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His father was a carpenter who lived in staid, respectable Broadstairs when Ted was born in 1916.

Ten years later he had become a manager at the local builders where he worked and in 1930 when the owner died he bought the business and set up for himself.

Of the family Hutchinson says: 'They never thought of themselves as poor and by the standards of the time they were not'. In fact in 1926 Heath senior was earning about double the average wage



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1926 was the year of the General Strike: in the next four years unemployment was to rise to two and a half million: the lives of most men were far from 'ordinary'.

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At least one of Hutchinson's comments rings true where he says: 'Up and down the country innumerable boys of a similar background were doing much the same things'. So much for the sufferings of the middle class.

In keeping with this background, in 1926 at the age of ten he won a scholarship to a leading local Grammar School —Chatham House, Ramsgate.

Heath's mother had been a lady's maid and also a strong churchwoman. This almost certainly explains why Heath's interests outside school largely involved singing in the school choir and learning to play the

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scale industry in the modern

in 1969, Heath represents the businessman's take-over of

For Heath it began on Februrary 25, 1950, when, at the

age of 34, he was elected to the House of Commons as the

member for Bexley with a majority of 133 over a Labour

Twenty years later there is

While his ideas have been

modified by circumstances, the

underlying philsophy has not

changed since he first stepped

onto the national political

As early as 1937, in a debate at Oxford, he displayed

uncompromising opposition to

Labour plans to extend social

services. The cost was too

high he said. He is still saying

But now he is in a position

to do something about it. Momentarily his voice was drowned by the 1950s boom.

A year later Heath emerged

as a pro-Churchill Tory with

no sympathy for the wish-

wash liberalism of Chamber

lain and his followers. Britain

first and Britain strong was

from the beginning built firmly

After the war, in 1947, when

he went before the selection

panel at Bexlev, he won the

nomination on the basis of his

speech filled with condemna-

tion of the Labour govern-

It was a government of

crisis, bedevilled by the dogma

of nationalization, a govern-

ment under which controls

multiplied like rabbits and

which imposed a strait-jacket

into Heath's policies.

ment.

no justification for surprise at the content of Heath's Toryism

as it unfolds week by week.

As 'The Times' pointed out

similar debate at Chatham House and reversed the vote. In 1935 he went on to Balliol College, Oxford to read

famous 'King-and-Country'

vote was given at Oxford,

Heath led the opposition in a

Characteristically he had to scrape the money together. Some came from his parents and some from Kent Education Committee. A quarter of a century later 'The Times' was to say of him: 'Mr Heath was a self-made man, but he started

At Oxford Heath's Toryism took root. He was active in the University Conservative Association and in the debates

Notable achievements in debates included opposing a motion advocating equality of education — he argued this would mean communism-and opposing another motion which was to the effect that the British fascists had forfeited the right to free speech.

In a typically pettybourgeois way he argued for



The gunner

In 1963 Heath had become Secretary for Industry, Trade and Regional Development. By November of that year he was emphasizing that firms that did nothing about productivity must be pricked into activity'. He stressed equally that public expenditure could only come

from increased production. Heath's determination to abolish Resale Price Maintenance in 1964 was designed, he said, to stimulate competition. In fact it paved the



The party goer

Heath claimed the Tories believed in a property-owning democracy with a minimum (not a maximum) standard of life for everyone. They wanted better industrial relations, more incentives to increase production and development of

All this rings very familiar even though it was said 23 vears ago.

In 1950 these policies were a reaction to the years of austerity under Labour. They were a prelude to the 1950s boom. There were to be incen-

way for the giant retail monopolies to drive out the small

February 11, 1964, Heath told overseas bankers at the Guildhall: 'We are not afraid of (monopoly) size' and as a reassurance he added that profits would be there for those with enterprise and effort.

On December 31, 1965, Heath, now in Opposition, spelt out his policy: 'We intend to encourage the men and women blessed with

particular skills, with imagina-

in 1968 at the time of the Back Britain Campaign. Heath 'It is difficult to think of

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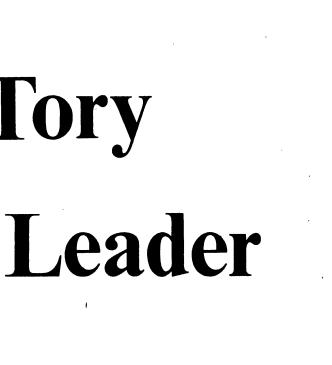
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tion, with inventiveness and with administrative ability. By helping themselves to go ahead they will be helping all of us. By maintaining the economic foundations on which every-thing depends they will be helping the whole country.

In 1965 Heath restated his policy list. At the top now were incentives for work followed by the need for more competition in industry and commerce and reforms of management, the need to eliminate restrictive practices and 'redefine' the role of the trade unions, the need to make social and community services more 'efficient', and last, the need to join the Common Market.

The EEC was now seen as a threat to British industry if the country remained outside and a saviour if entry was granted. Only through access to wider markets could the growth of the monopolies be assured.

1965 was a year when an Industrial Relations Bill was mentioned in detail for the first time. In it there were to be provisions for enforcable agreements, a register of trade unions and employers' associations and industrial courts. Another first for Heath was

his expressed intention to impose firm controls to limit immigration. By 1966 Heath was talking

of an economic crisis so severe that it was the greatest any nation could face short of war itself. During the election campaign he said: 'Unless we take action to

avert it we are faced with the threat of national bankruptcy'

That year he had a chance to show what his attitude to strikes would be. During the seamen's strike he pressed Wilson to demand a secret ballot by the union so that those who wanted to go back to work could do so.

#### New blood

And later in the year he criticized Wilson for not taking a tough enough line with the railwaymen.

A year later after the 1966 defeat the Selsdon Tories met to decide the policies which were to form the basis of the 1970 election campaign for which Heath was already preparing.

There was to be greater provision of community services by private enterprise, voluntary effort and the price mechanism. Correspondingly state operations were to be reduced.

New blood was to be pumped into the private housing sector at the expense of state projects, private pension schemes were to be encouraged, industrial research was to be concentrated in the private sector.

Another chance to expose his attitude to the unions came

anything more discouraging than that those trade unionists who were prepared to do an extra half hour without pay to back Britain should have been condemned by their colleagues and be punished by them.'

With the economic crisis forcing Labour to take back many of their promises to the electorate, on January 15, 1968 Heath gave the nation a 'tighten-their-belts' warning. He set the objective of a high

wage, low-cost, high-productivity economy, but he said that increased output should go into the balance of payments and into investment for increasing capacity. He said: 'There will be little left over

for consumer or for government spending.' By 1970 overproduction reflected in a mounting inflation was the dominant issue in politics. But Heath made it clear that he had no intention of harming his big-business backers by tackling prices. In July he said:

This is already governed by questions of competition.'

#### **Productivity**

In other words prices were to find their own levels. This was the only way business could survive. There could be no attacks on prices and through them on profits.

This could only further harm capitalists by robbing them of incentives. But something had to be done. Heath and his party decided, irrevocably, to

future there were to be no more inflationary wage increases. Productivity would. in theory, be the sole criterion. On inflation Heath said:

get at prices through wages. In

'This problem is more serious for Britain than for most other countries because of our poor growth in productivity, our inadequate reserves and substantial overseas debts and the chaotic state of industrial relations. 'Great firms with househdd

names see their profits squeezed by taxation and their production continually disrupted by industrial disputes; their wage bills soaring in the struggle to keep up with wage inflation.

Heath came up with policies expressly designed to relieve the burden of taxation on the big companies; policies which meant attacking the welfare state and through it the living standards of the working class; policies which meant attacking the nationalized industries to ensure that only

the most profitable sections survived. He also came up with poli-

cies to deal with wage inflation. Wages were claimed to be industry's single biggest cost and in addition the 'rash of mainly unofficial strikes' were proving an unsupportable burden.

#### **Destruction**

Even before the election the importance of a bill to save the capitalist class from economic ruin by destroying the power of the unions had emerged as the most vital

plank of Tory policy.

Heath accused Labour of 'abdicating their responsibilities in failing to deal with industrial relations' and he warned:

'We are not prepared to delay our proposals' (for an Industrial Relations Bill).

Most significantly and speaking clearly for the ruling class he represents, he said, If the government stood by and did nothing it would lead to econo-

#### BBC 1

10.25 a.m.-12.25 p.m. Schools, 12.55-1.2 Union. Oxford University v Cambridge University. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Animal magic. 5.20 Dastardly and Muttley in their flying machines. 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London. 6.45 QUIZ BALL.

7.05 Z CARS. 'Strictly Cash'. Part two.

7.25 THE LAUGH PARADE. 'Up in the World'. With Norman Wisdom, Jerry Desmonde and Maureen Swanson. A window cleaner on a large estate becomes involved in a kidnap

8.55 POINTS OF VIEW.

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 'THE STRANGE CASE OF RUDOLF HESS'. An investigation into the unsolved mystery of a man's mind.

10.10 MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS.

10.40 24 HOURS. 11.15 POSTSCRIPT.

11.20 MEDICINE TODAY. 11.50 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC All regions as above except:

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nation-wide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 10.10-10.40 Contact. (Mid-lands only.) 11.52 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 10.10-10.40 Wall game. (NE only.) 11.52 News,

Wales: 5.20-5.50 Telewele. 6.00-6.45 Wales today, weather. Nationwide.

6.45-7.00 Heddiw. 10.10-10.40 This world of Wales. 11.52 Weather. Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. 10.10-10.40 She shall have music. 11.15 Viewpoint. 11.40 Medi-

music. 11.15 Viewpoint. 11.40 Medicine today. News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 10.10-10.40 In question. 11.52 News, weather.
SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 10.10-10.40 Enthusiasts. (South only.) 11.52 News, weather.

### **BBC 2**

11.00-11.20 a.m. Play school. 1.15-1.45 p.m. Medicine today. 7.05 PROSPECTUS. 'Two Teachers: Three classes'. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 FLOODLIT RUGBY LEAGUE. BBC 2 Trophy, second semifinal. Wigan or Huddersfield v Leigh or St Helens.

9.20 MENACE. 'Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?' With Patrick Mower and Georgina Hale. Suspense thriller. NEWS ON 2 and weather.

10.40 THE CODEBREAKERS. 'Shall Yamamoto Die?'

11.10 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

2.35 p.m. Journey of a lifetime. 2.50 Aladdin's cave. 3.50 Adventures of Robin Hood. 4.17 Hatty town. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Junior showtime. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News. 6.02 TODAY

6.30 THE GHOST AND MRS MUIR. 7.00 THE SAINT. 'The World Beater'.

8.00 INTERNATIONAL BOXING. Cassius Clay v Oscar Bonavena from Madison Square Garden, New York. 9.00 GRADY. 'Look, I'm Nobody'. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 'OUT OF THE SHADOW INTO THE SUN'. The first filmed

assent of the Eiger's north face, 1970. 11.15 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE. 'Bulgaria in January'. 11.45 IDEAS IN PRINT. Michael Nelson talks to Fred Brown, author

of 'Secular Evangelism'.

#### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 Survival. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Police file. 6.15 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Saint. News, weather.

WESTWARD, As Channel except: 2.50-3.50 London, 3.58 News. 4.00

Gus Honeybun, 6.00 Diary, 6.35 Cross-roads, 7.00 Saint, 11.15 Faith for life, 11.20 Weather. SOUTHERN: 2.50-3.50 London. 4.00

Houseparty. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 London. 4.55 Hymn for children. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.40 Film., 'The Big Blockade'. With Leslie Banks, John Mills, Will Hay, Robert

mic and political destruction'.

Goring, Michael Rennie and Bernard Miles. War film about the Royal Navy. 8.00 London. 11.15 News. 11.25 Farm progress. 11.55 Weather. Action

HARLECH: 3.00-3.50 Aladdin's cave. 4.18 Women today. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Max. 7.25 Mr and Mrs. 8.00 London. 11.15 People to people. 11.45 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18, 6.01-6.35 Report West. HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y dydd.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. 10.30-11.15 Dan sylw. ANGLIA: 2.50 London. 3.50 Granny gets the point. 4.30 News. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.05 Crossroads. 7.00 Saint. 8.00 London.

ATV MIDLANDS: 3.49 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.50 Flaxton boys. 5.15 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Randall and Hopkit (deceased). 8.00 London. 11.20 Better driving, weather.

ULSTER: 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Saint. 8.00 London. 11.15 White line.

YORKSHIRE: 2.50-3.50 London. 4.15 Wind in the willows. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Film: 'The True Story of Jesse James'. With Robert Wagner, Jeffrey Hunter, Hope Lange. Story of Frank and Jesse James. 8.00 London. 11.15 All our yesterdays. 11.45 Weather.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.15 Film: "The Lady Takes a Fiver'. With Lana Turner and Jeff Chandler. A young couple have a successful business but arguments break out when they have a baby. 8.00 London. 11.15 Four just men.

TYNE TEES: 4.10 News. 4.15 Mad movies. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.25 Where the jobs are. 6.30 Film: "Submarine Command". With William Holden and Nancy Olson. 8.00 London. 11.15 News. 11.30 Epilogue.

BORDER: 4.10 News. 4.12 Survival. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 8.00 London. 11.15 Better driving. 11.45

SCOTTISH: 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 University challenge. 7.00 Saint. 8.00 London. 11.15 Late

GRAMPIAN: 3.49 News. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 Wally Whyton style. 4.55 London. 6.00 News and weather. 6.10 Ron Thompson reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 6.55 Western: 'The Black Dakotas'. With Gary Merril and Wanda Hendrix. A shipment of gold sent by President Lincoln to the Sioux Indians attracts the attention of a Confederate agent. 8.00 London. 11.20 Better driving.

A conflict



directed by JOSEPH LOSEY

'Figures in a Landscape'

showing at the Carlton in London

The relationship between

differences and the unity are Driven by the enemy they make for the mountain tops, to the snow, where, according

the two men changes, devel-

ops, now one dominates, then

the other, but it is in their

struggle to survive that the

to the older man, they 'will be all right'. The route involves them in

a battle in a plantation with the enemy trying to flush them out with fire. (This episode is a filmic tour

de force, which highlights the blind, wordless, bloody confusion of war, of refugees, of senseless devastations, of loss and cruelty.)

Yet where are they making for? The older man confesses that he doesn't know, that he's never been there before, but has a blind faith that it will be all right when they get

And once high up, there is a feeling of safety, as if they have made it. The snow is pure, untouched by man, virgin

territory. The young man runs in it, makes snowballs, washes his

They are tired and scared, but they have arrived. Below the enemy is still after them, but the frontier is a few yards

ahead. It is here that a despair creeps into the film, a despair that has been totally absent from the characters' material struggle. Already the unknown is tainted by the known. At the frontier the sinister figures of another army stand. The young man approaches

them. They say nothing. He has a gun in his hand. The soldiers point their weapons at him. He throws down his gun and advances.

The soldiers relax. Part of the bargain of entry is to go disarmed

Yet the older man cannot give up his obsession. He must have his revenge. He must destroy the helicopter.

Alone he battles it out with it . . . and is hacked to pieces by its bullets.

The film ends on a long slow aerial shot over the miniature figures in the snow. There is no indication at all of what is on the other side of the mountain.

It's unclear what Losey means by this. Does he mean that there is no real victory over the machine, that it will always win?

Or that past revenges have no longer a present significance?

Or that all struggle is yet we have to doomed,

struggle? I don't think Losev is certain. What I do think is that

he has tried to impose an idealist resolution to a very materialist film, which can have no resolution, for struggle is a continuous process.

The uncertainty that he raises and retreats from is fought out on the other side of the mountain in a higher

to go beyond merely the surface visual impression and In 'Figures in a Landscape' he has found a form and image that compresses all his earlier obsessions into one central allegory of struggle.

The title itself has a directness and simplicity, a bareness that announces the hypothesis that men conflict with each other and the natural world in order

(ROBERT

Ansell

It plays with them almost, diving at them, twisting, turning. They try to run away but it pursues them like a giant horse fly with blood on its

like some huge machine hawk.

The two pilots are faceless

shapes in helmets and flying

The older man shouts abuse at it, trying to challenge it.

When it finally leaves them alone and hovers watchfully in the air a hundred yards ahead, the older man shouts 'If I hadn't been tied, I could have pulled it down out of the air'. He is outraged at the violaFor him it becomes a pervendetta; to get the

The younger man says: 'We would do better to wait till iickly. Find a village and a knife'.

At night the helicopter wheels away and the two men find a village. There they enter a house where a corpse is laid out for a funeral. They find a razor and free themselves of

their ropes. Then they help themselves to clothes, tinned food and a gun with ammunition. It is at this point they notice the griefstricken widow of the

deceased in a trance that

blocks out their presence and their intrusion.

It is only when the older man takes bread from the corpse that she is aware of them and lets out a piercing Again they have to escape

and again the young man

accuses the older of stupidity. But the older man has other things on his mind. He is determined to go it alone, to take the gun and share the food and make it to the mountains. The young man wants to come with him but the older refuses. He sets off.

Yet when he is faced with a can of food, he doesn't know how to open it and only the

cates the speed at which experi-

ence of the class struggle in the advanced capitalist countries today opens up this possibility.

Overthrow

Black nationalism appeared to

replaced the conscious

every revisionist and reformist to

struggle to build the Marxist

'What seems to be is not so'.

Party. But as Newton points out:

'In 1966,' he said, 'the Black

Panther Party called itself nation-

alist. We wanted to found a nation, we wanted to run away and we found the enemy

wouldn't let us run away. We

throw him and have a different

'Then we said we were nationalists and international

socialists. . . . The Black Panther

Party has moved beyond inter-nationalism. We have developed

ism . . . Marxism-Leninism-Pantherism.' a higher form of Marxism-Lenin-

Despite the confusion of the

last phrase, nothing will be able to stop the great impetus which

Newton's stress on dialectics and

philosophy will give to the development of an interest in

must run towards him . .

and the knowledge to use it. The young man bargains technique for protection. They leave together.

young man has the tin opener

This relationship of opposites is the key and centre of the film. They are polarized as youth and age, as new and old, as force and weakness, as stupidity and intelligence, as ignorance and knowledge, yet they are inseparable.

That inter-relationship is the key to their survival, their interdependence their weapon against the enemy who hunts them throughout the film in the infernal machine and later with the massed troops of an

Panthers grasp for dialectics

HUEY NEWTON, Black Panther Party 'Minister of Defence', speaking at New York City Community College to 4,000 youth on November 19, surprised his audience by devoting the whole of his two hours to the need for dialectical materialism as the basis for the revolutionary movement. 'I'm not going to give you what Newton's development indi-

you want, but what is good for you,' he began. He called upon his supporters to reject 'nationalism and empty rhetoric,' and went on, '. . . the real issue is consciousness'.

Newton insisted throughout on the vital importance of learning the Marxist method.

'Our strategy is armed strug-gle,' he said; and added that this did not mean 'go and get your guns', but meant to grasp revolutionary theory as the basis of the struggle.

This turn to basic theoretical in the sense of Newton as an consciousness and provides the conditions for a turn to the most proletariat rapidly to make the decisive advances required to

> theory among the Negro and the white youth. Newton directed their attention away from idealist dema-

gogy and towards materialist

'Reality is independent of us ... Once we realize this we will move to understand and manipulate that world. Our attitudes have no effect on the world. We must know the objective facts and seize power.

'What is power? . . . Power is the ability and knowledge to define the external world and harness the force and make it act the way we want. . . .

'With understanding you can break anything. . . . We must have a correct method to understand the past, the present, and be able to see the future.'

If this outlook is carried through consistently, then there can be no surer death for the bourgeois nationalists and the various reformists and revisionists who support them.

#### Material roots

Racialism must be fought, according to Newton, not as 'the absolute problem', but by starting with the understanding that racialism exists to justify exploitation. 'It must have material

Turning clean away from the nationalist emphasis on 'black cultural history' and the 'black studies programmes', Newton went on to insist on the vital importance of the historical lessons of the proletarian revolu-tion, again from the point of of the dialectical materialist

'The Black Panther Party observes that in 1917 in the Soviet Union something hap-pened. Society was transformed because Lenin applied practice and theory. We must arrange the facts and come up with a theory. We must test this theory in reality and see if it works.'

Here is the beginning of a truly revolutionary process.

Marxist pedants of the revisionist Socialist Workers' Party variety will no doubt point out the many formal errors in Newton's speech.

#### Basic theory

But the important point is that after such an intense experience of struggle Newton should raise questions of basic theory and the dialectical method at this level.

It undoubtedly has international significance in indicating the great opportunity of building the revolutionary party and the revolutionary youth movement.

It is also entirely characteristic that, precisely at this point, the revisionist SWP, after hanging on to the coat-tails of bourgeois black nationalism for so long, should now come out openly against the Black Pan-As justification for this they

offer a formal repetition of the general case of Marxism against methods of individual acts of terror, together with a condemnation of the Panthers' turn away from nationalism to

Writing on behalf of the SWP, Derrick Morrison says: 'But since the end of 1968, the Panthers have, to a large degree, withdrawn from the mass struggle for black control.

And as a consequence, their defence efforts have lacked the necessary broad-scale organization and education.' ('The Militant', November 27.)

#### Capitulating

As the statement of the Political Committee of the Workers' League points out correctly, the SWP is criticizing the Panthers on their strongest points, and itself capitulating to the pressure of the ruling class.

What the SWP is objecting to is that the Panthers have begun to break with bourgeois-liberal politics towards the working class. In swinging against them, the SWP now goes farther to the right than ever before.

The Workers' League is absolutely right to point out that this betrayal of Marxism results from the SWP's abandonment long ago of the dialectical method.

What a remarkable confirma tion of the dialectic that as this rejection of dialectical materialism delivers them into the arms of the right, so the revolutionary youth make a conscious bid to grasp dialectical materialism for

## IMPORTANT READING

AMONG the current film fare offered in the West

End, titles such as 'Swinging Swoppers', 'The Wife Swappers', 'Mondo Sex', to name but three, together

with the second-time arounders, many of them good

His work has always borne that stamp, and whether you

like it or not, and often I find it ponderous and irritatingly

incomplete, you are always aware of a worrying or disturbing

quality that serious art has, aware of a mind that is restless

The very way he uses a camera compels you to look afresh,

a knife for their release.

is their keeper.

thoughtlessness.

self as a thinker.

without success.

They come upon a herd of

goats and an old peasant who

'I need you for this,' says

the older man, but the young

Alone the older man murders

He has nothing on him, no

knife or cutting instrument

that they need so badly. It is

a senseless brutal act, com-

mitted without thought, and

the young man accuses the

older for his stupidity and

young man has asserted him-

self in any way, asserted him-

signposts their passing. The older man needed the younger

man in a way different from

what he first supposed. The

ropes round their wrists feel

It is the first time that the

Thé herdsman, who had nothing, is now a corpse that

man refuses, horror struck

the herdsman, but in vain.

experience the complexities and interrelationships of things.

films, but filling merely the gaps left by

the fall in film production as recession

bites, Joseph Losey's 'Figures in a

Landscape' stands out with all the

authority and dignity of a genuine

creative artist.

and inquiring.

to survive.

an animal.

the route.

around his neck.

We know almost nothing

about the two men, whose

hands are tied behind their

backs, running through a

parched and bleached land-

They are clearly on the run,

but from whom and where, we

do not know. The young man

is exhausted and it is only

from the brutal insistence of

the older man that he carries

the boy we learn of a man who

is physical, sensual, who understands the natural world

with the instinctive cunning of

He leads the way, directs

He knows there is fresh

water about because he 'can

smell it'. He seems attuned to escape and survival, practised,

professional. In contrast the

boy is merely a useless weight

these two opposites held in

unity by the simple fact that

both are bound and need the

other to cut through the

bonds. What they both need is

Yet they need each other, are indispensable to each other,

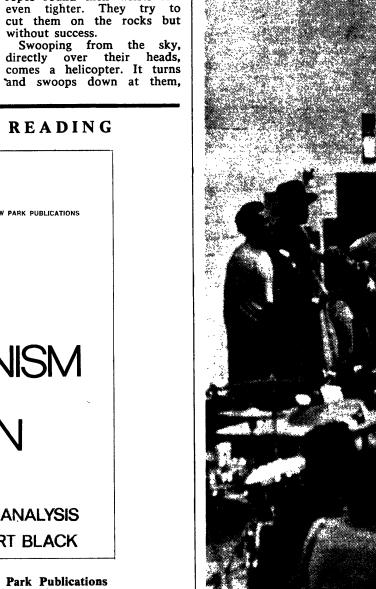
From the way he harangues

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Manifestation questions by Newton is of very great historical significance, not individual, or the formal correctness or incorrectness of his particular statements, but as a manifestation of the way in which the depth of the imperialist crisis disrupts old forms of basic philosophical problems, thus enabling the youth and the prepare the conquest of power.

Huey Newton speaking at the New York City Community Centre.

Burgos 16 case halted

**Torture** 

claim means

secret trial

TORTURE allegations by two defendants are

thought to be responsible for the surprise post-

ponement of the Burgos trial vesterday morning.

On Sunday evening, Victor Arana, one of 16 Basque nationalists charged with terrorism, claimed that his statements to the police had

been 'obtained under torture'.

Earlier the same day, Jesus Abrisqueta told the court's

military judges that he had

undergone 'systematic tortures' during police interrogation.

Arana told the court how

As he entered a flat, police

opened fire from an inner room and he was wounded in

**QUESTIONED** 

Police then began to ques-

tion him on the spot, even though he was in acute pain

Franco is now considering holding the trial in secret to avoid further publicity about

the sadism of his fascist

This is thought to be the

reason for the sudden decision

to postpone yesterday morn-

FROM PAGE ONE

On wages, Covent Garden branch wants the council to

'call upon our national execu-

tive committee to instruct the

general secretary to press for

an early reply to our pay

Failing a settlement of the

and cried 'I am dying'.

he and two companions had walked into a police ambush

in Bilbao in April 1969.

the abdomen.

police.

ing's session.

#### **ALL TRADES** UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

Discuss the proposed draft of the Charter of Basic Rights

CARDIFF: Tuesday, December 8, 8 p.m. Cardiff Boilermakers' Club, Clarence Rd, Cardiff docks. SHEFFIELD: Tuesday, December 8, 7.30 p.m. Ancient Order of Foresters' Hall, 34 Trippett Lane, Sheffield 1. Speaker: Paul Littlehales 'Where next after December 8?'.

SUNDERLAND: Thursday, December 10, 7.30 p.m. Hendon Community Centre. LIVERPOOL: Thursday, December 10, 7.30 p.m. Royal Institution, Colquit Street. 'After December 8. The fight to bring down the Tories'.

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LATE NEWS

**BRANDT: NEXT STOP** 

Brandt yesterday signed the treaty placing his govern-

ment's relations with Poland

on a more normal footing.
Yugoslav news agency Tanyung says the E German
Ulbricht regime fears that
'Bonn's "Eastern train" will

soon start towards Prague

[Czechoslovakia], with a simi-

lar mission to those it recently

**GUERRILLA VICTORY** 

rilla battalions yesterday over-

ran the strategic Laotian

government outpost at Muong

Mok, close to the frontier

Announcing the loss, Gen Thong Phanh of the Royal

Laotian Army described the military situation as 'quite serious' with the initiative still

with N Vietnam.

in guerrilla hands.

Two communist-led guer-

had in Moscow and Warsaw

W German Chancellor Willy

December 10 and 17.

# **Charter of Basic Rights**

women in my factory all the rights that the Tories

If this government is successful, we will pushed back centuries, we will be like serfs again owned by the Lord of the Manor. It would be disastrous if we allowed the enemy of the workers, the Tories, to do this.

strike can only be seen as a beginning to a big fight to force this government to resign. I can't see any way forward beyond this per-

When you talk to women workers about the situation they often say 'Oh that's political', but now we have to get across to them that every issue is political because this government is have put up no fight what-soever. To be plain I think the TUC don't want to give any power to the shop floor. And in this sense I think

engineering industry.

Plessey combine in the town.

We have to be on our guard with these people. I think it is right to take up the demand to make the TUC organize an official General Strike. This is the thing we should be demand-

Recently one woman broke down on the job unable to cope with the relentless speed of the line. Rene says organizing women has its difficulties. Many, for example, work only to supplement their

husbands' poor wages. Nevertheless the Charter has already stimulated discussion at Kembrey St and Rene will be bringing it up in her branch.

COMMENT on the All Trades Unions Alliance's draft Charter of

Basic Rights comes today from two members of the Amalgamated

Engineers and Foundryworkers, who play a leading role in their

at Kembrey St, Swindon—one of the six owned by the Garrard-

plants in Swindon and the pace of work is already unbearable.

Rene Hazel is one of the few female shop-floor leaders in the

A Communist Party member, she is convenor of her factory

Management are now in the process of introducing a form of Measured-Day Work—similar systems already operate in Garrard's

and the working class left without any leadership to fight the Tory bosses in industry and this govern-It is at the moment only they don't want to defeat the Bill.

ing on December 8.

If no further action is

forthcoming, in my opinion, the unions will be destroyed

the so-called unofficial bodies that are fighting for these rights trying to force and shame the men we elected into struggling to defend the unions — the organizations of the

In our branch we have already passed a resolution tive council of the AEF call

workers.

on the TUC to organize a special conference within 1970 to organize a General Strike against the Bill.

I think the working class could bring this government

I am only one woman motivated with the vision of a socialist society, but all workers will fight for what is theirs by right.

In such a situation we can make people on the shop floor realize what power they have and how to use it for socialism.

In Sheffield the situation

The AEF district com-

mittee has not been pre-

pared to fight against victimization and several

leading militants have been

CP officials of the AEF

have spent all their time

sacked.

has deteriorated a great deal

over the last five years.

ROY WILKINSON is a leading member of the AEF in Sheffield. He is a former Communist Party militant, who was abandoned by its leadership after being victimized from Ambrose Shardlow's

It is in this context that Roy makes a particularly valuable contribution to the discussion leading up to the December 19 ATUA conference.

> militant before. There is also the question of BEA and BOAC.

At British-Leyland, work-

ers put up a principled fight against Measured-Day

Now management is hop-

ing to defeat the militants

and make them into wage

slaves with no rights. The

demand for nationalization

under workers' control is

the only answer to these

THE AIR is no longer filled with mud, but there are still

a lot of people still scratching

their heads over the Federal

Senate Election results, or at

The largest party in the ruling coalition in the Senate,

Half of the 60-seat upper

least the reason for them.

house was contested.

I ACCEPT the points of the Characteristics of the Charter 100 per cent. What is involved here is basic human rights.

The right to work and live is a basic human necessity which capitalism will not provide for the working

Our immigrant brothers in Sheffield are being stuck into ghettoes. So when short time comes in the steel industry, racialism will be the main part of the Tory attack.

In the British Steel Corporation the Tories are going to hive off all the profitable sections to private enterprise and run down the rest.

The Charter can unify all workers. Unless we can fight to defend the basic rights of workers there is no future.

The Charter is different to anything else that any other political organization has produced. I was part of the pro tem committee when it was set up in 1966 to form a Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions in Sheffield. The Communist Party kept this just as a paper committee and never really fought to mobilize the

#### working class. **INCAPABLE**

We have to be wary of ne 'left' union leaders. When I was a shop steward at Shardlow's engineering firm, these people took my case right through procedure

The result was I was out of work for 13 months and blacklisted. These people are incapable of defending our rights.

Workers must see the difference between the CP and the ATUA. The CP will

We had a CP branch of 120 at Shardlow's with Cyril Morton as convenor, a member of the executive

My case involved the basic right to work. But he tried to get me to accept an unprincipled compromise. This is the difference.

The CP refuses to take up a principled fight. They just ditched me.

any fight against the antiwhere I am working now, meetings in different sec-

"If you want Tuesday off you can have it, but come in if you like".

The CP dominated district committee of the AEF is trying to cool things down. They feel the tre-

People are seeing the text and this the CP doesn't

want.

#### trying to get strikers back to work. A new leadership full 25 per cent, the branch demands the executive 'declare has to be built round the fight for the Charter. a national strike not later than February 14, 1971'.



The DLP has gained about 5 per cent more of the vote, and a total of five seats in the

tion and the ALP expected to be level pegging with 26 seats each this will give the DLP considerable influence in the House.

Percentage-wise the movement of voters has otherwise been absorbed by multifarious bodies, ranging from the Defence of Government Schools group, to the Australia Party.

Virtually the only 'high-light' of the pre-election campaign was the mud-slinging match between Liberal Prime Minister John Gorton, and ALP leader Gough Whitlam.

Mr Whitlam could have made much electorally of the government's recent 50 cents (4s 8d) pension increase, but the most this so-called socialist party could offer as an alternative was a vague suggestion that this could be increased by another dollar

(9s 4d). On the Indo-China war and the unions' fight for a 35-hour week, the coalition parties and the DLP shared the same worm-eaten plank.

Both are for mixing with Nixon, defending democracy, and stopping them on their own ground. The ALP, on the other

hand, is all for 'bringing the boys home', and, with slightly veiled reservations, in favour of the 35-hour-week campaign or so they say.

It would be nice to be able to report that Labour's failure to gain votes was because of its lack of socialist policies but this would be optimistic at this stage.

The change in the Upper House will have no noticeable affect on the governing of the Lower House coalition. But it will cause a bit of soulsearching in the leading parties before the next General Election in 1972.

been merged into more viable properties — with government encouragement. The big stations, owned by

the pinch too.
But vast multi-million dollar government subsidies have ensured that the capitalist on the land has not suffered too

That there is a backwardness among many rural workers and a dependence on their employers, forced on them by their isolated posi-

tion, is inevitable. But according to one grazier it was the country workers' loyalty and sense of fair play prevented many of them from heading a strike call at the end of October to

remnants of the landed aristocracy which developed following the early days of the settlers, and more recently by

poor, but happy stockman tending his, or rather the bosses, sheep. American and international companies, have been feeling

building sites throughout the state of New South Wales.

October with a 24 hour strike.

The unions involved had been ordered to a compulsory conference before the State Industrial Committee which gave the findings in their

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**Discuss** 

Defend and maintain these rights in a fight to force the Tories to resign.

### **BIRMINGHAM** Sat. December 19 Digbeth Civic Hall, Digbeth 10.30. am

Styvechale, Coventry.

# means danger for guerrillas

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

THE HEAVIEST fighting since the September civil war broke out between Royalist forces and guerrillas in several parts of Jordan yesterday.

#### Canners' claim

PERTH'S three Metropolitan meat works start up today after the end of a six-week wages strike. Meat workers President Max Burns said the Australian Industrial Commission would immediately 'process' the 1,400 workers'

PUBLIC LECTURES

Elements of

Marxism

The importance of Marxist philosophy in the

building of the revolutionary party.

Lectures by C. Slaughter (Central Committee

member of the Socialist Labour League)

SWINDON: Eastcott Hotel, Manchester Rd, 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

NEWCASTLE: Hotspur Hotel, Haymarket, 7.30 p.m. Sundays.

BRISTOL: Building and Design Centre, Colston Ave., Bristol 1.

Lectures by G. Healy (national secretary of the

Socialist Labour League)

**SOUTHAMPTON:** Polygon Hotel, the Polygon, 7.30 p.m. Sundays. December 13 and 20.

BEXLEYHEATH: Roberts Hall, Christchurch, Broadway, 8 p.m.

ACTON: Oddfellows Hall, Fletcher Rd, W3. 8 p.m. Thursdays.

Lectures by M. Banda (Editor of Workers Press)

BIRMINGHAM: Digbeth Hall, 8 p.m. Mondays. December

Lectures by P. O'Regan (SLL)

BALHAM: Co-op Hall, 47-51 Balham High St, SW12. 8 p.m.

**BEA PROFITS DROP** 

months to October 31, accord-

ing to provisional figures

the same part of last year-

and means that net profit for

the year to March 31 will be

with last year's £6,500,000

after taking into account

workers by their unions yes-

goes up from £21 18s 9d to

£24 5s 6d and non-craftsmen's

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Craftsmen's average

from £17 12s to £19 9s 9d.

compared

about £3,500,000

eleased yesterday.
This is £3,400,000 down on

Amman.

Fighting in the North began when troops shelled the

hours after the attack started, and then they had to fire spokesman.

'Fierce clashes' were continuing in all these areas, including the guerrilla stronghold Irbid, near the Syrian frontier, he added. Jordan's King Hussein is in

his Royalist dictatorship. The anti-guerrilla campaign could not have been better timed to convince his imperialist paymasters of his

on Friday. press ahead with the 'Jarring talks', interrupted by the 'hijack' crisis, the Jordanian talks', 'hijack'

civil war and internal divisions within the Israeli and Arab with the new pro-Egyptian regime in Syria also coming round to the US 'peace proposals', there is a great danger

able to rely on military aid from the North as they have in the past.

Hussein's world tour may well be the prelude to a new offensive against the Palestinian liberation movement. British labour must alerted to this threat and pre-

pared for immediate solidarity

## W Bengal jute strike 'total'

MORE THAN 200,000 workers in the W Bengal (India) jute industry began a strike yesterday in support of higher bonuses and other

Called by the five major unions in the jute industry, the strike was described yesterday by officials as total.

The stoppage, which paralysed of India's foreign currencybiggest industries, followed the breakdown of pay talks last week.

### Earning £10 less, Luças men claim

ENGINEERS in the N London factory of Simms Motor Units claim that the Lucas combine is deliberately 'freezing' them out of their jobs by imposing big pay cuts.

Simms was taken over by the motor accessories giant in a £13 million deal 18 months ago. Since then fuel injector production has been moved to other plants in the group. Workers have been transferred to departments in the factory where they earn up to £10 a week less.

'Lucas is running down the factory gradually and forcing men to leave without paying them any redundancy money', Maurice Fuller, senior nightshift steward, told the Workers

Press yesterday.

• Mr Fuller was leading a deputation of night-shift workers to see officials at the Department of Employment in London yesterday (below).



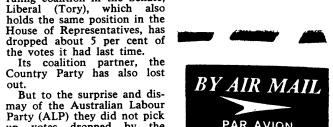
#### What they've said ATOM PAY RISE Average pay increases of 11 per cent were accepted for 13,000 atomic energy manual

• FROM PAGE ONE

'In the longer term, our proposals for a new legal framework for industrial relations will undoubtedly do much to create a more responsible and constructive approach, and will strengthen the hands of responsible trade union leaders.' Anthony Barber, December 5, 1970.

'The best way to stop the passage of the Tory laws is to make it clear that the entire labour movement will resist them lock, stock and barrel if the government should ever try to use them. ... The Tories would be forced to rethink if a significant number of union leaders were to declare etc. etc.'

'Socialist Worker', November 21, 1970.



may of the Australian Labour Party (ALP) they did not pick up votes dropped by the coalition.

Although the movement can best be measured by percentages rather than seats gained or lost, the undoubted benefactor of the swing has been the reactionary (this is

purely a comparative term, as it is hard to decide which is the most reactionary party in Australian politics at present) Democratic Labour Party.

House. With the government coali-

not defend workers.

of the CP.

The CP is not putting up union laws. At the factory Firth Brown's, the CP convenor has called several

The stewards are saying

So there is no principled fight on the political situation as it is. If there had been a real fight for clarity about the Tory offensive Firth Brown could have been out solid on December

mendous upsurge of the working class. Charter in the political con-

The Post Office workers prepared to struggle they've never been

# Australian





In the 1969 General Election the ALP came close to forming a government, as they have done a number of

with a minority party, an unlikely event. Coalitions of lesser parties and the preferential voting system have effectively kept Labour out of Federal office

times in the past. But to win

power they must either have

an overall majority—or block

for 20 years. Not that their election to Parliament House, Canberra would make much difference the Australian worker. The ALP is as dedicated to the preservation of capitalism as any of its competitors.

THE Australian Workers' Union has blacked a number of sheep stations throughout the rich Riverina district of southern New South Wales as part of their battle for a 40hour, five-day week. The AWU had their claim

for a reduction in the present 44-hour, 5½-day week rejected by the Commonwealth Arbitration Commission almost six months ago. The Commission found that although conditions for many agricultural workers workers were 'somewhat feudal' it would be a bit tough on property owners to change them in favour of the workers.

In common with most rural workers in advanced countries those in Australia work many hours beyond their 44—and in the case of the aborigine station hands in the remote North, for even less than the union minimum wage.

Australian agriculture

going through a hard spell at the moment. The golden days of fortunes being made from the wool clip are long over.

Many small farmers have gone to the wall during the Most of these were small

uneconomic units which have

## Lon Nol under big pressure

THE MILITARY position of the pro-US Lon Nol regime continued to worsen yesterday as Liberation forces overran a government outpost at Peam Chikang, 40 miles NE of Phnom Penh on the bank of the Mekong River.

Other guerrilla attacks hit puppet forces at Puok, 150 miles NW of the capital, and along the strategic 'Highway Seven', where Lon Nol's troops were 'experiencing great prob-lems', as a Phnom Penh spokesman put it tactfully.

CIVILIAN employees in the Italian Defence Ministry staged a 24-hour nationwide strike yesterday to demand bonus incentives, staff increases and improved labour insurance.

#### WEATHER

CENTRAL and N Scotland will be cloudy with some light rain or drizzle.

S Scotland, N Ireland and far N England will start bright with frost in some inland areas but it will become generally cloudy from the N during the day.

Wales and the remainder of England will be dry with sunny periods, but there will be frost in many inland areas at first.

Temperatures generally near or a little above normal.

Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Dry in most places but rather cloudy at times. Local frost otherwise temperatures near normal.

The lack of any alternative work, the tied cottage, and other aspects peculiar to rural employment were not, it would appear, taken into consideration by this gentleman.
This cynicism was taken a

step further by the 'Sydney Morning Herald' which claimed: 'It would be a pity if the AWU dogma spreads and destroys the generally happy "give and take" atmosphere of

rural work.' This is perhaps supposed to conjure up pictures of the

A \$4-a-week (£1 17s) increase awarded to building tradesmen this week is hardly likely to keep this militant section of the working class with their heads down on

Eight building unions with a total membership of 30,000 had lodged a claim for a \$10 increase (£4 13s), full pay when off work because of accidents, and long service leave. This was backed up in

back up their 40-hour week

# **Conference**

## THE CHARTER OF **BASIC RIGHTS**

The right to a job, to strike and organize, to retain gains made, to fair prices, to welfare benefits and to decent housing.

For delegates' or visitors' credentials send 5s to Alan Wilkins, ATUA secretary, 53 The Hiron,



#### I THINK the Charter is a good and basic document. Most points are covered and it will identify to

are now trying to take from

Already they are dis-cussing the Charter in

Kembrey St and I will be bringing it up in my AEU I think the December 8

making them political.
The union leaders so far

Hussein trip

Jordanian army units launched an attack on commando positions in Ajloun and Jerash in the North, while shooting, which began on Saturday, continued in

refugee camps at Gaza and Souf, while armoured units advanced on Thaghret al-Usfur 'Our forces held their fire and did not reply until two

Washington petitioning Nixon for more US aid to prop up

**TALKS** Zionist Defence Minister Dayan is to fly to Washington His Cabinet has agreed to

that the guerrillas will not be