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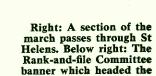
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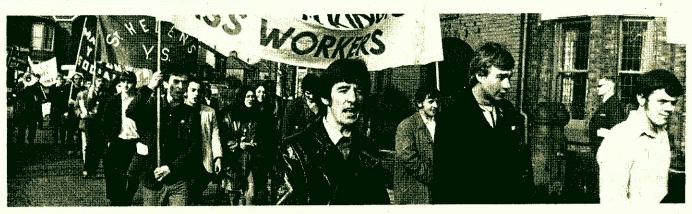
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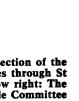
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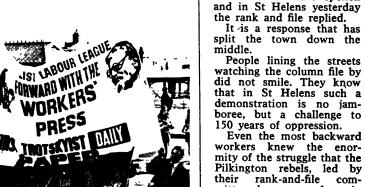
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He and Rogers are expected to discuss the Middle East and

#### Vietnam. Combination

Nixon, the chief executive of US imperialism, is using a combination of threats and cajolery to push forward his counter-revolutionary plans in the Middle East and Vietnam. But he faces both in Jordan and in Vietnam forces which

cannot be bought off, bribed or suborned to cease fighting against imperialism. The contemptuous rejection of his ceasefire proposals by the Vietnamese and Cam-bodian leaders is evidence of

#### Hardened

Behind them stand peasants and workers hardened in struggle who will fight to the end against Nixon and everything he stands for. The revolutionary struggles of the Palestinian guerrillas pose Nixon with the same insuperable problem.

In Jordan the ten-day civil war blew the Rogers-Gromyko plan sky-high. Even the monstrous blow in

the back delivered by Soviet treachery in forcing the Syrians to pull out their tanks failed to crush the guerrillas. There are still enormous dangers and problems in front, but the Palestinians have made it clear they will not be crushed and they will

continue to fight.

## **Arafat** the Arab Kerensky

THE GUERRILLA leaders continue to manoeuvre in an unprincipled way.

The final draft of the agreement between Al Fatah and King Hussein is now up for

the Royal signature.

The draft has been drawn up by Arab heads of state on the Arab Higher Committee, led by Tunisian premier Bahi Ladgham.

The agreement, according to Amman sources, provides for the 'normalization Jordan situation and the ending of military rule. Detainees on both sides will be released under the agreement.

#### Repairing

Al Fatah leader Arafat is bent on repairing the damage done to his relations with the Hashemite

butcher Hussein.
His enthusiastic support for the draft agreement is a betrayal of the Palestinian cause. It provides a means by which Palestinian movement can be subordinated, through Hussein, to the requirements of imperialist

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strike & strike

# AS GENERAL SECRETARY of the National Union On the miners'

of Mineworkers, whose members are voting this week in a ballot on national strike action in support of their wage claim, Lawrence Daly occupies a vital position in the working-class movement at an extremely tense stage of class relations.

He appeals to his members to endorse the strike call, and he says in this interview that he is prepared to face a general strike 'absolutely, and without qualification'.

He accepts that such a general strike, just like the miners' action, is against the Tory government, 'a major political confrontation'.

All his answers in this interview must be looked at in the light of this class fight.

Time and time again the working class shows itself ready to fight, but the question of victory or defeat in these battles is one which can only be settled by political leadership in the workers' movement, in the trade

Why are the Tories resisting wage increases, preparing to attack the unions, encouraging scab labour, and working to defeat and demoralize workers in a series of disputes as unemploy-

It is not a temporary tactic, because they cannot proceed

#### Historical

The world capitalist crisis, par-ticularly as it affects the oldest capitalist power, Britain, forces the capitalist class to press for a major historical change in working-class rights.

They must win, or risk extinc-

That is why those trade union leaders who call for pressure on the government to change its policy, and continue discussion and negotiation with the government, are dangerous for the working class, because they obscure the real objective to which the Tories are driving.

Because the crisis is so deep, there are no reform or patched-up solutions for the problems of any section of workers. The needs of the capitalist class are such that they seek to press home any advantage they gain in order to drive back the workers.

Daly rightly draws attention to the hundreds of millions of pounds paid out since pit nationbankers. All this has come off the backs of the miners.

government that some of this money must be returned to the industry to protect jobs and increase wages, he must next answer the questions:

But when he tells the Tory

How is this money to be got back?

Who will go and get it?

Tory government policies of large cuts in public expenditure and denationalization of the most profitable parts of state industries are already at work in coal-

Government spending is to be kept down by telling Robens not to meet the miners' increase.

Profitable operations like tunnelling developments are more and more being handed over to private companies under contract, just like opencast mining, which was much more profitable than underground mining.

Everything now depends upon the working class being equipped with a leadership which has the theory, the determination, the class-consciousness, the trained party membership, and the programme of working-class power.

Any other leadership will hesitate, withdraw, collapse and will condemn the working class to the ruling class taking the mailed fist from out of the velvet glove of procedure and parliamentarism.

This is not a judgement on the individual strength or weakness of trade union leaders, but a political conclusion from the whole epoch of working-class

No one can escape these conclusions: Capitalism's crisis is such that the working class will be presented with revolutionary opportunities, situations which demand a determined struggle for

But the taking of power, the carrying through of every struggle with this aim, can only be done by a Marxist, revolutionary party.

All talk of workers' unity or unity of industrial and political action, even from powerful trade union leaders, is inadequate by

If persisted in, it becomes positively disarming.

The really fundamental lesson of the 1926 General Strike was

not the contrast pointed out by Lawrence Daly (that in 1926 the miners were on the defensive, now they are on the attack), but that the Marxist forces—at that time in the Communist Party—did not concentrate everything on the building of an independent revolutionary leadership in all the unions, with a programme of workers' power.

Instead, they welcomed uncritically the militant-sounding speeches of 'left' TUC General Council leaders.

At the height of the strike action in 1926, these 'lefts' assisted A. J. Thomas and his right-wing majority to call off the strike as soon as the Tories, through Sir John Simon, made it plain that they considered it had reached revolutionary propor-

Smillie, the miners' leader, had retreated in exactly similar fashion in 1921, when Lloyd George reminded him sharply that to go on with the strike would mean his taking responsibility for 'civil war'.

The issue was not and is not civil war, but which class shall

Can jobs be saved, can wages be maintained or increased, can the unions themselves remain in existence if the employing class

Is not every single one of these basic rights under attack by the Tories? Can they be beaten back except by challenging the whole basis of their rule?

#### New content

Therefore every struggle, strike and demand is now filled with a new content: how can the working class be mobilized, behind revolutionary leadership, in the struggle to defeat the Tory government and institute workers'

That is the meaning of the programme adopted by the Socialist Labour League — a section of which appears on this page.



A. J. Cooke

Lawrence Daly is certainly taking up a fundamental issue when he 'presses' the government to remove the capital interest burden and when he says 'no pit closures'; but the Tories' own programme is to just as resolutely resist on these matters.

So the question arises: how to

Trade union power is necessary for this task . . . but it is not sufficient. We require a political struggle for Marxism, waged successfully against the dominant ideology in the British labour

This reformist ideology-collaboration and discussion with the employers and the state to gradually win concessions for the

workers without ever provoking revolutionary clashes — is acted out every day in the NUM and

power, is the most fundamental political cleavage possible in our epoch of wars and revolutions.

standing, leaders like Daly have become part of the trade union bureaucracy in the last dozen

#### **Break**

In so far as Lawrence Daly fights against the government and against right-wing policies in the unions and Labour Party, he will encourage and bring to the fore many new workers in the struggle, who then become open to the work and influence of the revolutionary party.

the principled question as to Daly

Our Trotskvist movement is founded on the struggle against

Last Saturday's Workers Press carried an exclusive interview with National Union of Mineworkers general secretary Lawrence Daly dealing particularly with the miners' pay claim and strike action. Here Cliff Slaughter, SLL Central Committee member, comments on some

ballot

By Cliff Slaughter

### **SLL PROGRAMME: ACT NOW AGAINST THE TORIES**

#### THE RIGHT TO WORK

WE MUST go forward from the wages fight to the fight for the right to full employment.

- The demands must be: No Measured-Day Work! No speed-up!
- Across-the-board wage increases without productivity strings!
- Wage increases in line with the cost of living! • Equal pay for women!
- Full support for the miners and local government workers!

The fight on wages must be used to build up the strength and confidence of the working class for the political struggle against unemployment and to bring down the Tory govern-

- No acceptance of redundancy! No sackings!
- Reduction of hours without loss of pay!
- No factory closures!

The unprecedented dangers confronting the working class demand new forms of struggle. The right of the worker to a job stands higher than the

## right of the employers to a

Sackings and closures must now be answered by the sit-in strike and occupation of the factories. This is the road to expropriation of the capitalists and control by the workers.

Unity of the employed and unemployed! The fight against unemployment must begin in the factories and trade unions.

#### THE RIGHT TO STRIKE AND INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS

THE DETERMINED actions by workers in May and June 1969 forced the Labour government to withdraw its proposed anti-union laws. The Tories and the employers are now pressing ahead with their plans for legislation to shackle the unions.

The Tory government intends to undermine the right to strike by attacking the benefits and income tax rebates of strikers.

They will be stopped only by mass action of the working class to force them to resign.

#### THE RIGHT TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

THE TORIES' election promises of tax cuts for the middle classes were only a deliberate deception to justify the attacks on the rights of workers and their families in relation to the social services.

of Daly's answers.

Following the Tory tradition the government intends to attack all social and health services, so that older workers, pensioners and children suffer the most.

Only a determined campaign in the factories, docks and the mines and the entire labour movement to defeat the Tory government can beat back these attacks on the welfare services.

The working class will fight against every aspect of Tory foreign policy, which is an instrument of war against the interests of the workers in other countries.

- No intervention in the Middle East!
- Withdrawal of all troops from overseas!
- Nationalize the arms industries!

behind the employers and forcing the workers back on terms offered much earlier.

This, said Heath, must become took the men back with the final acceptance of Devlin assured.

kers' Union had failed to do so.

Transport and General Workers' Union pledge of support in the miners' strike! Many more questions must be answered.

**DEFEAT UNEMPLOY-**

MENT BY ACTION

IN THE FACTORIES

THE TUC must support the

call for a one-day strike against

unemployment issued by the South Shields and Kirkby

Trades Councils and make this

down the country must pre-

pare to support this strike

whether the TUC supports the

The working class built the

trade unions and the labour

movement. The leadership is

now in the hands of Fabian

traitors and agents of the em-

The Labour leaders, the

Labour 'lefts' and the trade

union bureaucracy have shown

their treacherous nature in the

six years of Labour govern-

ment and in collaboration with

the Tories. They must be

The fight for the independ-

ence of the trade unions from

the state requires that the

existing leadership of collabor-

ators and traitors is removed

and replaced by a new socialist

Trade unionists up and

a national strike action.

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leadership.

If trade union leadership has already been instrumental creating a situation where the Tories, despite workers' com-bative strength, feel tactically secure enough to proceed with their present attacks, then evidently the question of political leadership in the unions, revolutionary leadership, is at the top of the agenda for the working

### general strike, therefore, means being prepared politically to go through to the struggle for power, and not simply to draw in the strength of other unions behind any section, vital though

It is obvious that behind our differences lies a divergence on the evaluation of the period in

For us the depth of the crisis so sharpens the class issues that the situation is rapidly develop-ing to one in which the direct conquest of working-class power is posed.

#### Compromises

All the weight of the middle class, of the 'official' traditions of the British labour movement, and of the indulgence of reformism the working class itself, is placed against this perspective and in favour of the hopeless search for yet another series of

This difference also underlines Daly's position on the role of his predecessor as NUM general sec-retary, Will Paynter.

Paynter, for most of his life a leading Communist Party member, last year accepted an appointment to the Commission on Industrial Relations, alongside George Woodcock.

This CIR will be the main instrument in the operation of the Tories' 'industrial courts', should their anti-union Bill be-All the dangers of Lawrence

Daly's union militancy without revolutionary theory, which must inevitably lead into the politics of the trade union bureaucracy, are expressed when he says: '. . . it was better to have someone like him [Paynter] from

Participation in the growth of capitalist state institutions to control the unions is here accepted by Daly, on the grounds that it is 'the lesser evil'.

the unions than perhaps someone with different political and indus-

#### Deadly

This outlook is deadly: the real question was to fight Wilson, Castle and the Labour government on their whole policy, which created in the CIR the first bases of the nascent corporate state now being worked for by the Tories. That has surely now been proved.

Paynter's decision to join the CIR was a betrayal. It represented the logical end of his NUM power with Sidney Ford and the right wing, his piloting of hundreds of pit closures.

It was the logical end, too, of his life's devotion to Stalinism. the main counter-revolutionary force internationally, the main political force on a world scale collaborating with the capitalist class in integrating the unions into the capitalist state. The trade union bureaucracy

and Stalinists try to collaborate in the state and governmental institutions.

#### Transform

The revolutionary party draws the opposite conclusion from the increasing intervention of the Marxist leadership in the trade unions able to transform them into instruments of the revolu-

Because Lawrence Daly, in our opinion, ignores these fundamental theoretical questions, he looks for some vanishing middle ground of trade union militancy and unity in struggle, plus a volume of accumulated socialist propaganda against Toryism.

those who purvey this mixture, by itself it can only mislead the workers in their struggles.

Whatever the intentions of

Because of the sharpness of the struggle today, Lawrence Daly finds himself talking very differently from 12 months ago, when, with the Labour government in office, he lost the confidence of tens of thousands of striking miners in the surface-men's hours dispute.

From his answers to Stephen Iohns on this strike, it is obvious that he does not connect it with the political questions we have raised in relation to the fight against the Tories.

#### 'Left'

The unofficial strike leadership was in the hands of NUM branch officials. Dominant among these officials were members or 'left' friends of the Communist Party in S Wales and Yorskhire, although working with them were right wingers.

These were the men who, unwilling and unable to fight through the battle against the Labour government, told Daly that there was a danger of the strike breaking up when it was actually spreading.

#### **Dependent**

Lawrence Daly opposed the strike, and favoured the return to work, because he had no political alternative to these centrists and Stalinists, and had, to a great extent, become dependent on his relations with them in the

That relation with the Stalinists, and the question of building the revolutionary alternative, was the essence of the question, and it will be the essence of the

It will not do for Lawrence Daly to excuse Paynter on the grounds that he held NUM office at a time when the miners, according to him, were not in a militant mood, and then himself to refuse support to a militant struggle because of the union rules and the misleadership in

#### Responsibility

The real question was to take responsibility for a political fight against the government, which required a serious political pre-

If Lawrence Daly is, in fact, going to take the extremely important step of trying to draw in transport workers on the side of the miners then this political preparation now becomes a matter of extraordinary urgency.

What is to be concluded from this interview?

If Lawrence Daly were to act consistently on his statements calling for industrial action to defeat the anti-union laws and to force the Tory government to resign, if he is going to ruthlessly fight productivity deals, if he is prepared to face a general strike, then the most serious theoretical and political questions arise.

Every one of these issues poses the revolutionary struggle for workers' power, which, of necessity, requires a party based on Marxist theory, built in struggle against reformism and Stalinism.

That is the meaning of the Socialist Labour League's programme of action against the Tory government.

#### Tension

These questions are now unavoidable because of the accumulated historical contradictions and the resultant tension between

There will be no personal exceptions to this choice for trade

union leaders-Lawrence Daly or anyone else. We are all for going forward in a united struggle to support the miners and on to defeat the Tory government. But when Lawrence Daly says to us 'the

important thing is to get together

and start pushing', we must go further, to the essential point.

The fate of the miners, and of the whole working class, will be decided by the fundamental political and theoretical question: the revolutionary party, the building of alternative revolutionary leadership.



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on 'left' leaders' words. other unions by the Stalinists and Lawrence Daly, for example, refers to the promised Transport 'lefts' upon whom Daly relies in

And so, when Lawrence Daly refers to the 'few things' on which he disagrees with the Labour League and Workers Press, we must insist that the disagreement, over the primacy of building revolutionary leadership to take the workers to

The struggles into which a eader like Lawrence Daly is forced to take his members mean that historic choices will be

Individual intentions nothwith-

The full political implications of the struggle which he now sees facing the miners pose the question of a break with that bureaucracy and a turn to Marx-

But we cannot avoid posing

the betrayals of the Stalinist bureaucracy. We will not make

the same fatal error as the Communist Party in 1926 and rely

and General Workers' Union support in the coming miners' strike. No doubt this finds a warm response in the hearts of many miners and other militants. look-

ing forward to a united struggle

#### against the government. Lessons

But the lessons of historyboth of 50 years ago, and of the burned into our minds.

There were leading militants before the great 1920-1921 strikes who said: 'Why do we need a party if we have the Triple Alliance (of miners', rail-waymen's and transport washer' waymen's and transport workers' But it was precisely the lack of such a party in 1920-1921, and

1926, which made possible the defeats of that period. The Tory governments of those days relied entirely on the Triple Alliance leaders and TUC Gen-eral Council not raising the

And now, in every major strike

since the June 1970 election,

union leaders have used their position to drive the workers

question of state power.

the later Stalinist corruption of the new Communist Party in

back to work on the employers' Heath himself drew the conclusion. In the September 24 TV interview in which he referred to a possible general strike, he commended the outcome of the

national docks and GKN-Sankey

He gloated over the government's success in standing firm

the pattern. On the docks, it was the T&GWU and Jack Jones who

At GKN-Sankey, the T&GWU, through Mr Moss Evans, drove the strikers back to work after the Municipal and General Wor-

Clearly then it is by no means enough to be satisfied with the

ago, when with the Labour government in office, he favoured a return to work for the surfacemen striking over the hours dispute,

very differently

from 12 months

From bliss to tears and back again L to R Lucius (MITCH VOGEL) Boon (STEVE McQUEEN)

IN the first ten years of this century the American south was being transformed by industry, and particularly the growth of cotton mills. The new money, the contact with the north and even Europe, dragged the south out of stagnation and provincialism, jostling and awakening every class of society.

'The Reivers', based on a story by William Faulkner, is set in a small town in Mississippi in 1905. In a sweetened way, floating in the rich and tender colours of the southern countryside, it tells of the step a young boy takes from purity and innocence into adulthood.

Lucius is the child of a family of southern aristocrats, landowners rooted in the cotton boom of the 19th century, with their class traditions of chivalry, racial supremacy, gentlemanly uprightness and adoration of white womanhood.

The new riches flowed into their pockets and made some of them enormously wealthy. For a time the effect was to reinforce the old habits and the leisured, 'gracious', living. But all the time 20th century America with its calculation and graft, automobiles and fashions, was filtering into

Eleven-year-old Lucius, brought up to tell the truth and revere his parents and his class, seeing life as simple and right, is left alone with a newly-acquired bright yellow motor car when his parents depart for a relative's funeral.

Persuaded by the tearaway young white man (Boone) who tends the car, he sets off on a voyage of adventure to Memphis, Tennessee, 80 miles away.

During four whirlwind days he discovers the flesh-pots of the big city and returns sobered

Boone installs them in a luxurious whore-house, where he has come to visit Corrie blonde, beautiful, robustly sentimental and not in any way suited to the life. Lucius falls purely and hopelessly in love with her, and is wounded defending her from a slur on her honour.

Stunned by his devotion she vows to leave the brothel. The film bursts with rough energy and life, tumbling Lucius from bliss to tears and back again. They tangle with a dyspeptic sheriff and are thrown in jail, to be released only by Corrie's final lapse.

Lucius wins a horse-race to retrieve the bartered car. His mount, supremely pragmatic, will exert itself only when stimulated by the prospect of

#### Day of Reckoning

Then comes the day of reckoning. He is forgiven, but his grandfather works the emotional leverage to the full, trying to bring the child back to the old virtues and the standards of 'a gentleman'. In a pool of old-fashioned sentiment he dries his tears and steps into the future.

The film excludes lighthearted southern romance and hedonism. What is toned down is the social soil in which it grew: the oppressed negroes and poor whites, the shanty dwellers and the diseased millhands and the perpetual, degrading kow-towing before the employers.

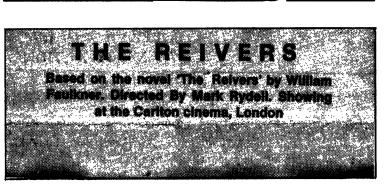
Through the eyes of a child all this can be blurred. The boy's experience is static and immediate, giving only a remote reflection of the 'growing up' around him.

In a film, where it is very difficult to concentrate all attention on the experience of a single person, this gives a slightly artificial and sugary effect. But like many great American movies 'The Reivers' is bouyant and direct, filling the screen with the life of its

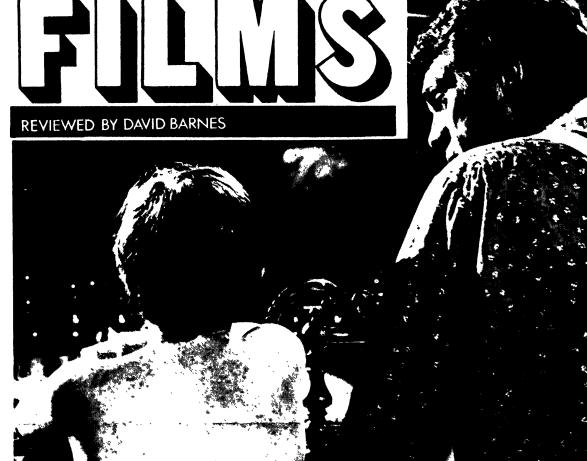


and Corrie (SHARON FARRELL)









# **MINERS** SCAPE-

MINERS—who vesterday were ballotted on strike action over their pay claim—will yet again become the scapegoats for several price increases, including electricity.

This much was clear from last week's report of the Electricity Council, presented by chairman Sir Norman Elliott.

He warned that the next round of coal price rises inevitably blamed on any miners' wage rise—would lead to electricity charges being

upped.

He explained, for the benefit of electricity supply workers, that higher wages, job security and reduced electricity charges—promised when they accepted productivity measures—had been swamped by 'factors entirely outside our control'.

He added, 'Needless to say every effort is being made to

'We can also take much comfort from the fact that our labour productivity and efficiency record compares favourably with that of any other nationalized or private indus-

Like the coal industry, for example? Miners, too, have seen a productivity drive kill their job security and hold back their wages while profits rise (though these are whittled down to a deficit by compen-

Commented Sir Norman: . . . as many large industrial and commercial consumers are already paying fuel cost increases, it is only fair that the tariff changes should apply to smaller commercial and

The ever-increasing prices in both industries—where workers take the blame and pay the costs—are an indication of the operates for huge profits at the expense of workers' liveli-

sheets of unelected boards.

9.15 a.m.-12.25 p.m. Schools. 1.00-1.25 Dyna wall. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.25 Schools. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Vision on. 5.20 Dastardly and Muttley in their flying machines. 5.44 The magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London.

BBC 1

6.45 TRANSWORLD TOP TEAM. International top of the form. 7.05 Z CARS. 'The Senior Partner'. Part two.

7.30 LAUGH PARADE: 'Never Steal Anything Small'. With James Cagney and Shirley Jones. An unscrupulous gangster wants to be boss of New York's waterfront.

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 YOUR WITNESS. 'That in the national interest direct taxation should be urgently reduced'. Debate between the Rt. Hon. Edward du Cann, MP and Dick Taverne QC, MP on the state of Britain's economy.

11.05 NEWS SUMMARY. 11.10 VIEWPOINT.

11.25 MEDICINE TODAY.

#### REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except:

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.57 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.57 News, weather. weather.

Wales: 5.20-5.50 Telewele. 6.00-6.45

Wales today, weather. Nationwide.

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Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather.

N Ireland: 6.05-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather. weather. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nation-wide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.57 News,

#### BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 1.15-1.45 p.m. MEDICINE TODAY. 7.05 DESIGN EDUCATION. 'Directions of Change'.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather. 8.00 FLOODLIT RUGBY LEAGUE. BBC 2 Trophy, round 1. Halifax

8.50 WHEELBASE.

9.20 MENACE. 'Crack-Up'. With Lee Montague and Caroline

10.35 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.40 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

11.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. Schools. 3.50 Lone Ranger. 4.17 Hatty town. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Bright's boffins. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News.

6.35 THE GHOST AND MRS MUIR. 7.05 FILM: 'Murder Ahoy'. With Margaret Rutherford and Lionel

Jeffries. Agatha Christie comedy thriller. 8.30 CRIBBINS. 9.00 ARMCHAIR THEATRE. 'Poor Mother'. By Fay Weldon. With Amanda Reiss, Colette O'Neil, Nicholas Pennell and Mona Washbourne. Having a baby is not all flowers and champagne.

10.30 'CELLULOID VILLAGE OF DREAMS'. Documentary about

London's Soho.
11.15 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE. 'Letter from Terrasson'. 11.45 THE GLORY OF LOVE.

#### REGIONAL ITV

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.15 Faith for life. 11.20 Weather.

CHANNEL: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00
Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 Nanny and the professor. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Police file. 6.15 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Curtain raiser. 7.05 Movie: '49th Man'. With John Ireland. 8.30 London. 11.10 Gazette., 11.15 News, weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00
Houseparty. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.45 Film: 'Crisis'. With Cary Grant, Jose Ferrer, Paula Raymond and Signe Hasso. An American brain surgeon finds his American holiday turns into a terrifying nightmare. 8.30 London. 11.15 News. 11.25 Weather. Action 70.

 HARLECH:
 11.00-2.58
 London.
 4.18

 Women Today.
 4.40
 Origami.
 4.55

 Bright's Boffins.
 5.20
 London.
 6.01

Report West, 6.18 Report Wales, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Bonanza, 8.00 Mr and Mrs, 8.30 London, 11.15 People to people, 11.45 Weather, HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18, 6.18-6.35 Report West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y Dydd.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y Dydd. 10.30-11.15 Dan Sylw.

ANGLIA: 10.58-3.00 London. 4.30 Newsroom. 4.40 Enchanted House. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. Police call. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'The Swordsman' starring Larry Parks, Ellen Drew and George Macready. 8.30 London. 11.15 NYPD. 11.45 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-2.35 London.
3.49 Yours stars tomorrow. 3.52
Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40
Origami. 4.50 Owl service. 5.15 London.
6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'Mail Order Bride'.
With Buddy Ebsen, Keir Dullea and
Lois Nettleton. A bride is ordered by
mail order catalogue. 8.30 London.
11.15 Better driving, weather.

ULSTER: 11.00-2.35 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'Zarak'. With Victor Mature, Michael Wilding and Anita Ekberg. Adventure set on India's NW frontier. 8.30 London. 11.15 White line.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Wind in the willows. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Nanny and the professor. 7.00 Film: 'The Outriders'. With Joel McCrea, Arlene Dahl and Barry Sullivan. Three prisoners escape during the American Civil War. 8.30 London. 11.15 All our yesterdays. 11.45 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-2.35 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.15 All our yesterdays. 6.45 Film: 'Some People'. With Kenneth More, David Hemmings and Ray Brooks. The local church organist offers three boys the church hall for their jam sessions. 8.30 London. 11.30 Four just men.

TYNE TEES; 11.00-2.35 London. 4.10 News. 4.15 My three sons. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.25 Where the jobs are. 6.30 Film: 'Where No Vultures Fly'. With Anthony Steel and Dinah Sheridan. A game warden in E Africa tries to form an animal sanctuary in the jungle. 8.30 London. 11.15 News. 11.30 Epilogue.

BORDER: 1.38-3.00 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 Telephone game. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Carbine Williams'. With James Stewart, Jean Hagen and Wendell Corey. Marsh Williams vows to make good on his own. 8.25 London. 11.15 Better driving. 11.40 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 Mad movies. 7.00 Telephone game. 7.30 Marcus Welby MD. 8.30 London. 11.15 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-2.35 London. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 Patterns of folk. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Tommy Cooper. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Western: 'Escape from Fort Bravo'. With William Holden, Eleanor Parker, John Forsythe and Polly Bergen. Four Southern prisoners escape during the Civil War. 8.30 London. 11.15 Better driving.

# Right role for

PERHAPS the most notable aspect of Anwar Sadat's long and chequered career is that he survived—along with his predecessor President Gamal Abdel Nasser -18 years of the regime that overthrew King

Farouk in 1952. He did have the advantage of being close to Nasser-34 years ago they were young officers together. Nasser had just graduated from the Egyptian Royal Military Aca-

demy. They had fierce and heated discussions on the future of their country and Sadat, extremely critical of the British administration of Egypt, appeared more revolutionary than Nasser.

As one of the group of Free Officers whose movement deposed Farouk, Sadat is said to have been an activist whose projects had to be restrained

by Nasser himself. His plan to blow up the British Embassy in Cario in 1945 after the end of the Second World War was stopped by the late President.

In the 1952 coup he was responsible for cutting all communications to prevent a counter-action by other army He later drew up the ulti-

abdication. In the 18 years since then and up to his accession to the presidency last Wednesday, he has held a variety of prominent posts, though he is said not to have held any parti-

cular sway in government

policies.

matum demanding Farouk's

He was first a minister of state in the cabinet, then editor-in-chief of the government newspaper 'Gomhouria' ('The Republic'). From 1957-1961 he was president of the National Union—a grouping of



various political trends—and was speaker of the 360member National Assembly from 1964-1968.

Last December Nasser appointed him vice-president —a post previously held by several Nasser aides and discontinued after the 1967 sixday war with Israel.

After this appointment he toured several provincial centres in which he took an uncompromising stand against Israel and violently attacked the United States. Mounting working-class and

peasant pressure certainly forced the classical bourgeoisnationalist Nasser to taint his stance with left-wing statements. His Bonapartist balancing act between the army and the Egyptian people was becoming ever-more precarious; and

it was certainly not aided by pressure from the Soviet bureaucracy for a Middle-East Sadat's history is different.

In the struggle against imperialism—he leant not so much upon the masses as upon the Axis powers. His apparent hatred of the British was intensified after he was jailed by them in 1945—for collaborating with two German spies operating in Cairo.

And his anti-British activities during the war included his abortive attempt to fly General Aziz el Masri, the former Egyptian chief of staff deposed by the British, out of Egypt to join the Nazis.

He was also one-time secre-

tary of the Pan Islam Congress. In his early days he was attracted by the policies of the fanatical and rigidly traditionalist Moslem Brotherhood-an organization since banned in Egypt.

So his demagogy about the West and 'enemy number one' — the United States—makes him a right-wing militant. His views and methods represent a strata of the bourgeois-nationalist regime

whose opportunism and

corruption fits in with the needs of western imperialism. Faced by the intractable problems caused by Egypt's semi-colonial position, the growing dependence of the economy upon imperialist loans and investment, the political repercussions of the '67 defeat and the betrayal of Palestine, it is impossible for

Sadat to continue where Nas-

ser left off.

The fiction of 'non-alignment' which sustained Nasser. Nkrumah, Sukarno and Nehru is now exposed. The Egyptian capitalists, led by Sadat, can survive only through the increasing repression of the working class and peasantry and the purging of the military and state apparatus. Sadat is eminently fitted for this role.

A LITTLE Papal blackmail was revealed last week when the Vatican denied a report that the Pope had purchased an infallible chariot—a Mercedes limousine—for his own

chariot

Infallible

behind THE NEWS

Answering a report in the French weekly 'Paris Match' that a model of 'the most expensive car in the world' was due for the St Peter's garage, a Vatican statement said the Pope had not bought or ordered a car in recent

The Pope's present official black Mercedes was apparently given to him five years ago by the German company to honour his coronation as Pope.

But before accepting this horseless chariot, and allowing himself to become a firstclass advert for the car, the wily gentleman laid down a condition.

Going one better than his predecessor, John XXIII, who had received a similar gift, he exploited the Spartan concept of his position, as the Vatican statement has it, to 'point out that others had much greater need of transport than himself . . .'

A second saloon was 'made available' to the Catholic missions!

remedy these problems!

sation payments to ex-mine owners).

And who will bear the brunt of dearer electricity?

domestic consumers.'

All this, despite the industry's operating profit for this year of £306.1m—reduced to £64m after deducting interest.

It was claimed, of course, that the figure its down on last year's £323m due to increased fuel costs.

so-called 'nationalization' that hoods.

Under workers' control, state industries would be producing for the needs of the people and not for the balance

**Arafat** 

to a so-called national govern-ment headed by Hussein will fully earn Arafat the title of 'traitor to the revolution' thrown at him by Baghdad

Arafat is emerging as the Kerensky of the Arab revolu-

The price for his agreement with Hussein has already been spelt out—the disarming and smashing of what Hussein calls the 'armed leftist groups'. £5,000 apiece reward has been placed on the heads of the two best known left-wing.

the two best known left-wing guerrilla leaders and Arafat, with treacherous perfidy,

makes no protest.

Meanwhile Israeli troops along the Jordan border are

reported to be lounging in

deck-chairs confident that there is no immediate threat

in that direction.

But whatever the betrayals

of its leaders, the Palestinian

movement has made one thing

ineradicably clear: there can be no peace with imperialism

and no peace with its hangers-

patched up between Hussein and Arafat is only a prelude to a fresh round of civil war.

With what has almost

become a conditioned re-flex, Nixon turns to the

Soviet Stalinists for assist-

ance in this situation.

He knew that in Jordan

the politics of 'peaceful co-existence' meant the betrayal

of the Palestinian struggle

during the ten-day war.
Only 16 years ago the same
Stalinist policies led to the
dismembering of Vietnam at
the Geneva Conference.

Strengthen

It is these considerations that strengthen Nixon's hand.

All his confidence in an imperialist settlement in the

Middle East and Vietnam springs from his reliance on the counter - revolutionary treachery of Stalinism.

This is the background to

the Rogers-Gromyko talks. To add to the pressure on the Stalinists, Nixon makes noises

about Soviet submarines in Cuba and missiles along the

Suez Canal.

Nixon knows that the more

he pushes and prods the Stalinists, the more malleable

In effect, he is ordering

them to jump to it and buckle

down to their task of

But the outcome of revolu-

tionary mass struggles is not determined by bureaucratic manoeuvre, or by the military

The heroic revolutionary struggles in Indo-China and the Middle East are generating the conditions for the

rapid development of revolutionary leadership.

confidence that—under Trot-skyist leadership—the plans

of US imperialism and its

Stalinist collaborators will be

There is every ground for

might of imperialism.

driven back.

they will become.

betrayal.

agreement

Whatever

• FROM PAGE ONE Hussein as nothing more than a puppet of US imperialism.
To tie the guerrilla movement

### **PRAISE** FOR SHIP **UNIONS**' **'REALISM'**

BRITISH shipyards are achieving the same output today as ten years ago with a much smaller labour force, according to the president of the North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Mr Tom McIver.

McIver, who is also deputy chairman of the Swan Hunter shipbuilding group, stressed that British shipbuilding was catching up with Japanese.

'Provided we can hold down costs and increase productivity,' he said, 'there is no reason why we should not continue, if we so desire, to get a fair share of the market.' One of the reasons prospects were brighter, he said, trade unions are on a very realistic basis, and despite the illogical things which occur from time to time, there is a more professional approach unions, and a greater appreciation of each others problems'.

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

'How to defeat the Tories'

SW LONDON: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Princes Head, Falcon Road, Clapham Junction. W LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Prince Albert Pub, Balfe Street, Kings Cross.

N LONDON: Wednesday, October 28,/8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.

MINERS' PAY CLAIM Some Yorkshire miners

AH, married with two children. Trepanner worker (NPLA) and Wheldale NUM Branch member.

talk to Workers Press

I AM DISGUSTED at the NCB offer of 50s — 16s would go in Income Tax and they are after a rise of about 10s in the rent of Coal Board houses.

That's more than half of it gone. We should give full support to the NEC in the strike ballot. It's the first time they've issued a strike call in 44 years, that shows how strong the case is.

Robens' talk of pit closures is just an empty threat. He's put 300,000 men out of work in the last ten years without any wage increases.

The £5 is a genuine claim, it is fair and just. Miners have had terrible treatment since nationalization, both concerning low wages and closures.

Now it is going to be the miners versus the government. The Tory conference shows that it's us against them. It's a battle for all the trade unions against the

Tory government. Robens keeps saying there is nothing in the kitty—but there's a £50-a-week increase for him in it from next January! £50 for Robens and 50s for the men!

The Transport and General Workers' Union has promised support. We should get other trade unions to black the trans-port of coal and the import of oil. There should definitely be a united fight of

Thursday November 5

Northgate Hall

all trade unionists now. I am confident Wheldale will get well above the two-thirds majority. At our last general meeting -a special meeting to discuss the strike—there was 100 per cent in favour of a

We've been underpaid so long, it's time we turned If we lose this it will knock all the trade unions,

not just the NUM. It will knock them all back 50 We'll be back to the bread-line and the hunger marches. I'm prepared to

stick out for the £5, no

THE COAL BOARD offer

is ridiculous, especially for

the lower-paid workers. Robens' talk of phasing the

increase over two years is

to try to split the men on the strike ballot. If the men

accept this, they are accept-ing the Coal Board instead

of the union. I think we'll get the two-thirds at

We have accepted things in the past that we shouldn't

have done. For example, we

should have stuck out last

year over surface hours, and brought the other coalfields

should accept less than £5.

We've got to organize to do battle with the NCB.

The dockers, the transport workers and the municipal workers (who do the lowest-paid and dirtiest job

there is) have had to fight. The government has said

if they do battle with the municipal workers. We should line up with the

municipal workers and the

others against the govern-

If we don't they will divide and rule

The union leaders are

will back the employers

I don't think the leaders

Kirkby.

AM, faceworker at Kirkby colliery:

matter how long it takes.

JM, Kellingley (Yorks) NUM branch. A life-long Communist Party member since joining the Young Pioneers at the age of 11.

anything like a fair offer. It is nothing in relation to the

JS, Brodsworth NUM and Doncaster Trades Coun-

NUM MEMBERS should vote for strike action, even though I believe in taking this action. It ought to have been taken when the first pit was closed on economic grounds.
It is only through weak leadership that we have

dropped so far down the wages table.

If the ballot goes against

We don't want to be badly led, like we were in the surfacemen's struggle

statements of the Board's point of view. This is fine from a man who has just received a rise—he is a former Labour Minister who accepted a job under a Tory government to carry out Tory policy—of attacking the mining industry and causing more pit closures and lost jobs than at any

other time in the history of the British miner.

ting up of rents of CIHA and vested houses by 30s in If the vote for strike new action committees to oust our right-wing leaders. These men must seek re-

election every five years.

If the NEC appeal for support for a strike is rejected, then the whole Executive and Area Execudence in them.

We want to fight with our limbs free, to the bitter end, including the resignation of the government. We must not be led into another 1926. We must fight If we accept we'll be the

Good luck to them, I'm with any trade unionist fighting for decent wages. I don't think we should settle for less than £5. The leadership should stand

If the government and the

NCB stick to this, we're on the road to revolution. You can't move a wheel in this country if the trade unions stop—1926 proved

working class. The people who live by interest, rent and profit were there. They have chosen the municipal workers as their first victims and the miners

next-with Robens as their ves-man. Robens says 20,000 men will lose their jobs. But he has destroyed more towns and villages in this country

Let him come to Kelling-ley—there's hardly a man there who hasn't been driven out of his home and community. But we are not accepting it any more.

Cowley men return

# New legal battle over death of anarchist

BY DAVID BARNES

THE CASE of Italian anarchist Giuseppe Pinelli's death, officially shelved as 'suicide' by a judicial inquiry, is being reopened in a new legal battle.

Pinelli died after 'falling' from the window of a Milan police station while being interrogated in connection with the bomb explosion in a city bank last December 12.

The police version was that he had been faced with irrefutable' proofs of his guilt and committed suicide by jumping through the

But later evidence con-clusively showed he could have had nothing to do with the explosion.

#### False

Now a Milan Police Comnissioner, Luigi Calabresi, has brought a case for 'spreading false news and aggravated defamation' against Professor Pio Baldelli, formerly editor of the left-wing journal 'Lotta Continua'.

During his editorship 'Lotta Continua' published articles stating that Calabresi was responsible for Pinelli's death. After a preliminary hearing last week, the case resumes before the Milan penal court tomorrow.

#### Unchallengeable

The courtroom was crammed with workers and students, who heard Calabresi's lawyers argue that the suicide verdict of the previous inquiry should be treated as unchallengeable in the present case.

Baldelli, however, insisting on the class character of the case, repeated his conviction that Calabresi was guilty of murder.

The court agreed to let him bring witnesses to testify in support of his plea.

#### Previous

A previous editor of 'Lotta Continua', Pier Giorgio Bellochio, was one of the first to be jailed under Italy's fascist penal code (for 'incite ment to crime' in published articles) in the wave of police repression which followed last autumn's mass strike.

And in Pavia last week ten were sentenced to jail terms of up to four months for

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'illegal assembly' and 'resisting the forces of order'.

More serious charges against them were dropped. Since in Italy all prison sentences of less than a year are suspended, they have now all

### Milan council men out for pay

MILAN'S 18,000 city council workers yesterday began a three-day strike to back their negotiations for a new labour contract, with improved pay and con-

On each of the three days they are to hold demonstrations through the

city.
Traffic is paralysed because the traffic wardens have also struck.

#### Hospital

Hospital staffs are enforcing a go-slow, treating only emergency cases, to force the implementation of their new contract, in-cluding provisions for democratic control of hospital

In the Alfa-Romeo car plants of Milan and nearby Arese there were wide-spread unofficial stoppages at the end of last week to force management to yield on a company contract.

Hundreds of new cars piled up in parking areas as workers refused to shift them until their claims are

#### Equador protest

POLICE in Guayaquil, Equador's second largest city, used firearms last week against a crowd of thousands protesting against the pre-sence of President Velasco Ibarra who watched a two-hour military parade.

## St Helens

FROM PAGE ONE

General and Municipal Workers' Union from Merseyside and Newcastle and an impressive 300-strong group of construction workers from sites in Manchester, Merseyside and N Staffordshire.

They were headed by shop stewards from the

shop stewards from the Burmah Oil site led by Bob MacKenzie, who was arrested recently when picketing.

The march included contingents from York and Liverpool Universities, who joined a 120-strong group of Young Socialists from London, Liverpool and Man-

'I have never seen any-thing like it,' said one Pilkington's pensioner as he watched the march coming past his terraced home.
'It never happened in my day and I was 40 years in

the glass factory.'
This was the voice of all St Helens. It is a new town that faces a future of struggle.

#### Kunstler delayed

WILLIAM Kunstler leading defence lawyer in the Chicago 'conspiracy' trial—which arose out of 1968 Democratic Convention demonstrations— was detained for two hours yesterday at London's Heath-

row airport.
Both defence lawyers and defendants received heavy sentences at the notorious trial last March in which Black Panther leader Bobby Seale was gagged and tied to

## Tinplate strike ends

TWO British Steel Corporation tinplate plants at Trostre, Lianelli, and Velindre, Swansea, were working normally after a two-week strike by 450 maintenance men. 3,000 laid off

The strike, over a productivity dispute, began when two fitters were suspended for falling to carry out an instruction. Negotiations for a settlement are to be resumed.

### Cornfeld's Bonn man aggravates govt crisis

THE W German Social Democrat - Free Democrat coalition government remains the target of a widespread political conspiracy in spite of Federal Chancellor Brandt's claims to the contrary.

Brandt declared last week that the split in the FDP had not weakened the government.

But the three Pree Democrats who resigned, former vice-Chancellor Mende, former Minister Starke and the MP Zogelman, did so with the clear intention of bringing the government down and forcing a return to the 'grand coali-tion' of Social Democrats and Christian Democrats.

This proposal, with the dissolution of the FDP as a separate party, was mooted by 'left-wing' Christian Democrat Katzer at the weekend.

The three FDP parliamentarians will now ally them-selves with the Christian Democrats in the forthcoming regional elections.

They will bring it little

prestige. Mende himself is tainted by his association with the speculation of IOS chief Bernie Cornfeld, whose shares are still falling on the W German stock exchange.

Mende was formerly head IOS representative in Federal Republic.

Settlement.

CLOSELY linked to the politi-

the need for a European 'security' conference — the proposal that is now the axis of the Soviet bureaucracy's drive for settlements with all W European states.

Moscow and Bonn — with US agreement — will seek to use such a conference to make permanent the division of Germany and jointly police the separation of workers in E

threatened the working class. They have threatened the so-called 'scroungers'. The only scroungers I know are the boss class who **OXFORD** live off rent, interest and profit. They are living off Thursday October 22 our backs. Thursday October 29

promising action and we have to see that these promises are kept up. The Tory conference has

They are trying to get anti-union laws through but Wilson and company prepared the way for them.

In my opinion all workers in dispute should get together and fight for a £20

THIS WAGE offer is disgusting, it doesn't resemble

Some of the Yorkshire miners at Doncaster meeting on Sunday

cil member:

strike action, it will be wel-comed as a way out by our right-wing NUM leaders. We ought to be taking action now to ensure a positive vote, canvassing every pit and area with strike action committees, picked at

last October. Lord Robens is circulating Not to mention the put-

the next three years. action is not won, we must start at local level and build

tives should be made to resign because the members will have shown no confi-But if support is given

we should stop everything. Not a cob of coal should be allowed to leave the pit-heads or stockpiles. We heads or stockpiles. We should seek the support of our fellow trade unionists transport, NUR, Merchant Seamen, to black all transport of coal.

lowest-paid workers, instead of the lowest but three. after the increases the municipal and other workers will

We should adopt the same attitude as Robens. He says: 'That's my offer, take it or leave it'. We should say: 'Give us the money or do without our

that.
The Tory conference is a declaration of war on the

than Oliver Cromwell.

Morris men listening to union officials at yesterday's Oxford

# Airport meeting on future of state airlines

ALL GRADES of BEA and BOAC staff will be meeting at London's Heathrow airport tomorrow to discuss the fight against the Tories' plans to denationalize air routes, now exclusively operated by state airlines.

The routes are to be handed over to the proposed private airline formed by a takeover of BUA by

Appropriately enough the meeting, called by the joint action committee, will take place in front of the hangers formerly used by British the private airline that suddenly went out of

#### **Pensions**

British Eagle workers ended up on the dole, after offering to give up their pensions to save the com-

The joint action committee leaflet entitled Action to Defend your mittee Industry' gives workers the false idea that they control the state airlines.

But Tory plans to dismantle nationalized industries and hive off the profitable sections into private hands mean that all BEA and BOAC workers are faced with a major struggle to defeat the

#### WEATHER

General situation: An anticyclone will persist over S Scandinavia and a SE airstream will cover the British Isles.

Most parts will have a dry day with sunny spells, though there will be mist or fog in many areas at first and again late in the day.

It will be warm or very warm except near eastern and southern coasts where temperatures will be near normal.

Near the east coast of England and Scotland, however, it will probably remain misty or foggy throughout the day, with a little drizzle in places

of the Zoubou tribe.

by former president de Gaulle to maintain the country's posi-tion as part of the French community. The latest battles may be connected with oil exploration in the area.

#### ASSEMBLY-LINE pieceworkers resume work at Oxford's Morris Motors plant this

The strike began over British-Leyland's attempt to breach established practice

# Halewood gearbox production resumed

GEARBOX production was resumed at the transmission plant of the Ford Halewood factory when yesterday's morning shift went back to work. Production had been at a

colleague. They were joined by the total of 2,500 workers. After talks by shop stewards with management the dismissal was changed to a suspension for further in-

hours later. Their action again threat-ened Rover 2000 and 3500 production after the previous shut-down lasting a week.

The drivers went on strike last Tuesday against the delay in introducing a new pay structure.
Production at the engines factory began yesterday but the drivers walked out again after they were given a shop stewards' report on talks with line, avoid an agreement to pay shop-average rates in the initial stages of the new ADO 28 model and eliminate piecework on its volume produc-

Amalgamated Engineers and Transport and General Work-ers criticized local union officials at yesterday's hour-The officials claimed that a four-point formula agreed by

company representatives and union chiefs at York last Thursday answered everything the men had struck for. Both senior stewards advised the strikers to continue their action.

But appeals from the officials of all three unions involved—AEF, T&GWU and Vehicle Builders-to 'remain united' and 'get yourselves financially strong' persuaded about two-thirds of the meeting to accept the four York points.

This formula expresses the unions' willingness to discuss changes in the pay system for the new model and lays down that 'at a works' conference which will take place as soon as possible after a resumption of work, the company will table its proposal for the system of payment for the new assembly area'. It also contains the con-

#### have agreed already to back the company's MDW plan. But much more serious, stewards say, is the fact that the new pay system placed before union chiefs at York is a full Ford-style Measured-Day Work scheme under which wages could only in-

crease in return for 'no strike'

troversial sentence: 'If neces-

sary, the question of payment

for the initial stages will also be negotiated.'

Stewards point out that

this clause enables the com-

pany to jump over two stages

in the procedure for negotiat-

ing a new pay system.

But the suspicion is grow-

ing that union leaders may

clauses, cuts in manning and constant 100-per-cent effort. Strike action will immediately be resumed if the company's proposals prove unacceptable and union officials pledged that such action would be officially

supported.

production workers also went back yesterday.

cal intrigues in Bonn are Brandt's attempts at a settlewithin the framework of the recent treaty with the Soviet Brandt and Tito agreed on

Germany from the growing struggles of the W Germany

# was that 'relations with the both employers and

# London

WILLESDEN: Thursday, October 22, 8 p.m. Labour and Trades Hall, Willesden High Road. SOUTHALL: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Southall Community Cen-tre. Bridge Road.

PUBLIC LECTURES

# Elements of Marxism

The importance of Marxist philosophy in the building of the revolutionary party.

> Three lectures by G. HEALY (National Secretary of the Socialist Labour League)

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# LATE NEWS

LONDON

Plashet School

(nr East Ham tube)

BUA TALKS 'MAY END SOON' See Airport story p 4

Talks between Caledonian Airways and British and Commonwealth Shipping over the sale of British United Airways are expected to end fairly soon, possibly this to end fairly soon, possion, conweek.

Caledonian is then expected to
make a firm bid.

Merger negotiations between the
two groups began in March and
were given a fresh boost in July
when the new Conservative government issued a policy statement
favouring a second force airline.

ROLLS-ROYCE MARCH (See page one)

500 Coventry draughtsmen marched through the city prior to yesterday's meeting. Despite the DATA executive's belief that they have won a limited victory at Rolls-Royce, the Coventry men voted down its recommendation simply to return so that talks can take place. take place.

They demanded a copy of the company's new 'strings'—believed to include a 12-month pay standstill

POMPIDOU IN SOVIET TALKS
French president George Pompidou had private talks with top
Soviet officials at a government
mansion near Moscow last night
after telling reporters in Tashkent
that France and the USSR were
willing to put all their energies
into the four-power Middle-'.ast
talks at the UN.

**LEEDS** 

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## Chad deaths

ELEVEN French soldiers were killed and ten wounded in fighting in the Tibesti region of the Sahara desert the area inhabited by nomad herdsmen

Troops were sent to Chad

morning after a six-week

# for manning a new production-

standstill since Thursday when 1,200 workers on the morning shift downed tools protesting at the dismissal of afternoon shift and later the night shift bringing out a

Fire inquiry HOME Secretary Mr Maudling is to consider the Fire Brigades Union's case for an independent tribunal to examine their pay and hours claim after a deputation saw Senior stewards of the

vestigation. Eleven drivers who ended a strike at the Rover company's engines factory at Acocks Green, Birmingham, yesterday struck again two

the management. They say they will not meet again until next Monday.