same order as those dealt with in microscopic anatomy.' ('Capital' Vol 1.)

'In his "Capital",' Lenin explains in the 'Philosophical Notebooks', 'Marx first Notebooks', analyses the simplest most ordinary and fundamental, most common and everyday relation of bourgeois (commodity) society, a relation encountered billions of times, viz., the exchange of commodities. In this very simple phenomena (in this "cell" of bourgeois society) analysis reveals all the · contradictions (or the germs of all contradictions) of modern society. The subsequent exposition shows us the development (both growth and movement) of these contradictions and of this society in the summation of its individual parts, from its beginning to its end.'

After revealing the contradictory nature of the commodity, as a value and a use value, Marx then demonstrates how this contradiction is transformed, made part of a more general contradiction. This process takes place through the medium of money.

If we can understand the dominant role which the creation of exchange value plays under commodity production,

then it is possible to grasp the part which money plays in the capitalist system, a source of so much confusion for bourgeois economists.

> As we have already indicated, once a capitalist has produced his commodities he is not interested in them as a collection of use values.

He is interested in them only because they contain exchange value and surplus

Unless his commodities can be transformed into exchange value of a universal type which can be used as and when required to purchase further supplies of raw materials and labour powerthen they are of no value to

So under capitalism a producer starts with a sum of money (M). He uses this to buy raw materials and labour power to the value C.

Through the application of labour to these raw materials the resultant commodities now contain more value than the original in puts, C. Let us call this greater magnitude C'.

Value in money

The aim of the capitalist must now be to realize this magnitude of value in money of a similar value, M'.

So when complete the process looks like this: M-C-C'-M'. This increased value, M' then provides the basis for the expansion of production on a higher scale.

The rate of surplus value for the capitalist is given by the increment in value (M'—M) compared with the original magnitude of value (M). Unless the producer can complete the process in this way, by realizing his surplus value in the money form, the exercise has been worthless from his point of view.

For he is left with a collection of use values in the form of commodities which he may not be able to dispose of except by selling at a price below their value, that is by making a loss or at least accepting a lower rate of surplus value.

So for capitalism, driven along not merely by the creation of exchange value but, above all, by the creation of surplus value, the role of money is indispensable. It is not, as many shallow commentators imagine, merely a clever device which overcomes the problems and difficulties of

By 'money' we mean one commodity which stands epposed to all other commodities in that its use value represents its command over the exchange value of all the other commodities from which it is excluded.

With the development of capitalism, gold tended to be selected out as the money commodity for particular rea-

It was easily divisible, it was durable and a relatively small weight embodied a considerable amount of value. This was due to the conditions under which it was mined, requiring the expenditure of large quantities of human labour to extract small quantities from the earth.

Parallel 'opposition'

In the opening chapter of 'Capital' Marx explains the money's role as the 'externalizer' of the antagonism between the use value and the (exchange) value of each commodity.

Although difficult, it is worth producing a passage from this analysis which indicates the dialectical method running through the whole of this chapter, and indeed the whole of the work.

Marx explains how the 'opposition' of the money commodity (or simply money) exactly parallels the opposition within the commodity.

But, he insists, the opposition between money and all other commodities should not be conceived of in terms of opposites which are fixed. On the contrary, each 'opposite' contains within itself the elements of the other 'opposite':

'Commodities, first of all,

enter into the process of exchange just as they are. The process then differentiates them into commodities and money, and this produces an external opposite corresponding to the internal opposition inherent in them, as being at once use values and values. Commodities as use values now stand opposed to money as exchange values. On the other hand both opposing sides are commodities, unities of use values and exchange values. But this unity of differences manifests itself at two poles, and at each pole in an opposite way. Being poles they

are as necessarily opposite as they are connected.

'On the one side of the equation we have an ordinary commodity, which is, in reality, a use value. Its value is expressed ideally in its price, by which it is equated to its opposite, the gold, as the real embodiment of value, as money. Gold as gold, in exchange value itself. As to its use value, that has only an ideal existence, represented by the series of expressions of relative value in which it stands face-to-face with all other commodities, the sum of whose uses makes up the sum of the various uses of gold.'

Marx also shows in the early part of 'Capital' that corresponding to the opposition of use value and value is that between abstract labour and concrete labour.

The development of capitalism tended inexorably to break down all differences between particular types of labour: all tended to be reduced to the same qualitative level through the operation of the market.

Under petty production (that is production not for the market) labour took on a concrete form, in that it was concerned with particular skills (weaving, tailoring etc.) which produced use values, (cloth, trousers etc.).

Under capitalism what is compared is labour in the abstract which produces not use values, but exchange values.

In other words, the exchange of commodities compares not the specific, unique, qualities of labour which they embody, but their abstract labour, the quantity of socially available labour time which they con-

Concrete labour

We can note here that this distinction which Marx draws between abstract and concrete labour as the producer of exchange values and use values respectively was not only a logical, theoretical category; like all Marx's abstractions, as we shall see later, it was also historical, reflecting the real development of social relations which the emergence of capitalism involved.

It was only under commodity production that individual, private, concrete labour tended to be dissolved in the market place into its opposite, generalized, labour in the abstract.

This was a process completed essentially in the period of the Industrial Revolution which saw the break-up of nearly all narrow crafts and the development of a relatively homogeneous labour market.

In this one example we can see Marx's dialectical method as well as his materialism.

For throughout 'Capital' he traces the connection between his theoretical categories (in this case the category 'abstract labour') and the real, material developments in capitalist economy, of which they (the categories) were a reflection.

This is an aspect of 'Capital's' method we shall examine in the next article. Then we shall look at the present economic crisis in the light of this theoretical analysis.

Continued next Saturday

Culture



Towards an Independent Revolutionary

Culture and Socialism and a Manifesto Art and Revolution

An article compiled by the author from a talk he gave to a Moscow club on February 3, 1926, and a number of other addresses.

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BBC 1

9.35 a.m. Square two. 10.00-10.30 Si dice cosi. 11.40 Time machines. 12.40 p.m. Weather. 12.45 Grandstand. 12.50 Football preview. 1.10 Fight of the week. Peter Gregg v Chris Jobson. 1.40, 2.40, 4.30 Rallycross. 1.50, 2.20, 2.50, 3.20 Racing at Kempton Park: 2.10, 3.10 The Wylye Horse Trials. 3.40 Rugby union. Welsh XV v The RFU President's XV. 4.50 Results service. 5.15 Pink Panther show. 5.35 News and weather. 5.45 Here's Lucy. 6.10 SHOW OF THE NORTH.

6.40 HIGH ADVENTURE. 'The Lost World'. With Michael Rennie and Claude Rains. An expedition explores a part of the world where pre-historic monsters live. 8.15 THE HARRY SECOMBE SHOW. With guests Roy Castle and

9.00 BEN TRAVERS FARCES. 'Plunder'. With Richard Briers and

Arthur Lowe.

9.50 NEWS and weather. 10.05 MATCH OF THE DAY.

11.05 GENERATIONS APART. 'A Weekend in Dorset'. A 1970 Romeo and Juliet story.

11.45 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except: Midlands, E Anglia, North, NW, NE. Cumberland and Westmorland, SW, South, West: 11.47 Weather. Wales: 11.20-11.40 Cadi ha. 5.45-6.10

Iris. 11.15-11.35 Match of the day. 11.47 Weather.

Scotland: 5.00-5.15 and 10.05-11.05 Sportsreel. 11.47 News, weather.

N Ireland: 5.05-5.15 Sports results and news. 11.05-11.30 Saturday sound. 11.30 Sports final. News, weather.

BBC 2

3.00-4.40 p.m. Cinema. 'Rally Round the Flag Boys'. With Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. A small American town tries to prevent the establishment of a missile base in their neighbourhood. 7.30 NEWS, SPORT and weather.

7.45 DISCO 2.

8.15 RUGBY SPECIAL. A Welsh XV v/The RFU President's XV. 9.00 ONE PAIR OF EYES, 'Return as a Stranger'. Poet and author

Dom Moraes describes his return to his native India. 9.50 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. The age of reason. 'June 16, 1938-Afternoon

10.35 ROWAN AND MARTIN'S LAUGH-IN.

11.25 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 11.30 MIDNIGHT MOVIE. 'Heligate'. With Sterling Hayden, Joan Leslie and Ward Bond. A man is wrongly imprisoned in a subterranean dungeon for his alleged part in guerrilla raids in

ITV

11.25 a.m. RAC road report. 11.30 Music room. 11.55 Toolbox. 12.20 p.m. Stingray. 12.45 News from ITN. 12.50 World of sport. 12.55 On the ball. 1.20 International sports special. Llangollen International Canoe Slalom. 2.10 They're off! 2.20, 3.00, 3.35 Racing from Newmarket. 2.45, 3.00, 3.45 Racing from Catterick. 3.50 Results, scores, news. 3.55 Wrestling from Walthamstow. 4.10 They're off! 4.15 Racing from Newmarket. 4.20 Wrestling from Walthamstow. 4.55 Results service. 5.10 Forest rangers. 5.40 Beverly hillbillies.

6.10 NEWS FROM ITN.

6.15 MAKING WHOOPEE. 6.45 NO, THAT'S ME OVER HERE. With Ronnie Corbett.

7.15 CROWTHER'S IN TOWN. Leslie Crowther with guests.

6.15 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks the question why.

7.25 DR FINLAY'S CASEBOOK. 'Snares and Pitfalis'.

lan McKellen. Story of Lawrence of Arabia.

House, Covent Garden. Part two.

REGIONAL BBC

Midlands, E Anglia: 7.20-7.25 The Earl of Warwick appeals on behalf of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick. 11.52 Weather.
North, NE, NW, Cumberland and Westmorland: 7.20-7.25 Keith Macklin appeals on behalf of St Ann's Hospice, Manchester. 11.52 Weather.
Wales: 2.30-3.15 The doctors. 3.15 Rugby union. 3.55 Transworld top team. 4.15-4.40 Swyn y glec. 6.50 Dechrau canu, dechrau canmol. 7.20-7.25 Cartref dyffryn ceiriog. 11.52 Weather.

7.00 p.m. NEWS REVIEW and weather.

9.55 CHILDREN TALKING. 'The immigrants'.

theater in Leningrad.

11.20 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

10.50 OH IN COLOUR. Spike Milligan.

—Evenina'

11.25 FILM NIGHT.

8.15 PLAY OF THE MONTH. 'Ross'. By Terence Rattigan. With

10.20 OMNIBUS presents 'Everything in the Garden'. Royal Opera

8.00 HAWAII FIVE-O. 'Nightmare Road'. 9.00 FRAUD SQUAD. 'The Harland Affair'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.10 THE FROST PROGRAMME. David Frost.

11.10 AQUARIUS. 'Television's Master Film-Maker'.

11.55 THE GLORY OF LOVE.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 12.45 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Film: 'Mail Order Bride'. With Buddy Ebsen and Keir Dullea, 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. 12 midnight Weather.

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6.05 NEWS and weather

6.50 SONGS OF PRAISE.

10.05 NEWS and weather.

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WESTWARD. As Channel except: 5.15 Shane. 6.10 London. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather.

HARLECH: 12.15 Skippy. 12.45 London. 5.10 No, That's me over here.

Scotland: 10.30-11.30 Harvest thanks-giving. 2.30-2.55 First person singu-lar. 7.20-7.25 Appeal on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. 10.20 SND Conference. 10.35 Omnibus. 11.35 News weather

N Ireland: 7.20-7.25 Mary Peters appeals on behalf of the N Ireland Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis So-ciety. 11.52 News, weather.

SW. South, West: 7.20-7.25 PHAB. Cliff Richard appeals on behalf of the physically handicapped. 11.52 Weather.

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. 10.10 Frost. 11.10 Name of the Game. 12.35 Weather.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except for: 6.15-7.00 Rhyfedd O Fyd.

ANGLIA: 12.15 All our yesterdays. 12.45 London. 5.10 Making whoopee. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 'The Golden Mistress'. With John Agar and Rosemarie Bowe. Treasure hunt. 9.00 London. 11.10 Name of the game. 12.35 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 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 Tomorow's horoscope. 7.04 Film: "Topkapi'. With Melina Mercouri, Peter Ustinov, Maximilian Schell and Robert Morley. Comedy thriller. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost, weather.

ULSTER: 12.30 Wind in the willows. 12.45 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: 'Moonfleet'. With Stewart Granger, George Sanders and Joan Greenwood. Smuggling on the Dorsetshire coast. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost.

YORKSHIRE: 11.35 Better driving, 12.00 Training the family dog. 12.20 Skippy. 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 'Carry. 'On Teacher'. With Ted Ray, Kenneth Williams, Kenneth Connor. Charles Hawtrey. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is . Tom Jones. 11.10 Human jungle. 12.05 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.25 On reflection. 11.50 Toolbox. 12.15 Fireball XL5. 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: 'Wake Me When the War is Over'. With Ken Berry and Eva Gabor. A US Army lieutenant is rescued from the Germans by an anti-Nazi widow. 8.50 Cartoon. 9.00 London. 10.10 Adults only.

TYNE TEES: 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Film: 'The Quick Gun'. With Audie Murphy and Merry Anders. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. 12.10 Epilogue.

BORDER: 11.50 All our yesterdays. 12.20 Phoenix five. 12.45 London. 5.10 Big valley. 6.05 Border sports results. 6.10 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 'The Over-the-Hill Gang'. With Pat O'Brien, Walter Brennan and Gypsy Rose Lee. Western comedy. 9.00 London. 10.10 'The Exiles'. 11.10 On the house. 11.40 Love, American style.

SCOTTISH: 12.30 Wind in the willows. 12.45 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 'Tarzan and the Huntress'. With Johnny Weissmuller, Brenda Joyce and Johnny Sheffield. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.10 Match report. 11.25 SND Conference report. 11.35 Late call. 11.40 Don't watch alone: 'Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man'. With Lon Chaney Jr., Bela Lugosi, Ilona Massey and Patric Knowles.

GRAMPIAN: 12.30 Wind in the willows. 12.45 London. 6.15 Crowther's in town. 7.00 No, that's me over here. 7.30 Movie: 'Appointment in London'. With Dirk Bogards, Dinah Sheridan and Ian Hunter. War film about a bomber command. 9.00 London. 10.10 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.05 Match report. 11.25 SND Conference report. 11.35 Untouchables.

DEFUNCT

EDOUARD DALADIER, who died in Paris last weekend at the age of 86, was one of the main political tricksters of the French bourgeoisie in the last years of the Third Republic up to the outbreak of the Second World War.

From the armistice in 1918 to July 1944 France had 44 governments and 20 different Prime

Daladier held 15 ministerial portfolios and headed three gov-

Though on his own account a 'peace-loving' man, he succeeded in being 11 times Minister of War (or National Defence, as euphemism frequently had it). Born into the petty bourgeoisie,

—he was the son of a provincial baker—he lived his life of political contortionism in the shadow cast by the workers' movement over the capitalist class. And his natural vehicle was

the old, rotten Radical Party, mouthing soiled phrases from the French Revolution in the name of 'democracy'.

If there was one constant ele-

ment in the career of this motheaten 'democrat' it was elasticity.
From standing with Communist Party leader Thorez, raising a clenched-fist salute to hundreds of thousands of Paris workers at the Bastille in the hey-day of the Popular Front (1936), he came to be the darling of the extreme right wing when he returned from Munich in September 1938, having given Hitler the go-ahead for the mutilation of Czecho-

His first government (February-October 1933) was mainly notable for his proposal of a 6-per-cent cut in state wages in the budget. He fell when the socialists withdrew their support on the question. But he took office again in January, 1934, when the Chautemps cabinet ingloriously succumbed to the 'Stavisky Affair'.

Serge Stavisky committed suicide in early January 1934 while under investigation for a fraud involving the municipal pawnshop in Bayonne. It emerged that he had widespread fraudulent dealings and close relations with numerous policemen, politicians and judges.

His trial had been postponed 19 times in which period he had dishonestly accumulated over 200 million francs.

He was probably 'suicided' by

the police to protect the politicians, but the case was taken up by the extreme right wing and soon became a scandal of international proportions. Daladier, as one of the few senior radical politicians not

Daladie



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thought to be implicated, was the natural successor to Chautemps. But he was immediately faced with massive right-wing riots outside the National Assembly.

On February 6, egged on by most of his fellow parliamentarians, he ordered troops to fire, and several deaths resulted.

The dispersal of the riots was immediately followed by a mass-

ive General Strike, in which Communist and Socialist workers united closely against the rightwing danger.

Having incurred the fury of

the extreme right, Daladier resigned. But February 6 was sufficient to establish his credentials as an 'anti-fascist'. After a spell in the cold, he

A sit-in strike, June 1936



returned as deputy to Blum in the first Popular Front cabinet (June 1936), brought to office on the wave of sit-in strikes which swept France in the first half of that month.

For the French bourgeoisie, forced temporarily to yield ground, Daladier was their principal parliamentary foot in the

He took over the premiership in April 1938, and in October went with Chamberlain to appease Hitler at Munich. At this late date he still hoped that Hitler would agree to attack only East, and dismember the Soviet Union.

Immediately after Munich he was faced with a general strike threat. Exploiting the cowardice and division of the union leaders, he set out to sabotage the action. The act that best expresses his

politics was his sacking (during the Stavisky riots) of the direc-tor of the 'Comedie Francaise', whose production of Shake-speare's 'anti-democratic' 'Coriolanus' was exciting the right wing. In his place Daladier appointed one of the chiefs of the Paris police! The French press paid con-

siderable attention to Daladier's death, reflecting the hope of the French capitalists that in burying him they were burying their past. But, at the most, they were burying its odour.

Pillow talk

'IF YOU want to know the way, ask a policeman!'

But you might have been confused in Brussels last week, where lawmen from 107 countries were meeting for a conference of Interpol, the international police organization.

Delegates, representing virtually all the capitalist powers and their hangers-on, were addressed by Belgian 'Justice' Minister and strike-breaker Vranck in the Belgian capital's Palace of Justice on the need to face 'the most serious problems of modern society'.

He was apparently mainly concerned with the defence of private property.

Then they got down to brass tacks in a series of secret commissions.

Smuggling, forgery, drugs,

white-slaving, fraud—all was grist to their diligent mills. But the trickiest problems concerned the prevention of aerial hi-jackings, recently a matter of concern to the western airlines and their

jittery insurance underwriters. The worthy policemen were in no mood for half-measures here. The most popular proposal was to install canisters of powerful sleeping gas in the passenger compartment, sealing it off from

the flight deck.

The pilot, at the flick of a switch, could then despatch all his passengers, whatever their intended destination, to lawful

It was not made clear whether, (as suggested in a recent letter from Oxford University to 'The Times') is is proposed to make

this a routine precaution before take-off.

New attack on KPD's existence

A TRIAL that went unremarked in the European capitalist press opened last week in Flensburg, a small N German town.

The case, under the terms of the W German constitution, which bans the Communist Party of Germany (KPD), was brought against the 'Action Committee for the lifting of the ban on the KPD', which has recently published a proposed programme for

The matter was referred to the court by the Karlsruhe Court, which quashed a previous

The KPD was banned during the Cold War, with the approval of the occupying forces in W Germany (the US, Britain and

FICTION

Recently it has in fact regained legal existence, under the fiction of being an Action Committee for its own re-establishment.

But the present case threatens to take away even this slender

The character of the Flensburg

court became clear when Berlin barrister Herr Kaul, appearing for the KPD, raised the question whether one of the judges had been a Nazi Party member under Hitler, and even a member of the present-day Nazi organiza-tion—the NDP (which has full legal rights in the Republic).

In embarrassment, judges withdrew to confer and returned to give their ruling that they were not legally required to answer such a question!

They went on to rule out of order most of the KPD witnesses, mainly specialists in international and constitutional law.

Only the printer and legal publisher of the programme, themselves accused in the case, were allowed to give evidence.

When Herr Kaul argued that the Karlsruhe court had applied outdated law under the political provisions of the Penal Code, the learned judges again hastily

They returned to announce that the case was suspended because of insults to the Karlsruhe court'. No date was set for it to resume.

SUNDAY **Private** 9.00 a.m. Nai zindagi-naya jeevan. 9.30 Know how. 10.00 Si dice land. 4.45 London. 7.55 Screen. 10.00 London. 12.10 Weather. cosi. 10.30-11.30 Morning service. 11.35 Men and materials. 12 noon university HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 12.10 Dan sylw. 12.50 Sel a'i sylwedd. Ask Zena Skinner! 12.25-12.50 p.m. Hardy heating international. 1.25-1.50 Farming, 1.55 Education programme, 2.20 Made in Britain, 2.29 ews headlines, 2.30 Personal choice, 2.55 Film for the family: 'The Sun Comes Up'. With Jeanette MacDonald and Lloyd Nolan. 4.25 The fifties. 4.40 Asterix the Gaul. 4.50 Golden silents. 5.15 Going for a

IT SEEMS that things have been getting out of hand in Britain's universities and in any case the country cannot afford them-especially since the ungrateful students appear to spend their time rioting at the expense of the well meaning and exploited taxpayer.

These might well be the opinions of a group of right wingers who feel themselves to be well on the way to putting things right by setting up a private enterprise £15 million university.

A spokesman for the Independent University Planning Board said yesterday: 'As a result of the General Election we have a better

prospect of obtaining a char-'On the whole we have found Liberals and Conservatives more sympathetic to us than Labour supporters.'

Possible sites for the university are being examined by the Board which is headed by Sir Sydney Caine.

Enrolment

The first students are expected to enrol in 1973 if a charter is granted and if, as it is confidently expected, industry and commerce finance the project.

Underlying the proposal is a backlash response to student militancy which emerged not only as a threat to the structure of universities, but also, in a latent sense, to the capitalist organization of society.

The ruling class cannot afford to have the values on which their vicious system is built questioned. Such things could lead to change. Hence the independent university. Students will pay to ensure

that only the elite gain a place; courses relevant to the needs of modern society (of capitalism) will be emphasized; the university will be a close-knit community (like Oxbridge or Eton and the other ruling-class training grounds); and, of course, the standard of teaching is to be 'exceptionally high'.

Patrons This week the formation of

a Board of Patrons was announced headed by Lord Alport followed by 12 other establishment figures includ-

ing Sir William McEwan Younger, the Archbishop of York, the Earl of Cromer, Lord Caccia, Viscount Boyd, and Lord Amulree.

This is the ruling-class answer to student criticism. This is their defence against the spread of revolutionary

It is yet another facet of the all-out attack on the working class which Tories are preparing to try to maintain the capitalist system they

ment surprised nobody when it announced after Thursday's Cabinet meeting that the British Steel Corporation has the go-ahead to hoist its prices by 5 per cent.

This will certainly raise prices of all sorts of manufactured goods, but the Tories are not worried about

Contemptuously brushing aside objections from the Iron and Steel Consumers' Council, repreindustrial steel-users. senting Technology Minister John Davies said the £60-million-a-year price rise could take place.

And he followed this up with an even more serious threat.

CONCERNED

The government, he said, was gravely concerned about the deterioration in the BSC's forecast performance.

'Stand up to strikes'—Bank of England chief

RICH FARE and even more satisfying talk of war on the working class were on the menu for Thursday night's City of London bankers' din-For openers, Lord Mayor Sir Ian Bowater—their host—

set the tone with a mouthwatering description of the vast field for British capital investment in Australia's 'fantastic natural resources'. 'Without that overseas investment in which sphere this country in the past has dis-

played an undisputed expertise, a leadership which others could follow but not overtake; without a sufficient supply of skilled enterprising men, and women, to engage in these undertakings, the vortex of this vast Australasian continent will suck into it peoples from other countries', he foamed.

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Tory 'go ahead' for steel THE TORY governprice rise

From our industrial correspondent

According to Davies, it was notified on August 6 of a BSC proposal to increase its prices by 5 per cent on average.

'The Iron and Steel Consumers' Council considered this proposal and reported on September 14 recommending that the increase should not implemented.

'Since receiving this report, the government has been informed by BSC of a further deterioration in its economic situation involving a loss on its operations in the current accounting year.'

RECOUP

And how do the Tories intend to recoup this loss? There are no prizes for the answer:

'We will expect the BSC to make great efforts to specify and attain firm financial objectives.' There is only one way this

can be attained and that is by pushing forward the BSC's speedup and productivity plans, which involve pushing out almost 200,000 workers in the next five

HIVING-OFF And Davies made no secret

of the reason for this concern for efficiency. 'The government,' he said, 'is

Soviet author protests novel was hi-jacked

A YOUNG Soviet writer, Vladimir Voinovitch, has protested in the Moscow 'Literary Gazette' against the publication of his uncompleted novel in a W German magazine run by Russian emigres.

The hero of the novel (entitled 'The life and extraordinary adventures of the soldier Uvan Tchonkine') is apparently a sort of Soviet 'Gaod Soldier Schweik'.

Through his escapades the author lampoons the idiocies of the bureaucracy.

The frequent appearance in the western press of writings by Soviet opponents of Stalinism has led to the suspicion that the 'security' forces themselves pass such manuscripts secretly to western publishers in order to brand their authors as 'anti-Soviet'.

Solzhenitsyn, recently awarded the Nobel prize for literature, has retained a lawver in Switzerland to prevent unauthorized publication of his work abroad.

glad to see that the Consumers' Council shares the government's view on the need to streamline the corporation involving some hiving-off of activities.' 'Some hiving-off' here refers to plans, which are already well advanced, to split the nation-

alized corporation down the mid-dle and sell off the most profit-

able parts at bargain-basement

prices to private investors. Chad dictator **blames** 'overseas enemies'

TOMBALBAYE, puppet ruler of the French ex-colony of Chad, has called the armed opposition to his regime 'bandits trained by an international Mafia, which has brought into its crimes certain unpatriotic elements'. Însinuating that the liberation

struggle is sponsored by neighbouring governments he said: have taken other steps against us. What they want, in their expansionist dreams, destruction of Chad.'

Tombalbaye was speaking on a radio broadcast following the death of 11 French troops ambushed by liberation forces in

the North. He, and his masters in Paris, are now obliged to use the most threadbare stories to cover the fact that FROLINA, the main liberation organization, has the support or sympathy of large sections of the population.

As to 'foreign conspiracies', Libya recently clamped down on its border with Chad, following the agreement to purchase Mirage aircraft from France! According to FROLINA leader

Abba-Siddick, they have no contact with Sudanese forces. And the Stalinists took a clear position when 'Pravda' last November opposed the liberation movement and praised Tombalbaye for 'having taken as his

first objective guaranteeing national stability'.

ITV

11.00 a.m. Morning service. 12.10 p.m. On reflection. Adrian Mitchell on William Blake. 12.35 Music room. 1.00 Toolbox. 1.30 Wind in the willows. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 Survival. 2.45 The big match. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 4.45 Golden shot. 5.35 The Flaxon boys.

7.25 THE RAY STEVENS SHOW. With Lulu, Mama Cass and Andy

8.15 THE WORLD ABOUT US. 'A Bite of the Sea'. Oyster farming.

9.05 MUSIC ON 2. 'The Kirov'. Ballet company from the Kirov

10.05 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. The age of reason. 'June 16, 1938

6.05 NEWS FROM ITN.

6.15 BEYOND BELIEF.

7.00 STARS ON SUNDAY.

REGIONAL ITV

7.25 PLEASE SIR! 'It's a Saint Bernard's Life'. 7.55 'SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS'. With Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty. Young love, young ideals and young problems. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.15 THE EXILES. 'Emma'. With Madoline Thomas, Hannah Gordon, Jennifer Hilary and Alfred Burke. 11.15 THIS IS ... TOM JONES. 12.10 a.m. THE GLORY OF LOVE.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.30 Free and easy 1.45 Farm and country news. 1.55 Acres for profit. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather. CHANNEL: 11.00-12.35 London. 2.13 Weather. 2.15 Big match. 3.10 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 4.05 Cartoon time. 4.35 Date with Danton. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Cara van'. With Stewart Granger, Jean Kent, Anne Crawford and Dennis Price. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is ... Tom Jones. 11.15 Avengers. 12 midnight Epilogue, weather. HARLECH: 11.00-1.25 London. 2.15 Big match. 3.15 Matinee: 'The Moon-raker'. With George Baker, Sylvia Syms and Marius Goring. Roundheads and Cavaliers in 17th century Eng-

ANGLIA: 11.00-1.25 London. 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 'The Notorlous Landlady'. With Kim Novak, Jack Lemmon and Fred Astaire. Gridley finds his landlady very attractive—Scotland Yard suspects her of murdering her husband. 10.00 London. 12.10 Reflection. 7.20 HAMMOND INNES appeals on behalf of Kersey Church,

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.30 Mr Piper. 1.45 London. 2.15 Star soccer. 3.15 'The Looters'. With Rory Calhoun, Julie Adams and Ray Danton. Two men set out to rescue the survivors of an airplane crash. 4.41 Tomorrow's horoscope. 4.45 London. 5.35 Forest rangers. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'Sex and the Single Girl'. With Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood, Henry Fonda, Lauren Bacall and Mel Ferrer, Romantic comedy. 10.00 London. 10.10 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: 'Northwest Passage'. With Spencer Tracy, Robert Young and Walter Brennan. Story of Rogers rangers and their trek across the American wilderness. 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 'Cinderfella'. With Jerry Lewis, Anna Maria Alberghetti, Ed Wynn and Judith Anderson. Musical comedy. 5.05 Room 222. 5.35 London. 7.55 Film: 'Halls of Montezuma'. With Richard Widmark, Jack Palance, Reginald Gardiner and Robert Wagner. War drama set in the S Pacific. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Flipper. 2.20 Football. 3.20 Quentin Durgens. 4.15 Survival. 4.40 London. 7.55 Hollywood: 'The Seventh Cross'. With Spencer Tracy and Signe Hasso. Seven prisoners in a concentration camp plan to escape from the Nazis. 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 man from Del Rio". With Anthony Quinn and Katy Jurado. A Mexican killer hears that a famous gunman will be in town of Mesa and goes there to gun him down. 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. 4.40 London. 7.55 'The VIP's'. With Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Orson Welles, Louis Jourdan, Rod Taylor, Maggie Smith and Margaret Rutherford. A fog-bound airport brings a group of people together whose lives are altered because of circumstances beyond their control. 10.00 London. 10.15 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.15 Frost. 12.15 Epilogue. SCOTTISH: 10.10 Dewar cup tennis 12.10-1.25 London. 1.45 All our yes-terdays. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Ten-is. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Heller in Pink Tights'. With Sophia Loren, Anthony Quinn and Steve Forrest. 9.45 Conference report. 10.00 Lon-don. 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 Matines movie. 4.45 London. 7.55 Cinema: 'Cash McCall'. With James Garner and Natalie Wood. A financial wizard juggles corporations, shares and loans. 9.45 SND Conference report. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.10 Nocturn.

project launched

O'Brien

● FROM PAGE THREE For real red meat, however, the ravening diners had to wait for Bank of England governor Sir Leslie O'Brien. Until a satisfactory incomes policy could be devised, he felt the government would have to stand up to strikes. 'A policy of industrial confronta-tion is probably, therefore, a

temporary necessity'. The final course was pro-vided by Chancellor of the Exchequer Anthony Barber, who warned the assembled gourmands that tax cuts promised in his party's election manifesto—would entail difficult and often unpopular

'We have set our hand to the task and we are determined to carry it through.' But if the guests were only partially sated with this cannibalistic feast, they can be

sure of more to come as the Tory offensive hots up.

DAGENHAM

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The importance of Marxist philosophy in the

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Three lectures by

G. HEALY

Three lectures by

M. BANDA

(Editor of Workers Press)

The TUC General Council is cringing before the Tory • FROM PAGE ONE which political preparation attack, offering its services to was the essential question for the working class as for class enemy. But the working class, in one dispute after another, is fighting determinedly against the employers

ORGANIZE and the government. **INDUSTRIAL** The militancy and determination of the council workers, **ACTION NOW!** in face of organized scabbing The crisis General Election and a ruthless and lying press of June 1970 was necessary campaign, have brought vicfor the employers to get direct

tory within their grasp. control of government to com-Now is the time to organplete their plans. ize action against the govern-They have relied on Feather ment's anti-union laws. The Liverpool Trades Council's and on leaders like T&GWU secretary Jack Jones in the and the Lucas workers' call dock strike and the GKNfor a one-day strike against the law must be taken up Sankey dispute, to hold back the workers while they proeverywhere.

It is absolutely right to demand such a course of action from the TUC; but the Now the TUC delivers an extremely serious blow against action must be prepared and organized independently of the whole trade union movethe response of these

HALTRETREAT

treacherous leaders. A one-day strike against the anti-union laws, to initiate a campaign of industrial action to force the government to resign!

There can be no bargaining with the government. They are carrying out the requirements of their class. They treat Feather with contempt. They have been charged with the task of smashing the trade union movement. That is the meaning of their laws.

> THE LESSONS OF 1926

We are in a period like that of 1925-1926, before the General Strike. Then the Tory (National Secretary of the Socialist Labour League) government of the day, following their granting of a subsidy **OXFORD** miners' wages in July 1925 — a concession made in face of united trade union Thursday October 22 support for the miners—set Thursday October 29 about organizing the infamous 'Organization for the Main-Thursday November 5 Northgate Hall tenance of Supplies' (a civilian guard) and placed all regions Oxford

under specially-appointed Ministers. Regional secret conferences were called in the intervening months to discuss transport and police arrangements for

the General Strike. The Tories of today have been preparing since the defeat of Wilson's anti-union laws in June 1969.

Their changes at the top indicate with what thoroughness they have learned the lessons of history and the seriousness of the situation.

But the miserable TUC leaders not only do not learn the lessons of history. They are determined to serve their Tory friends even more slavishly than did J. H. Thomas and the General

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areas, the government had

made it clear that in re-

viewing its regional policy

it would still mean to pre-

differentials. Davies said,

would require 'close analysis'

—and this was already

Dealt with

He also announced that

the future of bodies such

as the Industrial Reorgan-

ization Corporation and the Prices and Incomes Board

would be 'relatively quickly

statements to parliament on

• Steel price rises given

some of the decisions con-

go-ahead. See page 3.

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correspondent, the Egyptian Information Minister and

close confidante of Nasser,

Mohammed Heykal, has now

revealed that Nasser was in-

flexibly resolved to carry out the terms of the Rogers-Gromyko plan.

Nasser's last message to

President Nixon, delivered to

US Treasury secretary Elliott

Richardson five hours before

the president's death, was a

symbolic reassurance that

Egypt was still seeking a Mid-

East settlement based on the

Nasser, he explains, told Arafat: 'I have explained to you

from the beginning that we

could not help the Palestinian

resistance by military action because we would be leaving

arrived in a towering rage

determined for a Jordan show-

down 'no matter what the consequences will be'.

Nasser replied: 'I have burned my blood during the past few days to protect you.

Nothing would have been

easier to me than to issue a strong statement declaring my

support for you and grant you a broadcasting station to

say what you please against

the King . . . Then relax and

and responsibility I do not

'But with my conscience

sit back to watch.

Israel and fighting Jordan'.

1967 UN Security Council.

Arafat

There would be early

But the degree of such

serve some differentials.

underway.

dealt with'.

Sunday October 25 Sunday November 1 Council of 1926. Then, the General Council, Partick Burgh Hall 'right' and 'left', sold out after nine days of strike. This time

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LATE NEWS

SPECIAL POWERS

IN CANADA

Canadian prime minister

Pierre Trudeau took special powers yesterday under the

War Measures Act to deal

with the Quebec kidnap crisis.

into Montreal on Thursday as

the search went on for Labour Minister Robert Laporte and

Briish diplomat James Cross,

held hostage by the separatist Quebec Liberation Front

(FLQ) which was outlawed

yesterday.
In outlawing the FLQ the regulations described the

organization as a group 'who advocate the use of force or

the commission of crime as a

means of, or as an aid in,

accomplishing a governmental change within Canada and

who have resorted to the com-

mission of serious crimes in-

Federal troops were moved

Amount enclosed £ s d

murder and kidnapping'. Arafat's real attitude to imperialism and Nasser was fur-Under the regulations susther revealed by Heykal. pects can be arrested and detained without bail for up to He recalls how Arafat asked Nasser to cable Brezhnev (co-90 days. They may also be held without being brought author of the Mid-East carveup) to exert the utmost presbefore a judge for up to 21 sure on the US not to intervene in Jordan!

days.
Police are given to right to At one point during the Cairo summit meeting called enter and search, without a warrant, any premises sus-pected of harbouring subverto settle the Jordan crisis, Heykal recalls that Arafat sive persons.

cluding murder, threat of

'SANCTION' OVER ARMS Zambian president Kaunda suggested yesterday that suggested yesterday that Britain should be 'sanctioned' if the Tories' S African arms deal goes ahead.

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they haul down the flag and surrender before the battle.

THE ROLE OF STALINISM The Communist Party's

Morning Star' tells its readers 'TUC chiefs are to lead a massive campaign against Tory anti-union plans . . . ', and merely complains that the

TUC's 'delay is unfortunate'. Not a word from the Stalinists about the craven capitulation to the class enemy that the TUC action, or lack of it, amounts to! Not a word from the Stalinists about the complicity of the famous 'lefts' Jones and

Jones spoke vaguely about a 'national demonstration' without saying what he meant and without challenging the right wing. Scanlon withdrew his pathetic call for co-operation' to row in behind the even more disgraceful

betrayal of Feather. No wonder 'reaction at the renamed Department of Em ployment was that the government had no intention o changing its attitude'. ('The Guardian', October 16.)

This covering up of the betrayal by the Stalinists indicates beyond any doubt that they will play the same treacherous role in Britain as the French Communist Party did in betraying the revolutionary general strike of May-June 1968.

Like the French Stalinists. they are subservient to the interests of the Soviet bureaucracy and its 'peaceful coexistence' with capitalist governments like that of Heath and Pompidou.

They will at no point fight for the bringing down of the Tories. They will, together with the 'left' leaders, sabotage the fight against the gov-ernment in the interests of 'peaceful co-existence'.

In the course of immediate preparation of industrial action against the Tory proposals, a new revolutionary leadership must be built against the 'left' and 'right' leaders and union against the Stalinists.

This is absolutely necessary because action against the laws is a challenge to the ruling class and its government. It must culminate in the bringing down of the govern-

> NOW IS THE TIME TO FIGHT

It is vitally urgent that every factory and site com-mittee, every Trades Council and every trade union district organization and branch reject outright the TUC General Council's decisions!

There is no time to lose! Strike the first blow by solidarity actions and demonstrations to enable the council workers to inflict a defeat on Prepare to support the

miners with solidarity action to win their £20 minimum against the government! • Prepare now for the oneday general strike against the anti-union laws!

Mobilize the whole working-class movement to force the Tories to resign!
October 16, 1970

Congress comment

• FROM PAGE ONE anti-union laws is a part of

'The problem is that when the strike is over they may go to sleep on this. But we will try to make sure they won't. 'I, of course, support a one-day strike. Reformism will not defeat this kind of legislation.

GERRY CAUGHEY on behalf of the Pilkington's rankand-file committee representing the 200 victimized glass-

workers in St Helens:

'All I have to say to the TUC after their "declaration of war" against the Tories is let them put action where their mouths are. We have heard all these platitudes and sentiments before and they have got the working class nowhere.

'What is the point of having a Congress after the legislation is passed. Surely the aim should be to defeat the proposals before they become

'It's like bolting the stable door after the horse has bolted. All the St Helen's lads support the one-day strike call.'

Politicians waver

Reggio Calabria

REGGIO CALABRIA is in a state of armed truce, with occasional shooting, as the political parties desperately seek a solution to the erupting social crisis of the Italian South. Police with cranes and bulldozers, and with armed support, dismantled barricades in the port area on Wednesday and Thursday to allow in a shipload of fresh police and 1,500 troops.

But no one doubts that the barricades will go up

The immediate issue is the demand that Reggio, instead of the smaller Catanzaro to he North, shall be the capital of the new Calabria region.

This would provide jobs and measure of development to city which has for centuries been one of the poorest in But the forces which have

exploded there are the outcome of decades of neglect and corruption under successive governments, and the reformist complacency of the national labour

The general strike, which started with the refusal of the railwaymen to endanger themselves and passengers, now covers virtually the whole of the 50-mile-long peninsula South of Vibo Valentia which is the 'toe' of Italy.

FORCED SUPPORT

The strike, which grew contaneously, forced the pontaneously. official support of the Catholic (CISL) and Social Democratic (UIL) unions and, last of all. Communist-led largest national union (CGIL).

The insurrection in Reggio has thrown the Communist Party into complete confusion. Until the beginning of this week they were blaming the ighting on 'fascist hooligans' organized by the area's rich traders and landowners for heir own political ends.

Certainly it is true that the extreme right wing and the Mafia have been active. An 'Action Committee', ssuing leaflets inciting to terrorism, has been operating

from the city offices of CISNAL, the fascist-run 'trade And Battaglia, the reactionary mayor of Reggio, has declared his opposition to 'the

orces of order'. But it is the political bank-ruptcy and confusion of the official labour leaders, peddling interminable Fabian recipes for southern develop-ment, that provides the soil in which these elements flourish.

OCCUPATION

At the beginning of this week Communist and Socialist representatives occupied the Regional Council building at Catanzaro, demanding that the town should be confirmed as regional capital. On Thursday the govern-ment decided that parliament

will make a fresh decision on The debate will be resumed on Tuesday. Behind all this

and procrastination lies the complete inability of both the Colombo regime and the labour leaders to face up to

Leeds buses

stop again

LEEDS was without buses yesterday for the fifth Friday

in succession as corporation crews continued their one-day

strikes in support of their

national pay claim for a £20

The Transport & General Workers' Union, which repre-

sents the crews in their £4 3s

claim, recently withdrew from

national negotiations instruct

ing their members to press at

This weakened the busmen's

fight as most local companies

form part of the National Bus

Company, which has refused, with Tory backing, to accede

WEATHER

General situation: Pressure will remain high to the east of Britain, but a trough of low pressure will approach NW Scotland from the West later.

West later.

North and NW Scotland will be mostly dry at first though generally rather cloudy, rain will probably spread to these areas later in the day. The remainder of Scotland, N Ireland and England and Wales will be dry with long sunny spells in most places after the clearance of morning mist and patches of fog.

local level for settlements.

basic wage.

decided, some months ago, not to go ahead with the construction of a major statebacked steel plant near the city.
And when the Christian

Democratic under-Secretary of Transport arrived in the city last weekend (the first government member to go there since the clashes began three months ago) he announced he had come only to arrange the resumption of rail transport communications

the social crisis, let alone

sions in the area it was

Despite the growing ten-

But the time has passed when any offers of reform can re-establish 'social peace' in

VACILLATION

The government politicians instinctively recognize this and their present vacillation con ceals a determination to use the police for a brutal revenge on the working people of the city as soon as they feel strong enough.

In line with this the national press, exploiting has been peddling the line that Reggio is a 'foreign' area, not really part of the 'democratic' Republic.

Workers take over Bolivian tin-mine H

on

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

BOLIVIAN tin-miners — whose have been on strike since new president Juan Torres was installed with union leaders' support last week have taken over the headquarters of the nationalized mining corporation Comibol.

The workers took over Comibol's offices in the Oruro, centre of the tin-mining area, and announced plans for its total 'reorganization'.

Demonstrators in Reggio Calabria face armed police outside police headquarters this week.

Disbanded

The miners are members of the 400,000-strong Bolivian Workers' Confederation led

going ahead with a demand for a £6 wage rise—a 30 per

Electricians today put in a

claim for more wages, with one union demanding an in-

crease from 10s 3d to £1 an

hour. Following their lengthy

strike last year, maintenance

workers also have big wage

demands on the agenda.

Last April, the Fianna Fail

government avoided a con-

frontation with the working

class by passing a 'mildly in-

Now it is clearly preparing to smash the wages offensive

in the Republic with stiff

The economic crisis in Ire-

Despite its formal independ-

land has a direct relation with

the problems of British em-

ence, the Republic's economy

remains closely tied to Britain

If the Irish government is now

speculating about devaluation

it must mean that severe eco-

nomic problems are in front

Rooting

Prime minister Lynch, his

government already rocked by

the arms smuggling affair and

the effects of the N Ireland

No doubt he is banking on

ening his own position against the Irish workers.

Ballot results

next Friday

THE MINERS' ballot on

national strike action in sup-

port of a £5-a-week pay increase ended at midnight

The result is expected to be

ready for a meeting of the union executive in London

last night.

for the Tories in Britain.

flationary' budget.

financial measures.

plovers.

cent increase.

resources needed for produc-

Torres—a former chief-ofstaff who was installed after workers successfully beat off an attempted right-wing coup d'etat—has sent a special top-level commission to try and get the miners back to work.

causing a massi

veteran reformist Juan

police and attacked

They disbanded the special

Comibol's privileged bureau-

crats, who, they said, were

Earlier this week he gave non-committal replies to a list of demands from student and union leaders for big wage rises for workers, nationalization of foreign-owned companies and workers' participation in management.

Vague talk

In reply, Torres spoke vaguely of freeing the country from 'foreign dependence' and instituting 'total popular participation' in government.

At the same time, he brought a number of notorious right-wing nationalists into his cabinet. The miners rightly regard his promises as demagogic.

There are few foreign companies left in Bolivia which have not already been nationalized.

Defection exposes sordid links

THREE members of the Bucharest State Opera ballet company have defected while on a tour of Greece, exposing the continuing close relations between the E European Stalinists and the colonels' repressive anti-communist dictatorship.

The 112-member ballet company was in Salonika over the past week for a series of performances to mark the foundation of the city.

A ballerina, a chorus girl, and a pianist disappeared just

before the company left and are thought to be seeking political asylum.
Since their disappearance, the Hungarian State Opera Ballet, which was also scheduled to take part in Salonika's counter-revolution-

ary 'cultural' junket, has cried Hardly a day goes by, it seems, in which there is not some or another dancing, singing or trading delegation of Stalinists to the colonels' Greece.

Rotting

Meanwhile, thousands of working-class militants, among them many Greek Stalinists. are slowly rotting in the colonels' torture chambers. And there is no question of their seeking asylum with the Stalinist rulers of Bulgaria or Rumania. The Stalinist authorities hand them back at the

frontier to the Greek police. Another

kind of defection

EIGHTY-SEVEN Rome members of the Italian Communist Party, from 24 branches, have resigned from the Party to join the left-wing 'Manifesto

Among them is Pio Mancini, a Communist representative on the Rome City Council. In their joint letter of resignation they accuse the Party leadership of silence on the purges in Czechoslovakia, and of covering up for the Soviet leadership's Middle East policy and towards the Lon Nol regime in Cambodia.

They say these moves are betrayals of the popular struggles for independence. They also accuse the Party chiefs of opportunism in their demand for a reflation of the Italian economy.

Turkish occupation death

A WORKER was killed in Istanbul on Thursday during fighting between armed police and strikers occupying a factory. The workers are demanding higher wages. Police with bulldozers broke down the factory gate after the government had ordered the workers to be evicted.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

MERSEYSIDE: Sunday, October 18.
Swan Hotel, London Road, 7.30
p.m. 'Support the council workers.
Stop the anti-union laws. Bring Stop the anti-union laws. Bring down the Tory government'. WILLESDEN: Thursday, October 22, 8 p.m. Labour and Trades Hall, Willesden High Road.

OLLERTON: Saturday October 24, 12 noon. 'The Plough', Ollerton. 'Miners and the ATUA.' Speaker: Mike Banda, Editor Workers Press. SOUTHALL: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Southall Community Centre. Bridge Road.

SW LONDON: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Princes Head, Falcon Road, Clapham Junction. W LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Prince Albert Pub, Balfe Street, Kings Cross. N LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.

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

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Inquiry into Mersey port closure demanded

LIVERPOOL Trades Council has demanded an inquiry into the proposed closure of half the city's seven miles of

At a meeting this week, The cut-backs, announced

docks, redundancies in the

Board's direct labour force, the sale of dredging vessels and stringent economies throughout the port.

unprofitable sections of dock industry with public

Though many at the Trades Council meeting expressed verbal support for the amendment, they believed a campaign for workers' control, as a basis for opposition to the Tory government, was not viable. One dock steward and Communist Party member, said he agreed with the amendment but it 'hadn't a snowball-in-hell's chance'. Ignoring the content and purpose of the anti-union

Not held back Union bureaucrats have proved unable to hold back heir members from making these demands — a situation

By an industrial reporter

the Council condemned the closures which involve big redundancies and economies throughout the port, but rejected an amendment calling for the nationalization of the port under workers' control and a campaign around these demands to force the government to

recently by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board,

will mean the closure of the

South end of Liverpool

The government has told port chiefs that if economies are not made by December they will receive no more financial assistance. But dock workers claim that the board has deliberately run down port facilities in the hope that nationalization would allow re-development of the more

They also say that the

threatened closures will be used to force dockers to accept Devlin Phase Two.

laws of Heath he said the answer was to demand shorter hours and higher

Eire facing

severe money IRISH Finance Minister George Colley announced a year's 6 per BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT cent wages norm and 36s wage rise ceiling in which led directly to the talks breakdown on Thursday. 50,000 building workers are his budget speech to

the Dail in Dublin yesterday. His budget announcement paralleling Tory anti-strike laws in Britain—follows the breakdown of the Irish Employer-Labour Conference on

Thursday. The Irish Republic now faces one of the most severe economic crises since the war. with talk of record unemployment, more emigration and

currency devaluation. The present round of crisis was sparked by a series of big wage claims, vigorously pressed home by a combative working class.

Temperatures will be above normal in NW Scotland. Elsewhere temperatures will be near or a little above normal though ground frost will be fairly widespread at first with a touch of frost in sheltered places.