

THE DAILY ORGAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST LABOUR LEAGUE

What we think

Wilson walks the Tory plank

LABOUR and trade union chiefs launched a vicious attack on militant trade unionists at Tuesday's Albert Hall rally organized by the TUC. (Photograph on p. 4.)

The tone was set by the TUC's main speaker, Harold Wilson.

Given the slow handclap by the meeting for his attempt to justify 'In Place of Strife', he said:

'You may clap your hands now but you'll be wringing them before long. You're the boys who let the Tories in last year.'

Not to be outdone, chairman Lord Cooper said that many hecklers 'were the people who shouted for the Tories at the last general election', while, after his disastrous closing speech, Victor Feather announced that the meeting had been 'planted' with 300 or 400 people—'I don't know by whom, your guess is as good as mine'.

'The boys who let the Tories in last year' were certainly present in strength at the Albert Hall. They were 'planted' all over the platform.

Labour MPs and General Council members formed a solid phalanx in front of the 6,000-strong meeting.

Wilson's remarks are a brazen insult to every worker's intelligence.

For six years Wilson was Prime Minister—elevated into office by the votes of 13 million workers.

But instead of fighting the Tories, he and the Labour leaders paved the way for them to return.

There is not the slightest doubt that the policies of Wilson's government—raising unemployment to 600,000; passing Immigration Acts; postponing pensions rises; freezing wages; and, above all, proposing 'In Place of Strife'—led directly to the return of the Tories.

Wilson's 'alternative' to the Tory anti-union laws is the revival of Lord Donovan's recommendations.

Both he and Feather—when they could make themselves heard—praised Donovan to the skies.

And now Wilson reveals that: 'When this unhappy incident [sic] has pursued its full legislative course, he and his shadow ministers will once again meet the union leaders to decide what they will do in the light of the Industrial Relations Act.'

If Wilson is the best-hated Labour leader since Ramsay MacDonald, it is entirely because his policies opened the door wide for the return of the Tory government.

Now he glazes openly at the prospect of anti-union laws hitting first and foremost at his opponents in the labour movement.

Wilson and Feather are ready to accept the anti-union laws.

Their refusal to act against the Tory government and to use the strength of the working class to force its resignation is clear for every worker to see.

There is even speculation in yesterday's papers that the TUC is considering cancelling the demonstration planned next month against the anti-union laws.

Feather's contemptible smear about people being 'planted' at the meeting has not the slightest foundation.

Tickets, according to a TUC spokesman yesterday, were issued through union branches and there was no evidence of 'gate-crashing'.

What Feather says can only be the start of an attempt to brand those who oppose the TUC's inaction as 'outsiders' to the labour movement.

The first task of a recalled Labour Party conference—now an urgent and immediate necessity to fight the Tory government and force its resignation—must be the removal from all posts of responsibility in the labour movement those leaders who refuse to take up that fight.

AFTER JANUARY 12

The way to defeat the Bill

BY A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FROM Bristol to London and from Southampton to Glasgow the paradox of January 12 was made glaringly evident.

Sheffield motions condemn 'Chicago-like' settlement

TRADE UNION branches in the Sheffield area continue to condemn the £3,000 pay-off accepted by Batchelor's Foods convenor Terry Devey after a seven-week reinstatement strike.

Despite the Communist Party's desperate attempts to shift all the blame onto its ex-member Devey, branch resolutions make clear where it really lies. The Sheffield No 1 branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers (painters' section) condemns the settlement 'reached by full-time officials of the Amalgamated Engineers and Foundryworkers, Plumbers, Trades Union and Electrical Trades Union' as 'a dangerous betrayal'.

'We call on all trade unions in Sheffield,' the branch says, 'to fight in the historic traditions of the working class of this city, and we call on our Trades and Labour Council to resist all settlements of this character, and to use its industrial and political power to force the Tory government—who would inflict these Chicago-like settlements on us—to resign.'

The Sheffield AEF No 2 branch 'condemns the settlement at Batchelor's and all who participated in the settlement in total.'

'We reiterate our determination to fight the Tory legislation,' its resolution continues, 'by demanding a general strike to kick the Tories out.'

On the one side the working class moving steadily to the left and on the other the bureaucracy and its Stalinist hangers-on trying desperately to hold it back.

In town after town thousands of workers spontaneously chanted 'Out with the Tories' and carried placards with even more extreme demands.

But nowhere did the official leadership of the TUC or the unofficial leadership of the Stalinist Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions give a political lead by calling for a General Strike to force the Tories to resign.

The TUC—it must be said—did not even pretend to lead a struggle against the Tories. It has reconciled itself to the introduction of the laws with equanimity. This is the real purpose of its 'monster petition' and its so-called education programme.

It is completely consistent with its previous refusal to support the miners, dustmen, power workers, glass workers and dockers in their struggle with the Tory government.

It carries on the craven tradition of 'Black Friday' 1921 and 1926. It must be fought and exposed.

It must be forced to call a General Strike and if it doesn't, the leaders of the general unions who hide behind the TUC right wing must be called on to do so. The implementation of such a policy however, cannot be reconciled for one moment with the Liaison Committee's reformist protest politics.

No intention

These people have no intention of forcing the Tories to resign or of politically exposing the TUC right wing. They reject in practice and theory the creation of an alternative leadership to the reformist Fabians.

If December 8 exposed the serious limitations of the protest movement, January 12 revealed the complete bankruptcy of the philosophy and programme of Stalinist protest.

The fiasco outside the Albert Hall showed all too clearly that boing, heckling and name-calling of Feather

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NO IT'S NOT A HALO: Coal Board chief Lord Alfred Robens was standing in front of a circular mirror when presenting his last chairman's report yesterday.

Robens blames miners for price rises

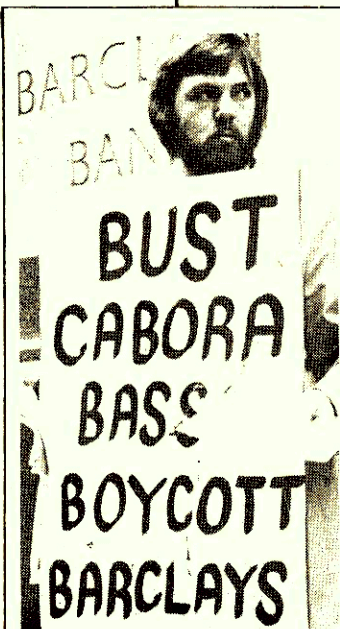
ABSENTEEISM and unofficial strikes in the mines were major factors in higher coal prices, National Coal Board chairman Lord Robens claimed in London yesterday.

Steel jobs go

MORE than 650 British Steel Corporation employees may be sacked from three pipe production plants in cuts proposed by BSC's tube division yesterday.

Pipe production at the British Tubes works, Lanarkshire, is to end and reduced operations are planned at the pipe mills in Hartlepool, Co. Durham, and Llanwern, S. Wales.

A statement said 350 employees would be affected by the proposed part-closure in Lanarkshire, 260 at Hartlepool and 70 in S. Wales.



AS SHAREHOLDERS of Barclays DCO held their annual general meeting in Lombard St, London yesterday, members of various anti-apartheid organizations picketed outside, in protest at the bank's connections with S. Africa.

In particular, they called for an end to the participation of Barclays in the Cabora Bassa dam project in Mozambique which, when complete, will supply electricity to S. Africa.

Beware of provocations!

The government is already exploiting the bomb attack on Employment Secretary Carr to full advantage.

A Special Branch dragnet of left-wing organizations has already been launched by Scotland Yard chief Sir John Waddington.

Police have swooped on the homes of 'known militants' in London, files are being scrutinized and suspects checked as to their whereabouts on the night of the double bombing at Carr's £40,000 suburban retreat.

The attack on Carr has clearly given the government an eagerly-awaited opportunity to intimidate all those in the labour movement it fears and hates.

Today the Cabinet will review the results of its swift witch-hunt when it examines a Special Branch report on snooping so far.

Trade unionists should dissociate themselves from the messages of commiseration sent to the architect of the Industrial Relations Bill they should also treat the incident with extreme scepticism.

We firmly believe that no trade unionist or activist in the labour movement could be capable of this act.

Not because they do not share this paper's hatred of Toryism but because they know bomb attacks on Ministers' mansions and their expensive cars will not prevent the Tories pressing ahead with the Bill and all the other reactionary legislation planned by the government.

On the contrary acts like this only give the Tories and the right wing greater leverage in their campaign to smash left-wing groups and workers' organizations that stand in the defence of the unions.

This is why we are curious about the happening of Tuesday night and we would remind all our readers that there is a great history of the use of agents provocateur by the state as illustrated in the recent Dutschke case.

Workers will, of course, deal with the Tories politically as a class, which means at this stage of the struggle building a mass movement to force Carr and all the Ministers to resign and replace them with a Labour administration pledged to carry through a socialist programme.

Dockers' rights: Union chiefs under fire

DOCKS UNION leaders are now under fire from two angles over their handling of issues affecting working rights.

BY DAVID MAUDE

Besides a threat from Liverpool port stewards to call for an inquiry into secret union-employer talks about abolishing the 1947 dock labour scheme, they now face accusations of shelving the vexed question of the definition of dock work.

Some London stewards are pressing Transport and General Workers' docks officer Tim O'Leary to demand implementation by the government of last year's Bristow Report.

In an attempt to end disputes over the use of non-dock labour at inland container depots and warehouses, this joint union-employer report recommended a five-mile-wide corridor along the Thames within which such work

would be the preserve of registered dockers.

Any interference with the 1947 scheme would, of course, end the register system and invalidate Bristow at a stroke.

Both issues are likely to assume major importance in the near future.

In a letter to Workers Press written shortly after seeing last Saturday's article detailing discussions about the 1947 scheme between O'Leary, T&GWU secretary Jack Jones and leading port employers, Mersey port stewards' secretary Alan English says:

'My first reaction to the article was that they wouldn't dare try to deceive us—the rank and file—over such a major issue as this. . . . To even think about abolishing the National Dock Labour Board is enough to frighten the ordinary dockworkers, but I shudder to think of the reactions of the militants who obviously would be the first to be on the receiving end of the employers' axe if he had the sole right to hire and fire.'

Vanishing tanner

THE VANISHING 6d is likely to be a source of confusion, delay and further fare rises following London Transport's decimal changeover next month.

The Underground goes decimal on Sunday, February 14, and buses make the change a week later.

London Transport chairman Sir Richard Way yesterday admitted that he was 'worried' about the fate of the coin, which will probably become increasingly scarce after D-Day—Monday, February 15.

Despite the government decision to retain the 6d for at least two years, manufacturers are already moving away from the 6d price tag on food and confectionery.

This affects the number of them in circulation. Speaking to a London press conference on the changeover, Sir Richard said:

'If, in the end, the coins that are so vital to our fare scale disappear to such an

INQUIRY He went on to say that the Liverpool stewards would be calling for an inquiry into the Workers Press accusations, adding:

'I hope our leaders can explain their actions, otherwise there will be hard times ahead within our own organization as well as against the dreaded Tory Bill.'

So far, our attempts to reach Mr O'Leary for his comments have proved unsuccessful.

He is, however, reported to be thinking of writing a strong letter to Employment Minister Robert Carr about the fate of the Bristow recommendations on dock work.

After almost seven months in office and after four months in receipt of O'Leary's last letter on the subject, Carr was said by the Department of Employment yesterday to be 'still considering' the report.

Perhaps he sees little point in supplementing rights which the port employers tell him may soon be handed over to lock, stock and barrel by the T&GWU leadership anyway.

Fare conversions
TUBE Adult fares unchanged
1s = 5p, etc.
Children's fares rounded up apart from replacement of 4d by 13p (3.6d) 7d and 9d fares replaced by 3p (7.2d) and 4p (9.6d) respectively.

BUS Adult fare unchanged (see below)
Children: 'odd' 4d and 9d treated as on tubes.

RED ARROW 9d flat fare becomes 4p (9.6d).

SUBURBAN FLAT FARE 9d adult fare becomes 4p; 6d children's fare reduced to 2p (4.8d).

extent that change-giving is causing delays which affect the efficiency of the bus services we shall have to recommend a change in the fare structure based on whole New Pennies.

He declined to comment further, but London Transport's 'contingency plan' would certainly increase the 6d fare to 3p (7.2d).

While 5p stages are now the norm on London's tubes, London Transport—at a not inconsiderable cost—will be packaging and issuing 14 million 6d and half-a-million 1p pieces daily to keep up the circulation of these doomed coins.

Despite an intensive training scheme for LT staff 'running to six figures', it was also admitted that no standard name had been suggested for 6d after D-Day.

While the changeover from 5d to 5p will have little impact on fare levels, the

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£1,250 January Fund now at £237 17s 10d

HUNDREDS of thousands of workers have begun to realize that only a General Strike can defeat the Tory government and its anti-union laws.

The Workers Press has been out in front leading the struggle for such a policy. The weak opposition to the Bill by the Stalinists and reformist trade union leaders can only encourage the Tories.

All those who want to make this government resign must join in the fight with the Workers Press. Help us mobilize mass support for the anti-Tory rally at Alexandra Palace. Push up January's Appeal Fund and send extra towards the £1,000 needed for the February 14 rally.

Don't waste a day. Post all donations to: Workers Press Appeal Fund, 186a Clapham High Street, London, SW4.

CBI demands firm stand against wage rises

IF WAGE rises are not curbed and productivity increased, industry will face bankruptcy and unemployment, the Confederation of British Industry says in a memorandum to the power workers' inquiry.

They urge the government to stand firm against the 'inflationary' £5 16s demanded by the power workers and warn that if they do not other large increases in gas, water and private industries will follow.

In their 11-page memo the CBI sound the alarm on two recent developments among workers.

One is the growth of 'wage solidarity' among sections of workers.

Comparability

'... the way in which individual settlements are being repeatedly determined [is] not by any considerations of the position within the company, or by productivity considerations, but by "comparability" and the concept of the "going rate".'

This is causing the Confederation grave concern and they advocate in 1971 'a decline in the average [rate] of settlements which will produce a general acceptance that once again those who stand out for inflationary settlements may get less rather than more as time passes'.

The other shock they have received in the current upsurge of working class militancy concerns productivity dealing.

'Is there no scope for productivity bargaining in individual situations?' asks the report.

'The CBI believes that there is an important role for such bargaining. It has strongly supported productivity bargaining and regrets the sudden change in late 1969 and 1970

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YOUNG SOCIALISTS

MAKE THE TORY GOVT RESIGN!

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ALEXANDRA PALACE
Wood Green N22 at 11 a.m. - 11.15

For more details or a ticket please write to YS national secretary John Slinnace, 186a, Clapham High Street, London SW4.
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A LETTER FROM A READER

A reply to N. Makanda's article 'THE OUTCRY' which appeared in this column last Thursday (January 7).



THE ARTICLE by N. Makanda (January 7, 1971), displays enormous confusion. Obviously attempting to differentiate Stalinism from the workers' states, comrade Makanda walks along a tight-rope with all the caution of an elephant, and ends up (or rather, begins) by equivocating on the Leningrad trial of Soviet Jews (and two non-Jews), without any discussion of the principles involved.

He talks of 'Africa' [sic] having 'no sympathy with the outcry from Israel and the West over sentences in the USSR against Zionist would-be skyjacker'.

Since when has Africa constituted an entity in which there is no class struggle and division of society into diametrically opposed social classes?

The conception of not only the struggle against imperialism, but also the struggle of the proletariat and poor peasants against imperialism's agents, the national bourgeoisie, is the touchstone of the theory of permanent revolution.

By talking of a non-existent 'Africa', comrade Makanda castrates this theory and lumps together the oppressed workers and peasants in the African states with those who (as comrade Makanda has often explained) aid imperialist oppression — the national bourgeoisie, who because of their role, no doubt will add their voices to the outcry of reactionaries against the Leningrad trial.

By saying 'the sympathizers are restricted to the "white" S African allies and the African agents of Israel', comrade Makanda implies that Trotskyists support the trials and are therefore, incapable of denouncing them in a manner that offers no concessions to Zionism.

Imperialist sympathy

Thus, objectively Trotskyism is reduced to the level of Zionism and is equated with it. This obviously poses the question of whether or not anti-Semitism is used by the Stalinist bureaucracy, in order to warn opponents of Stalinism as to what is in store for them. Whether the 11 accused were Zionists or not, the trial was still a manifestation of Stalinist anti-Semitism, which is the real cause of the existence and growth of counter-revolutionary ideas like Zionism among Soviet Jewry, which, along with the Crimean Tartars, constitutes an oppressed nationality.

That those two non-Jews demonstrated their support for Zionism is the fault of Stalinism, which can offer no future to oppressed nationalities and the working class.

The Leningrad trial was an attack on the working class throughout E Europe and it is no accident that the savage sentences came as they did in the wake of an orgy of Stalinist brutality against the Polish workers.

The fact that reactionaries all over the world 'expressed sympathy' must not blind us to the real issues involved in the trial any more than imperialist 'sympathy' for the Hungarian uprising of 1956

blinded us to the issues then. Therefore, as Marxists, who defend the USSR and the deformed workers' states against imperialism, we differentiate ourselves from the hypocritical squeals of imperialism and its Zionist puppets when we oppose Stalinist anti-Semitism.

The defence of oppressed nationalities against bureaucratic repression is a question of principle!

Furthermore, it is a question on which we do not equivocate in the manner of comrade Makanda, who does not at any point declare against the trial, explain the use of anti-Semitism, or show how Stalinism has contributed to the strengthening of Zionism.

The same bureaucracy that helped establish Israel with guns and bullets now betrays the heroic struggle of the Palestinian workers and peasants against the Zionist state.

Anti communist propaganda

This bureaucracy, faced with the movement of the working class towards the political revolution in E Europe and the deepening crisis of imperialism, is resorting to the sharpening class struggle with the possibility of the working class taking the power in W Europe and the other advanced capitalist countries, can only reflect this crisis in its methods of attempting to avert it.

The counter-revolutionary Kremlin bureaucracy will resort to the foulest anti-Semitism in the East to maintain its position as a counter-revolutionary force against the working class.

It will seek to smash the will of the working class in the West, whether by exporting coal, or accepting £3,000 pay-offs to break strikes.

Stalinism will resort to the foulest methods and vilest deeds to destroy opposition.

The Leningrad trial must be seen in this light. Consequently, it is incorrect for comrade Makanda to put the word 'injustice' into quotation marks as he does, while simultaneously exposing correctly the crimes of Zionism.

That the latter commits acts of gross brutality does not mean that we, as Trotskyists who relentlessly seek to destroy such tendencies, should seek to justify the Leningrad trial because the accused were... Zionists.

On the contrary, we must expose the real criminals in this trial—the Stalinist bureaucracy. The opposition of Trotskyism to the trial has nothing in common with those who seek to make cheap, anti-communist propaganda out of the plight of the accused.

Only those defending and developing the traditions of Bolshevism and October 1917 and the policies of Lenin and Trotsky on the national question can effectively fight the frame-ups while mercilessly opposing those who seek to reap an anti-communist harvest out of the trial. By implicitly giving credence to the monstrous activities of the Stalinists and implicitly by denying that the Leningrad accused are 'victims of real persecution' comrade Makanda objectively aids those forces (Zionism, imperialism, social-democracy) which he seeks to oppose and defeat.

P. Atkinson, Manchester.

Brute force and delicate control—the 'Hardiman' uses the 'feedback' principle to give super-muscle power.

MANY OF the complex tools developed this century appear to have little in common with those developed in the preceding 100 years.

The development of radio, electronics and the tapping of new sources of power have been coupled with the creation of lighter and stronger materials to yield powerful new muscles with which man is able to bend nature to his social will.

His refined electronic resources have enhanced the human senses and continually thwarted attempts to erect philosophical boundaries to nature's domain.

While electronic computers enhance his intellectual capacity and control whole factories, powerful machines can shift mountains and construct dams with comparative ease.

Familiarity with the new energy resources has also brought refinement and flexibility. Scientists can photograph single atoms—one hundred millionth of a centimeter in diameter—or a laser pulse moving at 186,000 miles a second.

Implications

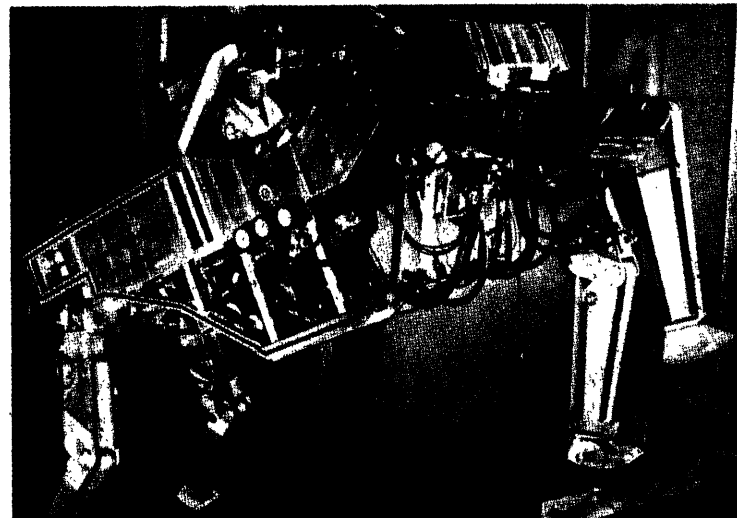
Micro-miniaturization of electronic components has made possible the small but powerful computing systems without which space exploration would be impossible.

On earth, the impact of these developments on production has revolutionary implications.

The machine is no longer simply the 'senseless' extension of the human hand. Automation under capitalism—in so far as it can be attempted—means the reduction of the worker to an inadequate and redundant cog in a complex integrated production unit.

While science fiction, at least, has given us the perfect robot—the intelligent machine par excellence made in the image of man—capital demands that the worker becomes part of the machine.

Indeed, the construction of



The four-legged walking machine mimics the movements of the operator's hands and feet. It can climb obstacles and lift weights.

the true sci-fi robot would be purely of academic interest.

The human body with its particular arrangement of sense organs has developed over millions of years while a robot is built for highly specialized tasks within the production process.

However, on occasion it is necessary to follow human form and movement closely.

Remote-control

The simplest case in point is the handling of dangerous materials or the performance

of experiments in a vacuum where the use of remote-controlled hands are employed.

Such techniques can be used for dealing with radioactive substances. The experiment may be proceeding some distance away from the operator who supervises it by means of closed-circuit television.

The hand movements of the operator are followed faithfully by metal hands which manipulate canisters, beakers and other scientific equipment under heavy radiation.

Such methods will certainly be extended to space exploration. The continued operation of the Soviet Lunokhod mooncraft under the close control of eight Russian 'drivers' points the way to the not-far-distant time when complex experiments will take place on the surface of Venus or Jupiter, controlled from earth in a similar way.

Indeed, we can say that the robot will be in its element in these environments, so hostile to man.

Flexibility

There are already in existence machines which multiply man's strength as well as retaining human flexibility.

The concept of machines to augment muscular strength and endurance is less than 15 years old.

The prototypes of muscle-amplifying devices are already in existence in the United States. The General Electric



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Scientific World

and feet and his every movement is followed closely. He can now lift a 1,500-pound crate or perform a great number of other heavy load-handling tasks.

Attached to a suitable power supply, he can walk around and do the job of a fork-lift truck, moving heavy equipment around warehouses, factories or stores.

The 'Hardiman' is also being developed for use in underwater salvage operations.

Productivity

The productivity boost implicit in such a device is plain and this will not have escaped the employers' notice.

In the development of such machines the 'force-feedback' principle is central.

This means that the operator actually feels that he is walking, lifting, etc. He experiences forces on his limbs which are proportional to huge forces on the machine itself.

One advance on the 'Hardiman' is an 11-foot-high 'mechanical horse' which mimics the foot and hand movements of its operator, and moves about on four aluminium legs.

It can lift 500 pounds with ease and traverse rough terrain where other vehicles cannot go.

Because of the unique sense of feel provided by the force-feedback technology, the horse's operator can be blindfolded and still operate the unit successfully. Furthermore, he can balance the machine on two diagonal legs, make it climb over a four-foot obstacle or walk it along a narrow pathway!

Costs

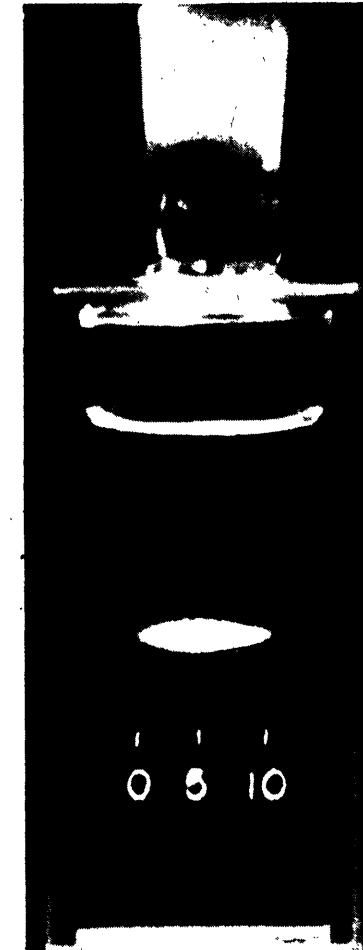
Research costs of these machines are large—the prototype cost almost \$1m—but

the extensive use of 'muscle-amplification' equipment, particularly where automation may not be immediately feasible, can be a cheap way of reducing the labour force.

Again, what is striking about the 'mechanical horse' is its possible use for traversing extra-terrestrial terrain even more hazardous than that facing the Lunokhod.

How strange to actually experience a walk across the lunar surface from 240,000 miles away!

Photograph of laser pulse travelling through a bottle of water. The camera shutter opened and shut in ten millionths of a second!



BBC 1

9.30 a.m.-12 noon Schools. 12.30 p.m. Practical techniques for nurses in training. 1.00 Swyn y. glec. 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 Blue Peter. 5.20 Scooby-Do, where are you? 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather. 6.00 NATIONWIDE. London. 6.45 THE DOCTORS. 7.05 TOP OF THE POPS. 7.45 LIVER BIRDS. 8.15 ANDY WILLIAMS SHOW. Guests Donald O'Connor, Little Richard, Jo Anne Worley, Bread. 9.00 NINE CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 PLAY: 'CIRCLE LINE'. Winner of the BBC TV Student Play Competition. With Michael Feast, Margo Andrew and Kiffer Weisselberg. Story about a student's reactions to student life. 10.25 24 HOURS. 11.10 FACTFINDER. 'Outside the Union'. A look at the cases of two men who refused to join unions. 11.35 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except: 5.15 Week in week out. 11.37 Weather. Midlands: E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 News, weather. 11.37 News, weather. N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 News and weather. 11.37 News, weather. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 News, weather. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.37 News, weather. Wales: 6.00 Wales today, weather. Nationwide: 6.45-7.05 Heddidi. 7.45-8.15 Week in week out. 11.37 Weather. Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland, weather. Nationwide: 11.37 News, weather. N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 News and weather. 11.37 News, weather. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 News, weather. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.37 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 6.35 p.m. SMALL BUILDER. 7.05 OPEN UNIVERSITY. 'Mathematics 1'. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather. 8.00 THE CRAFTSMEN. David Coleman and his assistants make reproduction antique furniture and enjoy doing it. 8.15 MONEY PROGRAMME. 9.00 LOOK, STRANGER. 'Life Returns to Rhum'. 9.20 RED ARMY ENSEMBLE OF MOSCOW. 10.05 PEOPLE FOR TOMORROW. 'When I'm 65'. Jack Dash looks at the plight of old-age pensioners. 10.35 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.40 CRICKET. Australia v England, Fourth Test. 11.10 WORLD CINEMA: 'IL BIDONE'. Directed by Federico Fellini. Broderick Crawford, Giulietta Masina, Richard Basehart. A gang leader is discarded by his comrades when he feels sympathy for one of the gang's victims.

ITV

11.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. Schools. 3.45 Tea break. 4.10 Origami. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Filpper. 5.15 Magpie. 5.45 News 5.55 Today. 6.35 PEYTON PLACE. 7.05 NEAREST AND DEAREST. 'Barafaced in the Park'. 7.35 FILM. 'MYSTERIOUS ISLAND'. Michael Craig, Joan Greenwood, Herbert Lom. Union officer in the Civil War leads an escapee from a Confederate prison. 9.30 WORLD OF WHICKER. 'Landmarks and Landfalls of Television's Most Travelled Man'. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 CINEMA. 11.00 AVENGERS. 'The £50,000 breakfast'. 12.00 BEST OF ALL SELLERS. Michael Meech talks to Rev. Dennis Nineham.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.55 Origami. 4.05 Puffin. 4.15 Mona McCluskey. 4.45 Skippy. 5.10 London. 5.55 News, weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.15 Sports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Master of Ballantyne'. Errol Flynn. 8.30 This is your life. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.06 Man in a suitcase. 11.30 News, weather. WESTWARD: As Channel except 3.55 News. 4.05 Gus Honeydew. 5.55 Diary. 6.30 Horoscope. 11.03-11.06 News. 11.58 Faith for life. 12.03 Weather. SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.25 Horoscope. 3.30 Women today. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.12 Flupp. 4.25 London. 4.50 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 5.55 Day by day. 6.30 My three sons. 6.55 Junkin. 7.25 Film: 'I'd Climb the Highest Mountain'. Susan Hayward, William Lundigan. Francher's wife struggles to adjust to the demanding life in the backwoods of Georgia in the 1900s. 9.00 Cinema. 9.30 London. 10.30 Six dates with Barker. 11.00 News. 11.10 Scaway. 12.10 Weather. It's all yours.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Dateline. 4.10 London. 4.50 Skippy. 5.10 London. 5.55 Dateline. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Film: 'Tiger in the Sky'. Alan Ladd, June Allyson. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Tom Jones. 11.55 Late call. GRAMPAN: 10.58-3.00 London. 3.40 News. 4.05 Skippy. 5.15 London. 5.55 News, weather. 6.05 Win a word with Lesley Blair. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.25 Film: 'A Date With Judy'. Wallace Beery, Jane Powell. Robert Stack. 9.30 London. 11.00 Tom Jones. 11.55 Epilogue.

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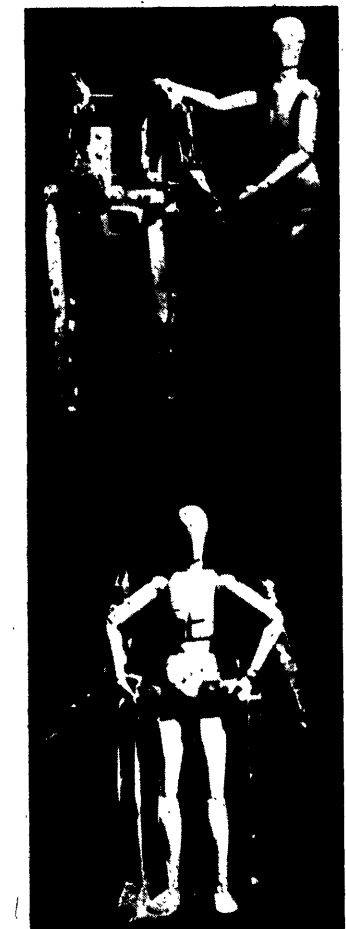
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SLC sends fraternal greetings to US conference

THE following is the text of greetings to the US Workers League National Conference by Dany Sylveire early in January from the Central Committee of the Socialist Labour League.

I AM delegated by the Central Committee of the Socialist Labour League to bring the warmest fraternal greetings to the Workers League on the occasion of its fourth National Conference.

There never was a time in history when the revolutionary co-thinkers of Leon Trotsky needed to work and fight together in the struggle to develop revolutionary Marxism as today.

This we all understand can only be carried out in the continuous fight against our class enemy whose revisionist, reformist and Stalinist agents constantly threaten to destroy the revolutionary vanguard.

Principles

For ten years the leadership of the Workers League and the Socialist Labour League have continuously upheld the principles of the Fourth International.

Since the occasion of my last visit to the United States there have been considerable changes on the international scene.

The coming to power of the Tory government in Britain last June tended, just as the election of Nixon in November 1968, to strengthen the forces of international capitalism.

But this has been more than offset by the revolutionary determination of the working class both in Britain and the United States to resist the encroachment of capital on their wages and working conditions.

To state a few examples: the postmen's strike in New York and the victorious Council workers' strike in Britain recently.

Although the capitalist class have been able to push workers slightly backwards in a number of cases this has been mainly due to the treachery of the reformist trade union leaders.

But neither in Britain nor the United States have the capitalists been able to inflict a serious defeat on the working class.

This is a source of great encouragement for the Trotskyist movement.

Marxism

We are turned entirely towards the working class.

We consider that the development of Marxism can only be carried out through such an orientation.

But this does not mean that we tail-end the working class and pay pious tributes to its militancy.

This is what the revisionists do but it is not our job. As Marxists we understand the movement of the working class as something which requires us to plunge ever

more deeply into the historical background of this movement, in order to understand philosophically the particular characteristics arising from the movement of the working class.

Our two movements have been engaged over the past year in a serious study of dialectical materialism.

Mainspring

This is no accident. The movement of the working class impels us to use dialectical materialism as a method of thinking—what comrade Trotsky described as the mainspring in the building of the revolutionary party.

For the first time since his last

historical fight we are now in a position to fully appreciate the advice which he gave in that fight: that the American Trotskyist movement must concentrate on teaching dialectical materialism to its members in a way in which they would be able to enrich and develop the party and at the same time consciously raise their own theoretical understanding.

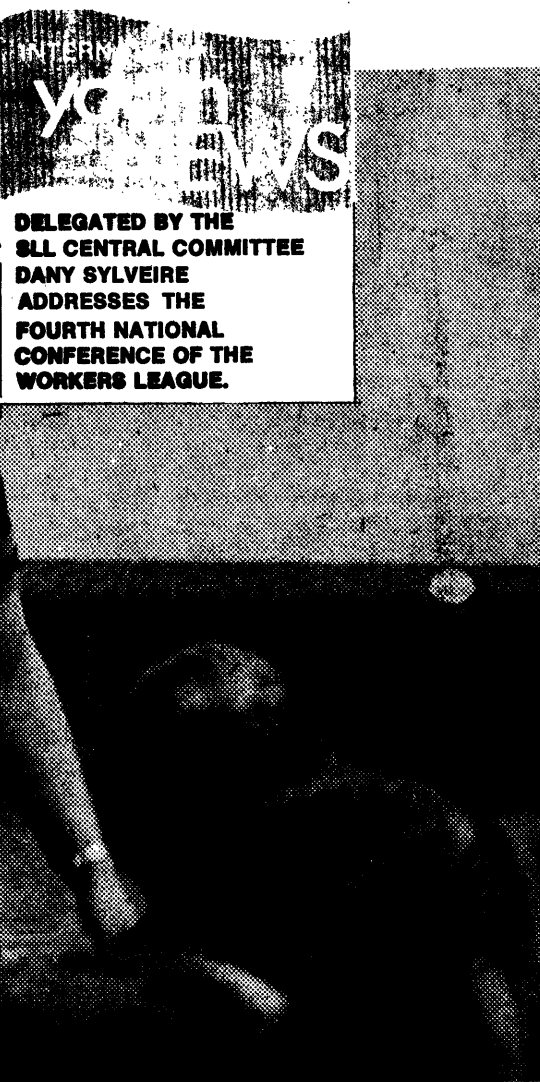
The more the working class moves in the direction of revolution, the more we must put into practice what Trotsky advised.

Gratifying

This is what the Socialist Labour League has concentrated on in England with some significant results. Not only have we been able to publish and maintain the Workers Press six days a week, we have over the past three months concentrated on a programme of mass theoretical work.

The result is most gratifying. Not only have we raised the political level of our members but we are penetrating deeper and deeper into the working class and into important sections of the middle class.

The Workers Press and the expansion of your weekly 'Bulletin' have dealt powerful blows against the revisionists, especially since your paper and ours deal seriously with the political issues that are posed while the revisionists in their opportunist ways are



DELEGATED BY THE SLL CENTRAL COMMITTEE DANY SYLVEIRE ADDRESSES THE FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORKERS LEAGUE.

notorious for their evasions of such matters.

The year of 1971 promises to be the most important year in the history of Bolshevism since 1917.

Greetings

Enormous class forces are at work, changing the face of the world.

We are beginning to feel the first strength from these massive developments.

Your conference meets at a time of great opportunity. It is therefore a very great pleasure for me to convey greetings from the Socialist Labour League to you.

Poland's rightward turn accelerates moves to European 'security'

BY ROBERT BLACK

THE RECENT strikes in Poland have, if anything, speeded-up the Kremlin's timetable of 'detente' with the major capitalist states in W Europe.

An article in the Soviet economic journal 'Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya' blatantly emphasizes the advantages for W German imperialists in dealing with the bureaucracy:

'As a result of W Germany's dependence on the foreign market, as a result of the aggravation of competition in the capitalist market, as a result of the geographical proximity of most socialist countries to the German Federal Republic, commercial co-operation with them is becoming ever more important for Bonn.'

The article, taking issue with ultra-rightist opponents of Brandt's foreign policy, added that 'cold warriors' should remember economic links with the East help not only the Soviet Union, but W Germany itself.

RECESSION

The article coincides with growing fears in Bonn that W Germany faces a period of deflation and possibly even recession. 1970 was a record year for business bankruptcies, and the forecast for this year is even more gloomy.

So government leaders in Bonn are watching their opposite numbers in Moscow very closely for signs of a split over Brezhnev's declared policy of seeking better relations with W Germany.

A section of the Soviet bureaucracy, say sources close to Brandt, is anxious not to fall out with E German leader Walter Ulbricht.

His stubborn stand on E Germany's right to handle all affairs relating to the status of W Berlin is proving a stumbling block in the convening of an all-European security conference, as well as final ratification of Bonn's treaties with the Soviet Union and Poland.

On the other hand, the new Gierek regime in Poland has the most pressing economic and political reasons for improving its links with the West.

STRIKE-BREAKING

The recently released statement on the Polish government's foreign policy marks a rightward turn even from the pro-imperialist position of the Gomulka regime, which last year helped break the Spanish miners' strike on behalf of Franco and cement workers' strike for the Lynch regime in Ireland.

The Gierek-Moczar leadership first makes plain that 'Poland wishes not only to continue her known and generally appreciated [sic] efforts for a detente and security in Europe, but, what is more, intends to take further steps leading to the quick holding of the European conference.'

The new regime, the statement goes on, 'calls for... a system of security, the activation of a broadly conceived dialogue between People's Poland—a strong [?] link in the community of socialist states—and the European West.'

It then lists the regime's allies in this 'European West':

'We see here, more clearly than ever before that we should maintain excellent relations with Paris, not only for historical, traditional or sentimental reasons, but also for realistic and political considerations.' (Our emphasis.)

UNDERSTANDING

And to drive the point home, the statement adds:

'France, ruled by the successors of Charles de Gaulle, may rest assured that precisely now she will find in Poland greater understanding than ever before.'

The fact that de Gaulle's rule was succeeded by that of Pompidou, and not the working class, is solely due to the counter-revolutionary role of French and world Stalinism during the great

Provided trade does not undermine in any way the political support given by the workers' state to the struggle of the working class in the capitalist country concerned, then no basic principle of socialist internationalism is compromised.

But when trade is used to break strikes, as it was in both Spain and Ireland, and where it becomes the basis of political and even military collaboration between the bureaucracy and imperialism, then it is the duty of every communist to speak out against such a policy.

The Soviet and E European bureaucracies, caught in the inescapable contradictions of building 'socialism' in the historically backward areas of Europe, are increasingly driven towards deals with the major capitalist monopolies of W Europe and the US.

The plight of the Gierek regime, faced by a working class determination to win both higher living standards and basic political rights, exemplifies the crisis of the entire Stalinist system.

To placate the masses, better living standards are needed. But to secure them requires a cut-back in arms spending, which in turn threatens to weaken the defences of the Soviet Union and its allies.

ARMS STRAIN

So in return for policing the working class of W Europe, with its mass Stalinist parties in France and Italy, and its smaller, but equally treacherous opportunist followers in Britain, the bureaucracy hopes that imperialism will come to an agreement on disarmament, thus easing the colossal strain arms production imposes on the planned economies of E Europe and the Soviet Union.

For, as the post-war history of Poland, E Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia has shown, the bureaucracy will yield none of its privileges to the working class without a bitter fight.

It turns to imperialism to secure the economic means for heading off mounting unrest in the masses, while relying on the tanks of the Kremlin for open repression.

The only way out of this crisis in the economics of the workers' states is along the road of working-class revolution—the political revolution in the East, with the installation of genuine workers' democracy and control over production, on the foundations of the existing nationalized property relations, and the social revolution in the West, the expropriation of the capitalist class and the re-unification of the entire continent on socialist lines.

The crisis of the Polish bureaucracy, trapped between imperialism and its own working class, confirms in the most concrete way the analysis of Stalinism made by Trotsky in his classic work, 'The Revolution Betrayed.'



Ulbricht: Stumbling block

sit-in general strike of May-June 1968.

And now the Polish Stalinists pledge even greater 'understanding' for the future!

For the statement goes on:

'France is not, of course, the only country with which Poland wants to keep good relations. Well-known reasons [?] called for the conclusion of a Treaty by Poland and the Federal Republic of Germany... No one understands better than we Poles the importance of the new Treaty...'

Neither is strike-racked Italy left out of the picture:

'... we are anxious not only to expand our trade with that country, but also to bring closer together our political co-operation to the benefit of the cause of security.'

TRADE RELATIONS

Never have Marxists rejected on principle trade relations between workers' states and capitalist countries.

That is why the international Trotskyist movement is the only force able to prepare the revolutionary defeat of both Stalinism and imperialism.

Union films highlight anti-Tory fight

THREE FILMS about the Tory anti-union Bill are currently available to trade union branches, shop stewards' committees and other workers' organizations.

They form a hard-hitting, tightly argued condemnation of the laws and stress the necessity of a General Strike to force the Tories to resign as the sole means of smashing the Bill.

Shot in a matter of days, the low-budget films cost about £100 and were the work of members of the Association of Cinematograph and Television Technicians. On January 12, they were shown in work time to members of the 4,000-strong Magazine and Book branch of the National Union of Journalists as part of its protest against the Industrial Relations Bill.

The ACTT members who made the films are to ask the Trades Union Congress to distribute them to its members. They can also be obtained direct from the ACTT, 2 Soho Square, London, W1.

Dustman

Two films are of the documentary type and the third was in the form of a satirical sketch.

The first film is based on a series of interviews with trade unionists in London, Lancashire, the Midlands and Liverpool, and one worker after another spontaneously linked the fight against the Bill with the need to defeat the Tory government and all its anti-working-class policies.

A dustman instanced the victory of the municipal workers as proof of the strength and possibilities of working-class action. Building workers who supported men at Pilkington's St Helens works told how they had been locked out for taking sympathetic action even before the Bill became law. They were convinced things would be much worse afterwards. A woman office cleaner spoke

of her disappointment at the failure of the Tories to keep prices down and living standards up.

She said unions were the only protection workers had, and that the Tories must not be allowed to destroy them. She called for a General Strike against the Bill. Workers at the Morris factory at Oxford said their employers were refusing to negotiate anything since the Tories won power and that attempts were being made to 'bulldoze' them to accept pay-and-productivity agreements.

Judge

A doctor and a teacher spoke of the way charges for NHS treatment and school meals would have crippling effects on workers and their children—effects which the Bill would render them powerless to redress by striking for more pay.

Linking the interviews, a lawyer spelt out exactly what the anti-union laws would mean and concluded they would decisively 'tilt the balance in favour of the employers.'

In the second film, the role of the courts and—behind them—the state is punched home in scenes involving a judge, a worker and an employer. No one could doubt, as the sketch concluded, that the sole defence against this vicious Bill, under which every traditional right and practice of trade unions would become 'unfair' and which will send many unionists to jail is to defeat the Tories.

For any who did doubt the effect the threat, let alone the reality, of the Bill was having on workers the third film documented the December 8 demonstration in London.

Thousands of trade unionists marched through London amid the amazed stares of middle-class businessmen to register their anger at Tory attempts to snatch from them rights won over centuries.

Historical

The concern of men who could remember the betrayal of union leaders in the 1926 strike, who could remember the suffering and hunger of the 1930s dovetailed with the historical résumé at the opening of the first film.

Trade unionists were reminded that it was the slave-labour conditions in which millions of men, women and children worked in the 18th and 19th centuries which led to the development of workers' own organizations.

In the last film, the camera picked out sniggering businessmen watching the march and pointedly caught a Rolls sweeping imperiously past.

It identified the ruling class and their agents in the shape of police accompanying the march and in the form of the 'Times' and 'Telegraph' offices they were at pains to protect.

The class divisions could not have been visually clearer. The importance of these films is not just the clarity with which the effects of the Bill are documented.

They also show that since June, millions of workers have realized that Heath's Toryism means an all-out attack on the working class and trade unionists which only a political fight will drive back.

The TUC must show these key films to their members.

Dangers of soil erosion in Britain

POTENTIAL productivity of Britain's soils is being undermined by the dangerously low levels of humus brought about by unplanned farming methods.

Intensive farming systems, the ploughing up of grassland and the disappearance of livestock from some areas has brought a drop in humus content, says an Agricultural Advisory Council report published yesterday.

Weeds associated with continuous cereal growing have also been causing anxiety.

'There has been an alarming spread of grass weeds, the most serious of which is now wild oats,' says the report ('Modern farming and the soil').

Drainage

The use of heavy machinery on wet soil has also created serious problems which have been accentuated by poor drainage.

The present rate of grant-aided field drainage is £11m a year, with another £14m for maintenance and new arterial drainage.

The report says that: 'Even if there were no problems of arterial drainage on any of the improvable land, at the present rate of under-drainage it would take well over 40 years before improvements considered necessary now could be completed.'

CPSU move to 'rehabilitate' Stalin

A FORMAL 'rehabilitation' of Stalin is likely at the 24th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union opening on March 30, according to Czech sources quoted in Monday's 'Le Monde'.

The paper reports that Starikov, secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Prague, addressed a secret dinner for about 40 ultra-Stalinist Czech Party leaders last November.

Poison

Starikov said that events in Czechoslovakia must be viewed in the wider context of evolution since the 20th Congress of the CPSU in 1956 (at which Khrushchev gave his 'secret speech' attacking some of the crimes of Stalin).

It was necessary, said Starikov, to be clear just how far (Khrushchev's) 'cult of personality' had injured the international Communist movement.

in Hungary and Poland, as in Czechoslovakia. And it was, he said, Khrushchev who led the way with his attack on Stalin.

He added: 'Khrushchevism is a poison in the veins of the international Communist movement. This poison must be eliminated if the movement is to regain its health.'

'The last 14 years have shown the truth of Stalin's thesis on the sharpening of the class struggle under conditions of socialism and on the penetration of the class enemy within the Party.'

'In rejecting this thesis, the 20th Congress prepared the way for the class enemy to penetrate Parties. The 24th Congress must repair this damage.'

It is clear that Starikov speaks for an important, if not the dominant, section of the Soviet bureaucracy.

Idealism

Top military leaders have begun Stalin's rehabilitation in speeches and films glorifying his role during the Second World War.

The Stalinist thesis he mentions, of course, is the purest idealism. According to this 'Marxist' class antagonisms grow sharper to the extent that the social basis for them disappears.

But if we substitute for 'socialism' the rule of the bureaucracy, and for 'class enemy' those who lead the struggle for the political revolution against the bureaucracy, the meaning of the theory becomes clear.

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CBI

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when union after union sought increases "without strings".

The report says that if wage rates are not held back bankruptcies will occur in 1971.

Firms face a 'darkening' economic outlook they add, pointing to the steady fall in the rate of profit since 1963 when profit was 13.6 per cent of total domestic income to the first half of 1970 when the figure was 10 per cent.

And because of wage rises the fall will go on, says the CBI.

The existing level of investment is already inadequate if claims, and eventually higher costs will make exports uncompetitive causing a balance of payments crisis.

It fears further deflationary policies and urges the government instead to press ahead with its attack on 'cost inflation'.

In the context of CBI policy this can only mean they advocate wage cuts and an acceleration of the anti-union laws.

It says that incomes policy would not work because this would need the voluntary agreement of unions and government and that this is not likely at the present time.

To CBI members the report recommends no concessions on wages within 12 months of a previous settlement. It says that productivity guarantees must be a part of every wage rise and that these any-way should be 'progressively' below the 1970 level.

... such a policy can only succeed, says the report, 'if it were followed equally by the greater majority of public sector and private sector employees'.

'Shake-up' for state road haulage jobs-PIB

LARGE-SCALE sackings may hit nationalized road haulage following calls for an urgent shake-up in the industry from the Prices and Incomes Board.

Published yesterday, the dying Board's report suggests that 'manpower will need to be considerably reduced' in the National Freight Corporation established in January 1969.

About a quarter of the corporation's 66,000 workers are employed in road haulage. It includes firms like Pickford's, shipping interests and British Road Services.

The corporation increased freight charges by an average 10 per cent earlier this year.

Seeking asylum

A YOUNG Spanish student is in Scotland seeking political asylum because he may face the death penalty in Spain.

He is 21-year-old Joaquim Martinez Sabina from Jaen, near Granada, who entered Britain on a false passport last Saturday.

He is a member of a socialist group which supports the Basque separatist movement. A Glasgow solicitor has written on his behalf to the Foreign Office and to Home Secretary Reginald Maudling appealing for political asylum.

Shake-up

The report—'Costs, Charges and Productivity of the National Freight Corporation'—recommends a major shake-up of the industry's unprofitable sections and says that an urgent review is needed of some corporation services, particularly National Carriers, which made more than a £15m loss in 1969.

One solution, says the report, would be to run down the organization, leaving only a skeleton network of depots.

If present trends continue the corporation may have its parcel delivery services by 1974, when government subsidies on losses are due to end.

The cut-back in parcels staff is likely to fall heaviest on National Carriers.

Unofficial

British Road Service drivers were engaged in unofficial action last year over a pay claim.

They were offered small rises tied to strings concerning mileage and time.

Another move which they have had to fight against was the introduction of the tachograph—known among lorry drivers as the 'spy-in-the-cab'.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

- Miners and the Charter of Basic Rights**
- OLLERTON:** Saturday, January 16, 12 noon. Ship Inn. Speaker: Eeki Barker (Ollerton Colliery).
- Come to Alexandra Palace! Force the Tories to resign!**
- LOUGHBOROUGH:** Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. The Charnwood, Derby Rd.
- NORTH LONDON:** (Note changed venue) Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. The Eagle, 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 Camberwell Church St, Camberwell Green, S.E.5.
- SWINDON:** Sunday, January 17, 8 p.m. Oxford Hotel, Drove Rd.
- SOUTH WEST:** Monday, January 18, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, 47-51, Balham High Rd.
- CROYDON:** Monday, January 18, 8 p.m. Ruskin House, Coombe Rd, S. Croydon.
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- EAST LONDON:** Wednesday, January 20, 8 p.m. Festival Inn, Chrisp St Market, E.14.
- SLOUGH:** Monday, February 1, 8 p.m. George's Club, 111 Long Furlongs Drive, Britwell Eastate.

Workers Press sellers attacked by Stalinists

ONE OF THE MOST positive features of the resurgence of working-class activity is the continuous exposure of the Stalinists.

Before the 20th Congress speech of Khrushchev in 1956 the London area was undoubtedly their main stronghold. Nowadays it is extremely difficult for them to get a sizeable demonstration.

Their numbers in the factories have declined and those who are left are growing older and tired.

The Devey scandal has shattered many of these and the result is a feeling of acute frustration.

This is very much to the forefront when they are confronted on demonstrations such as January 12 with large contingents of sellers of the Workers Press.

SLANDER

On December 8 Ramelson urged CP members to attack Workers Press sellers on the grounds that the paper was a 'scab' paper.

This, of course, he knew was a deliberate lie, but when it comes to political slander, Ramelson is a specialist of the Stalinist school.

On January 12 the same slander was repeated by small groups who had absolutely no answer to the Devey case.

In one case a physical assault was made on a Workers Press seller.

This kind of conduct we shall not tolerate. We are holding Ramelson and Golan responsible for the actions of their members.

We are not only well able to defend ourselves politically, but we are also able, if necessary, to protect our sellers from physical assault.

The dwindling and ageing band of Stalin's disciples would do well to take note of this.

Vanishing tanner

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elimination of the 6d completely would raise a number of questions.

It would necessitate an expensive machine conversion on the new 'split entrance' one-man buses to accommodate the new 'bronzes' and place more onus on the driver-conductor, faced with passengers without the correct fare.

The battle for the 6d is likely to be short-lived.

It may well be that the demise of the coin will be accompanied by 5p stages on the buses to match those on the tubes.

Attend Alexandra Palace to discuss basic rights

A LOT has changed since the December 8 protest against the Tory government's Industrial Relations Bill. The following resolution received a five-to-one majority at a meeting of 5,000 Reyrolle workers at Hebburn during the NE engineering plant's anti-Tory action on Tuesday:

Call by NE factory

THE STRUGGLE to improve and maintain our living standards is linked to the struggle to defend our basic democratic rights won over 150 years.

The laws against the trade unions come at the same time as the Tories take the milk off our children, they abolish the National Health Service, they sell off profitable sectors of the nationalized industries.

Prices, rents and fares are allowed to rocket whilst wages are kept down. This government has no mandate to attack children, the sick and the elderly.

They have no mandate to push up prices and rents and they have no mandate to attack the trade unions.

They now hope to prevent us fighting back to defend our rights. The TUC, the executives of the trade unions and the Labour Party must mobilize the entire working-class movement into a General Strike

Troops out in Uttar Pradesh

A Palestinian commando spokesman in Beirut claimed government troops had carried on shooting several hours after Tuesday's cease-fire call.

Several areas of Amman were under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, he added.

Fighting is even more severe in the North, where Royalist forces are stepping up their offensive against guerrilla strongholds at Aqaba, Al Rafid and Saham.

Confirmed

Israeli observers across the frontier have confirmed guerrilla claims that tanks and artillery are being used to reduce commando positions.

The 'ceasefire' agreement serves as a cover for unleashing even more savage reprisals against the Palestinian guerrillas and refugees, many of whom have preferred to cross the frontier into Israeli-occupied territory rather than undergo another repression at the hands of the Royalist Army.

Yet guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Amman on Tuesday to parley once again with King Hussein's butchers.

Pressure

Arafat is under pressure to disarm all his forces in Jordan's cities, a step that would be the logical outcome of his retreats and compromises with Hussein since September's civil war.

Total disarmament of the guerrilla is one of the causes of growing optimism in diplomatic circles about the outcome of Dr Gunnar Jarring's United Nations mission.

As the fighting raged in Jordan, the UN Middle-East envoy met Israeli and Jordanian leaders in New York.

'Ceasefire' cover for massacre of guerrillas

FIGHTING between Jordanian troops and Palestinian commandos continued in and around the capital, Amman, yesterday, although a ceasefire is supposed to have been concluded between the two sides.

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USSR's Lunokhod moon vehicle

has logged nearly two miles in its first two months of lunar exploration, Tass reported yesterday.

The news agency added that Lunokhod, which soft-landed on the moon last November 17 and is now in its third lunar day, would park for the next 48 hours because the sun was too high for good TV pictures.

No arms for workers - Torres

BOLIVIA'S President Torres has turned down calls to arm the working class against any repetition of Monday's abortive ultra-rightist coup.

Instead, Army leader Torres, who came to power with working-class support in October last year, made demagogic pledges at a 'victory rally' in La Paz on Tuesday to speed up his 'revolutionary' programme 'to whatever extent you demand'.

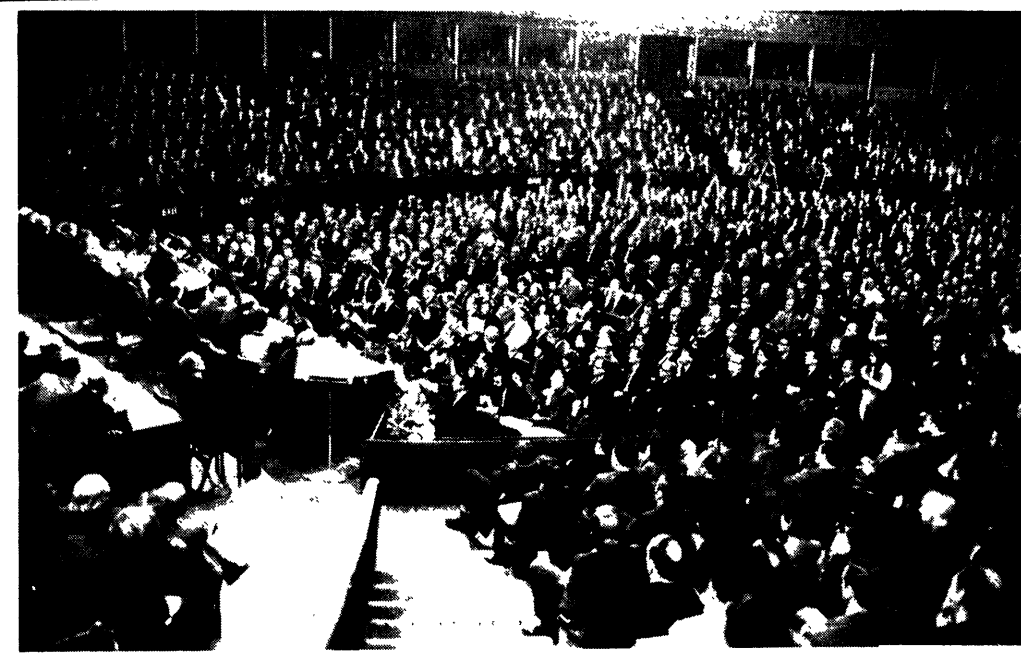
He also promised to set up a 'people's assembly' which would check over the progress of the junta's programme.

But all arms were to remain under Army control.

CONSTANT DANGER

While state power remains in the hands of the bourgeois-nationalist military junta, there remains a constant danger of new blows being prepared against the working-class, students and rural poor.

That is why the support given to this type of 'left' military regime in Peru and now Bolivia by the Castroites and the Stalinists is so treacherous.



Part of the 6,000 audience at the TUC's Albert Hall rally.

Defeat the Bill

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and Wilson inside cannot substitute for a clear class policy based on a Marxist analysis of the crisis and the resulting class relations in Britain.

The Stalinists cannot achieve such a perspective because they long ago abandoned Marxism and the class outlook for an idealist-empiricist method based on the perspective of 'peaceful co-existence' and the 'peaceful transition to socialism' in Britain.

What has been exposed, therefore, is not the demagoguery of Committee leaders Halpin and Hills alone, but the reactionary and Utopian nature of Stalinist theory.

The CP's record over the last six months of Tory rule brings this out with even greater clarity.

In the first months the CP did nothing to embarrass the

Mandate

So the 'Morning Star' kept calling on Heath to carry out the mandate to bring down prices while the Tories shamed their anti-union axe. The CP played down the government's reactionary nature.

When the Socialist Labour League raised the demand for a campaign to force the Tories to resign, the CP opposed us on the grounds that this was 'premature'.

This opposition was sharpened considerably when the Tories began to unveil their counter-revolutionary plans and the SLL called on the union leaders to force the TUC to call a General

Strike to bring about the Tories' resignation.

Leading Stalinists opposed this demand on the ground that the workers were not ready for an action of this magnitude. In this way they covered up for the retreat of the TUC.

When large sections of workers—such as the Liverpool Trades Council—began to endorse this demand in the face of savage Tory attacks, the CP tried to get around it by calling on union executive committees and the TUC to undertake 'industrial action'. This was a convenient label for concealing TUC evasion.

But the movement of workers, under the impact of a worsening crisis, became inexorable and the demand of a General Strike by the TUC forced the Tories to resign

Determined

It is the determination and militancy of these workers and thousands more in Merseyside, Cowley, St Helens and Hull which will enrich the Marxist movement and become the driving force of the British socialist revolution.

Stalinism is bankrupt, but it is by no means dead.

Its destruction is an indispensable condition for socialist advance—will be achieved only through the development of Marxist theory and its application in the concrete practice of building the revolutionary leadership in Britain.

That is the most vital lesson of January 12.

Nixon fear of steel price rebound

THE NIXON Administration issued a warning yesterday against price increases in the US steel industry.

This came only 24 hours after Bethlehem Steel, America's second largest steel producer, announced 12 per cent rises for shipbuilding and construction steel prices.

Nixon's fears that new rises in steel prices will work themselves right through the economy is thoroughly justified.

It is a measure of his concern that Nixon is prepared to risk a clash with some of the Republican Party's oldest and most powerful backers.

Although Presidential spokesman Ronald Ziegler denied Nixon was pressurizing the industry, he admitted that 'the government is reviewing what action we may take in relation to the import of foreign steel to this country'.

... 1968, both Japan and Common Market countries have limited their annual steel exports to the US to 5,750,000 short tons.

Ziegler's veiled warning that this arrangement, highly beneficial to the US steel monopolies, could be reviewed, is intended to discourage a new round of price increases.

PUBLIC LECTURE

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)

SWINDON 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)

Elements of Marxism

Lecture by Cliff Slaughter (SLL Central Committee member)

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

Lecture by G. Healy (national secretary of the Socialist Labour League)

MANCHESTER: Milton Hall, Deansgate. Wednesday, January 20, February 3, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 2s, from Workers Press sellers or at the door.



A SECTION of the giant crowd which circled the James St headquarters of the Tory Party near Liverpool's Pier Head during Tuesday's demonstration against the anti-union laws. Absolute hatred for the Heath government was typical on many marches throughout Britain.

BRIEFLY

IBROX public inquiry is soon to be held into the disaster in which 66 football fans died.

Scottish Secretary, Gordon Campbell told MPs yesterday that the Sheriff of Lanarkshire will preside and there is to be a jury.

He said that the government was considering measures 'which in the longer term may be necessary to improve safety arrangements at sports grounds generally'.

FINNISH Metal Workers' Union has given notice that it will strike from January 28 unless a new wages agreement is reached with the employers.

Rejection of the engineering employers' latest offer follows a similar decision by nine unions in Finland's SAK (Central Federation of Trade Unions), representing more than 200,000 workers.

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