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Fear that the committee’s meeting had been deliberately delayed so that the offer could be made in the heat of the general election continued as the teachers’ union, the National Union of Teachers, met yesterday to consider the Burnham committee’s offer.

The management’s offer was rejected by 57 per cent, and agreed to by 19 per cent. In its original form, the offer was rejected by 91 per cent.

For Robert Goddard, the trade union’s general secretary, the offer had cost him 1,000 members yesterday and he was planning to write to the union’s national executive to make the offer available.

(See next column)

Rioters gripping to a halt

CONVERSATIONS to soothe the trade union delegates were held by the national executive committee of the National Union of Teachers, which meets again today, and by the central executive committee of the Teachers’ Union of Great Britain, which meets tomorrow.

A strike by 3,000 teachers in the north of England, which was agreed by the union’s executive, is expected to begin today. The union’s executive has now agreed to the offer, and the teachers will not strike.

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Keep left circulation goes over 20,000

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Briefly

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The management side’s 4.1 per cent offer was confirmed as exactly the government’s proposed ‘ceiling’ for all incomes.

Sir Ronald Gould, for the teachers who explained that the offer had become inept of 4.1 per cent, never mind the ceiling, by the time it was made.

“We turned it down,” said

Radiators grinding to a halt

COVENTRY Radiators yesterday halted 150 of its 1,200 workers after a series of nine-hour strikes last night.

A strike by some 2200 workers at the company’s factory, which now seems certain to affect production in the motor industry, is due to begin this morning.

Mr. H. J. H. Hope, commercial secretary to the company, said that more strikes would be avoided if the state of the market improved.

Adjourned

The teachers’ leaders rejected suggestions that their members’ salaries were too high for the present.

Mr. Edward Paton, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: “We have said that if the government’s policy were successful, there would be no need for further strikes to be called.”

FAMILIAR aggressors in new Israeli cabinet

MRS GOLDA MEIR’s new Israeli Cabinet was presented to the Knesset yesterday.

Drawing up 24 members of the new government, it will include seven former members of David Ben-Gurion’s Government.

Rigorous discussions took place before the election. The cabinet includes representatives of all the political parties.

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DIAMOND SHARES FALL

This afternoon’s Consolidated African Corporation, which was quoted on the NYSE, fell more than 50 per cent.

\( \text{Net profit: \$4,000,000} \)

Stephen Lee’s Prime Ministerial Secretary, who announced that the government’s policy was to reduce the money supply, said he would be “very happy” for the bill to be amended.

The meaning of the ‘British Road to Socialism’

“Just as there is an all-party agreement on the need to achieve economic growth, so there is an all-party agreement on the need to achieve social justice.”

The Labour MP, who said this in his maiden speech in the House of Commons, quoted the Labour Party’s policy document, saying it showed that “the Labour Party is committed to social justice.”

Ford (Halewood) men say: We must win parity fight

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BY DAVID MAUDEN

Syd Blandford, the company’s head of manufacturing at Nelson, said: “We have every reason to believe that the negotiations will be successful.”

Cash offer

Ford’s offer appeared to meet workers’ demands, but the company’s representatives were under pressure to agree to a deal.

Replaced

These would be reduced, it was proposed, to the company’s representatives.

The controls on our wages are too rigid to allow of any real increase in our wages. We must have better wages. The government is failing to understand this point.”

STOP WILSON’S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

Let’s unite

Young Socialists propose unified action to Community League

THE National Secretary of the Young Socialists sent the following letter to December 10 to Barney Davis of the TUC.

“Dear Mr. Davis,

In response to your call for a national day of protest against Wilson’s visit to Washington, we would like to express our support and solidarity.

We believe that a strong and united response is necessary to demonstrate our opposition to this visit. We encourage all members to participate in the protests planned for the following date:

Sunday, January 19, 2003, 3:00 p.m. at the National Student Association’s annual General Meeting at East India Hall, East India Dock Road, London, E1.

Keep Left circulation goes over 20,000

In preparation for a special event this week, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Keep Left magazine is now available in all major bookstores.
- Our new edition includes a feature on the contributions of the Young Socialists to the fight against imperialism.

END OF THE LINE

Briefly

NURSE PAY: The government’s proposals for nurse’s pay have been published. The cuts will affect around 300,000 nurses and midwives.

NEW ETHERWELL PLANT: The new plant will create 21 new jobs in the local area. The company has already started work on the site.

ECC MEETING: The 20th anniversary of the first meeting of the Ecc is being celebrated today. The event will be attended by many of the original members.

MISAR MURDER: The police have arrested a 16-year-old boy in connection with the murder of a local man.

LBT STRIKE TO END: The strike by London Bus workers is expected to end this week. The company has agreed to make concessions on pay and conditions.

WORKERS PRESS looks at 1970

As we enter the 13th year of penal servitude, we must look to the future with hope and optimism. The workers have the power to make a change, but we must be united in our struggle.

A mutual aid, mutual pressure movement will enable us to reclaim our rights and fight for a better society.

The new edition of Keep Left magazine includes an article on the importance of solidarity and a call for unity among all workers.

In your city, you will see a worker beaten and humiliated, but you must know that he is fighting for his rights. By your actions and demonstrations, you can help to bring about a change.

Let’s work together to create a better tomorrow for all workers.

Keep Left

For more information, please visit our website at www.keepleft.org

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We refute GOLLAN'S ANTI-TROTSKYIST SLANDERS

Thursday, December 18, 1949

BY ROBERT BLACK

COMMUNIST PARTY

A general secretary John Gollan's slanderous attack on Trotsky at a recent CP public meeting in Leeds (reported in Workers' World of December 15) has raised a number of pertinent questions relating to Stalinist history and methodology.

In reply to questions from the floor on Trotskyism, Gollan claimed that Trotsky's ideas were "a menace to the Soviet Union.'"

Gollan noted that Trotsky had been for the defeat of the Soviet Union in war with Nazi Germany, repeating the old Stalinist slander that "whether he [Trotsky] got money directly from Hitler is open to question."

As is invariably the case with such attacks, no documentary proof was quoted to substantiate the assertions.

This was also the hallmark of the Moscow Trial, where, in the absence of any evidence that any of the defendants were directly involved in the war, all were condemned as "enemies of the people" and punished with worse than death.

In the case of Gollan, this is even more so, and it is equally clear that no evidence has been presented to show that Trotsky was anything other than a sincere and devoted advocate of the cause of the Soviet Union.

In any case, it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the attack on Trotsky is an attempt to intimidate the British from supporting the Soviet bloc.

We have no doubt that Gollan's attack on Trotsky is part of a wider campaign by the Stalinists to undermine the anti-war movement in Britain.

Unconditional

There are, however, ample grounds for attack on Trotsky and the Fourth International, which Gollan pointed to in his speech.

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For reasons of space, it is not possible to quote from a full copy of the newspaper, but we can say that its attack on the Fourth International is based on a complete misunderstanding of the international situation.

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Established

The official records of the earlier quarters of the Fourth International exist only in fragments, but the evidence of the International's successors - the International Leninist Tendency, founded by the Fourth International in 1930 - demonstrates that the International was a genuine revolutionary force.

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TV "COLUMN"

SWEETENING A POISON PILL

It also permitted a discussion of key issues. On December 1, two English Special Branch men were killed in a firefight with the IRA in London.

The writer of this episode, who is a fellow of the London School of Economics, has argued that the Special Branch is "debased" by its use of informants and "sloppy" by its methods.

Central object

As the plot developed, a high-profile politician was on the way to the Scottish capital for a state visit. The man was then killed in a car crash on the way to the airport.

Other quality

No swimsuit was seen. There was no action, no plot, no suspense, no excitement. The only quality was propaganda.

Question:

Is this an essay or a novel? Is it a work of fiction or is it a non-fiction piece?

TUESDAY TV

I.T.V.

11.00 pm: IN PLAY OFF THE EARTH. Starring Nino Rota. Directed by Brian Trenchard Smith. Written by John Brannen. Produced by Peter McDonald. For I.T.V. Productions, a programme for the BBC.

Regional I.T.V.

Channel 4

11.00 pm: THE LADIES' ROOM. Starring David Hemmings. Directed by Brian Trenchard Smith. Written by John Brannen. Produced by Peter McDonald. For I.T.V. Productions, a programme for the BBC.

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In a bruised article 'Education—an economic appraisal', which appears in the Labour Party's Red Book, there appears the statement:

"While we may not as far as we know be suffering from the over-education of young people, such a possibility is not to be ruled out. In the view of the Labour Party, the provision of education and training must be so arranged that a person's educational qualifications are not a factor in the provision of national resources. We are all conscious that in the present age of high unemployment, the provision of training and education must be made with the recognition that the economic needs of the community will always be the guide of provision and that the expansion of education and training must be such as to ensure that a constant and a growing proportion of the population may be employed in the fields of education and training."
Building workers facing new pay and productivity deal

TIME STUDY, job-evaluation, inter-availability—these are just some of the "strings" attached to the building employers' "improved", "final", wages package deal, which is expected to be signed by the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives (NFBTO) leaders in London on December 17.

The union leaders' acceptance, which is close to a formality, comes at the end of some 12 months' bargaining and several interventions by Price, Incomes and Industry (PFI) reports, and it is another in a long line of betrayals of the hard-worked building workers.

The new package is designed to improve the building workers' bargaining position, and the new offer is an improvement on the employers' previous proposals.

"This would not have got into the national wage talks if it hadn't been for the NFBTO's new negotiating team," says a union official.

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