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# What we

#### Ramelson breaks his silence on affair Devey

SPEAKING in Clapham on Monday night Communist Party Industrial Organizer Mr Bert Ramelson felt obliged to break his silence over the Devey affair.

'Devey knew he couldn't be a member of the Communist Party and sell out,' said Ramelson. 'He knew he would have to leave the CP.

All this would appear very plausible if it weren't for the fact that at least 12 leading CP members Sheffield were fully aware of what Devey was doing while he was doing it and agreed with him.

Devey can be characterized as the most principled since he clearly unfurled his policy of opportunism and left the CP while they remain concealed opportunists, protected. in effect, Ramelson.

A revolutionary party must take responsibility for its members.

It is the party which educates them during the course of which it is obliged to fight against tendencies such as sectarianism and opportun-ism within its membership. It is also obliged to tell them what to do since theory and practice here are interrelated and it is this relation, in fact, which supplies the main basis for the existence of the revolutionary party. The revolutionar party is the vehicle through which theory is related to

practice. 'We don't,' said Ramelson, 'tell our trade union members what to do. The Party lays down the principles." Cynicism such as this must surely be the last refuge of a hardened Stalinist.

Are not principles connected

# **Barber's speech reveals** lory-unions

clash



BY MICHAEL BANDA

TORY CHANCELLOR Anthony Step up the light to January S Appeal Fund and the extra £1,000 needed for the Febru-ary 14 rally. Barber's Birmingham speech on Monday spelt out the counter-revolutionary determination of his class. They intend

smash the trade drive down unions, living standards and defy Labourite attempts to 'democratically' undo the

to

£1,250 January **A**ppeal A stands at £21(

WORKERS PRESS is deter-mined to prove Tory Chan-cellor Barber wrong when he states that 'nothing will stop these laws being passed'. The mass demonstrations by trade unionists yester mark only a beginning.

Hundreds of usands of workers are taking up our call for a General Strike to make Tory government resign The working class will defeat this Tory government.

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London building workers marched to Conway Hall for a meeting.

**Massive Jan 12** turn-out: NE factory poses next step

#### BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTING TEAM

FULL SUPPORT for the Socialists' anti-Young Tory Alexandra Palace in February was rally voted by a 5,000-strong NE engineering plant during yesterday's coun

Indicating the great changes

# Counter revolution gains speed in Jordan

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BY ROBERT BLACK

**CLOUDS** of smoke hung over Jordanian villages yesterday as the Royalist army continued its offensive against Palestinian guerrilla positions.

Observers on the Israeli side of the frontier report large-scale Jordanian troop movements and the setting-up of road blocks.

> The Palestine Liberation Organization's Central Com-mittee claims that Royalist attacks in the Nazal, Ashra-feya, Eltaj, Eljof and Elmasarwa areas resulted in the deaths of both civilians and Arab commandos.

> PLO leader Yassir Arafat, after three months of collab-oration with the Jordanian regime, yesterday turned another somersault when he ap-pealed to President Boumedienne to prevent a repetition of September's massacre.

#### MISSION

So far all Boumedienne has done is to send out a 'fact-finding mission' headed by Cherif Belkacem of the Al-gerian Revolutionary Council. Bahi Ladgham of the Arab committee, charged with re-conciling the Royalists and the PLO, flew into London today for talks with King Hussein, who has been in Britain since December 19 undergoing medical treatment. The political background to the renewed fighting is, of

do? Surely the test of principles is contained precisely

in what the members do. Everybody knows that when it comes to supporting certain trade union candidates for union posts without closely examining their policies (Scanlon in the AEF), Ramelson and the CP are always telling their members what to do and who to vote for.

The CP's Industrial Organizer is clearly revealed as a man without a shred of principle or the barest knowledge of elementary socialist theory. He is talking as a Stalinist who is now desperately and

cynically trying to cover up the unpalatable results of the politics of Stalinism. Devey, like Stalin before him, doesn't look nice now and therefore he has to be dropped over-board whilst the opportunist politics which gave rise to him go marching merrily on within

the CP. Mr Ramelson went on to say: Neither the Communist Party nor the Trotskyists can say that not one of their members will become corrupted.'

He mentioned the case of the infamous Jock Haston, secretary of the Trotskyist movement in Britain from 1940-1949. What he doesn't say, of

course, is that the present leadership of the Socialist Labour League fought Haston for nine years (1940-1949) as an opportunist and eventually expelled him in February, 1950 for oppor-tunism and desertion of the revolutionary movement.

We didn't separate from Has-ton when he felt it necessary to leave the Trotskyist movement for other political pastures.

We fought him politically whilst he was in our movement and in this way educated the movement against opportunism. This is the Leninist way as distinct from the role of Stalinism

in the case of Devey. Interestingly enough some members of the 'state capitalist' group of Mr T. Cliff present at the meeting remarked that the Devey case was unimportant and the main issue was the antiunion laws.

When Cliff arrived in England in September, 1946 he was immediately admitted into Haston's leadership. He publicly and privately defended and justified Haston's polistate intervention. As the Chancellor bluntly tics until 1949. put it:

'The main way in which we The 'state capitalist' group is can destroy the monster of tarred with the same kind

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Barber told the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce:

lation in parliament.

reactionary Tory legis-

'The Bill will go through. At the same time, we as a nation must continue to prove our determination to show that unwarranted militancy does not pay. 'And once the Bill is passed I do not believe the nation will lightly contemplate the pledge of the Opposition to

repeal it.' What clearer proof do we now need of the necessity and correctness of calling on the Trades Union Congress to organize a General Strike to make the Tories resign?

Where indeed is the basis now for the complacent and opportunist belief of the Communist Party and the Liaison Committee that protest action will force the Tories to abandon the anti-union laws?

#### Inflation

Let them listen again to Mr Barber speaking; not only on anti-union laws but on the question of inflation as well: The government has repeatedly made it clear, and I want to reiterate this again

today, that it will not connive at unreasonable pay settle-ments for the sake of industrial beace. 'Before the start of the work-to-rule in the electricity supply industry I said the unions were entitled to know where the government stood in relation to that dispute . . . It is right that other groups

This move follows Saturwho may be considering in-dustrial action should know day's Workers Press story which revealed that Jones and that the government's deter-Tim O'Leary, T&GWU national docks officer, were mination remains unchanged.' Barber's words prove condiscussing ending the scheme —which safeguards a docker clusively that the power workers' court of inquiry is a stage-managed farce with

from unemployment and guarantees him a fall-back wage the union leaders playing the role of a ventriloquist's when there is no work-with employers. dummy. Despite the notable silence

Nothing will come out of it for the power workers. His words also prove that

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these moves, Alan English, secretary of the Liverpool docks stewards' committee, the government is set on a said that the Liverpool execucollision course with the tive would be discussing Iones' Post Office workers on their behaviour at its stewards £3-a-week pay demand. executive meeting tomorrow. Confident after the defeat 'We are likely to send a the power workers' and resolution to the T&GWU miners' wage claims, Mr Barber feels that he can force docks and waterways com-mittee demanding an explana-

a 7 per cent settlement on the tion of these talks and Jones' postmen by exploiting the bureaucracy's political weak-nesses and by threatening behaviour.

scheme.

#### Disgusting

of the Fleet Street press about

'If what the Workers Press says is true, it is disgusting that Jones who is always talking about democracy in the union should go behind to-rules.

DOCKERS in Liverpool are to demand an

explanation from transport union secretary Jack

Jones over his secret talks with port employers

about abolition of the national dock labour

this.

dockers."

BY A WORKERS PRESS

REPORTER

the backs of his members like

was abolished, it would be the end of the conditions we

have on the docks. The Tories

and the employers could then do what they want with the

'If the dock labour scheme



Printworkers on the march yesterday from a Friend's House meeting to Fleet Street.

#### **All-out** action **Explain** secret against Bill talks' demand -London call to Jones?

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

FEELING FOR all-out industrial action against the Tories was the keynote of many of the demonstrations and meetings which took place in the London area yesterday.

a general withdrawal of labour

until the legislation is stopped.

Many of the 1,000 or so

workers who gathered in London's Hyde Park yesterday

afternoon, before marching to the TUC's Albert Hall protest

rally, voiced similar demands.

An afternoon meeting of 250

building workers called for a recalled Trades Union Con-gress before March 18, and

demanded that the TUC cam-

paign be extended to embrace

more direct industrial activity.

A Ford's motor-body shop motion demanding that the executives of all and engineering workers at Dagenham. unions call official industrial action against the At Westland Helicopter's in Industrial Relations Bill Hayes, Middlesex, workers called on the executives of all

was unanimously carried the unions in the factory to lead strike action against the by a meeting of 1,500 car Bill, while pressing through the Trades Union Congress for

#### **Baltic ports still** simmering MONDAY'S sacking of Szczecin Party bosses Antoni

Walaszek and Henry Huber will do little to cool down simmering discontent in the Polish Baltic port, scene of bitter pre-Christmas fighting The strike committee set up by Szczecin workers last month is still negotiating with the Gierek regime over between strikers and police. Reports from the city yesterday spoke of a 'tense conditions. The new leadership has failed to head off the move-

and dissatisfied mood' amongst shipyard workers, ment inside the working class for genuine socialist with some enterprises democracy and workers' control of production. staging go-slows and work-

in the political mood of the working class since the December 8 protest, the resolution gained a five-to-one majority by workers at Heb-burn's Reyrolle-Parson's factory. Shop stewards were instructed to send a delegation

to Alexandra Palace to discuss the six demands of the All Trades Unions Alliance's Charter of Basic Rights, which were endorsed by the meeting.

Frightened Tories and employers were quick to try and explain away yesterday's mass turn-outs.

Lunch-time demonstrations gave extremists 'a unique opportunity to indulge their disruptive tendencies', Tory Solicitor-General Sir Geoffrey Howe said yesterday.

Satisfy

Addressing the British Institute of Management conference, Howe - one of the chief draughtsmen of the In-dustrial Relations Bill — made clear that only complete subservience from the union leaders will satisfy the Tories.

It was questionable just how far the Trades Union Congress was having to run to keep ahead of the militants, he told 400 businessmen assembled in a top-class London hotel.

'Extremists,' he claimed, 'have a professional interest in the disorder and instability which the Bill is intended to reduce and which, I repeat, the Bill is already tending to reduce by forcing management to take a very critical look at themselves."

Moderate elements in the trade union movement were under pressure to reopen the class war over the Bill, he said. Some 15,000 DOCKERS halted four major ports and many smaller ones completely, and work was badly hit by afternoon protest meetings at several others vesterday.

Only 286 of Merseyside's 10,500-strong labour force reported for work. This was despite dire warnings from new Mersey Docks and Harbour Board broom John Cuck-ney that the shut-down would stop 76 ships and cost the troubled MD&HB £70,000.

All 1,300 dockers in nearby Manchester were out-for the third time this month making 13 ships idle.

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#### course, the resumption of Israeli-Arab talks guided by Lahore under UN Middle-East envoy Gunnar

Uruguay

manhunt

hits left

STRENGTHENED by its sus-

pension of major constitutional

rights, the Uruguayan govern-

ment yesterday sent more than

12,000 troops and police into

Montevideo to hunt down

leaders of the urban guerrilla

The immediate aim is to

release the Tupamoros' hos-

tage, British Ambassador Geoffrey Jackson, but the

incident will undoubtedly be

used to hit at all left-wing

groups and militants.

movement, the Tupamoros.

larring. army rule Hussein's collusion with the

Zionist leaders is based on a shared fear of the Palestinian LAHORE, Pakistan's second city, is under army rule after clashes between striking newsliberation movement, whose interests are to be sacrificed in the event of any deal bepaper workers and police. Troops were moved in yestween the Arab and Israeli

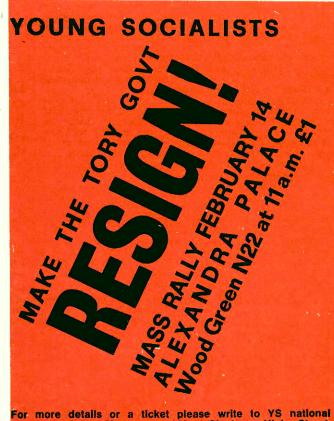
working-class

terday after tear-gas attacks by police had failed to break governments. Because of its total lack of firm revolutionary leadership, the Palestinian liberation demonstrations called the the Palestinian liberation movement and the whole against the breakdown of talks with the employers over the reinstatement of 41 sacked Arab revolution are in great danger. union members.

CASTRO'S leadership yesterday stiffened Cuba's labour discipline under which socalled 'vagrants' can be sentenced to forced labour for six months to two years.

Workers absent from work for more than 15 days without good cause can be sentenced up to one year at government 're-education centres'.

ULSTER Premier James Chichester-Clark decides tomorrow whether to continue the six-month ban on processions and parades after reporting to the Joint Security Committee on talks with Orange organizations. Last July's imposition of the ban was immediately followed by British Army 'Shoot-to-kill' warnings and intensified repression.



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The Marx brothers 'Duck Soup' BBC 1, Jan. 8.

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THE INDUSTRIAL **RELATIONS BILL** 

BBC 1; Jan. 10.

## January 12

He is hired, and at his FREEDONIA is on the first cabinet meeting Firefly edge of revolution and is faced by the Minister of the only hope is to bor-Labour who shouts: row \$20m from Mrs Teasdale. But Mrs Teas-'Sir, the workers are demand-

dale makes one condi-

tion: that Rufus T. Fire-

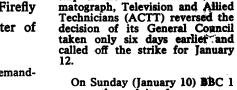
fly is hired as dictator.

ing shorter hours.'

'O.K.', replies Firefly, 'give them shorter hours. Cut their lunch hour to 20 minutes!' This is from 'Duck Soup', the

Marx brothers film, with Groucho as Firefly. It was run on BBC 1

last Friday (January 8).



ran another of its farces, not a patch on 'Duck Soup', but with more bitter implications. Called 'The Industrial Rela-tions Bill', it might have been an

On the same day the leader-ship of the Association of Cine-

educational television programme for Freedonia, but was in fact described as 'A special pro-gramme to examine the Bill's

DUCK OUT

practical [always a dangerous word] shop-floor implications...'

#### 'Factual' chat

Narrated by the BBC's economics correspondent, Graham Turner, it was one of those so-called 'factual' chats by representatives of 'enlightened' management and 'reasonable' workers.

The subject for this cool, calm get-together, that vicious piece of class legislation, the Tory Indus-trial Relations Bill, was examined, in words of the link man, for

those 'who are going to have to work it'.

BY FRANK

at once.

advised getting together with the

management now to work out

procedures, i.e., do the Tories'

work for them voluntarily and

Safer

On the right to strike (which

the Bill removes from everyone not specified by the union as

having it, on pain of personal liability in the High Court), we were advised: keep the power to

call strikes well up the hierarchy.

In a summing up the Rolls-Royce convenor felt the Bill would lead to a return to the bad old days and the NALGO man

felt it would create barriers in-

between employers and

stead of the desired bridges

Quite-much safer that way.

CARTWRIGHT

The AEF convenor of stewards at Rolls-Royce, Coventry, a NALGO district organizer in the SW, a management consultant, a one-time industrial relations big-shot at Longbridge and others all made their contributions.

The discussion was held as though the Bill only has meaning 'on the shop floor', as though it means nothing beyond there. But these limits put on the discussion in no way altered its collaborationist and misleading character.

There was much sociological chant about 'growth areas' and 'the new unionism' and 'fail-safe' situations. There was a lot of 'How about you Eddie? And You Bill?' from Graham Turner and altogether it was a commendable display of reason and restraint by all concerned and certain to have been useful in confusing a few more workers about the meaning of 'education'.

#### Dug hole

unwitting refrain of class compromise and defeat. Each time he was called upon to comment on a new and more diabolical sec-tion of the Bill he dug the hole

plied in that and the equal, but different, implications of non-registration, our official's 'inclination'-at the moment-is that unions should register.

On the agency shop proposals, which will make the present closed shops illegal as well as the existing craft union condi-tions that a job shall only go to someone already in the union, the AEF convenor spoke about its 'unsettling effects'.

ditions of entry is an essential part of any policy to combat the immense casualization of members' working conditions and that in a context of massive unemployment.

union.

He was in favour of stewards working to convert closed shops into agency shops—despite the 'fact' that agency shops also encourage and protect non-member-

**BBC1** 

ticipants may think the're contributing to the TUC's educational process.

And once we're all 'educated' in sufficient depth to be allowed to oppose the Bill, how shall we do just that? Neither the TUC nor the programme answered that question. Nor why this Bill is so necessary to this government.

#### Answer

But then Groucho had the answer to that.

Firefly turns to his secretary and tells him: 'Take a letter to the dentist. "Dear Dentist, I enclose a cheque for \$500 in settlement of my account with you. . . .

The secretary says. 'Sir shall I enclose a cheque?'.

'You're fired if you do', comes the reply.

And at another point an exchange which defines the pre-sent crisis.



'work

people' (another indicative phrase that—'work people').

bridge manager to point out that the Bill is, in fact, not a legal framework, but a blueprint for legal intervention. That part of our factual, sociological educa-tion was omitted. It's what the #Bill makes possible in all areas of the class struggle that is to be feared and fought.

All part of the BBC's service to the Tories—whatever the par-

Firefly turns to the foreign ambassador and asks him lend Freedonia \$20m.

'Twenty million', gasps the ambassador, 'I shall have to see my Minister of Finance.'

'O.K.', Firefly comes back, 'but lend me \$12 till payday.' The ambassador looks scepti-

cal. Firefly meets his eye and says: 'I'll give you my personal note for 90 days. If you haven't got your money back in 90 days-you can keep the note!

DISTRIC





THE COMMON MARKET Commission is carefully considering a month-old report alleging that £600,000 of a £1.2m aid scheme to the Congo was misspent.

The scheme was supposed to train staff running the Congolese transport service, and was largely put in the hands of a German firm, Organization Planning and Education Company.

'experts' had been paid fees and Europe, without setting foot in the Congo. expenses for return trips from

#### Professor

David Barnes referred to the Most of those who did arrive, enthusiasm of the British spent a few months there of Stalinists in 1945 for the use their one-year contracts, and nobody knows what they did with of the Atom-bomb. the rest of their time.

# The Daily Worker'and the A-bomb

, But no such qualms are to be found in the 'Daily Worker'. The editorial 'Blessing or Curse?' on IN HIS article last week on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 7, 1945, is unequivocal: 'The employment of the new weapon on a substantial scale should expedite the surrender of Japan. Valuable lives will have been saved by the discovery . . .

ing to them not to go too far in Asia or Europe. The 'Daily Worker' firmly dismissed all such talk. The editorial 'Russia and the bomb' on August 13, 1945, says: 'But it is indeed a shock to

find that the first use of the Atomic bomb [were the Stalinists looking forward to more?] against

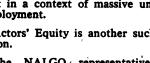
How unsettling will certainly quickly be felt by a union like the ACTT, where control of con-

ship of the union.

About the clauses instituting legal powers, which will allow the employer or government to impose procedural agreements on workers, the NALGO official

Actors' Equity is another such The NALGO representative?

It was left to the ex-Long-



**Groucho Marx** 



On the registration of unions, with all the legal sanctions im-

The NALGO man delivered an

deeper.

#### Experts

Dr Schleifenbaum, head of the company, says the report is 'an evil slander'.

According to a W German paper, the report tells of 1,500 to 2,000 days unperformed work which had been charged for. Ten

# PAN-AM makes the going great

IT'S ALMOST a pleasure to be sacked by Mr Najeeb E. Halaby, chief executive of Pan American World Airways. And 2,000 people, including 500 management staff have just had the experience.

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'professor', engaged to train staff in the buying of provisions, is alleged by the report to have been a grocer by trade, and a river transport expert had pre-viously been a disc-jockey.

Dr Schleifenbaum, dismissing a story that someone listed as a 'university teacher' was in fact another employee's 18-year-old daughter, said he thought the programme had been a success.

We are sure he is right.

Robert Black gives further quotations from Dutt and Pollitt to the same effect. The immediate reactions of the Stalinists in the 'Daily Worker' were even more direct. Remember that the news of the

'Stalinism in Britain', by

atomic destruction of an entire city had stunned the world. The most reactionary capitalist papers, while welcoming the com-

ing defeat of Japan, had at least discussed the question of whether the use of this horror weapon had been necessary. After the second bomb had destroyed Nagasaki, even the 'Daily Telegraph' editorial on August 10, 1945, said :

'Both here and in America there have been protests which deserve to be considered against the "inhumanity" of the Atomic bomb's great destructive power."

Nagasaki, August 9, 1945.

inconceivable that mighty force for good or evil should be placed at the disposal of private interests.'

Second thoughts did not change the Stalinist mind in the least. Next day, the editorial de-

clared : 'It will enormously increase the strength of the three Great Powers in relation to all other countries.

Nor did Nagasaki move the CP line. On August 11, 1945, the 'Worker' was quite certain that 'the use of the Atomic bomb has mercifully shortened the war, with a consequent saving of human life'.

By that time, intelligent com-mentators in the capitalist press were waking up to the real significance of the use of the bomb by US and British imperialism.

It was seen as a demonstration to the Soviet leaders of the military power of capital and a warn-

the fascist enemy and in the interests of world peace should immediately be followed by Tory press speculations on its advan tages as a threat against a great ally who is at this moment fight-

any who is at this moment nght-ing by our side . . . 'We have sufficient confidence in the unity of Britain, the US and the Soviet Union as dis-played in the years of common struggle and sacrifice and in the

decisions of the Berlin conference to believe that a common policy regarding the use and control of Atomic bomb will be reached.'

So the British Stalinists did their best to hide the threat posed to the Soviet Union and to the entire international working class by the burning alive of thousands of Japanese workers. No wonder they tried so hard to cover up their tracks in later

years, as shown in Robert Black's book.

4.12 Wind in the willows, 4.25 Lon-don. 5.55 Day by day. Crime desk. 6.30 From a bird's eye view, 7.00 London. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 London. 10.30 Southern scene. 10.50 News, 11.00 London. 11.45 Weather. It's all yours. 9.15 a.m. Schools, 12.25 p.m. Nai zindagi-naya jeevan. 1.00 Disc a dawn. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.25 Schools. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Madly sad princess. 5.15 Screen test. 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather. 6.00 NATIONWIDE. London.

6.45 THE DOCTORS. 7.10 TOM AND JERRY.

- 7.20 STAR TREK. 'Day of the Dove'. 8.10 SOFTLY, SOFTLY-TASK FORCE. 'Company Business'
- 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather.

9.20 SPORTSNIGHT SPECIAL. Amateur boxing, Scotland v England. 10.10 24 HOURS.

10.45 A COUNTRY WALK. 'Avebury to Stonehenge'.

11.15 SKY AT NIGHT. 'The Approach of Mars'.

11.35 Weather.

#### **REGIONAL BBC**

All regions as above except: Midlands, E Angila: 6.00-6.45 Nation-wide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.37 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Camberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.37 News, weather. Wales: 6.00 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.10 Heddiw. 7.20

A question of sport, 7.40-8.10 Dro-sodd at Alun Williams. 11.35-12.00 Late call. 12.00 Weather. cotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland, Nationwide. 11.37 News, weather. V Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.37 News, weather. W, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.37 News, weather.

ANGLIA: 10.58-3.00 London. 3.35 Granny gets the point. 4.00 News. 4.05 Women today. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 London. 5.55 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London. 11.45 Your music at night.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.10 Houseparty. 3.20 Horoscope. 3.25 Women today. 4.00 Peyton Place. 4.30 Milky way. 4.35 Rupert Bear. 4.50 Fireball XL5. 5.10 London. 5.35 ATV today. Police five. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London.

HARLECH: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.09 Moment of truth. 4.35 Rupert Bear. 4.50 London. 5.56 Report West. 6.01 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 Lon-don. 11.45 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.07-4.09, 5.56-6.35 Report West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 5.56-6.16 Y dydd.

ULSTER: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.25 Romper room. 4.45 News, 4.50 London. 5.55 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 Bracken's world. 9.00

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.10 Rupert Bear. 4.25 Matinee. 4.50 London. 5.55 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Hogan's heroes. 7.00 London. 8.00 Mannix. 9.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

'MEN OF IRON'. Mary Morris, Paul Daneman, Jack Shepherd, 9.20 Michael Coles, Godfrey Quigley and Georgina Hale. Story of the first woodhead tunnel, told through three people connected with its building. GRANADA: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.05 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.50 London. 6.01 Newsday. 6.20 Beverly hillbillies. 6.50 This is your right. 7.30 London. 8.00 Marcus Welby. 9.00 London.

a Muslim and a Pentecostal Christian must decide what to

8.10 MAN ALIVE. 'Black Girls in Search of God'. A Sikh, a Hindu,

10.55 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 TIMES REMEMBERED.

11.00 CRICKET. Australia v England, Fourth Test. 11.30 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

6.35-7.00 p.m. OPEN UNIVERSITY. 'Arts 1'.

7.05 MAN IN SOCIETY. 'Seeing is Believing?'.

accept and what to reject in British society.

9.00 PETS AND VETS. 'Birds of Many Colours'.

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Addressing them as 'the Pan Am family', he tells them all his

This tearful plea reminds me of the prize-winning dismissal letter by a student of management I heard about. It began : 'It is hard to lose a friend'.

Tearful

Wednesday January 13, 1971

WORKERS PRESS

PAGE THREE

Milk, air

that 39 sample cases of Japanese

tuna had been found to have a

mercury content about 2 per cent above the 'acceptable' level of

The mercury found in fish comes from industrial pollution

of the oceans and can cause serious damage to the human

FDA officials said that the

Japanese tuna is being removed

from US supermarkets. Japan provides 90 per cent of all US tuna imports—about 14 per cent of all tuna consumed in America.

Further tests on domestic tuna have shown low contamination

levels, according to the report. Only two samples out of 367 contained unacceptable levels, but an FDA spokesman said that

higher levels are expected when larger-sized domestic tuna under-

0.5 parts per million.

nervous system.

## **ON-THE-SPOT REPORT BY DAVID BARNES**

THE SHARP struggle last week in Pirelli's 'Bicocca' plant in Milan when workers struck and forced their Factory Council to come before a mass meeting in the factory, brought workers into head-on collision with the treachery of Stalinism and reform-

ism in their trade unions. Italy's 80,000 rubber workers have been in struggle for over six months for a new national contract.

Their fight forms the final chapter to the series of battles for industrial contracts which opened in mid-1969 and brought hundreds of thousands of workers into militant action inde-pendent of the official union leadership, and usually against their advice.

These strikes brought major gains—now being rapidly eroded by inflation — to metalworkers, hemical workers, workers in textiles, clothing, railways, ship-building and other sectors.

The rubber workers are bringing up the rear, but at the same time they are setting the pace for new claims in all sectors to answer the price rises and for those workers still struggling to enforce the terms of national contracts at a local level.

They have become the main targets of an anti-labour witchhunt launched by Carli, governor of the Bank of Italy, with the support of Prime Minister Colombo's centre-left coalition and right-wing union leaders.

Having decided to renege on even the modest promises of reforms made after the government was formed in July 1970, the employers want to put the blame for the economic crisis on the 'irresponsible elements' who 'create chaos' in the factories.

The employers' moves in the rubber industry are therefore a matter of **political** strategy. By defeating this section they hope to regain the ground lost in the 'hot autumn' of 1969.

#### Major role

The rubber workers' demands are in fact relatively modest— an immediate 100 lire an hour (approximately £3 a week) pay increase, immediate reduction of the working week to 40 hours and most important of all in this industry, parity with the staff on health and accident insurance and the adoption of mutual agreement on the shop floor on matters affecting health and safety.

If won, this last demand will give rank and the representatives a major role in deciding on the pace and techniques of produc-

These national demands are, however, being fought on a local basis. The national leadership (heads of the rubber and chemi-cal workers' federations of the three national unions) will call (say) for ten hours' strike action

Vage Cuts

spark Care overturned by Milan rubber workers last year when the management attempted to bring in Spanish and Greek new Pirelii strugg]

cratic and Catholic) are eager to avoid co-ordinated national stoppages.

At the same time previous struggles at plant level in many Italian factories in the last few years have thrown up rank-and-file leaderships (squad section or line delegates, directly elected by their workers) who cannot simply be by-passed by the union chiefs.

#### The bureaucrats are thus attempting through their national organizations, to hold the reins in the battle without committing themselves to a head-on collision with the employers.

The main centres of the indus-try are Milan (40,000 workers) and Turin (20,000), with a smaller section in Vercelli. But the focus, and the nut which the employers must crack if they are to drive the struggle back, is the 'Bicocca' plant in Milanowned by Pirelli and making tyres, cables and a wide range of rubber fitments.

#### **'Delegates'**

Its 12,000 workers have been in rank-and-file struggles on vari-ous piece-rates, safety, speed of production and staff pay questions since 1967.

Commission has frequently been rupted in every single month. Cars were overturned in a virtual the first step on the ladder of a union career.

> In the Bicocca plant the Fac-tory Council has led more mili-tant action than in most factories. The hours of strike decreed nationally have been organized as staggered stoppages by production workers so that a series of five half-hour stop-pages will effectively halt produc-tion (which is highly mechanized and integrated) for over two hours.

There has also been a coordinated go-slow to reduce out-put to just over half the usual level: the reduction of piecework 'points'. And in addition pickets at the gates have pre-vented a high proportion of the goods produced from leaving the factory.

Since piece-rates are a relatively small part of pay packets at Bicocca, workers have suf-fered only a slight loss of earn-ings, while Pirelli's production and stiles have have saturally hit and sales have been severely hit.

#### Bluff

But at the beginning of Jan-uary Pirelli announced that if the 'unfair and irresponsible' action did not stop it would cut

two developments brought matters to a head.

> fire broke out in a tyre-store. Hundreds of night-shift workers left their meal to help the fire brigade bring it under control, one of them being seriously injured when a roof-section collapsed.

But they found that their assistance was being closely 'supervised' not only by firemen, but by a strong force of riot police.

The TV news, echoed by the Milan 'Corriere della Sera' (Italy's main capitalist daily) implied that the fire was deliberately started by 'extremists'.

### Wage cuts

the rumours put round by man-seement hirelings on the Friday morning.

clerks that Pirelli was going ahead with wage cuts of up to half for this month.

outs in a number of sections. Workers went to the gates to reinforce the pickets and stop all goods entering or leaving the and some sections pay, thereby cutting wage pack-ets virtually in half. for the occupation of the plant. Workers coming onto the sec-The threat of such a provocaond shift at lunchtime also struck, and most of the factory tion was widely regarded as a bluff—a view encouraged by the remained at a standstill. The Factory Council was due to meet in the afternoon, in a building near the factory.

It opened in chaos, with a number of delegates demanding that they discuss an immediate answer to the management's provocations and that they do so in an open meeting in the fac-tory, where rank-and-file workers could see what was going on.

-correctly, as it turned out-

by a march of several hundred workers from the factory, also demanding that the Factory Council meet there. As one of them said:

'It is a serious thing when we have to "hijack" our own repre-sentatives to see what they are doing.'

main staff canteen within the factory

In the CGIL offices all was dis-

#### and water also take on the trade unions. And now the Factory Council, suspect which we thought was our own maybe we shall have to put that aside too.'

MERCURY .and radiation But the real enemy was outside the meeting, among the Stalin-ists and reformist politicians pollution were the subject of three reports from the N who see, in the action of the most militant factories, the main American continent last obstacle to their policies of weekend. reform and 'responsible' indus-Further evidence of mercury trial relations.

contamination in tuna was dis-closed in the US Food and As workers saw that there would be no lead given they began to drift away and the Drug Administration's interim report on its test programme. atmosphere changed to one of Following the destruction of nearly a million tins of toxic domestic tuna, the agency states resignation.

'We're back where we started,' said a young worker from the cable factory, 'but at least we have our delegates. I don't know what should be done with the Factory Council — it can only lead inside the factory.'

#### Propaganda

When the meeting had lasted over four hours, and was reduced to about 1,000, a Stalinist put forward the Factory Council 'policy' — some further cuts in production, a propaganda cam-paign aimed at 'democratic and workers' organizations' (i.e. other sections of the bureaucracy) and 'initiatives' to seek a picket of Pirelli headquarters. No alterna-tive was, or could, be put.

Without a cadre of Marxists

go testing later. Meanwhile, the Canadian Fed-eral Fisheries Department has confiscated 17 tons of dogfish, scheduled for export to W Ger-many, saying that the fish con-tained dangerous meruury layals in the factories devoted to exposing and politically defeat-ing Stalinism the workers' enor-mous will to fight can and will be turned aside by the bureautained dangerous mercury levels. In the events of last week at

The cargo was found to con-tain 0.79 ppm of mercury, well above the Canadian 0.5 ppm

safety standard. The issue of the toxic tuna, which hit the headlines just before Xmas, has tended to overwhelm reports of the consequences of the Nevada radiation leak for December 18.

Radioactive material from the nuclear testing accident has been found in samples from 12 western states, according to the US Environmental Protection

Agency. Radioactivity from the 'underground' test, designed to yield an explosion equivalent to less than 20,000 tons of TNT was detected in samples of milk, air and rain.

About 600 people were evacuated when the leak took place and the cause remains unknown. Despite assurances from the authorities that the level of radiation in various states gives no cause for concern, there are eminent scientists who hold that there is no lower limit below which radiation is harmless......

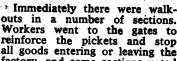
NEW PARK PUBLICATIONS BOOKS

L. TROTSKY: GERMANY 1931/32 paperback

in: production. But last Friday On Thursday night a serious

This slander was echoed in

Then came the news from staff



the big companies have made

considerable efforts to contain costs by mechanization of pro-

duction lines and by planning

and control of production and

consumers can have any influ-

products as often as not means

ending up with a purchase

from the same parent company

bought through a different

taking place because its opera-

tion is inadequate for the pur-

poses of the Tory government.

Industrial Relations Bill.

ence whatsoever on prices.

So much for the claims that

To 'shop around' for cheaper

stock levels.

Bicocca, as in Fiat and many other major plants last year, the essential crisis is that of political

leadership and of the burning need for a revolutionary party.

cracy.

Yet the movement had deeply shaken the Stalinists. Both the Saturday and Sunday editions of 'Unita' (the Communist Party daily) carried major articles on The development of the struggle

in Pirelli'. Needless to say they made no mention of the fact that the workers had forced the bureaucrats to speak to the mass meeting. The stoppages, according to 'Unita', were the work of

'extremists'. 'Corriere della Sera' was more

honest. Their reporter at least described how workers had 'invited' the Factory Council into the factory. In this 'invitation'

employers clearly recognize the medicine which can purge the labour movement of those who protect them.

When I asked where the fulltime union officials were, a young worker, Egidio, explained: 'They are not here because they know

Then the meeting was invaded

The meeting broke up in con-fusion. Meanwhile a mass meet-ing of about 5,000 formed in the

may. Initially Stalinist members Inte alssion were

Internal Commission members strongly resisted this demand,

claiming that a meeting in the factory would be 'disorderly' and that they would be whistled at.

we would tear them apart'.

in a given week.

The precise form of the strikes are then decided at plant level. This 'strategy' results from two factors,

On the one hand all the union leaders (Stalinist, Social Demoand an an array of

They have elected 'delegates' rom virtually all sections and have formed the Unified Com-mittee of the Base (CUB), an unofficial organization of militants to co-ordinate action in the various sections.

During last year militancy was 

Commissions they are in factas in France — often the local instruments of class-collaboration by the bureaucracy. An election to the Internal

such that production was inter-

uprising , when management

attempted to import materials

from plants in Spain and Greece to substitute for lost output.

And for almost a week workers blocked off the Pirelli

skyscrapers in the city, bringing

the administrative centre of the

The struggle on the national contract at Bicocca has been

organized by the Factory Coun-

cil—a body which expresses in living form the attempts of the bureaucracy to control the rank

Committee

It consists of 81 elected dele-

gates, together with 15 members

statistical commission and three union officers. (from the Stalinist-led CGIL, Italy's largest union, the Catholic CISL and the Social Democrat-led UIL).

The 'Internal Commissions' in

Italian factories have existed since the immediate post-war

period. They are elected from

lists of candidates selected by the union officials from among

Those elected are then paid

-though they are not paid when

the factory is on strike. Though many militants are elected to the

whole combine to a halt.

and file.

the workers.

'moderates' on the factory coun-cil. It was decided to answer it with merely a further (small) cut

# ONE OF LAST PIB REPORTS CONDONES PRICE RISES, BUT SHOWS-A maze of mergers leaves two ice-cream

WITH ITS dying gasp the Prices and Incomes Board, which winds up in March, sticks strictly to its policy of condemning wage increases and justifying price rises.

The three price increases of ice cream products occurring in 1970 are fully condoned in the PIB's recent report on the profitability of the £82.4m industry.

A reference to the Board was made in June following price increases by the leading manufacturers in January, March and again in May 1970.

The Board argues that the companies concerned have not been making 'excessive' pro-fits and have not failed to avoid extra costs — 'with the exception of this year's wage increases'.

The report claims that the competition between the two leading companies, Walls and Lyons Maid is 'sufficient to allow the consumer a good measure of protection'. NO FIXING

This, in spite of the fact that these two firms dominate 75 per cent of the trade, that both have raised prices at the same time, that they offer virtually identical terms to small retailers', and that they both generally match products and prices of comparable pro-

ducts The Board admits that collaboration on fixing prices would undoubtedly be easy but explains:

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FROM BERNARD FRANKS CARAN - TAKE - TAKEN - TAK

'However, they have assured us that there is, in fact, no collaboration of this kind . . .'

The maze of mergers and takeovers among the main manufacturers outlined in the report is extensive. In 1962 Lyons & Co. Ltd acquired Neilsons Ltd, and in 1963 merged its ice cream interests with Eldorado. Lyons Maid was formed and existed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Glacier Foods Ltd which in turn was owned by J. Lyons & Co. Ltd (44 per cent), Union International (39 per cent), the Nestlé Co. Ltd (15 per cent) and W. D. Mark & Sons Ltd (2 per cent).

Lyons Maid in turn went on to acquire Tonibell and its subsidiaries in 1969 and to sell its products under franchise through mobile vans under the Lyons trade names 'Eldorado',

#### 'Tonibell' and 'Mister Softee'. FORTE MERGER

The second big firm, T. Walls and Sons Ltd is a subsidiary of Unilever. In 1963 Walls' mobile ice cream business merged with Forte Holdings Ltd's 'Mr Whippy'. Unilever acquired the Forte Holdings' interest in the com-

RETAIL VALUE OF THE ICE CREAM MARKET IS **DIVIDED BETWEEN:** SHOPS ... £49.6 million MOBILE VANS 16.2 CATERING ... 9.2 ••• ••• ENTERTAINMENT ... 7.4 ... £82.4 million

#### ('Costs Prices and Profitability in the Ice Cream Manufacturing industry'. December 1970, HMSO 3s.)

pany and sold the vans to the operators under a franchise arrangement which includes the 'Mr Whippy' name. Walls also does a considerable amount of work for another Unilever company, Birds Eye Foods Ltd.

A third ice cream takeover series noted is that of Tudor (Henley) Dairies Ltd, which was acquired by the Ross Group in 1956; the Ross Group in turn was taken over by the Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd in 1969.

The close links between Walls and Lyons are shown by their 50/50 share of Total

(Investments) Ltd. which in turn owns Total Refrigeration Ltd-the firm which supplies and maintains ice cream cabinets for both main companies.

#### SUPPLY CONTRACTS

Virtually, all sales of Walls and Lyons Maid are under exclusive supply contracts which require retailers to undertake not to stock or sell other brands at specified premises without written consent

The report makes no analysis of work or wages in the industry, except to note that against going to the mass meet-ing. They doubted if they could control it and feared that their presence might lend weight to any action which came out of

One of them, hearing that I was a correspondent from an English newspaper, said:

'You have come at a bad time to understand our unions. We are in front of a crisis. The workers have taken action on their own, and they will tend to be irresponsible.'

But within the mass meeting the mechanism of 'responsibility' was already running. A mem-ber of the Internal Commission had taken the microphone and explained that the meeting would discuss action against the wage cuts, but that members of the Factory Council would have priority in speaking.

#### **'Talk-in'**

The atmosphere was tense but orderly. Only the notorious 'moderates' were booed or whistled. The advocates of 'responsibility' won the day through the simple expedient of a 'talk-in', with long repetitive speeches denouncing the management, but proposing no real responsé.

The Stalinists, in particular, covered their refusal to fight for class action to defeat Pirelli --which could only mean forcing the provisional and national union chiefs to lead solidarity action among other sections of workers, with talk of 'taking' the struggle outside the con-fines of the factory', 'giving it breathing-space', etc.

Innumerable proposals were made for leafleting (to influence 'public opinion'), approaches to city and local councils, joint demonstrations with Milan's metalworkers (in struggle to enforce their national contract), and so on.

subsidiary Soon all the companies con-Militant delegates and rankand-file workers demanded big-ger cuts in production and that cerned will be raising prices again as 'rounding-up' occurs support from other Milan work-ers should be sought for a picket of the Pirelli skyscraper. on Decimalization-Day. The winding-up of the Prices and Incomes Board is

Mario Mosca, a delegate and opponent of the Communist Party, put the seriousness of the position:

The Tories want an organ-If we lose this battle we shall have the police at the gates every day ready to discipline us. ization which not only condones price rises and recommends productivity measures

'We face repression, the same repression which faced the whole against workers, but one which directly enforces their introof the working class in Italy.' duction with the full force of the law-through the working

Laurenti, a CISL militant, sumof the Commission on Indusmed up the crisis of leadertrial Relations and industrial courts under the terms of the

'Our main target is Pirelli. But then we discovered we must

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#### Barber FROM PAGE ONE

inflation is by bringing about a progressive and substantial reduction in the level of pay

settlements." Not an industrial peace, but industrial war. Not a statutory wage freeze, but a combined attack of the government and private industry against socalled inflationary wage settlements and the creation of substantial unemployment.

To strengthen the big employers' resistance and to stimulate the rationalization of industry, the Chancellor announced that stringent curbs on the money supply would be imposed as a result of a Treasury ban on short-term foreign currency loans. These loans to finance domestic expenditure by

British companies have been growing fast and have under-mined the Tories' 'tight money' policy.

At the same time there will be no let up in the savage attacks against the social services, housing, education, the state industries, academic freedom and everything that can yield a

Britain's entry into the Common Market, said Barber, demanded the carrying through of the anti-union laws.

'It would put a premium on keeping to proper procedure agreements. It would lead to fewer wildcat strikes, more constructive trade unionism, less obstruction and a faster rate of economic progress." Mr Barber has said all there is to say. He has dared the labour movement to try and

stop him. Can he be stopped and how?

Not by protest demonstra-tions like yesterday, not by the pathetic TUC and Labour Party pleadings, but by a resolute struggle within the unions to build the revolutionary leadership and to force the TUC to call a General Strike which will topple this reactionary government and return a socialist government

pledged to repeal Tory laws and restore Tory cuts. The road of protest is the shortest road to disaster. Once again we say forward to the Alexandra Palace rally on February 14 and the widest possible circulation and dis-cussion of the Charter of Basic Rights !

## Ramelson

• FROM PAGE ONE of political opportunism as the Stalinists. It has no time for principles or the struggle to develop Marxist theory.

Here we have the political reason why the 'state capitalist' group snuggles up to the Stalinist Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions and never makes any criticism of the way in which its opportunist policies gave rise to Devey. From the standpoint

Merseyside 15,000 circle

DESTROY THE BILL BY

# Tory

#### BY STEPHEN JOHNS

**THOUSANDS of striking workers** surrounded the Tory Party's dockland headquarters in Liverpool vesterday demanding the resignation of the Heath government.

This was the crescendo of a massive 15,000-strong demonstration against the government and its anti-union laws.

make the government resign

and ... link this with a cam-

paign to return a Labour

government was unanimously

have proved that they are prepared to fight a political battle to defeat the Tories.

Council, Eddie Loyden, told the Workers Press; 'Again Liverpool has proved that the working class will

respond to a campaign to make the government resign. Now only the leadership is lacking and this for all social-

ists must be the central issue. 'Only by bringing the gov-

For the second time in five

Southampton docks was at

Loading and unloading was also halted at Swansea, where

there was a strike of the port's

398 dockers. Great Yarmouth was hit by a stay-away of 120

dockers. One hundred dockers at three Fife ports stopped work.

for two hours yesterday after-

noon for meetings to discuss

the Bill. Some 12,000 men

delayed and in some cases did not appear at all as a result of

anti-Bill meetings and demon-

Production of the London

'Evening Standard' was affected by a walk-out of

Printers' Society members, fol-

in the circulation department.

News' was lost when SOGAT

members attended an anti-

Already hit

had already been hit by pro-tests against the Bill.

late, affecting distribution in

the W Country, S Wales and

In Glasgow the 'Glasgow

lost two editions. The first edition of the

Glasgow 'Evening Times'---the

'Herald's' sister paper—was delayed for 75 minutes. The 'Scotsman' in Edin-

Two London morning papers

An edition of the 'Evening

In London, work stopped

a standstill

strations.

Bill meeting.

President of Liverpool Trades

Again Merseyside workers

passed.

'Heath out, Tories out', young docker led the deafening chant as ie crowd shoottheir fists outside the Con-servative James St premises near the city's Pierhead.

Only Liverpool Trades Council stewards prevented a violent incident and ushered the banner-waving demonstrators away from the buildings.

#### Hatred

This kind of explosive hatred against Toryism was typical of yesterday's march on which striking dockers, engineers, print workers, build-ing workers and a large conernment down can we defeat the Bill.' tingent of women workers came together for yet another massive protest against the Bill on Merseyside.

**Jan 12** The concensus from all the delegates was unanimous — protest had gone far enough, now the TUC had to organize FROM PAGE ONE a political campaign to get rid of the Tories and replace them with a socialist government. days, 2,800 men and 45 ships were stopped in Hull. The half-mile column walked

to Liverpool Pierhead where a motion demanding the TUC organize a General Strike to

**ALL TRADES** UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS** Miners and the **Charter of Basic** Rights



Women from the Liverpool area make their opposition clear to the anti-union Bill on a march to the Pier `Head (see another picture of the Liverpool march on page three).

## FORCING THE TORIES TO RESIGN

MURDER OF

ATTEMPTED

## plants stop

Luton

Six

SIX car and engineering factories in Luton stopped work for four hours yesterday morning to attend a mass protest meeting against the Bill. Five thousand workers took part in two separate marches through the town, comprising workers from Vauxhall's Luton and Dunstable plants, Rootes, Skefco, George Kent's and Electrolux.

Actors out

in Glasgow

## Use strength to GENERAL STRIKE action to

This was emphasized again

'It won't end here. We've

force the Tories to resign — this was the message from over 40,000 Oxford trade unionists who struck work yesterday, despite TUC pleas.

Production at the city's major car plants came to a halt as British-Leyland workers were joined by council workers, power men, journalists and students to march 3,000-strong through Oxford's busy centre.

Hundreds of banners and placards proclaimed workers' implacable hostility to the Tory anti-union Bill and the chant of 'Heath out' was blasted out time and again as and again. Ken Ridley — shop steward from recently-unionized Morris Garages (St. Aldate's) — told the demonstration made its way slowly to a mass meeting. Didcot power station worker Tom Riley told Workers us:

Press: 'All the main contractors at

Didcot are out today and there's a large contingent of us down here.

**NO ALTERNATIVE** 'As I see it, the TUC has no alternative but to call us out on a General Strike. We'll dent Mike Cooley. have to force the Tories out.'

'The TUC General Council will have to be compelled to organize a General Strike against this Bill. If the TUC is not prepared to act, then the great general unions must do so.

got no argument against our employer, but the Tories are NO MOOD not going to change their Following this call to action

demand

**TUC strike** 

-Oxford call

the meeting was in no mood for Transport and General Workers' Union official Moss 'There must be a general withdrawal of labour all over the country. I think the TUC is sitting on the fence.' Tremendous applause greeted a General Strike call Evans' verbose plea for more 'education'.

Shouts of 'General Strike' continued as the chairman wound up on the same note. from draughtsmen's vice presi-The demonstrators then marched back to their starting demonstrators then

'This is the most odious piece of class legislation since the Combination Laws,' he point before dispersing to get ready for an afternoon motor said. 'When the lads at Britishcavalcade through the city Leyland stand up and fight Measured-Day Work that will streets.

Bob Fryer, T&GWU Morris Motors senior steward, pointed the way forward.

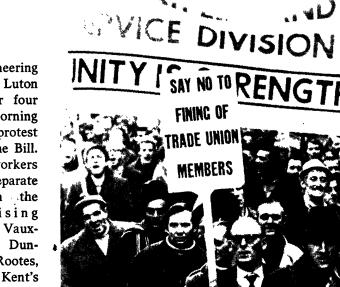
'Only a General Strike can defeat this Bill and this is what we must push for. 'If the TUC won't fight, then the main trade unions

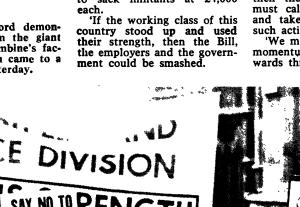
'The employers will be getting off cheap, being able to sack militants at £4,000 must call special conferences and take plenary powers for such action.

'We must now build up the momentum from today towards this end.'

Many of the Oxford demonstrators came from the giant British-Leyland combine's fac-tories, all of which came to a

standstill yesterday.





be an "unfair practice".

CHEAP

NO TO RENGTH

opportunism there is no basic difference between the 'state capitalists' of Tony Cliff and the Stalinists and that's why they are all together covering up for Devey and fighting against the revolutionary Marxists the Socialist Labour League.

#### WEATHER

ALL AREAS will be dry, with some sunshine in most areas. W and N Scotland will be mild with sunny spells. Central lowlands and SE Scotland will be rather cold with mist and fog which should clear for a time, returning later with frost early and late. NE and E England, and Midlands will be dry with mist and fog and also frost early and late. There will be hazy sunshine where the fog clears. NW England, N Ireland, SW Scotland and Wales will have mist and fog early and late, but most places should have some hazy sun-shine. shine. SW England will be dry with variable cloud and normal tempera-

SE England will be dry with mist and fog thinning for a time during the day with some hazy sunshine. Rather cold.

TEN THOUSAND demonstrated through Bolivian capital La Paz vesterday supporting President Juan Torres who crushed a right-wing military revolt on Monday. Many demonstrators were rifle-bearing tin miners who chanted, 'Down 'with fascism' and demanded execution of the coup leaders, army colonels Hugo Banzer and Edmundo Valencia.

#### BRIEFLY

CHAIRMAN of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Thomas Moorer arrived in Phnom Penh yesterday for crisis talks with Cambodian leaders. Central to the talks will be

the NLF blocking of Phnom Penh's link with the key deep-water port Kompong Som and more arms for Lon Nol's 180,000-strong army.

CLAIM for average pay increase of about 15 per cent was submitted for 50,000 white-collar workers in electricity supply industry yesterdav.

JORDANIAN government officials and the Palestine guerrilla leadership yesterday issued a joint statement calling for an end to the fighting in and around Amman. It referred to the 'valiant Jordanian army' and 'their

attended. Work was also hit by the **OLLERTON: Saturday, January 16,** 12 noon. Ship Inn. Speaker: Ecki Barker (Ollerton Colliery). 24-hour strike of 1,800 lightermén. National and provincial NEWSPAPER editions were Come to

Alexandra Palace! Force the

Tories to resign! WEST LONDON: Wednesday, Jan-uary 13, 8 p.m. Prince Albert, Balfe St, NW1.

lowed by a mass meeting and march. Distribution of the paper's mid-day edition had earlier LOUGHBOROUGH: Thursday, Jan-uary 14, 8 p.m. The Charnwood, Derby Rd. been prevented by a dispute involving Society of Graphical and Allied Trades' members

NORTH LONDON: (Note changed venue) Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. The Eaglet. Corner of Hornsey Rd/Seven Sisters Rd. DAGENHAM: Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. Marsh Green School, New Rd.

SOUTH EAST: Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. The Artichoke Camber-well Church St, Camberwell Green, S.E.5.

SWINDON: Sunday, January 17, 8 p.m. Oxford Hotel, Drove Rd. SQUTH WEST: Monday, January 18, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, 47-51, Bal-ham High Rd.

CROYDON: Monday January 18, 8 p.m. Ruskin House, Coombe Rd, S Croydon. parts of E Anglia. The 'Daily Mirror' was slightly delayed. WILLESDEN: (Note changed date) Tuesday, January 19, 8 p.m. Fisher-man's Arms. Old Oak Lane, nr. Willesden Junc. Station, NW10. Herald' did not appear be-cause of action by its SOGAT ACTON: Wednesday, January 28, 8 p.m. Oddfellows Hall, Fletcher Rd, W3. members. Distribution of the 'Daily Record' started late and the Scottish 'Daily Express'

EAST LONDON: Wednesday, Jan-uary 20, 8 p.m. Festival Inn, Chrisp St Market, E.14. SLOUGH: Monday, February 1, 8 p.m. St George's Church Hall, Long Furlongs Drive, Britwell Eastate.

burgh experienced slight delay with its second edition. commando brothers' and token strike in Liverpool. called on 'our fellow citizens

to resume their daily lives and normal activity'. FRANCO'S regime showed an open rift yesterday when the fascist dictator sacked Lt-Gen Fernando Cifuentes from his

Region.

post as commander of the Granada Divisional Military

call.

FIRE 'COMPROMISE' DELEGATES representing Britain's 30,000 firemen yesterday accepted an interim 51 per cent pay increase and two-hour cut in the working week pending an independent

UK plant. inquiry into their 10-per-cent Massey - Ferguson's 1,800-

halted. E Region RAILWAYMEN Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. ( drivers were involved.

## **10,000** invade **Coventry precinct**

Preparing to set off on their march these Luton workers have

a plain message for the Heath government.

A 20,000-STRONG lunchtime meeting chanting 'Tories out! Heath out!' took over Coventry's central shopping precinct for an hour yesterday.

Trades council and Communist Party member Eddie McCluskey said from the platform he believed the passing of the Bill would be the Tory government's

downfall. This was immediately opposed by shouts of 'Get the Tories out to stop the Bill!'

Union officials estimated that 50,000 had stopped First editions of the 'Daily work in the area. Telegraph' were two hours

#### Chrysler hit At Chrysler UK's Ryton

plant 3,500 workers stopped for the full day and night shift and most other factories stopped in the morning to march to the central precinct. Few returned for the afternoon shift.

#### FROM PAGE ONE

'Liverpool Post' editions Six coachloads of workers were slightly delayed by a from London meat and vegetable markets held up traffic CAR and car components workers responded enthusiasas they arrived for a mass meeting at Lincoln's Inn tically to the anti-Tory strike Fields yesterday afternoon.

About 600 men had stopped work to attend the meeting organized by the Transport

workers closed five British-Leyland plants and hung yet another big question-mark over the company's Measured-Day Work drive.

Other Leyland plants hit included SU Carburettor, Birmingham; Common Lane, Birmingham; Jaguar, Coventry and Standard-Triumph, Coven

In Oxford, more than 12,000

try. Some 4,000 workers stayed away from Coventry's Chrysler

strong agricultural machinery plant at Kilmarnock was also

stayed away from London's Liverpool St station, where 103 drivers and assistant Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. British Rail's Stratford freight terminal was also hit.

A THOUSAND workers took part in a protest march through the centre of Glasgow, organized by the W of Scot-land Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions. They included some of the actors and actresses who took

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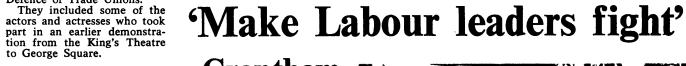
to George Square.

Coventry's ultra-modern precinct was packed with 20,000 of

the 50,000 who struck in the area yesterday.

union Bill.

Meeting House.



# marchers

SEVERAL hundred workers marched through Grantham yesterday chanting anti-Tory slogans.

The marchers-many of whom came from British-Leyland's 1,500-strong Ave-ling Barford subsidiary and Rolls-Royce's Contax plant shouted 'Heath out!' and Make the Labour leaders fight to chuck the Tories out!' outside the Lincoln-shire town's Tory offices.

ABOUT five thousand workers — including dockers, ship-builders and constructional engineers — marched through Southampton yesterday after-noon to a rowdy football stadium meeting. 10,000 were reported on strike in the area.

ing papers was halted for more than two hours yesterday as 1,000 print workers met and demonstrated their the TUC should decide. opposition to the Tory anti-

Earlier there had been a mass meeting at Friend's paper representing the Bill.

Marchers then went back to

cluded main speaker Norman Atkinson MP, having studiously avoided saying what

marched back to Fleet St, pausing outside the Law Courts to burn a sheet of

'Let us ensure that the TUC on March 18 takes a decision work after being exhorted to which is a credit to the whole 'produce the papers so the working-class movement,' conpublic can see we've protested'



PUBLIC MEETING

#### Make the Tories resign!

Friday January 15, 8 p.m. **OXFORD HOTEL DROVE ROAD** 

Speaker : G. Healy (national secretary of the Socialist Labour League)

Adm. 1s

Afterwards the meeting Grantham echoes the almost unanimous call on demonstrations throughout Britain yesterday.

The Bill, said Smithfield T&GWU organizer Len Smith, was not directed so much against the union officials who may be turned into policemen for the state—but against stewards on the shop floor Production of London even-PUBLIC LECTURE

section.

and General Workers' markets

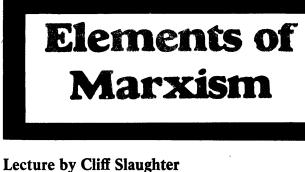
Marxism and the struggle against the Tory

government

Monday January 18, 8 p.m.

Co-op Hall, Whitney Chambers, Fanshawe Avenue. BARKING

Speaker : G. Healy (national secretary of the Socialist Labour League)



(SLL Central Committee member)

BRISTOL: Central Hall, Old Market. Thursday January 14, 7.30 p.m.

-Grantham