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In a leader on Tuesday, December 15 'The Guardian' said that the 'distressing aspect of this victory is that it owes something to a . . . kind of public . . . whom Mr Wilson once called "the skinheads of Surbiton". To these people contributions by workers to higher productivity, claims of social justice . . . are irrelevant. They voted the Tories

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'I have some sympathy for those who are already making plain their dislike and contempt for dishonest blackmailers who are also prepared callously to put the lives of old and sick people at risk. This feeling is growing and the electricity workers will do well to heed it.'

In a statement which could not fail to incense the anxiety-ridden middle class Maude said: 'It is indeed you who are being black-mailed now . . . it is your jobs and your future prosperity that the government has got to safeguard—at whatever risk to its own popularity with short-sighted and weak-spirited waverers'.

Having slandered the power workers and accused them of making up their own rule book. and welshing on their contracts of employment by failing to maintain electricity supplies, want to be sure that this kind of fiddle cannot occur again'.

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Ominously he warned: 'This is the one possible justification for setting up the court of inquiry into the dispute-solely to establish the facts about the tactics being employed by the workers and the legality of them.'

He said: 'This is the government's first really big test. The they will not forgive surrender.'

The importance of the so-called change in public opinion was spelled out in the pages of the 'Sunday Telegraph'.

A leader said: 'The most significant development of the past few days has been the almost tangible hardening of public opinion behind resistance to the power workers' action.

But it was left to Peregrine Worsthorne to draw the most fundamental conclusion:

'It would be perfectly possible for the government to bring prosecution . . . Why have they failed to do so? . . . for one reason only. Because in recent years a climate of public opinion has existed, which the courts have reflected, sympathetic to industrial action

Then comes the punchline: . . The climate is not something which is immutable. It is a reflection of what the majority of the country feel to be fair.

In other words the only barrier to the most vicious anti-workingclass policies is simply and crudely what the public can be made to appear to want.

Power cuts affected the middle class even in their homes and this brought them out into the open and to the rescue of the government which was able to represent them as speaking for the entire public including the

### Attack

Who the section of the public who attacked the power workers were is clear from the evidence.

Who but the ignorant, narrow bigoted middle-class public would ring up telephone girls at power stations and call them 'Communist bastards', 'filthy bitches' and say they all ought to be put up against a wall and shot.

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This was the great outraged British public to which the Tories and the press referred, backed up with scattered support from class outposts in the 'sticks'.

The powerhouse of class hatred was finally revealed to be centred on a group headed by Major-General Sir Edward

. . members have been overenthusiastic in interpreting the union's work-to-rule instructions.

lan Yeats assesses the national press on the POWER WORKERS

This harsh interpretation of the rules has turned the public against the electricity workers, leading in some instances to demonstrations and even violence against union members.'

Smashing the unions—all the unions not just the electricity workers—was a key explanation of the near hysteria of hard-line Tory backbenchers at discovering that so-called public opinion could be manipulated so as to force one of the country's most



A Young Battersea power worker examines a copy of the Workers Press.

Captain Henry Kirby, Tory MP for Arundel, and the Dowager Lady Birdwood.

They announced a plan to bombard the power workers with letters and asked everyone who knew one to send the name and address to the operations centre

164, St Stephen's House, West-Sir Edward was responsible for bringing General de Gaulle to Britain in 1940 and Lady Birdwood tried to force the closure

of 'Oh Calcutta!'.

Finally there was John Medlicott, who admitted to spraying workers' cars at Burwell liquid manure and on the Frost Show punched power worker Tom Diss of Stepney.

### Blamed

Workers should be in no doubt that the Tories used the dispute to mobilize middle-class opinion against the electricity men and against trade unions.

To make things easy for the union leaders to reach a compromise settlement, all the blame for the cuts was put on the men.

Said the 'Sunday Telegraph': 'Union leaders have been shocked by the disruption created, particularly to hospitals and among old people.

powerful groups of workers to back down.

From Sunday onwards there wasn't one national newspaper which failed to see that a critical new weapon with which to soften up the unions for the Industrial Relations Bill was at hand.

#### Their stand

In the 'Sunday Express' Angus Maude noted:

'Mr Heath and Mr Carr will never have a better chance to make their stand than now.

vital test of the government's firmness and courage. '. . . all of us will suffer a

'The electricity dispute is the

great deal more later on if the electricity workers win now. . there would be no hope

of holding the inflation line anywhere.' This is a clear statement of the Tories' intention to try to stamp out inflation by smashing

the unions and making the work-

ing class pay for the crisis. Even the 'liberal' 'Observer' had come out in its true spots by Sunday when in a banner headline the 'News of the World' said what everybody else was thinking, 'Are the Unions CrackThe capitalist press knew they were and the 'Observer' said in leader that the government 'deserves the support of us all' It had 'effectively changed the climate of opinion'.

technique

But as we know from 'The Guardian' it had not changed the climate of opinion, it had mobi-lized a hitherto relatively dormant

By Tuesday when the union leaders were in full retreat the 'Express' was crowing, '. . . stronger still will be the feeling of satisfaction that the government-sustained by public opinion — did not give way to the pressure of the unions'.

#### Victory

Heath himself said that the public 'has clearly understood the importance of the dispute for the community as a whole'

So vital are electricity supplies that the dispute could very easily have become about who runs the country, the middle class and their general staff in parliament or the workers and their unions.

This is why the dispute was so vital and this is why Heath was so delighted that the middle class won.

The government was directly involved in the dispute. Maude makes this clear.

'Of course the government is not the electricity workers' employer. It is the electricity counwho must act as our [the middle class] champion in this

'Nevertheless in addition to its undoubted influence and its reserve emergency powers the government has one considerable weapon. It could and should make it clear to the employers that it will not sanction any increase in electricity charges arising out of a pay settlement more generous than the present 10 per cent offer.'

To use the newly-discovered weapon of public opinion required only two things and the caiptalist press were falling over themselves to supply it.

The first was a willingness to maliciously play down what the work-to-rule was all about—low pay, productivity, redundancies.

Instead they chose to concen-

trate every available reporter on the job of dredging up examples of 'suffering' which, however tenuously linked to the power cuts, would nevertheless be directly associated with them in the public mind.

#### Cry

Pictures of 75 - year - olds crouched over a one-bar electric fire—totally inadequate anyway and of mothers giving birth in candlelight jostled each other in the pages of the dailies.

The 'Sunday Express' ran a cartoon in which a power worker was pictured laying a wreath on a grave marked 'the sick, the old -who died of cold and blackedout hospitals. They died to give the electricity men a rise'.

Front-page treatment was given to a story about a woman who

it breaks down, forces all wor-kers to struggle for more pay. The electricians' fight for more cash today is our fight tomorrow.

The myth of the whole of society being held to ransom by a small group of greedy workers wasn't hard to create. But let the Tories be warned.

The myth will be a lot more difficult to sustain in the face of the across-the-board attack they are mounting on the living standards of the entire working class. The tactics they have used

against the power workers can only be used when they are dealing with a section of the working The dangers must not be over-simplified. To face and defeat sections of the working class is precisely what the Tories will try to do. Their resolve to do so has

been strengthened by the defeat of the power workers' leaders. Solidarity in this critical period

among trade unionists and

the ads for fur coats and recipes a women's writer said: 'To hell

of critical importance.

In the 'Sunday Express' among with the strikers. I won't give in. I'll see the food in my deep freez rot and I'll see the strikers rot before I'll give in to their demands.'

'And if any other lot are thinking of coming out in sympathy I serve notice that I'll do my best to see them out too.

'I've had enough. It is long, long past the time when I had sympathy with the men who struck for a living wage. This [the electricians] is a strike for luxuries.' (Actually it wasn't a

The writer went on to draw upon clearly expert knowledge of industrial pay scales by which was deduced the remarkable information that some dustmen earn £2,000 a year.

How big can the lies get? The answer is, of course, bigger. Everything will be done to distort, mislead and confuse.

To illustrate the hardening of the middle class we can quote from another 'Sunday Express' writer who said:

'I'm told that in some districts the dustmen are already going round seeking their Christmas boxes. I hope it proves to be a very frosty season for them.'

Commenting on the sacking of 60 men at a Birmingham factory for taking part in a December 8 demonstration the same writer

'Tough it must be admitted. But if this nonsense that is ruining the country is to be stopped toughness is the only cure. The more we have of it the sooner we'll get back to sense.'

In this period leadership is clearly of vital importance. It cannot be repeated often enough —the electricity workers' leaders have proved it — that right wingers, the TUC and the Stalinists will not fight the Tories.

They will try to force a retreat every time. Workers must be alert to these betrayals. Unless a new revolutionary leadership built in the trade unions millions of workers will be demoralized by being led into one defeat after another.

The dustmen and sewage workers, the miners and the elec-tricity supply workers have proved that the strength is there to force the Tory government to

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that she died because of the cut.

talked of 100 people dying each

The London 'Evening Standard'

The deluge of stories and pic-

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None would dispute that people died during the power cuts. People died all the time

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None would dispute the power

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TWO PLAYS BY COLIN WELLAND: Roll on Four O'Clock! (ITV, December 20, 10.15 p.m.)

AND

Hailelujah Handshake (BBC 1, December 17 9.20 p.m.).

#### COLUMN

THE REALITIES behind the hypocritical facade of capitalist 'education' can seldom have been better delineated than they were on Sunday night in Colin Welland's 'Roll on Four O'Clock' (ITV, December 20, 10.15 p.m.).

This was a quite out of the ordinary play; indeed it was so skilfully realized that one was scarcely conscious of watching a play at all.

It was emphatically not another play about a 'social problem', but rather an indictment of the impersonal forces which crush workers' children into the harsh mould capitalism has prepared for them.

Filmed on location in a Manchester secondary school, the play shows the tensions and misery which are an integral part of this process, and conditioned by the class context in which the school operates—a context in which boys are herded together in preparation for a lifetime's work on the conveyor belts of the local fac-

#### **Emotion**

Nobody, staff or pupils, can buck the system, and the play's great merit is the complete absence of sentimentality and cheap emotion.

The staff, worn cynical by years spent feeding capital's demand for labour, all find some way of adapting themselves to the routine.

They sit in the staffroom grumbling, or gloating over confiscated sex magazines. they time serve with resignation and take out their own frustrations and inadequacies on the pupils.

Prime target is Peter Latimer, whose homosexual tendencies make him a butt for the other boys. Latimer, portrayed matter-of-fact by Heaton, is a creep and a talebearer, disliked by the teachers and terrorized by the boys.

Ted Crampton, the reactionary headmaster, thinks it his duty to hound Latimer in an effort to make him or break him. For Crampton, Latimer is 'the odd one who gets through the net' in a school of 500 boys.

The hypocrisy of Crampton's relentless insistence that Latimer be put through the mill only encourages the other masters to take it out on Latimer.

The boy's position is intolerable, but there is no way out, and the film brings home all the claustrophobic pressures which finaly drive him to run a neighbour's motor cycle into a wall in the hope of 'getting put away'.

He is not a victim of individuals, but precisely of the impersonal spite of a brutalizing system.

### Fodder

The school's job is the production of factory fodder—the looming power station round the playing fields help to drive this vividly home—and anyone who won't bend to this fate has to be broken.

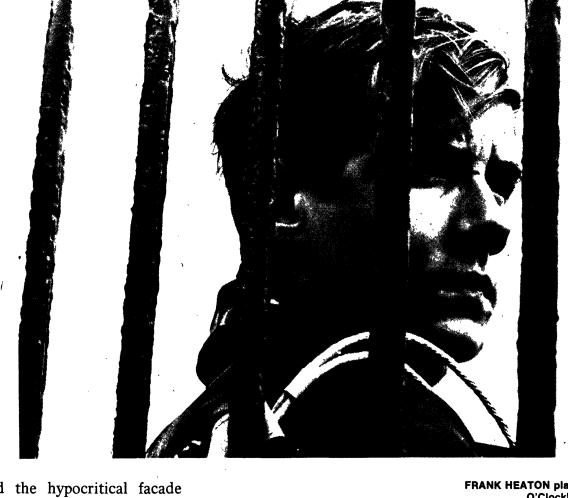
There is no rebellion about Latimer, nothing heroic about his situation, but he has to be broken nonetheless.

The teachers, too, cannot escape. They're part of the system. Keeping the conveyor belts supplied. Turning out human labour.

Nobody, not even the 'proart master,

His efforts to help Latimer understand himself because the boy sees the hopelessness of his situation and seeks a hopeless way out.

Welland's characters are ordinary people, and he has a



FRANK HEATON plays Latimer in Granada's play 'Roll on Four O'Clock!' All the action was filmed on location at a Manchester school.

# 'Thank god I'm not a

sharp eye for the absurdities

The play's often amusing sometimes farcical situations and dialogue reflect this, but do not cut across the essential seriousness of the theme.

#### Abridged

For workers and their children, capitalism provides 'education' only in its most bastardized and truncated form. The secondary modern school, which epitomizes this type of schooling for the majority of workers, is now being reintroduced in another form by the Tories as part of their systematic attack on workers' rights.

after Latimer is debagged in the yard, only guarantees the boy a further beating-up.

And Crampton's warning is followed immediately by the BBC's radio divine service for schools, all sweetness and light and harpsichord music with a special greeting for the girls of some school in the Surrey stockbroker belt.

#### **Extension**

Even the carefully-prepared Christmas party, with its organized games and its regimented queues for cakes and orangeade, is only an extension of the same process.

Latimer, knowing he will be bullied there, wants to



TONY CALVIN stars as Henry in BBC's 'Hallelujah Handshake'.

In the last analysis, the teachers are reduced to the role of warders—as one of the staff comments at the end of

## To the wall

Crampton ploughs grimly and insensitively on trying to force Latimer to conform. Privately, in any case, he considers that boys like him should be 'sent to the wall'.

The absurd assembly where Crampton issues a solemn warning about 'filthy practices'

avoid attending the party. The art master backs him up. But Crampton insists: 'It's a wicked world,' he says, and Latimer must learn to live in

So the boy goes and is inevitably picked out by the master in charge of games, a man with an unreasoning prejudice against 'poofs'.

### The whip

He is singled out for some particularly violent game — 'the whip'—and hits his head.

# parent!

## by Frank Cartwright

Knocked out, he is taken home by the art master, but his sympathy over tea at Latimer's home — where he lives with his grandmotheronly angers the boy more.

There are no easy solutions. Nobody comes off best, and the film ends in a violent staff-room argument, where the art master is accused of 'protecting queers'.

He walks out, and ing words sum up the film: 'Thank God I'm not a

#### Again

This was an uncompromising play, which it is to be hoped left viewers angry and upset.

Directed by Roy Battersby, 'Roll on Four O'Clock' should be shown again as soon as

Colin Welland's other play this week, 'Hallelujah Handshake' (BBC 1. Thursday, December 17. 9.20 p.m.) was not on the same level as 'Four O'Clock'.

It dealt with another oddman-out, a mild schizophrenic who comes to the religion seeking the affection he has

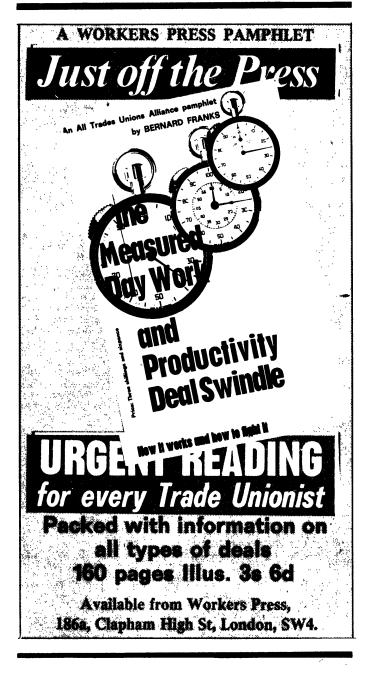
The non-conformist minister accepts him, uses him for a while as a general dogsbody, and then warns him off after complaints from parents about his familiarity with their children.

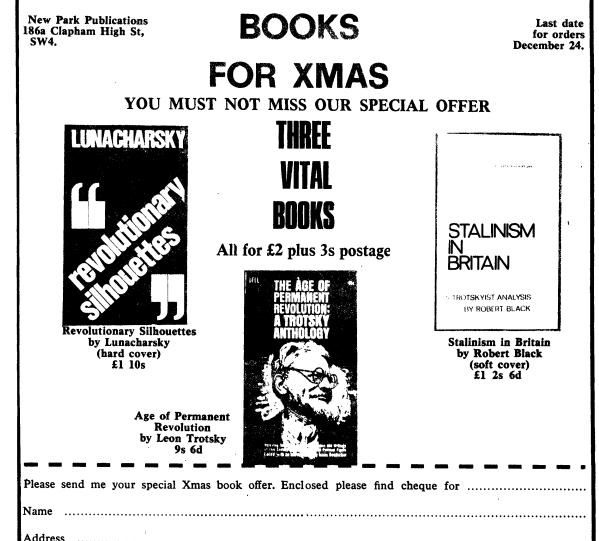
#### Lack

He moves on to the High Anglican church, whose minister is delighted at his conversion and will not listen to his colleague's warnings.

Inevitably, the victim walks off with the cash-box and is unceremoniously abandoned by his priest to the tender mercies of the law.

The play was a neat study of clerical hypocrisy, but it lacked the detailed personal knowledge Welland put into 'Four O'Clock'.







THE 'Way of the World' column in the 'Daily Telegraph', signed by 'Peter Simple', is well known as one of the most reactionary pieces of journalism in the British press.

No opportunity is lost to attack the working class, to vilify socialism or to defend racialist propagandists—all under cover of 'satire'.

### Mr 'Simple'

It was interesting to see how unenthusiastic Mr 'Simple' was about the movement of the Polish workers. On Friday he referred to 'the Poles, once again, struggling desperately and hopelessly in their chains'.

All he can see happening in Poland is 'looting and unco-ordinated violence'. In this, he echoes Gomulka's own Stalinist

As with the Hungarian revolution in 1956, the capitalist press works as hard as the Stalinists to prove that the movement is both 'anti-communists' and hope-

# Not simple

So the news - suppressed by most papers, including the 'Morning Star'—that the Gdansk shipyard workers sang 'The Internationale' when they marched into the city, upset 'Simple' particularly badly.

### **Terrifying**

'That they could find no better song to express their wish for freedom is both ironical and pathetic,' writes 'Simple'.

"The Internationale" is the hymn of that poltical doctrine, itself perversely inhuman, whose further perversion in E Europe has for 25 years held down the Polish nation by military force

What terrifies capitalist politicians today is precisely that the working class is moving forward to its emancipation, breaking from bureaucracy, and contemptuously rejecting the 'freedom' offered them by Simple' and his masters.

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pronunciation for names like Colquhoun and Wynford. Did you know that, while Abergavenny is a Welsh town, the peer of that name must be pronounced 'Aber-genny'? And what about the McGilly-cuddy of the Reeks? (You may recall the name as being asso-

Well, no wonder they didn't let

The book also gives the correct

ciated with a right-wing political group some years ago.) He (or is it she or it?) must be pronounced 'Mac-li-cuddy'. The book undoubtedly fills a long-felt want. In his introduc-tion, Sir Iain Moncreiffe says people are always addressing him

creef', please.) The book is written by Mr Patrick Montague-Smith (pro-nounced 'Smith'), 'editor of 'Debrett's Peerage' (pronounced

# Spice of life

work? Does monotony wear you down? Consider yourself lucky you are not the Duke of Edinburgh.

ARE YOU bored with your

He has to put up with charity dinners, lunches and balls, day after day and night after night. No wonder the poor fellow was complaining about it the other

Many of these affairs are the same year after year, he told the Variety Club lunch. Not that he was bored with the social round, but he wanted more variety.

#### 'Different'

He had asked for this lunch to be 'different' for a start. While guests munched a cold buffet feed in the Royal Festival Hall, the Duke mingled with them, chatting informally, instead of making a speech.

'There is a thing called the Taverners which you may have heard of,' he said, 'and they have an annual dinner. This year I said to them "For God's sake let's do something different" and I think they will.'

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# Resolutions from Scotland and Ireland

# Strong pressure for firemen's

From our industrial correspondent

RISING MILITANCY in the firemen's pay dispute has prodded Fire Brigade Union leaders into considering the sanction of ultimate strike action and a refusal to fight blazes in factories and shops.

N Ireland.

Yesterday's execu-

tive meeting had be-

fore it tough demands

from Scotland and

Ulster executive mem-

ber Mr Archie McArdle

said his area's call for a

ban on fire-fighting in

factories and shops would

mean firms would close

down rather than operate

without guaranteed fire

The Scottish resolution calls

for "an escalation of the present emergency-calls only

time ban and bans on bonus shift working, stand-by duty and detached duty.

Absence of an acceptable offer after a limited period would mean consideration of

further escalation not excluding 'the ultimate form of industrial action'.

Jeers

The pressure building up

for all-out action was also shown by the boos and jeers

hurled at FBU leaders who

addressed a 1,000-strong mass meeting at Tower Hill on Monday night.

After a crushing vote against the executive's soft-

pedalling the meeting called

for strike action if the fire-

men's 10 per cent claim is not

Chants of 'Strike' greeted an official's question 'How far

will our members support us

'But we don't want this.

London is a huge place, and

there will be a tremendous

risk to life. We are very con-

cerned. But we may be forced

to take strike action if nego-

**Rejected** 

After rejecting the em-

ployers' 5½ per cent pay offer last week, the FBU ordered its

27,000 members to answer

The union is asking for current earnings of about

£27 10s to be boosted to the

£38 earned by airport firemen and for a shorter working

in their demands'.

their beds,' he said.

tiations fail.'

'Unique' union help in selling **Belfast** shipyard

> BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

BOILERMAKERS' president Dan McGarvey has made some revealing comments on his talks with potential buyers of the ailing Harland and Wolff shipyard.

After meeting take-over client Sir John Hunter, of the big NE-based Swan Hunter consortium, McGarvey com-

'What we are doing has been a unique exercise. I have never known it to happen

'It is remarkable it is happening with a Tory Minister. He agreed that the unions should go round to the four prospective buyers because he eves that the success o Harland and Wolff's must mean the involvement of the

#### Be frank

McGarvev added the unions had asked the various managements to be as frank as they could on what they expect from the unions.

In private, the Tory gov-ernment must be delighted at the unions' co-operation in its plan to sell off the yard and at their eagerness to 'discuss' terms' with future employers.

Rank-and-file Harland workers, however, have demanded public ownership to scotch the speed-up and sackings threat inevitably involved in a takeover.

#### Undermined

The credibility of a Swan Hunter's rescue is undermined the consortium's own rather dismal fortunes.

One of the more successful shipbuilding firms, it lost £3 million last year and is pushing ahead with speed-up and intensification of work in its Tyneside yards.

The McGarvey-led union delegation has now discussed take-over plans with three out of the four potential buyers for Harland's.

meet Harland's present board and on January 12 will see trade and industry minister Nicholas Ridley.

## LATE NEWS

#### Devey 'not CP member' Read tomorrow's

A statement from the Yorkshire district committee of the Communist Party yesterday revealed that former Batchelor's Foods convenor

Terry Devey is no longer a CP member. In tomorrow's Workers Press, we publish the results of a detailed investigation of the events which led up to the the acceptance of a £3,000 pay-off in return for Devey's resignation as convenor after

CO-OP WORKERS CLAIM £5 RISE

a seven-week reinstatement

A £5-a-week pay claim for all adult male retail co-operative society employers, and for women's rates of 921 held for over two months since her arrest, by the FBI, was taken by police out of New York yesterday, and was believed to be on her way to California where she faces trial on murder and kidnapping

Miss Davis, a communist and former philosophy teacher, was moved less than 24 hours after she had lost her court fight against extradiction to

Associate US supreme court justice John Harlan declined to approve her application for

# strike



Yesterday's FBU executive meeting in London was faced with calls for strike action. Union secretary Terry Parry (left) and president Enoch Humphries head the table.

# Polish workers

Foreign

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counter-revolution, aided by the bureaucrats' desire to retain their privileges. The 'Star' does not even admit that workers in Poland have been shot down.

'The tragedy is compounded,' it says, 'if (!) in dealing with demonstrations, there is not sufficient distinction between legitimate protests and criminal acts, so that working people are shot.' If! If! But eyewitnesses say hundreds are dead in Gdansk and Gdynia, shot and batoned indiscriminately police, rolled over by tanks and armoured cars and mur-

dered by military force. And Gierek himself states, in a speech sycophantically reproduced in full in the 'Star': 'The coastal cities of Gdansk, Gdynia, Szczecin and Elblag became the scene of workers' demonstrations, dis-

After the meeting, attended turbances and street clashes. by delegates from London's 115 stations, FBU executive People have been killed.' So there is no 'if' about it, member Mr Ken Head made and the 'Star' knows it. the views of the platform These 'criminal acts' are not even acknowledged, let alone 'If the strike goes ahead people will in fact burn in

condemned by the Stalinists of the British Communist Party. It can truly be said that if the British Communist Party is not headed by murderers,

it is led by their close friends. The 'Star's' solution for what it terms 'the economic problems confronting Poland and other socialist states' can be summed up Turn towards im-

perialism!
They lie when they state that 'these events . . . help the enemies of socialism'. The most fervent applause

for the suppression of the shipyard workers of Gdansk, Gdynia and Szczecin has question? come from the spokesman of

that the butchery in Poland 'will not affect Polish-W German relations'. congressmen American are certain that the new regime will trade more

Minister.

freely with the West, and there is no doubt where the Franco fascists in Spain stand now that their newfound ally is endangered by working-class struggle. repeatedly pointed out, the

European countries by scabbing activities in Spain and Ireland and its eagerness to open relations with the W European employers.

#### **Flexible**

The British Stalinists are fully in favour of this policy. They are for every step towards the restoration of capitalism in E Europe. That is why they can talk about allowing 'much more flexibility and scope for local initiative' in the Polish

economy. If the Polish government is defending socialism, how come the arch-anti-communist Denis Healey, an enthusiastic backer of NATO, can state on tele-vision that the Gierek regime is not a Stalinist regime and will be much more amenable to the West?

Perhaps George Matthews

in his two-year stay he had made several lengthy journeys and engaged in political discussion, said the Attorney-

In 1968 and 1970 he had attended the congress of the International Socialists in London and had also stayed with one of their members in Swansea while a damaging steel strike was on in the nearby town of Port Talbot.

'You will have to consider all the evidence you have heard and see if there has been any concealment in the information he has given you,' said the Attorney-General.

FIGHTING broke out yes-terday near the N Jordanian

town of Irbid between King

Hussein's forces and Pales-

Armoured cars and other

tinian guerrillas.

'Star's' editorial to the 'British Road to Socialism' world imperialism.

Conrad Ahlers, W German

British Road to S

gives the game away. drafted by Stalin in 1951 and

The final reference in the

enthusiastically welcomed by the CP leaders.

Here they stress that 'a socialist Britain must ensure freedom of speech, the right to demonstrate and strike, a powerful and independent trade union movement, industrial democracy, and free creative artistic activity.

Coming from the defenders of the Moscow Trials and the blood purges of Stalin this is monumentally

#### Challenge

We challenge 'Star' editor George Matthews and the rest of his fellow-Stalinists in the British CP leadership: when single strike in the workers' states of W Europe?

How can you claim to support the right to demonstrate when Polish demonstrators are brutally shot down in the

What is this cant about as they are doing with the Szczecin strike committee

anti-Stalinist opposition? All this hypocritical blather is a cover for support for the

the crimes of Stalinism. The Polish workers' struggle against Stalinism is an inspiration to Trotskyism in its fight to smash this counter - revolutionary 'syphilis of the labour movement' in Britain and

There can be no other road for the E European workers than the political revolution under the banner of the Fourth International. This is the way to defeat talinism throughout the Stalinism

N Jordan

machine guns patrolled the streets, searching people in

concluded between guerrilla

only recognizes the oppressors of the Basques—it has broken strikes on their behalf. Distortion The distortion of the Basque

movement's aims is also to be expected. The ETA is not asking Franco for 'autonomy within the Spanish [fascist] state', but

Jerash, another city near the Syrian border.

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Toxic

tuna

tribution of pollutants and pesticides by natural processes in the oceans and atmosphere is so thorough that even eskimos and polar bears have been found to contain DDT. In Michigan, the pesticide was found to be coming out

in mothers' milk. Food additives, aspirin, antibiotics, pesticides and a variety of dangerous chemicals —the unplanned use and dis-tribution by capitalist industry goes on with only an occasional 'ban' or reprimand whenever disaster strikes.

#### Little research

The amount of research in these areas is relatively small and for the most part there are few universally accepted danger levels laid down.

In Britain, there is no such level fixed in the case of mercury. The World Health Organization suggests a maximum of five parts per 100 million; in the US it is fixed at 0.5 ppm.

In Britain, as elsewhere, any watch-dog committees on food standards include representatives of the giant food

Why no warning on the contamination tuna, despite the fact that it is imported from areas—such as Japan and Canada—where heavy chemical pollution is not exactly unknown?

Capitalist industry is unwilling and unable to carry through the international checking and planning which are necessary to deal with the spread of pollution and the contamination of the world's food resources.

Industry within one state boundary will resist spending large amounts of money on measures that cut into profits and give competitors an advantage. The development of economic crisis and trade war hardens such resistance.

#### **Palliatives**

Doubtless, the latest revelations on mercury contamina-tion will lead to some pitiful palliative to soothe a few consciences . . . until the next

But the growing threat to man's existence of the capitalist nation state is as directly expressed in these latest findings as the slaughter of two world wars.

The expropriation of private industry and the establishment of planned, socialist produc-tion has attained a new

THE STRUGGLE of the

Basque people against

Franco and the Polish

workers against Stalinism

were equated - and con-

demned - by a Warsaw

Radio broadcast on De-

After referring to 'events' in the Baltic port of Gdansk, where at least 300 workers

have been killed, the com-

always condemned all acts of extremism. I always have con-

demned and will condemn al

bomb-throwing, arson and

The commentator then gave

No terror

declared my sympathy with

the aspirations of the Basques

striving for autonomy within the Spanish state, L con-

demned methods of terror.'

So the thoroughly justified,

revolutionary resistance of the

implication, equated with the

fascist violence used to repress

For this Stalinist, all resist-

ance to dictatorship, whether

Stalinist or fascist, is legiti-mate only if it observes the

'constitutional' framework laid down by the regime. It should be no surprise to

find Warsaw Radio slandering

the Basques in this way, echoing the charges of

'terrorism' brought against the

Burgos 16 by the Franco

The Polish bureaucracy not

oppressed Basques is,

(Emphasis added.)

them!

'Only last Saturday, when

'Since the very beginning of

mentator continued:

cember 19.

violence.'

Warsaw Radio

attacks Polish

and Spanish

# Critical of Polish strike breaking, but

# **Carrillo** has not broken from Stalinism

THE LATEST issue of 'Nuestra Bandera', the theoretical organ of the Spanish Communist Party, confirms that general secretary Santiago Carrillo, for all his criticism of the breaking of the Asturian miners' strike by the Polish government has made no break with Stalinism.

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Stalinism and to move closer to the 'liberal'

closer to the 'liberal' Spanish bourgeoisie are

made even clearer in an

article by Juan Diz, 'A basic

trait of Leninism. The fight against dogmatism', which is

supposed to be a 'theoretical

settling of accounts' with Stalin.

Carrillo's answer to the demands posed by the Workers Press of December

'Tell the truth about the murder of Nin, about the

GPU's private torture

chambers, prisons and execution chambers in Bar-

celona. Tell the truth about

the thousands of Inter-

national Brigaders who returned from fighting Franco to face GPU death

cells in Moscow and later Prague, Budapest and

For Diz and Carrillo the

We can take this article as

He is putting forward a Popular Front policy, a continuation of that policy which betrayed

the Spanish Revolution. The resolution passed at the last Plenum of the Central Committee specificcondemns Franco for his betrayal of the Spanish nation in the renewal of military agreements with the USA.

The resolution is full of praise for the agreements established by the Soviet bure au cracy with the Federal German Republic as important steps towards peace and security in Europe.

No mention is made of the strike-breaking activities of Gomulka's government or of the relations established with Franco by the Soviet and E European bureaucracies, which are only a continuation of Stalinist peace plans — for peace with the European ourgeoisie, against

European working class.
In fact, Carrillo's Central Committee puts forward a policy which openly advocates such relations:

#### NEUTRAL

'This government would follow a foreign policy of neutrality in relation to the military blocs and diversify relations with all countries, whatever their social character.

Carrillo's attempts to evade the real issues of

BY A CORRESPONDENT

less than 11 cultural and

'Most of the reviews', a

'will cease publication because

of the unsatisfactory composi-

tion of their editorial boards

and the small number of

prepared to pursue a commit-

Stangl

faces new

charges

FRANZ Stangl, third most-

wanted Nazi war criminal, was sentenced to life imprison-

ment by a Dusseldorf court yesterday, but his sentence will automatically be com-

The court found Stangl

guilty, after a seven-month

400,000 Jews from Poland,

Germany and other European states in 1942 and 1943 when

he was commander of the Treblinka concentration camp

Stangl was captured in 1967

Under the terms of the

extradition agreement, Stangl

will serve a fixed term in W

Germany and must then be

extradicted to his native Austria to face further charges

while working on a carassembly line in Brazil.

trial, of the murder of at least

muted to a fixed term.

in Poland.

and W Europe alike.

total destruction.

political journals.

tee policy.'

## period of the blackest Stalinist treachery against the Spanish working class, the period of the Moscow Trials, is Stalin's most flexible and most Leninist period, and the source of the present policies of the Having explained Lenin's fight against the Russian chauvinist policy of Stalin in Georgia, Diz accepts Stalin's anti-Leninist policy of build-ing socialism in one country,

**FLEXIBLE** 

and implicitly attacks Trotsky's fight against Stalin: 'We must not limit ourselves to bookish arguments against Stalin, but must look at the concrete situation. We should logically explain the historical reasons for the great concentration of state power, namely the isolation of the USSR and the attacks of imperialism. Stalin developed policies which played a positive role. But between the Leninism of Stalin and of Lenin there

#### is a great abyss.' **RESPONSE**

Diz goes on to declare, obviously in opposition to and as a response to the pressure of many intellecdetermination, including total tuals and workers in Spain political separation from Spain who want a real account of the majority of Basques so their own Party history:

'We must certainly say to This then is the true face those who give a terrible caricature of the period of of the Polish bureaucracy, an enemy of workers in Poland Stalin as a completely black period, that at certain times, There can be no 'liberaliza-tion' of Stalinism, only its for example, at the time of the Popular Front and in particular in relation to the war in Spain, the Leninist conception of the diversity Czech journals of revolutionary models played an important role. closed down Stalin himself explained this concretely in his letter to Largo Caballero . . . '

#### THE Czech regime has announced the closing down of

Although Diz does not bother, it is interesting to spell out this advice of Yugoslav report commented, Stalin. This letter tells Caballero to placate the democratic bourgeoisie. It was necessary to win journalists on them who are the peasantry with a few tax and land reforms, to win the support of the middle class by protecting them against loss of property and ensuring them freedom of trade, to attract Azana's supporters 'in order to prevent the enemies of Spain

SPELL OUT

Carrillo: 'Nobody — and above all not the Communist Party-

for Spain'.

considering her a Com-munist Republic, which

constitutes the worst danger

Compare this with

#### is today intending to carry out a "communist revolu-tion" in Spain. The alternatives are fascist dictatorship or democracy. (Emphasis in the original-Carrillo's introduction to his

own book on perspectives published in 1967.) The particular 'Leninist' flexibility admired by Diz is Stalin's suggestion of a parliamentary road to socialism in Spain, 'parlia-mentary action, perhaps a more efficient way of acting in Spain than in Russia'.

#### **ACCEPTS**

For Diz, the degeneration socialist democracy in Russia begins after the Second World War.

As we have said, Carrillo fully accepts the Moscow trials and the betrayals of the 1930s carried out by the super-democrat Stalin. These Stalinist distortions of history and of Leninism can only disarm the Spanish working class and the Spanish Communist Party itself in the struggle against Franco's vicious repression.

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anti-Semitic 'Partisan' group led by security boss Moczar, is the best man to restore 'order' in Poland.

#### Immediate talks

Fully aware that the new regime is faced by a hostile working class, and is therefore searching for allies wherever it can find them, a US Conressman vesterday urge Nixon to begin immediate trade talks with Poland.

Representative Pucinski said that Gierek's rise to power signified a new era of closer Polish co-operation with the West:

'The fact that the communist leadership selected Gierek, who has led the fight to pull Poland away from the total control of the Kremlin, is of great significance to western democracies,' he said.

From Washington, Bonn and Moscow to Printing House Square (yesterday's 'Times' described Moczar as 'Poland's Spiro Agnew') and the 'Morning Star', the forces of imperialism and Stalinist counter-revolution are lining up behind the strike-breaking Gierek regime.

### Clear up

The very nature of this support should clear up any remaining confusions about the future policies of the Polish bureaucracy.

#### WEATHER

MOST places except the East will have a dry and sunny day. E England will be rather showers. E Scotland and NE England will be rather cloudy with occasional rain, with sleet over high ground. W Scotland will be dry with bright intervals.

It will be rather cold in the but near normal in the N. Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Rather cold, mainly dry in the W with sunny spells, but cloudy in the E with occasional sleet or snow. perhaps more prolonged in places later later.

## Elements of Marxism

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

in connection with his work at the so-called euthanasia BEXLEYHEATH: Roberts Hall, Christchurch, Broadcentre at Hartheim mental way. Tuesday, January 5, 8 p.m.

#### per cent of the male rate, has been submitted to the national wages board of the co-opera-ANGELA DAVIS MOVED 26-year-old Angela Davis,

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Wigoder asked Tribunal to remember that many of such people were prepared to sell their souls for monetary and other He asked them to reject any hearsay evidence from spies given at Monday's

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secret session by members of the security service. For the Home Secretary. Sir Peter Rawlinson, said that Tribunal would have to consider the whole evidence and decide if what was said in Monday's secret session tallied with what had been

said in public. He said that Dutschke had been admitted into the country temporarily on humanitarian grounds because of his

**▶** Advised Doctors advised him to live a life of peace and quiet, yet

As the Workers Press has Polish government has distinguished itself even among E

'industrial democracy' when the Polish workers are forced to fight tanks because they have no other means of redress, and where so-called 'trade union' representatives negotiate alongside the government against the workers,

today? And as for 'free creative artistic activity', when is the Communist Party going to speak up about the mounting repression of Soviet intellectuals and other leaders of the

new regime in Poland, and shows the British CP at their old jobs of apologizing for all

everywhere else.

but for the right to self Royalists and guerrillas clash in

leaders, and the army two The clashes are the first reported from Jordan since