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TROTSKYISM AND STALINISM

Yesterday we published a letter from Mr Monty Johnstone of the British Communist Party. A five-part reply by Cliff Slaughter, Central Committee member of the Socialist Labour League, begins today on page 8.

Italian CP tries to stop strikes

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE centre-left government of Mariano Rumor taking over office in Italy, the Communist Party is making a determined effort to put a stop to strikes.

The 'New York Times' Rome correspondent reports that 'Industrial management has been quick to sense the new trend'. The Italian Communist Party is the most powerful in western Europe, with a claimed membership of 1,587,295.

Communist Party membership in Italy is at its highest point for five years, according to the party newspaper 'L'Unita', which showed that the biggest rise had taken place in the industrial north.

In the last week, with financial and political crises shaking the Italian capitalist system to its foundation, the Stalinist union chiefs have begun publicly warning the rank and file that not all strikes are good.

'We must seek in all sectors—in industry and in the services—to organize justified strikes and not mistaken ones,' says Luciano Lama, general secretary of the Italian General Confederation of Labour, the largest trade union group.

Lama—a Communist Party member—talks of 'self-defeating' strikes and uses the threat of the sack to restrain militants.

'When workers make mistakes, it's always they who pay,' he says. 'An enterprise that collapses isn't a socialist enterprise—it's only an enterprise that had to be shut down.'

With leaders like these no wonder sections of employers are looking towards the Communist Party to help preserve the tottering fabric of capitalism in Italy.

The 'New York Times' reports the story of the plant executive who said: 'I wish to hell the communists took over Italy. They alone can make the b'stards work.'

'This anecdote is probably apocryphal,' the paper says. 'But the story tends to crop up wherever one asks Italian employers about their problems.'

'For years, Italian industrialists, large and small, have been known to make private deals with local communists to insure a measure of labour peace in their enterprises and to subsidize the party covertly as a hedge in case it came to power.'

'Conversely the party has not spurned such collaboration and help. In the region of Bologna, the largest city in the west that is governed by communists, some owners of medium-sized industrial plants have become Communist Party members.'

John Hosey to return to South Africa for son's appeal

JOHN HOSEY whose eldest son, Sean, was sentenced on Wednesday to five years jail under the notorious South African Terrorism Act, said in London yesterday that there would definitely be an appeal.

Mr Hosey returned yesterday from Pretoria where he attended his son's trial. He said he would be returning to South Africa for his son's appeal. His fare will be paid by the Coventry Defence Committee set up for Sean Hosey and his five comrades who comprise the Pretoria Six. Mr Hosey is a Transport and General Workers' Union

In Wilson's



Michael Foot at a meeting to defend the 'Socialist Outlook' held at the Old Holborn Hall in 1954.

MICHAEL FOOT, one-time 'left' and the leader of the 'Tribune' group of MPs, launched an angry attack on Anthony Wedgwood Benn at Wednesday's meeting of the Labour Shadow Cabinet.

Foot accused Benn of being responsible for bad publicity over nationalization plans, of being 'less than helpful' to Labour's cause, and of 'rocking the boat'.

This is a complete about-turn from the position held by the 'Tribune' lefts in the 1950s. Then it was they who were under fire from the Gaitskellite right wing who wanted to drop Clause 4 (the nationalization clause) from Labour's constitution, adhere slavishly to the nuclear policies of United States imperialism, and slash the social services in favour of the rearmament programme.

The 'Tribune'-ites, who opposed those policies, were witch-hunted by the right wing who accused them of damaging Labour's electoral chances and creating bad publicity. Foot then defended freedom of expression and the freedom of the Press, arguing that it was lack of socialist policies that lost elections. Today he uses exactly the same arguments against Benn as were used against him by the Gaitskellites.

He has been in continuous retreat since he took over the leadership of the Labour 'lefts' following Aneurin Bevan's defection to Gaitskell over unilateral nuclear disarmament in 1957.

This retreat became headlong flight during the Wilson governments of 1964-1970. Not once did the 'Tribune' tendency fight for socialist policies to be implemented by those governments. Instead, they crawled slavishly behind Harold Wilson as he opened the door for the Tories to return to office by

Foot steps

such anti-working-class measures as 'In Place of Strife', the Immigration Act, and the despatch of British troops to Northern Ireland.

And, significantly, 'Tribune' joined the witch-hunt of the Young Socialists, expelled by Wilson in 1964 for campaigning for socialism. 'Tribune' joined with the state capitalist tendency (now the International Socialist Group) in forming a 'Save the YS' movement which fought against the youth who were under attack from Wilson.

Earlier, in 1955, 'Tribune' had defended 'Socialist Outlook' when that paper was banned by Transport House, but had changed sides by the time a Labour election victory loomed ahead nine years later.

Foot's progress to the right has continued during the lifetime of the Tory government. As Shadow Minister of Fuel and Power, he joined with the Tories in describing the miners' strike of 1972, which could have toppled Heath from power, as 'a national disaster'.

And at no time has he launched an attack on the pro-Tory Jenkinsite MPs comparable in ferocity to Wednesday's onslaught on Benn. Yet those right wingers enabled the Tory government to survive when they voted for it, against a Labour Whip and against every decision of the Labour Party on entry into the Common Market.

Instead, Foot welcomes as an ally in defence of British 'sovereignty', that inveterate opponent of the working-class, Enoch Powell, MP.

What Foot is now doing is using the argument of 'bad publicity' to avoid taking up Wilson's position of total abandonment of nationalization. Gaitskell wanted to abolish Clause 4. Wilson leaves it in Labour's constitution, but openly declares against its implementation. Yet in times of acute economic crisis, such as today, nationalization is central to the interests of the working class.

Will Mr Foot tell us how socialism is to be achieved without taking all the major industries, land, banks and finance houses away from the capitalist class? And how can Anthony Wedgwood Benn, or anyone else, raise these vital questions without publicity?

What Foot is seeking to do is to silence altogether the demand for socialist policies within the Labour Party. This is what the right wing was aiming at in the 1950s when it banned 'Socialist Outlook', sought to ban 'Tribune', removed the parliamentary whip from left MPs and tried to driven Aneurin Bevan out of the Labour Party.

It was towards the end of that period, in 1959, that the Socialist Labour League was proscribed.

In attempting to silence Benn, Foot is joining the long line of witch-hunters in the Labour Party.

The end of his 'leftism' underlines the necessity of the construction of a revolutionary party which will fight to break the working class from reformism by returning a Labour government pledged to carry out socialist policies, including sweeping measures of nationalization without compensation and under workers' control.

That is the purpose of the All Trades Unions Alliance Conference and Rally at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Sunday, July 1. We urge all those anxious to fight for socialist policies and democratic rights to come to Belle Vue.

Trade war improves US figures

BY JOHN SPENCER

THE EFFECTS of United States trade war measures against Europe and Japan are plainly visible in the balance of payments figures for the first quarter of this year, published in Washington.

The figures show that the devaluation of the dollar against the other main capitalist currencies has led to an increase in US exports and a corresponding cut in import costs.

The balance of export-import trade which showed a deficit of \$1,750m in the fourth quarter of 1972, was down to \$960m in the first three months of this year.

However, the outflow of short-term capital from the United States increased very sharply over the same period—reflecting the exchange of huge dollar sums into other currencies during the February and March currency crises.

The latest deficit on the balance of payments is \$1,200m. This is the lowest since 1970, when the last-quarter deficit totalled less than \$1,000m.

The deficit reached a peak of \$2,700m in the third quarter of last year and has since tailed off as the effects of the December 1971 currency realignment have worked through.

The latest figures take no account of the long-term effects of the devaluation of the dollar earlier this year and the subsequent marked fall in the US currency's parity.

These are certain to have even more dramatic effects on European trade with the United States, which is already feeling the effects of the 1971 devaluation.

The US onslaught against Europe is simultaneously cutting European industry out of American markets and speeding the monopolization of overseas in-

dustry into American hands. It is this basic conflict which underlies the tension between the US and European capitalism.

Bloody homecoming for Peron

SOME of the bloodiest gunfights in recent Argentine history marked the return after nearly 18 years in exile of General Juan Domingo Peron.

At least 20 people were reported killed and 300 wounded after fierce fighting erupted at Ezeiza airport where the former dictator was due to deliver an arrival speech.

The jet bringing Peron back from fascist Spain was diverted to another airport and he did not attend the mass rally at Ezeiza.

Peronist supporters at the scene of the shooting claimed their opponents in the gunbattle were members of the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP), a guerrilla organization supported by the Pabloite revisionists.

Some of the hidden snipers were captured and lynched by Peronist guards. Two men who tried to flee were surrounded, disarmed and beaten up by a dozen Peronists.



John Hosey, just back from South Africa, speaking at a Press conference in London yesterday. Seated is Ethel de Keyser, secretary of the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

convenor at Standard-Triumph, Coventry. His son was an insurance assessor for Granada and active in ASTMS before he went to South Africa.

Sean Hosey was detained at the airport when he arrived in South Africa and arrested for having two forged passports. His father suggested that his son may have been set up by the South African police.

At a Press conference in the House of Commons, John Hosey described how his son had been threatened and maltreated in prison by police interrogators. They kept him standing in one place for long periods and rubbed the skin off his arms which were badly sunburned.

In prison Sean Hosey is allowed no newspapers and only two (censored) letters a month.

Cleaner's death raises questions of conditions

SERIOUS CONCERN

Mr Hunt fell from a platform which rested on two mobile ladders. He crashed down onto machinery below and sustained fatal injuries. Workers allege that some contract cleaners get low wages and are employed without proper insurance cover. There is even some suspicion as to the real identity of the man killed; Roger Hunt is the name of a star Liverpool footballer.

I understand stewards are to take up the question of contract cleaning with management.

This has come to a head following the death on Wednesday of Roger Hunt in the Halewood transmission section.

Shop stewards and workers have been worried for some time over the conditions of employment and safety regulations governing the use of contract labour on cleaning.

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Teachers to picket union headquarters

TEACHERS will picket the Hamilton House headquarters of the National Union of Teachers tomorrow in defence of the 'Wandsworth Three'.

They will assemble at 9 a.m. and later a demonstration will be held—from noon to 2 p.m.—at which prominent trade unionists will speak.

The protest is being organized by the Wandsworth Three Defence Committee.

It was set up following disciplinary action by the NUT leadership against three Wandsworth association teachers, Fred Scott, Eric Porter and David Whitely.

The charges arose from the Central Hall, Westminster, rally of London teachers at the end of February when a 2,000-strong meeting drove the right-wing and Stalinist leadership off the platform.

Poulson, Levy, Lawson, Humphreys, Turner . . . and Diplock?

The scandals roll on

THE FRAUD Squad's interim report on the Poulson bankruptcy case will be handed to the Director of Public Prosecutions today, according to Whitehall sources.

This hurriedly prepared precis is being made available on the eve of next Monday's resumed hearing at Wakefield.

Only three weeks ago the police stated that their investigation would take four to five years to complete.

The slashing of this timetable is truly remarkable . . . It would indicate a deep-going change in the way the ruling class hopes to play the Poulson affair.

When the Fraud Squad detectives first began their inquiry a year ago, the Home Secretary and deputy Prime Minister, Mr Reginald Maudling, resigned from the Cabinet.

The Liberal Party has formally asked premier Heath to set up a full scale tribunal of inquiry into the links between local and public authorities and the network of companies associated with Poulson's empire.

CHARLES LOUGHLIN, Labour MP, has asked Home Secretary Robert Carr to explain why Mrs Norma Levy was allowed to leave Britain.

He said the police appeared to have failed their duty or were 'subjected to political pressure'.

He also wanted to know if she would be brought back and if she would be

THE AFFAIRS and scandals gripping the ruling class roll relentlessly on. Workers Press presents a summary of the latest news on all fronts.

charged with possessing drugs.

In his statement from Downing Street on Monday, May 28, premier Heath said Mrs Levy, was wanted for questioning 'in connection



MRS LEVY . . . questions.

with criminal offences'. But so far no attempt seems to have been made by the forces of 'law and order' to bring her to book.

Yesterday Mrs Levy's interview appeared in the 'Daily Mail' which bought it from 'Stern'.

She said: 'Politically, I'm a Conservative. I voted for the Tories in the last election, mainly because the Tories are my best clients.'

THERE is to be an official Department of Trade and Industry probe

into the £64m share deal carried out by Sir Denys Lawson, former Lord Mayor of London, and some of his City friends.

Lowson's National Group of Unit Trusts, the fourth largest unit trust outfit in Britain, bought a controlling interest in their own firm between June and September last year.

They bought National shares at 62p each. In January this year Lowson sold the National empire to the Triumph Investments Group.

Triumph paid a staggering £8.67 a share.

In other words the value of National has risen from £500,000 in June 1972 to £6.5m six months later, a leap of 1,200 per cent.

STRIP-KING James Humphreys has been named in a charge of causing grievous bodily harm. Humphreys (42) is in custody in Holland after being arrested by Scotland Yard detectives on charges including attempted murder.

The Dutch authorities are considering an application for extradition.

Last year it was revealed that Humphreys and Commander Ken Drury, head of the Flying Squad, had a holiday together at a Mediterranean resort.

Subsequently, Drury left Scotland Yard.

TWO SCOTLAND Yard detectives are in Frankfurt to question Glenn Turner, head of the pyramid selling corporation, Koscot Interplanetary (UK).

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ANTHONY FLANNERY, former director of a construction company, told Leeds Crown Court yesterday why he did not tell his head office about payments he received from an architect.

'I didn't think it was their business,' said Flannery who is facing corruption charges with a former Mayor of Pontefract.

'It goes on in other organizations like the Poulson organization,' he added.

On Wednesday the court heard that the former mayor, Maurice Byrne, liked to boast of his influence and once took one of his directors to stay with a friend—the then junior Minister of State for the Navy.

FOOTNOTE: Whatever happened to the Diplock Commission? It appears to have vanished without trace . . . with a little help from the Tories, the Labourites and the Fleet Street Press barons.

Manchester dockers resist 'casuals'

Manchester dockers are in the opening stages of a struggle to prevent their port from becoming the next in the country to accept the notorious supplementary register.

Their resistance to this latest dangerous tactic by the employers to abolish dockers' rights and privileges under the National Dock Labour Scheme is remarkable because it is almost totally spontaneous.

Twice the shop stewards have called a meeting recommending an employers' plan to recruit 150 casual workers, but twice the proposal has been turned down unanimously by a mass meeting.

Now the atmosphere in the port, connected to the coast by 35½ miles of ship canal, is tense. The bulk of the Transport and General Workers' Union stewards are waiting for the resistance among rank and file to crumble.

The employers observe nervously, knowing any small dispute could bring the major issue to the surface and shut the port. The men steel themselves for the next play by their bosses, led by Mr D. K. Redford, chairman and managing director of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, the port authority for Manchester.

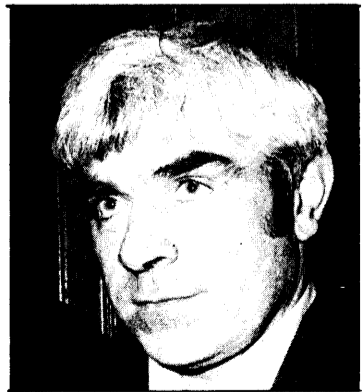
FROM STEPHEN JOHNS in Manchester

Under it men can be recruited to do dock work. But they are not put on the permanent register and therefore do not enjoy the rock-bottom safeguards against redundancy enjoyed by the registered port workers. This right is the basis of the dockers' ability to resist the employer.

As one militant Manchester docker told me: 'Jones/Aldington took the employers half way there—it got rid of 10,000 men who picked up the higher severance pay. Now we have stage two, the final assault on the Dock Labour Scheme, which has always been hated by the employers. The centre of this strategy is the supplementary register.'

HEADLINE

Despite their first massive rebuke, the stewards put the issue of 'casuals' before a second meeting. This time an unfortunate story in 'The Port' newspaper exposed this phoney



Liverpool stewards—led by Jimmy Symes above—could take a lesson from Manchester dockers.

defence. It quoted Redford saying the 'time was not right' to re-open the register. Why? The conclusion was drawn by all present because the employers do not want to strengthen the

position of the registered dock worker!

So the proposal was thrown out for a second time much to the embarrassment of the bulk of the shop stewards. They are now more discreet about their backing for 'casuals'. A third attempt at a mass meeting was rejected by their committee. For the present things are stalemate.

But the battle is not over. Manchester, like all other registered ports has been bled near white of trained men after Jones/Aldington (billed by Jack Jones as the dockers' charter, billed by Redford as the employer's charter!). The port has lost 25 per cent of its labour force over the last six months.

A little over 900 work there now, this compares with 3,000 in 1958. Productivity, of course, has rocketed upwards.

But Manchester, for once, has shown its near neighbour Liverpool, the way forward. The Liverpool shop stewards, led by Jimmy Symes and a strong contingent of Communist Party members, successfully recommended a 500-strong supplementary register at a Liverpool mass meeting, though the majority was extremely narrow.

Symes and company are now eager to deflect attention from the key issue of casualization. They have called for a new purge on the use of non-dock labour to stuff and strip containers. This will get underway in September.

SIGNIFICANCE

But after Jones/Aldington, this issue has shrunk considerably in significance.

'The supplementary is the issue,' another Manchester docker told me. 'We can all see the danger and this is why we have knocked it back completely.'

Only Tilbury, of all the ports, has proposed a national campaign against casuals to the key National Ports Shop Stewards

Committee. But their demand was lost among a welter of indecision, back sliding and verbal opposition.

Meanwhile the employers rub their hands in ports like Southampton, where the massive recruitment of casuals has already seriously undermined the strength of register workers; and wait like vultures in Manchester, Hull and London.

Clearly a national campaign on this issue—even more serious than containerization—is vital and long overdue.

But the supplementary register row proves once more that there is absolutely no way that dockers can permanently defend their rights to live in security

outside a nationalized docks, transport and shipping industry.

The deals and so-called compromises hatched by the union leaders and employers have served only to further undermine the position of the port worker.

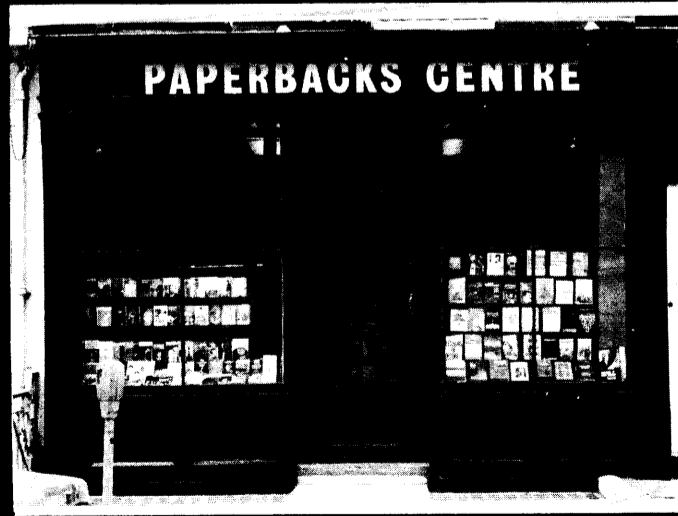
The employers' plan rolls relentlessly forward towards its goal—the total abolition of the Scheme.

Only expropriation, without compensation, will stop men like Redford.

But such a demand raises the key issue facing the whole working class—the survival of this government itself. The dockers at Manchester could give a lead in mobilizing the working class.

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WE'RE COMING TO BELLE VUE

A discussion around the policies which will be debated at the All Trades Unions Alliance conference at Belle Vue, Manchester, Sunday July 1st—3 p.m.

THE NATIONAL Committee of the All Trades Unions Alliance has called a national rally of trade unionists at Belle Vue, Manchester, for July 1, as a further step in the preparations for building the Revolutionary Party.

This follows on the very successful ATUA conference of 2,200 workers at Birmingham on October 22, 1972, which launched the campaign.

The founding conference of the Party will be held in London at the end of October 1973. The basis of the draft perspectives and programme for the Party, which are currently being discussed in the pages of the Workers Press, was the ATUA National Committee's statement adopted at Birmingham last year.

In a statement adopted on May 13 by the ATUA in preparation for the July 1 conference, the National Committee declared:

«The further turn in the grave economic crisis caused by the political and economic effects of the Nixon scandal will have a profound influence on the inflationary boom in Britain and the policies of the Tory and Labour leaders.

The Tories have laid plans for a corporate state, but the sharpening class struggle resulting from the intensification of the crisis

will more and more disrupt these plans and expose Phase Three of the state pay laws.

It is this massive class basis for the launching of struggle which forms the Revolutionary Party.

Therefore it is vitally urgent that these new developments, which greatly assist the launching of the Revolutionary Party, should be discussed by the largest possible number of delegates and visitors to the July 1 conference.

Arrangements are in hand to provide appropriate facilities for such a discussion at the Belle Vue, Manchester, one of the largest assembly halls in the north of England. Invitations to delegations have already gone out.

The ATUA calls upon all those workers, who want to end the state pay laws and restore free negotiations for wages between trade unions and employers, to join the demand for breaking off all talks with the government on Phase Three.

The fight for the defence of basic democratic rights is now inseparable from the struggle to build the Revolutionary Party.

We believe that the July 1 rally can be an important landmark in the struggle to unite the working class on the basis of socialist policies to create the necessary industrial and political conditions for forcing the Tory government to resign.



'Can you imagine an old aged pensioner dying under a workers' state? It wouldn't happen. Working people wouldn't let it happen. But under capitalism they starve to death.'

'The capitalists are the real criminals and a revolutionary party is needed to put an end to their system'

Ian Flynn, a young south London pipefitter, is a new reader to Workers Press:

«I started buying the paper about eight weeks ago. What it says is tailored to what I've been thinking and feeling for a long time. It's fantastic. I'm convinced there is no other leadership around.

It's impossible to do anything through the Labour Party. You only have to look at its history. They're not only reformists, they're conformists.

Every time the system gets sick they give it the kiss of life. They resuscitate it because they don't know what to do without it. They are part of the system itself.

But these Labour and trade union 'lefts' are very active at present. They are out to confuse people about the reality of the situation.

I'd like to see some of them working on a factory floor on ordinary wages. Of course,

they wouldn't do that.

I believe there is a big crisis mushrooming up, there'll be an explosion. At present you have the extreme right wing coming onto the scene. You can see it with these witch-hunts on building workers. They got so much money and they are preparing big attacks on workers and their rights.

You could see the first signs of this attack in the police move against the coloured kids in Brixton a few weeks ago. These kids can't get jobs and they are forced to live in ghettos. This is how the extreme right wing wants it: they want to provoke internal strife so that the police and other reactionaries can move in.

The time is right for us to build a revolutionary party to take power. It's inevitable that this must take place. It's been inevitable for a long time but now is the time to act. The ruling class can't kill it.

The same rebels who built the Labour Party are here today to build this party. It is this strength and fighting determination in the working class which makes Workers Press possible.

As I see it, we were born into a theoretical system called 'democracy' and then our minds are suffocated at birth. We go into their institutions—schools, etc.—and our vocabulary and teaching

is cut down to such an extent that our minds are oriented towards materialism.

This means that in the working class there are artists, playwrights, doctors and physicists whose talents are being suppressed.

Working-class people are never given the chance to express these talents.

At the same time capitalism perpetuates the worst crimes against humanity. They are deliberate, premeditated, thought-out acts of violence against other men. The whole capitalist system is criminally minded—they think this way.

Yet you have all these criminologists around saying that crime is a 'disease' of ordinary people. And they set out to 'cure' this 'disease'. It's absolutely ludicrous. We know who the criminals are. They have their soldiers and their armies.

Can you imagine an old aged pensioner dying under a workers' state? It wouldn't happen. Working people wouldn't let it happen.

But under capitalism they starve to death.

The only time the capitalists bother about it is when there is a gas or power strike and then they make a great song and dance about it.

The capitalists are the real criminals and a revolutionary party is needed to put an end to their system.





Above: Pickets at Neap House Wharf. 'To bring out laws against (picketing) can only end in a blow-up.' Right: Jim McShane.

Jim McShane, married with five children, is a shop steward at Rolls-Royce, Coventry. Do you think it is possible to get rid of the state pay laws without getting rid of the Tory government?

Oh no. Definitely not. We'll have to get rid of the Tory government first.

Do you think the present trade union and Labour leadership want to force the Tories to resign?

No, the union men and the leaders of the Labour Party don't seem to want to put up much of a struggle against the Tories.

Are you in favour of building a new leadership which will make the Tory government resign?

Yes. We will need to have it. I would like to ask why the Socialist Labour League doesn't train people in local government. If we could get men in, then we'd increase our support.

What experience have you had which makes you believe that getting

rid of the Tory government is an urgent task?

The pay laws for a start. You've got wages held down while prices go up. I think prices have gone up 25 per cent in the last two years. That's scandalous. I've got five kids, and by the time you've paid your rent—£5.85—it is not a lot of fun. As far as money goes, I haven't got much left by the time I pay out for my family.

What do you think of the TUC's collaboration with the Tories over the pay laws and Phase Three?

That's scandalous. They are selling all these men down the river. Even men like Scanlon are working more in line with the government than against them.

What do you think of the role of leaders like Jack Jones and Scanlon in this collaboration?

They should be turned out. They are the wrong men for the job. These men don't believe in the drastic measures we need today. They are not prepared to argue with the Tories—only to go through the forms to please the men under them.



The Communist Party and others describe these men as 'lefts' and refuse to expose their collaboration. What do

you think of this?

I think the Communist Party's backing for Jones and Scanlon reflects very badly on them. They seem to be bumbling about. They don't seem to have

a set policy. The only party which has is the Socialist Labour League. That's why I joined it.

There's a lot of young people coming into the League, as we saw at the Empire Pool. Wembley was only a start. It's the young people who can really change things. A lot of other people don't believe in a workers' government. They hold things back.

The basic democratic rights of the working class are under attack. What can be done to unify people in defence of these rights?

I believe in picketing and to bring out laws against it can only end in a blow-up anyway. And to bring out laws against a man for picketing is all wrong. That's why I think the Tory government will have to be put out.

Are you in favour of a mass rally of trade unionists to build this leadership?

Yes I am. I think a lot of people who come to League meetings want to see action. They don't just want to go to meeting after meeting and to be told what's right and what's wrong. It's no good talking about it all the time. There's got to be something positive.



ZD: PRODUCTIVITY WITH A TOUCH OF RELIGION

FAR EAST REPORT BY ALEX MITCHELL

At many of Japan's leading factories you notice a recurring emblem. It appears on tee-shirts, on overalls, on lapel badges, on ashtrays, on car window stickers and on great crimson flags fluttering on the company flag post.

The emblem is two initials ZD. It stands for Zero Defects. The aim of the ZD movement is to remove error in all stages of the production, marketing and management process. As can be imagined, this is a task of considerable proportions. But Japanese big businessmen are hurling themselves into the fight with their ZD motif.

Backed by a well-heeled propaganda the leaders of industry, Tory Ministers and even some right-wing trade union leaders extol the virtues of ZD. There are ZD periodicals, ZD songs recorded and

distributed among workers, ZD towels and soap, badges, sweaters—in fact anything that can help promote the ZD concept.

The aim of this mind-thumping barrage is to establish ZD as the new industrial religion.

Management wants to slash production costs because of economic necessity (two revaluations of the yen in the past 18 months makes Japanese exports about 38 per cent dearer). One crucial way to hold down costs is to eliminate shoddy work, incompetent marketing and inefficient handling of goods.

The organization in charge of promoting ZD is the Japan Management Association, which has launched a special Zero Defects Programme. Mr Shigeru Maeda, the brainstrom behind the programme, said recently:

'To put it simply, ZD aims at doing the job right from the first to the last.' ZD, he says, signifies perfection. It is around this word 'per-

fection' that big business is trying to erect the new religion. The ZD propaganda says that perfection, for the Japanese, is a way of life.

According to one sceptic of the scheme it conjures up 'old Confucius notions'. He goes on: 'It is meant to arouse deeply-ingrained thoughts and moves about striving for perfection in one's work.'

So when I suggested to an official of the Japan Management Association that ZD was nothing more than a productivity drive, he almost fainted in horror. 'No, no,' he said. 'ZD is an integral part of the philosophy of the Japanese people. It is tied up with their belief in the creation of perfectly-made things. ZD is really part of our civilization.'

This final statement will come as a surprise to the personnel and productivity counsellors at the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company in California.

In the early 1960s they were heavily engaged in government contracts for the manu-

facture of war materials.

The Pentagon began pushing for a shorter production period of the Pershing ground-to-ground missile. There was a considerable drive made by the contractors to discover ways of attaining error-free work which shortens the manufacturing time, which in turn means lower costs. Out of this frantic search for cost-saving measures, the great ZD was born.

In 1964 Dr Koji Kobayashi, president of the giant Nippon Electric Company, visited the Howard Hughes Company to investigate any manufacturing techniques which he might borrow. He saw ZD, he liked it and he took it back with him to Tokyo.

It is interesting to note, however, that Kobayashi did not immediately introduce these productivity concepts. First of all, there was a generous amount of discussion within his own company. Then he got the Japan Management Association interested. In 1965 Mr Maeda, then

public relations officer, took a team of quality controllers to the US to study the concept in greater detail. A further year elapsed before ZD was released on the unfortunate working population.

By this time it had a considerable number of other attributes. For instance, ZD had acquired very definite religious overtones. It wasn't simply a question of improving production and management methods, it was all about the Japanese deep commitment to manufacturing things perfectly. It was all to do with working harder and more exactly for the greater glory of the company and therefore the nation.

As one of the advocates of ZD explained to me: 'For the average Japanese, work is a striving for ikigai, or self-realization. And ZD reinforces that drive not only by giving it qualitative purposes, enhancing the values attached to perfect performance, but at the same time identifies that performance with the good of

the work group, the company and the nation.'

A top executive for Nippon Electric makes a similar point:

'I think that what a man is ultimately looking for is to lead his own happy life and in turn contribute to the company's prosperity. So, it's necessary that the daily work of a man in the company should be related to success, without any failure, in order to obtain final purpose in life. ZD makes that success possible.'

It would be utterly wrong to conclude, however, that the Japanese working class goes along with any of this reactionary rubbish.

They are susceptible to it—true—but the great majority of them think that ZD is an enormous joke. They wear the tee-shirts and badges in many factories, but it's done for the most cynical of motives.

When we took a photograph of a worker in a ZD shirt, he raised his arms over his head and flexed his muscles and said: 'ZeeDee'.

At this point the workers standing around began to roar with laughter and shout 'Zee-Dee'. An executive wheeled us away from this unruly scene as he muttered Japanese oaths under his breath.

These fraudulent concepts of 'partnership in industry' and the extended family life from the managing director to the manual workers are all breaking down under the impact of the enormous strains on the Japanese economy.

At another factory, for example, the manager, Mr Ohira, made a sweeping gesture towards the 200 workers busily painting, baking, sorting and packing china plates and said: 'Our success in exports is due to the work of my family.'

'Your family?' I asked quizzically.

'Yes,' he replied. 'I am their father, they are my children, my adopted sons and daughters.'

It was a blissful moment. We stood on the overhead walkway gazing at the furious activity down below. An endless conveyor belt moving down the centre of a long table, an endless supply of plates trundling down it. Rows of male and female workers their hands moving like quicksilver to snatch plates from the belt, draw finely with their paint brushes and return the plate to the queue. Not a second to lose. If you lose a second the work piles up. Plates pile up. One has visions of a logjam (platejam?) in which thousands of plates are eventually smashed on the floor. What would Mr Ohira say about his family then? He doesn't look the friendly type at all.

And so we heard from two women workers after the factory closed. Through an interpreter we discovered the Ohira family had been making their plates since the turn of the century. The employees worked six days a week for just over £40 a month.

The factory was freezing in winter and like a furnace in summer. When there were additional orders old women

were employed at pittance wages.

Recently orders had been falling, they said. So when they asked Ohira for their annual wage increase he refused it. He said they would have to wait until later in the year when the economic situation became clearer. They felt very angry about this.

'But I thought he was your father-figure and you were his children?' I asked.

They both fell about laughing.

Sohyo, the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan, says in its annual report for 1972:

'The rationalization offensive of the capitalists at the moment is featured by enterprise mergers and subordination of minor enterprises by powerful ones.'

'The capitalist perpetrates organizational and ideological attacks on workers of all industries. In this attack, the management completely ignores the humanity of workers and wants to establish a tight grip on workers.'

'While intensifying labour to the degree that workers' lives and health are jeopardized, the capitalists are on the other hand anxious to foster the idea of "all workers as managers", strengthening workers sense of "belonging" to the enterprise and class collaborationism, so that workers "voluntarily" work for company goals.'

'In fighting these rationalization attacks, trade unions must steadfastly defend the rights of workers, fight for improvement in working conditions and defend the rights of workers.'

Above. A ZD publicity photo which was captioned 'The worker gets personal satisfaction out of doing his job well.' Top left: Factory girls. Below left: Railway workers—not part of the ZD family—after a victorious strike.

MONTY JOHNSTONE: 'LIBERAL' APOLOGIST FOR STALINIST BUREAUCRACY

Trotskyism and Stalinism: Johnstone Defends the Executioners. Part one of a reply, by Cliff Slaughter, to a letter from Mr Monty Johnstone.

According to Monty Johnstone, leading member of the Communist Party with special responsibility for dealing with the danger of Party members who might be attracted by Trotskyism, it is only certain 'points of objective fact [about his own behaviour] which are at issue' between him and the Socialist Labour League.

There is no point in speculating whether this extraordinary assertion is just typical liberal muddle-headed hypocrisy or is deliberate Stalinist deception. So far has the Stalinist movement degenerated, with its 'peaceful and parliamentary' adaptation to the middle class in every country, that bureaucratic manipulation becomes, in individual cases, indistinguishable from liberal individualism.

Johnstone hopes that questions of 'conscience', 'apology' and 'venom' will predominate over class questions of the role of Stalinism and the building of revolutionary leadership.

HISTORY ON ITS HEAD

The end result of all this evasion of responsibility, in Johnstone's latest letter, is the turning of history on its head. Our attitude, he says, is akin to that which 'went with the vilification and liquidation of many honest communists in the Stalin-Vishinsky period'.

Trotsky used to write in the 1930s about liberal bystanders of the Stalinism-Trotskyism struggle who were 'unable to distinguish between the victim and the executioner'. Johnstone also 'fails' to do so, but he has always been squarely on the side of the executioner. He is no bystander.

It is precisely this question, of his relation to the Stalinist bureaucracy, that Johnstone is still trying desperately to obscure. So far as we are concerned, 'setting the record straight' begins from this political question. Johnstone's bleating about how sorry he is that communists died at the hands of Stalinism in the past is only in order to provide himself with better cover to go on supporting the bureaucracy.

Take the trial of Daniel and Sinyavsky. Johnstone says that on BBC TV on November 19, 1967, he condemned the trial. We said then, and we say now, that this trial was the last of thousands of such acts, representing the politics and interests of the counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy.

It gave a fresh opportunity to Communist Party members to fight to understand the bureaucracy and Trotsky's struggle against it.

It served to answer those who had claimed the bureaucracy was no longer Stalinist.

It emphasized once again the need for revolutionary struggle to overthrow the bureaucracy. Those who confined themselves to 'condemnation' obstructed that struggle.



Stalinism cannot be defeated or reversed by some section within the bureaucracy — such as Dubcek (inset). Above: A Russian patrol in Prague, 1968. Johnstone 'condemned' the intervention, but drew no conclusions about the political nature of Stalinism.

This was proved only one year later. Johnstone and all those who had supported the centrist Dubcek and his policies in Czechoslovakia were confronted in August 1968 with the Soviet invasion. There followed mass round-up and imprisonment of oppositionists and suppression of the Congress of the Czech Communist Party.

Above all, the Stalinist bureaucracy feared that Dubcek's policies were opening the door for the Czechoslovak working class and the political revolution.

None of the political questions raised by this experience is faced up to by Johnstone. His own attitude of pious condemnation of acts of injustice and persecution actually paved the way for the stand of the whole British Stalinist leadership on the Czechoslovak crisis.

They 'condemned' the intervention, but drew no conclusions from the experience about the political nature of Stalinism.

They continued in exactly the same relationship to the Stalinist bureaucracy and its politics. Their 'condemnation' of the invasion was purely in order to preserve their relations with the middle class and the trade union bureaucracy in Britain.

The question here is not to 'condemn', but to learn the lesson that the whole 'peaceful and parliamentary road to

socialism' of the British Communist Party was the outcome of the subordination of that party to the interests of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Further, Johnstone does not draw any conclusion from his support of Dubcek's policies. Trotskyism (i.e. the International Committee of the Fourth International and the Socialist Labour League) has fought bitterly against any notion that Stalinism could be defeated or reversed by some section within the bureaucracy itself. We insisted that the essence of the question was, and remains, the construction of revolutionary parties independent of the bureaucracy.

To reject this lesson of two generations of class struggle and of battle against revisionism is to lead the working class into a trap.

Those who unreservedly supported Dubcek did precisely that. They present a sorry spectacle when they appear, after the intervention, with their hands raised in horror!

A 'GOLLAN MAN'

Johnstone wants to put his protestations of personal political integrity higher than these great historical questions. For us that is quite impossible. In any case, we are interested in Johnstone only in so far as

he acts politically in the interests of the bureaucracy or of the working class, and not 'personally'.

The record shows very clearly that never at any time has he fought for the political independence of the working class, but always for the bureaucracy.

We repeat that on their behalf he carries out the role of a 'Gollan man', and we will quote once more just what we mean.

'He is posted by the Gollan clique to mix in revisionist circles and perfect the technique of separating "dissident" Communist Party members from Trotskyism.

'He played this role in relation to the YCL and CP opposition in the early 1960s. He repeated it at the CP Congress in 1969, at which the leadership, deliberately and by prior arrangement with him, kept him off the new executive because he was useful to them as a controlled focus of opposition.'

Johnstone likes to play on the word 'agent' to make a makeshift comparison with the Vishinsky method of conviction in the Moscow Trials! But he knows very well that Stalin and Vishinsky manufactured a mountain of 'evidence' about spying, conspiracy and capital crimes. They then assured confessions from those in the dock by beating and torture.

Johnstone is forced to make such an obviously ridiculous comparison by the formidable nature of his task: to conceal the political essence of his own role now that he is out in the open!

It is no good just saying that 'we were naive' as Johnstone does, when he was responsible for utterances such as the following, on Stalin's death in 1953:

'For 30 years Stalin led the Soviet people from victory to victory . . . so that it is today well on the road to communism . . .

'On his passing we can say, as Engels said of Marx's death exactly 70 years ago: "Mankind is shorter by a head, and the greatest head of our times at that. His name and work will endure through the ages".'

CONTINUED TOMORROW

US/Soviet Union

MORE BIG BUSINESS DEALS

Another huge business deal between the United States and the Soviet Union was announced last week by Armand Hammer, head of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

The deal—a preliminary agreement to purchase \$10,000m worth of Siberian natural gas over the next 25 years—is one of the biggest yet.

The gas will be used to supply consumers on the West Coast of the United States. It represents about 2 per cent of current annual consumption in the US. However, the size of the deal is much larger than Hammer's recent fertilizer contract with Moscow.

Occidental is being joined in the gas contract by El Paso Natural Gas Co. The western interests will loan the USSR \$4,000m to finance a 2,000-mile pipe-line, a gas liquefaction plant and a fleet of 20 tankers to carry the liquid gas across the Pacific to the West Coast of the US.

Details of the gas contract remain to be negotiated, but both sides have agreed on their intention to go ahead with the deal. The agreement was seen in Moscow as a key element in Soviet preparations for the visit to the United States by Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet Party leader.

Under the present plan the USSR will intensify its geological exploration for gas in the Yakutsk area of eastern Siberia to try and prove the existence of 25,000,000 million cubic feet of reserves. This amount is considered essential to ensure a supply of 2,000 million cubic feet a day for the 25-year duration of the deal.

At least half the required amount of gas is already known to exist in the east Siberian field. The gas is already being tapped for local consumption in the Yakutsk area.

Occidental and El Paso will arrange western bank loans of \$2,000m so that the Soviet government can purchase the pipeline tubing, liquefaction technology and other equipment abroad.

The Soviet Union will use most of its earnings from the project to buy goods and services from the United States. The deal is one of a number to open the vast mineral reserves of Siberia to capitalist enterprises, frequently on extremely favourable terms.



Toasting each other at the White House—Brezhnev, leader of the Soviet bureaucracy, with Nixon.

COVER-UP JOB

The Soviet bureaucracy has its own cover-up operations as is shown by the case of the missing electricity generator.

The generator at the giant Nazarovo power station in Siberia, with an output of 500,000 KW, has been cited in reference books for years as one of the marvels of Soviet engineering. It was inaugurated with the customary bands, trade union delegations and

self-congratulatory speeches.

The whole ceremony, with technical details, made the front pages in the Soviet Press back in December 1968.

Unfortunately the generator is not working and never has done. It burnt out at the factory which built it before it could be installed and has not been replaced so far.

This piece of false economic reporting, intended to conceal a colossal piece of bureaucratic mismanagement, has just been revealed in the trade union paper, 'Trud'.

It says that only the steam-driven portion of the plant

was put into operation and all the officials present at the ceremony knew it.

At the time 'Izvestia' wrote: 'The start-up operations on the seventh generating unit of the Nazarovo station have been completed. During the night of the 18th, it began to feed commercial power into the Siberian electricity grid.'

It claimed that the 500,000 KW turbine had raised the station's capacity to 1.4 million KW.

A replacement turbine was ordered on February 3 this year, but has still not been delivered.

secretary of the lifeboat station, said the lifeboat would move to another site in September, but they would be unable to use their fast inshore boat, and would be left only with their inflatable boat.

This meant the station would be unable to operate at night.

'It leaves a long stretch of the North Somerset coast without night time capability by a nearby station. You can easily appreciate how important time is in getting to the scene in small boat rescues,' he said.

Mr Eifion Owen, managing director for the new owners, said: 'We do not want the lifeboat on this site. I know it sounds cold-blooded when it is set down in black and white, but there it is.'

Swimming ban

If people catch diseases through swimming in filthy rivers, the answer is not to

clean up the rivers but to ban swimming.

Kathy Macauley (22) was taken to an isolation hospital after swimming in the River Foss in York.

Doctors were trying to diagnose what was wrong with her when she was admitted to Yearsley Bridge hospital with a rash from her waist down and suffering from head and body pains, dizzy spells and severe bouts of vomiting.

York's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Samuel Moore, said: 'Swimming in rivers is a health hazard. I would urge everyone not to take risks. There is always a danger of contracting disease by contact with river water.'

Mr Brian Smith, lock-keeper at the spot where Miss Macauley swam, said: 'The Foss is heavily polluted and rat-infested. The only way to protect people from themselves is to make river swimming illegal.'

CLOSE-TIES

Closer economic ties between Yugoslavia and American capitalists were discussed in Belgrade between President Nixon's special envoy for trade negotiations, William Eberle, and the deputy premier, Jakov Sirotkovic during his visit last week.

Possibilities of expanding trade were discussed, and also the investment of US capital in Yugoslavia and the use of modern American technology. The Yugoslavs also pressed for preference in trade with the US.

The Titoite bureaucracy has been steadily opening the gates for capital investment in Yugoslavia and Eberle's visit must be seen as in line with this policy.

Foreign companies already enjoy special privileges, which include repatriation of profits. No doubt still further concessions will be made to attract US capital to try to boost the ailing economy.

ARROGANT

The arrogant behaviour of Communist Party officials in Poland has reached the point where the Warsaw daily 'Trybuna Luda' of June 11 has called for a stop to be put to it.

An article by Andrzej Magdon, a party journalist, gave many examples of errors and autocratic attitudes by people occupying leading posts in the Cracow area.

He said that many party officials seemed to have two faces, one for their subordinates and another for the higher-ups. To the former they behaved in an arrogant and autocratic way, but they were always ready to carry out instructions and ingratiate themselves with secretaries and inspectors of the Party district committee.

The bureaucracy in Poland fears another explosion like that in 1956 and 1970, which could be sparked off by high-handed action of its own members towards workers and ordinary Party members. Hence the call for a change by the party daily.

DEATH SQUAD

Death sentences have been passed on two men in the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan for economic crimes and others sentenced to long prison terms.

They include the plant director and the chief accountant of a soft drinks factory in Baku. They pocketed money provided for the purchase of citrus fruit for use in the drinks and substituted a lemon-flavoured acid. They will be shot by a firing squad.

In Armenia the director of a home appliances store has been shot for systematically defrauding the state. Others involved were jailed for 13 and 6 years.

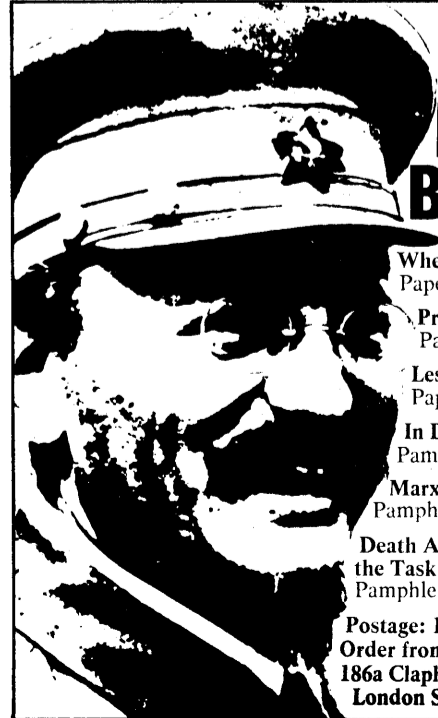
WORKERS NOTEBOOK

Cold blooded

A lifeboat station is having to close because the new owners of the site—rent 5p a year—have demanded £10,000 for a seven-year lease.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution will have to leave the site on Birbeck Island at Weston-super-Mare by September.

The lease ran out in March this year and the Weston-super-Mare Pier Company, which owns the site, made their £10,000 - for - seven - years demand. The company has recently been taken over by Mr John Critchley (34), Chepstow, Monmouthshire, businessman. Mr Clifford Smith (64),



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6.00 NATIONWIDE.

6.45 DISNEY CARNIVAL.

6.55 TOP OF THE POPS.

7.30 STAR TREK. Elaan of Troyius.

8.15 IT'S A KNOCKOUT.

9.00 NEWS. Weather.

9.25 SPY TRAP. Package Deal.

10.25 TALK IN TO DAY. Robin Day talks to General Sir Michael Carver, Chief of General Staff.

11.10 LATE NIGHT NEWS. Weather.

11.15 FILM: 'Bathing Beauty'. Esther Williams, Red Skelton, Basil Rathbone. A songwriter falls in love with a swimming instructress.

12.50 Weather.

ITV

9.30 You, your pets and neighbours. 10.10 This week. 10.35 Film: 'Laurel and Hardy's Laughing Twenties'. 12.05 Rainbow. 12.25 Happy house. 12.40 First report. 1.00 Cuckoo in the nest. 1.30 Crown court. 2.00 General hospital. 2.30 Good afternoon. 2.50 Racing from Redcar. 4.15 Cartoon. 4.20 Lassie. 4.50 Lift off. 5.20 I dream of Jeannie. 5.50 News.

6.00 TODAY. 6.35 CROSSROADS.

7.00 THE SKY'S THE LIMIT.

7.30 ROMANY JONES. An Addition to the Family.

8.00 THE FBI. The Patriot.

9.00 HADLEIGH. First Impressions.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 POLICE FIVE.

10.40 FILM: 'Don't Bother to Knock'. Richard Todd, Nicole Maurey.

12.10 JUNGLE DOCTOR.

12.15 JASON KING. A Royal Flush.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 Play school. 4.50 Play school. 4.30-6.35 Cricket.

6.40 OPEN UNIVERSITY.

7.30 NEWS SUMMARY. Weather.

7.35 GARDENERS' WORLD.

8.00 MONEY AT WORK. Riding the Tiger. Has British industry enough men, money, machines and material?

9.00 FILM: 'Hamlet'. Innocenti Smoktunovsky as Hamlet in Soviet director Grigori Kozintsev's version of Shakespeare's tragedy.

11.20 NEWS EXTRA. Weather.

REGIONAL TV

CHANNEL: 1.15 News. 1.30 London. 4.25 Flintstones. 4.50 London. 5.20 Me and the chimp. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.10 Report. 6.35 London. 7.30 Streets of San Francisco. 8.30 Romany Jones. 9.00 London. 10.30 Alcoholics. 11.30 News; weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 9.35 Asia. 9.50 London. 10.10 Pace-makers. 10.20 Danger man. 11.15 Test case for paradise. 12.05 London. 12.37 Gus Honeybun. 12.40 London. 12.58 News. 1.00 London. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sport. 10.32 News. 10.35 Champion of champions. 11.05 Film: 'Susan Slade'. 12.45 Epilogue. Weather.

SOUTHERN: 9.50 London. 10.10 Hammy Hamster. 10.20 Yoga. 10.45 Let them live. 11.10 Merrie melodies. 11.35 Southern scene. 12.00 News. 12.05 London. 2.30 Women. 2.50 London. 4.20 Weekend. 4.25 Elephant boy. 4.50 London. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.25 Crossroads. 5.50 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 6.35 Out of town. 7.05 London. 7.35 McMillan and wife. 9.00 London. 10.30 Weekend. 10.35 Film: 'The Curse of Frankenstein'. 12.10 News. Weather. Guideline.

HARLECH: 9.50-10.10 London. 12.05 London. 1.00 Survival. 1.30 London. 2.30 Women. 2.50 London. 4.25 Rainbow country. 4.50 London. 5.20 Chuckleheads. 5.25 Crossroads. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Doctor in charge. 7.05 Film: 'The Last Hunt'. 9.00 London. 10.30 Shirley's world. 11.00 Profile. 11.30 Romany Jones. 12.00 Dr Simon Locke. 12.30 Weather.

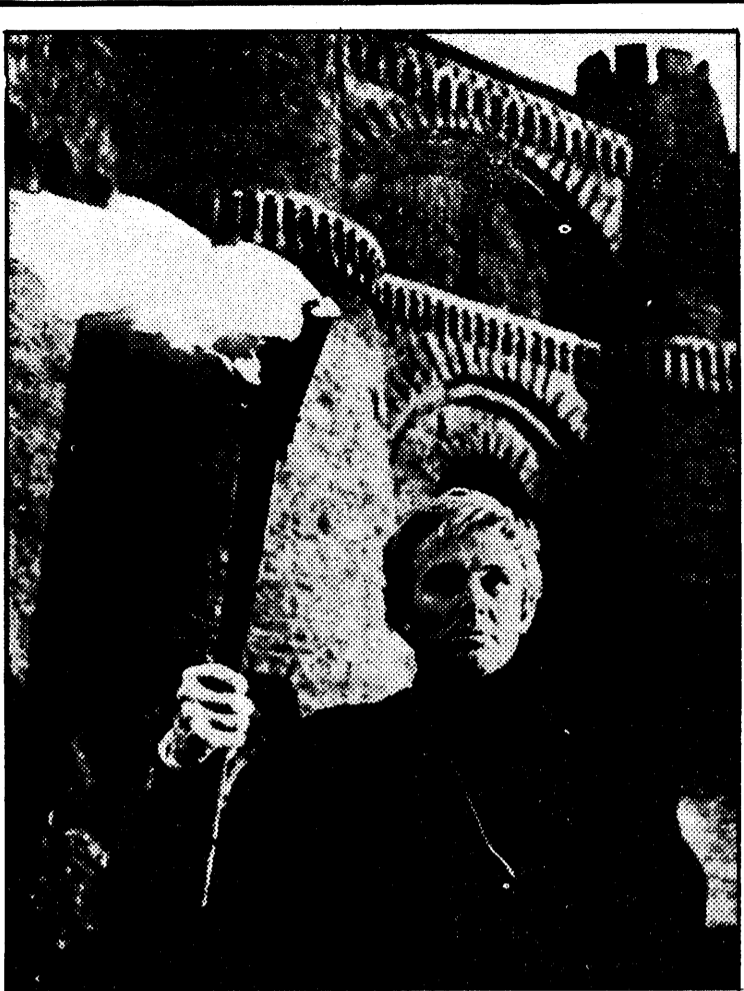
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HTV West as above except: 6.18-6.35 Report West.

ANGLIA: 11.00 Cartoon. 11.10 Gourmet. 11.35 Dr Simon Locke. 12.04 News. 12.05 London. 2.30 About women. 2.50 London. 4.25 Romper room. 4.50 London. 5.20 Partridge family. 5.50 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 London. 7.30 Hawaii five-o. 8.30 Romany Jones. 9.00 London. 10.30 Probe. 11.00 Film: 'The Night Holds Terror'. 12.30 Epilogue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.50-10.10 Flashback. 10.45 Those swinging years. 11.35 Galloping gourmet. 12.00 Guide. 12.05 London. 4.25 Forest rangers. 4.50 London. 5.20 Flintstones. 5.50 London. 6.0 Today. 6.35 London. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Police surgeon. 11.00 Film: 'The Fiend Who Walked the West'. Hugh O'Brian.

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Russian film director Grigori Kozintsev died last month. His version of 'Hamlet'—said to be the most accomplished screen version of any Shakespeare play yet produced—is shown on 'World Cinema' on BBC 2 tonight at 9.00. Above: Innocenti Smoktunovsky in the title role. Left: Independent channels get a new series of 'Hadleigh' from Yorkshire at 9.00. Gerald Harper plays the odious, but dapper, Yorkshire bachelor.

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CROYDON: Monday, June 25, 8 p.m. 'Plough and Harrow,' Thorn-ton Heath Pond. 'Forward to Belle Vue. Build the revolutionary party.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT: Wednesday, June 27, 8 p.m. 'The Sea Lion,' Town Road, Hanley. 'Force the Tories to resign.'

MERTHYR TYDFIL: Tuesday June 26, 7.30 p.m. The Wynd-ham Arms, Glebeland Street.

CAMBRIDGE: Thursday June 28, 8 p.m. Mawson Hall, Mawson Road, off Mill Road. 'Forward to ATUA Conference on July 1.'

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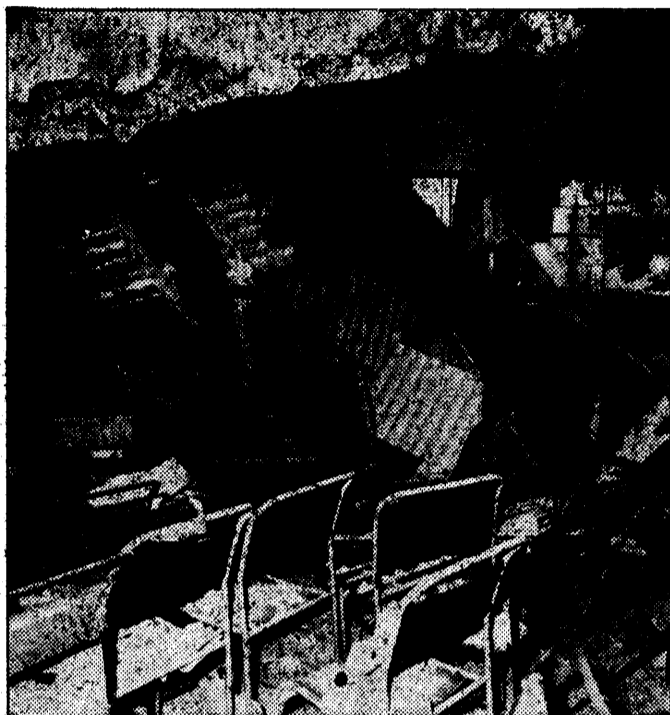
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Schools cleared in roof

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

FIFTEEN schools and colleges throughout Britain are under the closest examination following a roof collapse at the Camden School for Girls, London, last week.

collapse scare



Chairs crushed by the fallen roof.

The buildings—six of them in London—were designed either partially or wholly by the same consultant engineer as the one in Camden.

In a private circular to education authorities, the department has suggested that classrooms be cleared until the investigation has been completed.

In the Camden collapse the main assembly hall was fortunately empty when tons of bricks and structural iron fell in.

More than 700 schoolgirls congregate in the hall each day and only 24 hours before last week's crash parents had gathered there for a meeting to discuss turning the school into a comprehensive.

Felix J. Samuely and Partners, the consultant designers, have told the department that they definitely know of 15 similarly designed buildings. But there are probably many more of like construction, the firm added.

A Department spokesman said: 'We have written to all authorities and all governors as a further precaution specifying the type of construction and advising them to make any necessary investigation without delay if any building is of that construction.'

Only three of the schools have been named, because the department wants to avoid causing alarm to parents.

These are Mallory Comprehensive in Lewisham, Windsor College of Further Education, and Creighton Comprehensive School in London's Muswell Hill,

where 600 pupils were evacuated yesterday.

Some schools and colleges have been checked already, others are still being examined.

The department stressed that any reports would go to the authorities or governors concerned and not to the department.

The Camden collapse and the panic to check other school buildings is a complete indictment of the government's school-building programme. Many public

buildings—though not necessarily those mentioned—are thrown up 'on the cheap' and with obvious design discrepancies.

Immediately after the collapse on Wednesday June 13, an Inner London Education Authority spokesman said the Camden school was 'voluntarily aided'—the maintenance is the governors' responsibility and not the ILEA'S—so it was unlikely that any other London school hall was of a similar design and structure.

Car running costs up £1 a week

THE COST of running an average family car has risen by nearly £1 a week over the past 12 months, according to latest Automobile Association figures.

The AA calculated that the average yearly cost of running a family saloon car in the 1,000cc to 1,500cc range is £578.80 for an annual mileage of 10,000—or £11.11 a week.

This compares with the running costs for the same type of car of £533.30 in May last year—an 8 per cent rise.

The figure includes standing charges such as licence, insurance, depreciation and interest on capital as well as running costs such as petrol, oil, repairs and spare parts.

The AA says insurance premiums have increased by more than 20 per cent in 12 months.

Higher garage labour charges, together with the effect of VAT, have increased the cost of repairs and servicing by up to 13 per cent.

Scanlon snappy over bar on No 10 visits

HUGH SCANLON snapped angrily at his conference yesterday about their decision not to let him go again to No 10 Downing Street for talks with premier Heath.

His petulant outburst came during a debate on pensions. The national conference meeting at Eastbourne decided to seek a TUC-sponsored one-day strike in support of a better deal for pensioners.

Delegates instructed their executive to press the government to increase retirement pensions in relation to the national average wage, with periodic adjustments.

During the debate Scanlon, the AUEW president, said: 'I hope when we approach the government they don't adopt the same attitude and say they are not going to meet us.'

Fleet Street political correspondents yesterday reported that Scanlon would not be at the next round of talks.

The TUC is to meet on June 29 to agree on the date of the next talks with the Tories on the implementation of the Phase Three wage limits.

Delegates rejected platform advice during a Common Market debate and decided by 45 votes to 23 to 'seek firm guarantees from the Labour Party that, should they be returned to office, they will immediately announce our intention to withdraw from the Common Market'.

But conference also approved the executive's report on the Common Market supporting the Labour Party promise to renegotiate the terms of entry.

This prompted Scanlon to remark: 'Here we are again with feet firmly planted in mid air.'

But later he said: 'I think delegates would say that policy is determined by resolution and not by the executive report.'

Gosport engineers fight for cost-of-living rise

THE CLEAREST possible evidence that the Tory pay laws aim to cut the standard of living of the working class has come from a dispute at Blakes, a Gosport engineering firm.

Last year's pay agreement provided for a cost-of-living increase if the retail price index rose by more than ten points in the subsequent period. That figure was reached in May and the workers claimed an extra 12.5 per cent rise as agreed compensation.

With the backing of the Tory Pay Board, the firm welched on its agreement.

During the resulting strike last week, management attempted to split the workforce by offering the lorry drivers a separate £4 increase if they would return to work, convenor Eddie Salt claims.

Local union officials persuaded the men to return to work last Friday on the understanding there will be a full works' conference today.

The feeling among the workers is that there must be no compromise on their full demand, or else their living standards will be further reduced under the latest price increases.

'We can't afford even the cheapest beef now,' the convenor's wife Mrs Salt said at her home in Portsmouth.

Only two price rises rejected by Commission

OUT OF 118 applications for higher prices considered by the Prices Commission since it was created over two months ago, only two have been rejected.

And these two—from Shell Chemicals and Burman and Sons—are to be re-submitted in a new form to meet the objections raised by the Commission.

There are 268 outstanding claims for more increases. Applications which originally were reaching the Commission at an average of 20 a week leapt to 40 a week in May.

About one in three claims involve processed food. The Commission has no control over fresh food prices.

Radio writers take case to NIRC

A DISPUTE between radio dramatists and the BBC will be heard by the National Industrial Relations Court in September.

Announcing this after a private preliminary hearing at the court yesterday, Sir John Donaldson said that the case raised 'a vast number of interesting points'.

The Writers Guild of Great Britain and the Radiowriters' Association of the Society of Authors are jointly asking the

court to refer to the Commission on Industrial Relations their complaint that the lack of a procedure agreement between the writers and the BBC is hindering good industrial relations.

The claim is the first of its kind to come before the court.

After yesterday's hearing the writers' representatives said they were encouraged by the proceedings. They felt they had made progress in their efforts to gain proper negotiating rights with the BBC.

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Sundays June 24, July 8 Stockingfarm Community Centre, Stockingfarm 7.30 p.m.

Trafalgar House mentioned in bribes case

VICTOR MATTHEWS, managing director of the multi-million pound conglomerate, Trafalgar House, was mentioned during yesterday's evidence in the Leeds Crown Court corruption case.

Anthony Flannery, former director of a construction company, who is accused of 11 corruption charges, was explaining payments made to him by an architect.

The offences are alleged to have been committed between 1968 and 1970 when Flannery belonged to the management team of the northern division of Carlton Contractors Limited of Epsom, Surrey.

Carlton is a subsidiary of the Trafalgar House group, chaired by Nigel Broackes and managed by Victor Matthews.

Flannery has denied that he

accepted money from John Lloyd, a partner in the firm of Brown, Lloyd and Partners, Newcastle architects, for showing favour in granting them work.

He admitted received cheques totalling £950 through Maurice Byrne, former Mayor of Pontefract, who is also facing corruption charges.

But this was for services for Lloyd as a practical building consultant.

In yesterday's testimony Flannery admitted that one cheque he received was for 'Byrne came to my house and handed my ex-wife this £500 in his wife's name.

cheque and suggested we should buy something nice for the house, explaining that the money had come from Mr Lloyd,' Flannery said.

'I think Byrne explained he thought it would help my in-

come tax position to make the cheque out to my ex-wife.'

The prosecutor: 'Byrne was not merely a conduit pipe from Lloyd, but he decided how you got the money, whether in two cheques or whether it was to you or your wife?'

Flannery: 'Yes.'

Flannery said Mr Victor Matthews, head of Trafalgar House, valued his services with a salary of £5,250 in 1969, £500 a year expenses, a Rover 2000 car and 6,250 shares in Trafalgar House Investments.

He also had a pension which guaranteed him three-quarters of his earnings on retirement.

'Mr Matthews valued my services at £800 or £850 a month. This was my appreciation of my value also,' he said.

The prosecutor: 'How is that germane? Does that make this £500 chicken feed?'

Flannery: 'It represents about three weeks of my services!'

Flannery said he did not mention to his head office that he was receiving money from Mr Lloyd because 'I didn't think it was their business.'

'What?' asked the prosecutor. 'Not the business of the company paying you the thick end of £10,000 a year to give your time to them?'

'They got value for money,' Flannery replied.

Mr Justice Waller intervened: 'Would Mr Matthews have valued your services as he did had he known you had this £500 from Mr Lloyd?'

Flannery: 'I can't answer that. Matthews has always had his own outside interests as well as working for a company so I was only following his example.'

THE HEARING CONTINUES.

JUNE FUND STILL NEEDS £995.41 IN NINE DAYS

YESTERDAY'S post fetched £210.72, bringing our total up to £754.59. It looks like a sign of a change. We must keep it up. We are still a very long way from our £1,750 target.

Workers Press is more important than ever. Our paper alone has campaigned that all talks over Phase Three between the TUC and the Tories be broken off. Now, from the decision of the AUEW conference, it is clear that this call has begun to be taken up throughout the labour movement.

But this is only a beginning. Use Workers Press to reach out to all sections of the trade union movement to take up this fight. So keep our Fund pushing ahead. Raise extra amounts wherever you can. Rush all your donations immediately to:

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Chrysler 'insult'

Ryton men certain to reject offer

FROM IAN YEATS
IN COVENTRY

A MASS meeting of the 4,500 strikers at Chrysler's Ryton plant today is virtually certain to kick out management's latest proposals for an end to the stoppage.

After over 16 hours non-stop tripartite talks at Coventry Council House on Wednesday, Ryton strike committee leader Mr Joe Molloy told Workers Press: 'They insulted us. They didn't give an inch.'

And T&GWU district secretary Mr Bill Lapworth said: 'We've got to the situation where we find it completely impossible to negotiate with the people we are talking to.'

Ryton strike committee met for two hours at the T&GWU Coventry headquarters yesterday.

'After yesterday's talks our attitude is very, very hard. We shall recommend to our members most strongly that we go on with the fight,' Ryton deputy T&GWU convenor Mr Liam Byrne said.

He added: 'We are prepared to fight for a long time. We don't intend to bow down to intimidation.'

Convenors, trade union officials and management were locked in discussion from 10 a.m. Wednesday morning until 3 a.m. on Thursday with union officials anxiously exploring every possibility for a settlement.

But at the end of the day,

MDW picket

WORKERS demonstrated outside the Rolls-Royce headquarters in London yesterday over a dispute about Measured-Day Work at a new north London factory.

The company have locked out 24 men, recently transferred from the Willesden plant, for refusing to accept new pay scales.

The men want to continue their old piecework rates, and the main body of workers still at Willesden are backing them. An employers' formula to give the new MDW rates a trial period has been rejected by the combined shop stewards.

The Chrysler management team during the 17-hour talks at Coventry Council House.



after six divisions for separate talks, Chrysler's were demanding:

- About 350 men would not receive pay for 90 minutes they were off the clock for alleged shoddy work three weeks ago and the position would be reviewed after a three months' 'good behaviour' trial.

- An investigation into the allegation of shoddy work would not begin until the strikers returned to work.

- The unions should in future refrain from 'damaging stoppages' and honour disputes procedure.

- The company's proposals should be put to a mass meeting of the men.

Chrysler's UK managing director-designate Canadian Mr Donald Lander stressed as the talks began that there was no substantial change in the company's position.

Half an hour before the Council House talks ended in total breakdown, Lander was phoned by his chief negotiator Mr Peter Griffiths, but he refused to intervene.

Warning that the company was now in head-on conflict with the trade unions, Mr Lapworth told reporters Chrysler's position had not budged since their secret talks with convenors a week ago. DETECTIVES investigating the picket-busting operation at the Chrysler engine plant have interviewed officials of an east London firm.

Perkins follow suit

'Challenge' to unions

From David Maude in Peterborough

PERKINS management yesterday refused to meet union officials for new talks on a return to work formula at its Peterborough diesel engine plants.

A leading official of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, Bob Wright, attacked the Tory government and its pay

laws, which, he said, were encouraging employers to 'challenge' the unions.

After shop stewards had rejected the 'sloppy' wording of a formula arrived at in talks on Wednesday, Perkins declared that no useful purpose would be served by a further meeting.

Ted Scott, regional AUEW officer, revealed that the decision to turn down new talks had been taken in consultation with local Perkins management and Terry James, industrial relations director of the Massey Ferguson parent company.

Perkins' 5,700 workers, locked out a week ago for refusing to lift an overtime ban, reacted angrily.

'This means we go all the way,' said Wilf Gibson, a shop steward, after hearing the company's decision.

'This isn't just Perkins speak-

ing. You've got the government's wage policy and they're telling all employers like this to stand firm.'

The Perkins workers banned overtime 12 weeks ago because they wanted a firm commitment towards parity with Massey Ferguson workers at Coventry.

As Bob Wright said yesterday, the wages of skilled craftsmen in the Peterborough toolrooms are £19 behind those of their opposite numbers in Coventry.

On the assembly lines the differential is between £10 and £18, he said.

But after Wednesday's talks with union officials the company would only agree to:

- Examine the parity claim.
- Set up a joint sub committee involving national officials of both the union and the company.

- Compare wage levels across Massey Ferguson's British plants 'to assist future wage bargaining'.

The statement did commit both parties to finding a solution but, as the stewards told Wright, this means nothing.

After hearing that the company had rejected new talks, he said:

'We are faced at this time with perhaps an over-confidence of employers, encouraged by the government's legislation, who feel strong enough to make challenges they would not have made perhaps six months ago.'

Every gate of the company's four Peterborough factories is blockaded by pickets determined to remain at their posts until Sir Monty Prichard and the Perkins board climb down.

- Prichard, the group's chairman, was expected to return from Poland last night after amicable discussions with the Polish government about the rationalization of the country's diesel engine industry.

WORDS MUST BECOME DEEDS AFTER CONFERENCE

FROM PAGE ONE

Front to control the workers, stated this week:

'I have admired Edward Heath for his courageous stand on the Industrial Relations Bill—we should introduce something similar.'

Behind the pay laws is the worsening economic crisis of capitalism which, if it is resolved

within the framework of capitalism, will mean unprecedented political and economic disaster for the working class. Unless the Tory government is forced out, the pay laws will continue, and worse will follow.

For this reason, Workers Press now calls on trade unionists to let the battle begin in earnest to end the collaboration with capitalism.

Let the Transport and General

Workers' Union at its conference next month consolidate the AUEW move and instruct Jack Jones to follow Scanlon out of the Downing Street talks.

We are proud of the role we have played in fighting the policy of mobilizing the trade unions to fight the Tory government instead of acquiescing in the TUC leaders' collaboration with the Tories, as the 'Morning Star' has done.

The revolutionary role of the Workers Press is now a more powerful influence than the reformist tail-ending of the 'Morning Star'.

We confidently call on the trade union movement to help us make events by turning the Belle Vue rally on July 1 into an enormous demonstration of anti-Tory feeling and the start of the campaign to bring the government down.