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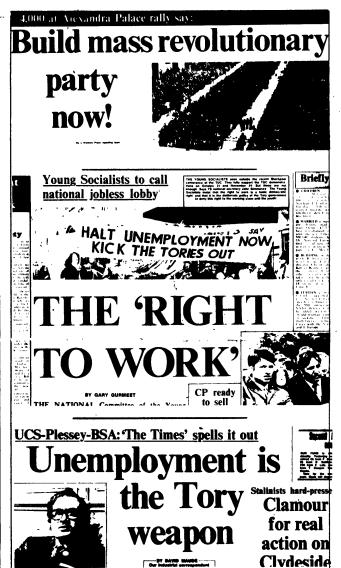
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leave the stocks in. They couldn't, argued the company. They were vital to new orders connected with tape-controlled machinery. "employ the 80 workers still in the regular sit-in until you get more industry". If they

were so confident, that new iobs would come to the estate. this seemed reasonable. But again the answer was no.' A more sordid aspect of the company's bargaining was badly-disguised 'bribes' they offered the leaders like Eddie and Jack to solicit their

They were offered offices and a phone-so Lyons could immediately 'consult' them on progress (an office inside the Alexandria plant had already been earmarked for this purpose).

The man behind this 'soft-kill' approach was A. J. Robb—chief of Plessey manpower planning.
One of his suggestions was

that Eddie and Jack, since they had already demonstrated their amazing powers of per-suasion on the Plessey rank and file, should become travelling ambassadors for the project. Trips to Japan and the US were rumoured, much to the mirth of the workernegotiators.

But as the men stuck to their demands, the camaraderie dissolved and Plessey management are rumoured 'up North' reviewing the Alexandria situation. The men's behaviour must

have been quite puzzling to these electronics capitalists. But then they do not under-stand men like Jack Green or the working class. Plessey were challenging a

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'It's war—and Faulkner declared it'

XMAS is a time when traditionally you're supposed to put your troubles behind you, or at least, in the well-worn words of the Catholic church, offer them up for the greater glory

Religion in Ireland thrives on the poverty and poor conditions in which people find themselves. If people didn't have some hope of happiness in an after life, how could they bear to face the misery and hopelessness of their present lives?

It was Lenin who pointed out 'Religion is the opium of the people'. And it is the opiate that best serves the interests of British imperialism in dividing the working class in Ulster.

For many people this year, however, it will be difficult, in fact, impossible, to forget their problems. Families with sons, husbands and fathers interned will remember that the British army of occupation still occupies and that the bloody hand of British imperialism still threatens their homes.

is 28. Her husband Peter Paul Collins, 23, was arrested at his mother's home in Ramore Gardens in Creggan estate on August 9.

Elizabeth now lives in Creggan with her widowed mother-in-law, Mrs Joan Collins, and her husband's grandmother, Mrs Kathleen Collins.

Peter and Elizabeth were married in October 1969—two months after military occupation hit the Six Counties. She has one child 15 months old.

Since her husband was interned, Elizabeth has in all received a total of three weeks' Social Security benefit.

The reason for this, she says, is that her application for benefit was originally made from her own home in Donegal, Eire.

No money

'They are using that to hold the money off me. They have now asked me to see them twice a week but I still haven't received any money.

'I waited every week expect-ing my money to be sent to me, but it never came. They don't care how you have to live.

'I have had to borrow money from my mother, who is an old-age pensioner in Donegal, and from my husband's mother and since every trip to Long Kesh means hiring a taxi and that costs £8 every time.

Elizabeth and her mother-inlaw had just returned from a visit to Long Kesh when I inter-

'It has now cost me £88 for 11 visits to the camp.

Mrs Joan Collins took up the

No reasons

'I went to the National Assistance but they said I couldn't have my money back. I told them it was a lot of money to have to pay from my pension. 'They told me I could only

have a voucher for train. 'In the end I was allowed £15.95 back out of the £88. That's all gone now and I've had to pay out again for three or

'My pension is £6 a week plus 30p from the Social Security. 'My mother-in-law and 'My mother-in-law and daughter-in-law are living in this

house with me.'
'Internment,' said Elizabeth, 'has completely broken up the beginning of our marriage. If you could see justice comwould be easier. But

from the very beginning I think internment was wrong. They had no reasons for suspecting Peter. Now I am in a position where I take every day as it comes, I don't look to the future.

'If I had four or five children I would be much more worse off. I feel sorry for those who are left with large families.
'I have only one child myself but I find that hard to manage.

'The situation has worsened

since internment. The men that are lifted are going to be bitter. If they hadn't been doing anything before they were interned

they will certainly be doing something after.' What are conditions like at Long Kesh?

'All we see is the front. My husband doesn't talk very much. He's in good spirits and says

all the men are the same.

'I feel resentment. They are Irishmen, after all.

'I think it's something that shouldn't happen in a country

'We're supposed to be living in a civilized world, but it is not civilized. If we heard about this elsewhere we would think it was terrible and we would think something like this couldn't happen here.'

'Conditions at Long Kesh', said her mother-in-law, 'are bad'.

'There're the cases of scabies for a start. They haven't had clean blankets since August 9.

put his shoes and socks on.
'No matter what they do now

they'll never break our spirit.

'This crowd at Stormont are finished. The people have never been so united as they are today.

'The only loyalty that Faulk-ner, Craig and Paisley have is to the money going into their pockets. There is no loyalty to

The cause

'If there was a 32-county Ireland tomorrow, Paisley and the others would run to Jack Lynch and get the best jobs going.
'None of the Ulster Unionists wants anything changed. As I said the only loyalty they have is to their pockets.

'The RUC and the B-specials started the trouble here three years ago. 'But the British government is

the cause of the trouble all along and they have the solution. 'The British people are paying for this army through taxation to the teeth. They don't know because they have never





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two clean sheets a week, now they're only allowed one.
'A while ago we brought up 100 hot water bottles and delph mugs but the army made us bring them all back.

'The food is bad and the portions are very small.'
She told me she had heard reports that every night the soldiers threw sticks and things at the tin huts to keep the men awake. Some of the men's eyes have been affected.

Batoning

She heard that the men were made to run over broken glass and stones on their bare feet. When the army came here for Peter', she told me, 'they banged the door in. I got hold of one of the soldiers and the other was threatening me with his baton.

'My daughter went between the soldier and me and the other one batoned her in the stomach 'Then he ran upstairs and dragged Peter down. They wouldn't even give him time to tive government that was a friend of the Irish or English people. 'Here in the North, Brian Faulkner declared war on the

'There never was a Conserva-

Catholics; what were we expected to do about it? We couldn't sit in our homes and let their thugs murder us. 'If we give in now it will be another 50 years before we get the people together again.

'To solve this situation we

Catholic people together again. Paisley separates the Protestants off.
'They don't want peace. They want it on their terms. It's war

have to get the Protestant and

—and Faulkner declared it.

'They filled old-age pensioners' homes full of gas. 'It was the terrorizing of homes that brought the men on the streets. 'Stormont has to be dissolved

and the British army withdrawn before there is peace. 'If they do what they have done here in England the working class won't stand for it. There will be a revolution.'



FRIDAY PROGRAMMES

10.00 Laurel and Hardy. 10.20 Film: 'White Christmas' Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, Vera-Ellen. 12.15 The night the animals talked. 12.40 Jesus. 1.20 Tom and Jerry. 1.30 Mary, Mungo, Midge. 1.45 News. 1.55 Film: 'Mr Hobbs Takes a Vacation' James Stewart, Maureen O'Hara. 3.45 Play school. 4.10 Jackanory. 4.25 Jack and the Beanstalk, 5.15 Screen Test, 5.44 Magic roundabout, 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 LONDON THIS WEEK.

6.15 TOMORROW'S WORLD visits yesterday's world.

6.45 CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

7.30 IT'S CLIFF RICHARD. Olivia Newton-John, Labbi Siffre.

8.15 FILM: 'CARRINGTON VC'. David Niven, Margaret Leighton. Money goes missing from the army unit's safe.

10.10 NEWS and weather. 10.15 ONEDIN LINE. 'Mutiny'.

11.05 GHOST STORY. 'The Stalls of Barchester'. Robert Hardy, Clive Swift in M. R. James spine-chiller.

11.50 MASS.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 Play school.

5.40 CHRISTMAS ON 2 5.45 FILM: 'SHOWBOAT'. Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner, Howard Keel. 'Ol' Man River' etc.

7.30 WIVES AND DAUGHTERS. Part 6.

8.15 NEWS and weather.

8.30 REVIEW. Topical arts magazine. 9.20 TALES OF HOFFMAN. Offenbach sung by Geraint Evans. 11.30 STAR OF BETHLEHEM. Lotte Reiniger's silhouettes.

11.50 NEWS and weather.

11.55 FILM: 'MIRACLE ON 34th STREET'. Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Edmund Gwenn. Comedy set in Macys' store, New

ITV

9.30 Concert. 10.20 Anita in jumbleland. 10.30 Lift off. 11.00 Roadrunner. 11.30 Hardest way up Annapurna. 12.30 Film: 'Tarzan Goes to India' Jock Mahoney. 2.00 Riptide. 3.00 Junior showtime. 3.50 Laurel and Hardy. 3.55 Champions. 4.50 The cat in the hat. 5.20 Freewheelers. 5.50 News.

6.00 TODAY. Eamonn Andrews.

6.30 NEW DICK VAN DYKE SHOW. 7.00 COMEDIANS PARTY.

7.45 THE PERSUADERS. Tony Curtis, Roger Moore. Danny

mistaken by a gang for a genius of crime. 8.45 FENN STREET GANG. Skeleton in Frankie Abbotts' cup-

9.15 VAL DOONICAN. Guests include Harry H. Corbett. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

SUNDAY PROGRAMMES

11.00 Seeing and Believing, 11.30 4472 Flying Scotsman, 12.10

Horton hears a who. Cartoon. 12.35 Peter and the Wolf. Told by

Mia Farrow. 1.00 World of Abbott and Costello. 2.15 Flying Falcons

parachute display. 2.40 Film: 'The Happy Years' Dean Stockwell as

unruly youngster sent to school for taming rebels. 4.25 Gang show.

7.25 PLAY: 'SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN'. Brian Rix. Clerical farce.

11.00 LIFE AND DEATH OF THE SCHARNHORST. Ludovic Ken-

2.40 'PICKWICK'. Musical based on Dickens' 'The Pickwick Papers'. With Harry Secombe, Roy Castle, Hattie Jacques.

5.00 FILM: 'JOAN OF ARC'. Victor Fleming of 'Gone with the

8.15 PERRY COMO IN PERSON. First shown on BBC 1, but a

9.00 FILM: 'THE PRIZE'. Paul Newman, Elke Sommer, Diana

thriller set against the Nobel prize-giving ceremony.

11.15 'GERMINAL'. Part one of the five part dramatization of

11.00 Service. 12.05 Sky's the limit. 12.30 Film: 'Heldi' Shirley

Emile Zola's powerful novel. Part 1: 'Miners'.

Wind' fame directs Ingrid Bergman, Jose Ferrer, Leif

Erickson, John Ireland and Ward Bond in this award-

welcome re-viewing of Como's show recorded in London

Baker, Micheline Presle and Edward G. Robinson. Spy

nedy tells the story of the German navy's most successful

battlecruiser, whose first victim 'The Rawalpindi', was com-

6.15 NOYES FLUDDE. Chester 'miracle' play.

manded by Kennedy's father.

7.25 BIRD'S EYE VIEW. Switzerland.

4.05 NEWS REVIEW. Aspects of a quiet year.

9.00 'DIE FLEDERMAUS'. Johann Strauss' operatta.

10.15 ALL THIS . . . AND CHRISTMAS TOO. Sidney James, Kenneth Connor.

11.15 AQUARIUS. 'The Other Belfast'.

11.55 MASS.

BBC 1

5.00 Wildlife spectacular.

6.05 NEWS and weather.

7.05 JOY AT CHRISTMAS.

8.55 NEWS and weather.

winning film.

earlier this year.

11.10 NEWS and weather.

11.50 Weather.

BBC 2

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 12.30 London. 2.00 Land of glants. 2.57 Puffin. 3.00 London. 3.45 Film: 'The Long Ships' Sidney Politier. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.10 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London.

WESTWARD: 9.30 London. 10.55 Gus Honeybun. 11.00 Bushboy. 11.30 Yoga. 12.00 Smith family. 12.30 London. 2.00 Land of giants. 2.57 News. 3.00 London. 3.50 Film: 'The Long Ships' Sidney Poitier. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London.

SOUTHERN: 9.30 London. 10.20 Pingwings, 10.30 London. 11.00 Ugly duckling. 11.15 Thunder-birds. 12.05 Richard the Lionheart. 12.30 London, 2.00 Horoscope. 2.05 Crossroads. 2.30 Houseparty. 3.00 London. 3.50 What price fleadom, 3.55 Hey Cinderella. 4.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.10 Out of town. 6.30 Sky's the limit. 7.00 London.

HARLECH: 9.30 London, 11.00 Pippi Longstocking, 11.30 Arthur, 11.45 Tinkertainment, 12.00



BBC 2 Saturday 25th: The Royal Ballet in 'LA FILLE MAL GARDEE'

Women, 12.30 London, 2.00 Sesame St. 3.00 London, 3.50 Film: 'Ann and the King of Siam' Irene Dunne, Rex Harrison, 5.50 Lon-don, 6.00 Report West, 6.18 Report Wales, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Lon-don,

HTV Wales and HTV Cymru/Wales as above except: 11.00-11.45 Dibyn-dobyn. 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. ANGLIA: 9.30 London. 11.00 Romper room. 11.30 Bottom of the sea. 12.30 London. 2.00 Survival. 2.30 Odd couple. 3.00 London. 3.50 Sinbad. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.30 London. 11.00 Buccaneers. 11.30 Survival. 12.00 Women. 12.30 London. 2.00 Horoscope. 2.05 Randall and Hopkirk. 3.00 London. 3.50 Film: 'Great Expectations' John Mills, Valerie Hobson. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London.

ULSTER: 12.00 Lift off. 12.30 London. 2.00 Enchanted house. 2.10 Christmas is. 2.40 Romper room. 3.00 London. 3.45 Cat in the hat. 4.15 Best of lucy. 4.45 Lost in space. 5.40 News. 5.50 London. 6.00 Sky's the limit. 6.30 Cartoon. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London.

YORKSHIRE: 9.30 London. 11.00 Trade winds to Tahiti. 12.05 Charlie Brown. 12.30 London. 2.00 Flintstones. 2.30 Odd couple. 3.00 London. 3.50 Film: 'Great Expectations' John Mills, Valerie Hobson. 5.50 London. 6.00 Cat in the hat. 6.30 Sky's the limit. 7.00 London.

GRANADA: 9.30 London. 11.00 HR Pufnstuf. 11.20 Cartoon. 11.30 Eiger climb. 12.30 London. 2.00 Hey cinderella. 3.00 London. 3.50 Film: 'Great Expectations' John Mills, Valerie Hobson. 5.50 London. 6.00 Cat in the hat. 6.30 Sky's the limit. 7.00 London. Sky's the limit. 7.00 London.

TYNE TEES: 9.30 London. 11.00
Trade winds to Tahiti. 11.55
Enchanted house. 12.05 Charlie
Brown. 12.30 London. 2.00 Youth
calls the tune. 2.30 Nanny and the
professor. 3.00 London. 3.50 Film:
'Great Expectations' John Mills,
Valerie Hobson. 5.50 London. 6.00
Cat in the hat. 6.30 Sky's the
limit. 7.00 London.

SCOTTISH: 3.00 London. 3.45 Crossroads. 4.10 Dateline. 4.55 Skippy. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.50 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.20 Story for Christmas. 6.25 Mr. Magoo. 6.30 Sky's the limit. 7.00 London.



BBC 1, Friday 24th: David Niven and Noelle Middleton in 'CARRINGTON VC'

8.30 Carols in Kirkgate. 9.00 Cartoons. 9.15 Service. 10.15 Merry Morning, John ('Please Sir!') Alderton at children's hospital, 10.45 Children's Christmas cinema. 11.30 Film: 'Captain Sindbad' Guy Williams, Heidi Bruhl. 1.00 Singalong with The Bachelors, Moira Anderson, Sacha Distel, Howard Keel and Andee Silver. 2.00 Kelvin Hall circus. 3.00 The Queen. 3.10 Film: 'King Solomon's Mines' Debroah Kerr, Stewart Granger. 5.00 A Variety of Reg Varney, 6.00 News,

6.05 ALL STAR COMEDY CARNIVAL. Mike and Bernie Winters introduce 70 stars from 11 ITV series in specially recorded

8.30 FILM: 'AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS'. David Niven. Robert Newton, Cantinflas, Shirley MacLaine and a host of quest appearances in the balloon adventures of Phineas

10.00 NEWS. 10.30 Film continued.

11.40 IT MATTERS TO ME. SATURDAY PROGRAMMES BBC 1

9.00 This is Christmas morning. 9.30 Aspel's Christmas crackers. 10.30 Family service. 11.30 Order of St John appeal. 11.35 Basil Brush show. 12.00 Rolf Harris at Queen Mary's Hospital, Surbiton,

Surrey. 12.50 Ken Dodd. 1.15 Generation game. 2.15 Top of the Pops 71 (part one). 3.00 The Queen. 3.10 Billy Smart's Circus. 4.15 Black and White minstrel show, 5.00 'Aladdin', Cilla Black, Alfred Marks, Roy Castle, Norman Vaughan. 6.30 NEWS and weather. 6.40 CHRISTMAS NIGHT WITH THE STARS. Ronnie Corbett and

Ronnie Barker introduce Engelbert Humperdinck, Lulu, Vera Lynn, Harry Secombe, New Seekers, Dick Emery, Eric Sykes and Hattie Jacques, Mike Yarwood, Young Generation. 8.00 MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW. Eric and Ernie involved with Shirley Bassey, Glenda Jackson, Andre Previn, Patrick Moore, Michael Parkinson, Eddie Waring and other guests.

9.05 FILM: 'ARABESQUE'. Gregory Peck, Sophia Loren. American professor at Oxford whose knowledge of hieroglyphics involves him with Arab spies. 10.45 GOOD OLD DAYS. Leonard Sachs introduces Terry Scott and other stars from the famous Varieties Theatre, Leeds.

11.35 COUNTRYMAN AT CHRISTMAS. 11.55 Reflection.

BBC 2

10.30 Play school. 10.55-11.20 How the Grinch stole Christmas. Cartoon. 2.15 Christmas on 2. 2.20 The man who loves giants. 3.10 Ballet: 'La Fille Mal Gardee'. Merle Park and David Blair in Frederick Ashton's comedy-ballet. 4.50 The Queen. 5.00 I can see it all. Dudley Foster and Elvi Hale in Edwardian magical evening. 5.30 FILM: 'A DISTANT TRUMPET'. Troy Donahue, Suzanne

Pleshette. New commissioned cavalry officer tries to stop Indians fighting and settle them on a reservation. 7.20 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 7.25 FILM: 'BARRETTS OF WIMPOLE STREET'. Jennifer Jones,

John Gielgud, Bill Travers, Virginia McKenna. LAURIE LEE'S CIDER WITH ROSIE. Dramatization of the author Laurie Lee's Cotswold childhood.

10.45 THE LITTLE ANGELS. National Folk Ballet. Korea. 11.15 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.20 FILM: 'MARNIE'. Sean Connery as a wealthy publisher who traps a beautiful girl (Tippi Hedren) whose kleptomania is sparked by thunderstorms and the colour red. He embarks on an unusual therapy, devised by Alfred Hitchcock.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC-1 except:
Wales; 9.30 Mis Y Plant. 9.55-10.25
Gwasanaeth Carolau. 12.50
Jack and the Beanstalk. 1.40
Tom and Jerry. 1.45-2.15 Cywain
Yn Israel. 4.15-5.00 Y Miri
Wedi'r Twrci.

REGIONAL

CHANNEL: 9.15-10.45 London. 1.00 London. 11.40 Closedown.

WESTWARD: 8.15 London. 11.40 Drive in. 12.10 Sing Noel. 12.15 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 8.15 London. 9.00 Sean the Leprachaun. 9.15 London. 11.40 Admiral's Cup. 12.05 Weather. It's all yours.

HARLECH: 8.15 London. 9.00 Rupert Bear. 9.15 London. 11.40 John Morgan. 12.35 Weather. HTV West as above, except: 11.40 Department S. HTV Cymru/Wales as above, except: 10.15-10.45 Sion a sian.

ANGLIA: 8.15 London. 11.40 The

ATV MIDLANDS: 8.10 Christmas Message. 8.15 London. 9.00 Horo-scope. 9.05 Hatty town. 9.15 Lon-don. 11.45 Completely different

YORKSHIRE: 8.15 London. 9.00 Mel-o-toons. 9.15 London. 11.40 Polaris.

GRANADA: 8.15 London. 9.00 Mel-o-toons. 11.40 Out front.

TYNE TEES: 8.15 London, 9.00 Mr Magoo. 11.40 Polaris, 12.35 Christmas message.

SCOTTISH: 8.15 London. 9.00 Moderator's Christmas message. 9.15 London. 11.40 Late calls. 11.45 Scotsport. 12.15 Nocturne.



Wales: 1.30-1.45 Ar lin mam. 4.25
Ask the family. 4.45-5.15 Cadi
ha. 6.00 Wales today. 6.15 Disc
a dawn. 6.40-6.45 Newyddion.
Scotland, N Ireland, England: 6.006.15 Regional news. All closedown at 1.05 a.m. except Scotland at 12.30 after service.

ITV

with activity in preparation for a society wedding and the annual jazz festival. The overlapping has

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.00 London. 1.58 Weather. 2.00 London, 11.25

WESTWARD: 9.10 Film: 'Pirates of Blood River' Christopher Lee. 10.30 Pippi Longstocking. 11.00 London. 12.00 Film: 'Heidi', 1.30 Cat in the hat. 2.00 London. 11.25 Master chefs. 11.40 Sing Noel. 11.45 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 10.30 All our yesterdays. 11.00 London. 12.00 Film: 'Heidi'. 1.30 Happy sounds. 2.00 London. 11.25 Odd couple. 11:50

HARLECH: 9.45 HR Pufnstuf, 10.05 Capt Scarlet. 10.30 Seaspray. 11.00 London, 12.00 Film: 'Heidi'. 1.30 Cat in the hat. 2.00 London.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.05 Thunderhead, son of Flicka. 10.25 Horoscope. 10.30 All our yesterdays. 11.00 London. 12.00 Film: 'Heidi'. 1.30 Cat in the hat. 2.00 London. 11.25 Danger man.

YORKSHIRE: 9.30 Bugs bunny, 9.40 Climbing Eiger. 10.30 Wendy and me. 11.00 London. 12.00 Film: 'Heidi'. 1.35 Happy Sounds. 2.00 London. 11.25 World of Whicker. 11.55 Weather.

GRANADA: 9.40 Film: 'Bonnie Scotland' Laurel and Hardy. 11.00 London. 12.00 Film: 'Heidi'. 1.30 All our yesterdays. 2.00 London. 11.30 Georgians.

TYNE TEES: 9.30 Popeye. 9.40 Climbing Eiger. 10.35 Jake's scene. 11.00 London. 12.00 Film: 'Heidi'. 1.30 Happy sounds. 2.00 London. 11.30 World of Whicker. 12.00 Silent night.

SCOTTISH: 11.00 London. 12.00 Film; 'The Yearling' Gregory Peck, Jane Wyman. 2.00 London. 11.25 Late calls. 11.30 Ray Anthony. 12.25 Nocturne.

ANGLIA: 9.15 All our yesterdays. 9.40 Merry Christmas. 10.10 Christmas carol. 11.00 London. 12.00 Film: "Heidi". 1.30 Flintstones. 2.00 London. 11.25 Marcus Welby.



BBC 1

9.00 Along the river: Watch with mother, 9.15 Golden silents, 9.40 Film: 'A Hard Day's Night'. Beatles. 11.15 Rock island climb. 11.30 Ask the family. 12.00-2.30 Holiday grandstand. 2.30 It's a Chrismas knock-out. 3.20 The Virginian. 4.35 Top of the pops 71. 5.15 News and sport. 5.30 Disney time.

6.15 DIXON OF DOCK GREEN. 7.00 A SPECIAL DAD'S ARMY.

8.00 CARRY ON COWBOY. Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Joan

PETULA . . . AND FRIENDS. Petula Clark, Warren Mitchell,

Rolf Harris. 10.20 NEWS and weather. 10.30 OMNIBUS: HUMPHREY BOGART.

11.30 Weatherman.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 Play school. 4.35 Surrender to Everest.

6.05 FILM: 'ABRACADABRA'.

6.15 HANSEL AND GRETEL. Englebert Humperdinck. 8.00 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 8.10 HORIZON. 'Patently Absurd-a look at patents, old and

8.55 THIRTY-MINUTE THEATRE. 'A Wen'.

9.30 ALIAS SMITH AND JONES. 'Dreadful Sorry, Clementine'. 10.20 CALL MY BLUFF.

10.50 FILM: 'THREE COINS IN THE FOUNTAIN'.

12.30 Closedown.

Superman. 10.25 Lost in space. 11.25 My song. 12.20 Racing. 2.15 Hey! Cinderella. 3.10 Film: 'Courage of Lassie'. 4.55 Ken Goodwin. 5.40 New. 5.55 Laurel and Hardy. 6.00 OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS. Hughie Green.

9.05 Happy sounds. 9.30 Rupert bear. 9.45 Atom ant. 10.05

6.45 FOR THE LOVE OF ADA.

7.30 CORONATION STREET.

8.00 FILM: 'TO CATCH A THIEF'. Cary Grant, Grace Kelly in

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.15 ANOTHER EDWARD WOODWARD HOUR. 11.15 DOWAGER IN HOT PANTS.

REGIONAL BBC All regions as BBC-1 except:

12.10 OUTLOOK '72.

Wales: 9.00-9.15 Ar lin mam. 3.20 Star trek. 4,05-4.35 Margaret. 10.30 Croeso'r Castell. 11.30 Weather and closedown.

Scotland: 5.25-5.30 Scottish news. 11.30 Weather and closedown. Northern Ireland: 11.30 Weather and closedown.
England: 11.30 Weather and

REGIONAL ITV

SOUTHERN: 9.50 Bottom the sea. 10.40 Best of Lucy. 11.05 Film: 'Tarzan and the Amazons'. 12.20 London, 2.15 Mysterious Lighthouse, 3.10 Film: 'You must be Joking'. 4.55 London, 5.55 News. 6.00 London. 11.15 Untouchables. 12.05 Weather.

ANGLIA: 9.30 Cartoons. 9.55 Romper room. 10.25 Robinson Crusoe on Mars. 12.20 Sport. 2.15 The three Mucketeers. 4.25 Cat in the hat. 4.55 London. 5.55 Weather, 6.00 London. 11.15 Nor or never.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.40 Origami.
9.55 Film: 'Abbott and Costello
meet the Keystone Kops'. 11.10
The tribe that hides from man.
12.20 London. 2.15 Mr Piper. 2.30
Secrets of the deep. 3.00 Stars.
3.05 Women today. 3.35 Nanny.
4.00 Lost in space. 4.55 London.
5.55 ATV today. 6.00 London.
11.15 Treasures of the British
Museum. 11.45 University challenge.

CHANNEL: 12.20 London, 4.00 UFO, 4.55 London, 11.15 Sky's the limit. 11.40 Avengers, 12.35 Weather.

HARLECH: 9.15 Trade winds to Tahiti. 10.05 Country visit. 10.15 Tinkertainment. 10.30 Robin Hood. 10.55 The mysterious lighthouse. 11.50 Flintstones. 12.20 London. 11.15 One man alone. 11.55 Weather.

ULSTER: 11.50 Yoga for health. 12.20 London. 2.15 Tom Grattan. 3.10 Survival. 3.40 Romper room. 4.00 Hey Cinderella. 4.55 London. 11.15 Monday night. 11.20 Film: 'Foreign Exchange'.

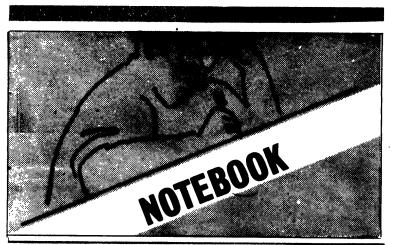
SCOTTISH: 10.25 No easy answer. Adventures of Batman. 11.55
Snow queen. 12.20 London. 2.15
Tom Grattan. 3.10 Ivanhoe. 4.55
London. 11.15 Late call. 11.20
Robert Helpmann. 12.20 Nocture.

GRANADA: 9.30 Pinky and Perky. 9.40 Jason and the argonauts. 11.20 Gift for music. 12.20 Racing. 3.05 World cup 1966. 4.55 London. 5.55 Tweety and the beanstack. 6.00 London. 11.15 Disappearing world.

YORKSHIRE: 9.05 Pinky and Perky. 9.15 Sounds of summer. 10.05 Alice in wonderland. 10.55 One man alone. 11.50 The bugaloos. 12.20 London. 3.15 Film: 'Ivanhoe' Elizabeth Taylor. 4.55 London. 11.15 Disappearing world. 12.00 All our yesterdays.

TYNE TEES: 9.20 The bugaloos, 9.45 Survival. 10.10 Arabian nights. 12.20 London. 2.15 Tom Grattan, 3.10 Film: 'Ivanhee'. 4.55 London. 5.55 Popeye. 6.00 London. 11.15 One man alone. Saviour of the world.

WESTWARD: 9.15 Gus Honeybun. 9.30 Pinky and Perky. 9.45 Film: 'Ambush at Tomahawk Gap'. 11.10 Tribe that hides from man. 12.20 London. 2.15 Film: 'Fantastic Voyage' Raquel Welch. 4.00 UFO. 4.55 London. 11.15 Sky's the limit. 11.40 The avengers. 12.35 Faith for life, weather.



The toughest judge in the land

MR JUSTICE Melford Stevenson, who sentenced Jake Prescott to 15 years, is now regarded as the severest judge sitting on the criminal bench.

Stevenson, widely remembered for his jailing of students involved in the Garden House riot at Cambridge University in 1970, lives in Sussex. The name of his house is . . 'Truncheons'. 'The Guardian' (December 2, 1971) reports: 'He was called to the Bar in 1925, and was appointed Recorder of the City of Cambridge in 1952. He stood as a Conservative candidate for Maldon in 1945 when he was chairman of Bromley Conservative Association. For some time he shared a flat with Sir David

Maxwell Fyfe.' Maxwell Fyfe, the late Earl of Kilmuir, started his career as a Tory MP first for Liverpool and

then W Derby. In 1945 he became Attorney General. From 1951 to 1954, Maxwell Fyfe was the Tory Home Secretary and it is for his actions during this period that he is

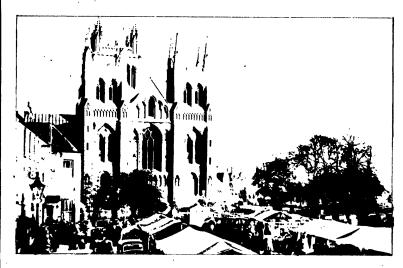
best rememberea.

A mental defective, Derek Bentley, aged 19, was sent to the gallows by Maxwell Fyfe for his alleged part in shooting a policeman during an attempted raid on a warehouse in S London.
Police reports stated that a

younger boy, Ian Craig (16), had actually shot the policeman but Bentley was hanged because Craig was under age and because he had allegedly urged Craig to

shoot. Maxwell Fyfe became a company director and for the years was chairman of Plessey. He died in 1967. leaving Parliament,

Dusting up god's image



THE ROMAN Catholic church has fully succumbed to the era of the PR man. Out go all those fuddy duddy epistles, now comes the new language of Madison

Take this new report prepared by Cardinal Heenan and a team of bishops which has just been adopted by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

It calls for 'more involvement church decision-making by

The report, naturally enough, is called 'Commissions-Aid to a pastoral strategy'. The report recommends a 'mix-

ture of expert opinion and downto-earth comment at episcopal commission meetings'.
They want commissions to

operate as 'think tanks'. The only PR cliché not used was that old chestnut of the Wilson era—'the white hot techno-

the ailing Cunard Steamship Company in the middle of

The point was that Cunard had £13m of accumulated tax allowances. Not only that, but

the government-subsidized firm

carried with it £60m in free

depreciation.
Without doubt Nigel Broakes

knows his tax laws. The £60m

can be set against other forms of business in the Trafalgar

group.

When it comes to asking for a

wage increase to keep up with

logical revolution'.

November.

Xmas bonus for Nigel

the man-in-the-pew'.

AS EVERY worker now struggles to make his devalued wages last the long Christmas week-end, Nigel Broakes, dynamic chairman of investment and property group Trafalgar House, has

solved his own problems.

His firm has simply sold the freeholds of three properties in the City of London for some-thing like £4.7 million. The point is that this is eight times the amount Trafalgar paid for them less than five years

Now the Tories are always moaning about inflation and huge wage increases (which only they seem to get).
Yet inflation in the order of 800 per cent in five years-that

through on the nod, as something to be admired.

Property values can fly as high as they like. After all, the protection of private rights to property is dear to their hearts. You will remember that it was Trafalgar House which bought

soaring prices, the answer from the Tory government—have 7 per cent and no more. Take a wage cut, in other words.

For the property man and financiers in the City there are no such restrictions. Make as much as you like from inflated

values. The present-giving season, as far as they are concerned, is 365 days every year, excluding leap years.

Liberalism dies at the Guardian

IF YOU'VE ever met 'Guardian' reporter (which is pretty doubtful, admittedly, as actually they tend not to frequent the picket lines), you will notice a certain smugness of demeanour. As liberals, you see, they've got the game sewn upor so they think.

They conduct themselves with that aloofness which comes from years of 'theorizing' about 'social

They have built up a reputa-tion of 'radicalism' too—which has more to do with the old 'Manchester Guardian' days than the crowd who now inhabit the editorial offices in Thomson House, London. This image of 'radicalism' is dying swiftly. No better example

exists than in the person of Michael Lake. Lake previously worked on

years ago. Listen to him now in 'The Guardian'. In an article describing the Special Branch precautions for guarding embassies and envoys, Lake says: 'The American ambassador, the Hon Walter Annenberg, is another semi-permanent candidate for

the 'Sun' which was previously the Labour paper, the 'Daily Herald'. When he was on the

Labour-oriented 'Sun', Lake, a New Zealander, was regarded as

something of a Young Turk. He covered the diplomatic round.
But that was more than two

special protection — by hired security guards with dogs as well as the Special Branch and US Marines-because not only is he the envoy of a nation whose policies are sometimes regarded by freaks and nuts from all corners of the world as being in bad taste, Mr Annenberg is also

ITV

celebrated her 9th birthday when making this film in 1937. 2.00 Queen's Hall circus. 2.45 Film: 'Oklahoma' Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones, Rod Steiger. 5.15 Golden shot. 6.05 News. 6.15 PLAY: 'THE CRIB'. Maternity ward at Christmas. 7.00 STARS ON SUNDAY. Petula Clark, Beverly Sisters, Beryl

7.25 ON THE BUSES. Boxing day social.
7.55 FILM: 'HOW TO STEAL A MILLION'. Audrey Hepburn, Peter

O'Toole. Comedy about a girl who has to steal a priceless statue. 9.55 News. 10.10 PLAY: 'WHO KILLED SANTA CLAUS'. Barbara Murray,

Robert Hardy. Murder planned at Christmas party.

11.25 IT MATTERS TO ME.

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All ITV regions alternative film to London at 7.55 is 'High Society' with Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly and Louis Armstrong, Newport Rhode Island is buzzing

1.30 Cat in the nat. 2.00 London. Weather.
11.25 Climbing Eiger. 12.20 HTV Wales and HTV Cymru/Wales as above except: 9.30 Dan Sylw. 10.13 O'r Wasg. 10.30-11.00 Ar Drothwy'r Calan.



It's such a bind after trudging around the shops and signing all those cheques to actually have to wait on the pavement for a taxi. Still the doorman will always carry your goodies for you. Middle right Of course, if it's only a couple of carrier bags and a box of booze. you can always carry it yourself to your little sports saloon. Below right: Mind you, it's so difficult to make up your mind. 'I can't quite decide whether to take the £450 candle holders, or perhaps one of those cut-glass decanters for daddy.

'Every~ body's doing it.

-SPENDING THAT IS

'THEY CERTAINLY have the things to buy', a slight American woman drawled to her husband as she swerved to one side to get a closer look at some sparkling bauble that had caught her eye.

I do love looking at diamonds', she said, bending forward inside a luxurious fur coat big enough to walk about by itself.

She jabbed a bloated finger at shelves heavy with rings, bracelets and necklaces. 'Diamond solitaire clip', I

read over her perfumed shoulder, '£1,250'—equal to a month's fighting fund for Workers Press. Isn't it gorgeous', she breathed as my back collided with the elbow of a pink-

faced ex-guardsman white hair, a tooth brush moustache and a bowler. 'No, no, it goes like this', he boomed in a cloud of cigar smoke to another ram-rod figure on his left struggling to master the appro-

Twelve Days of Chi Others for whom St Christopher has always played second fiddle to the cash register strolled past the glittering tableau in the Burlington Arcade, with the easy confidence of wealth, peering and poking at champagne bucmuffineers. decanters and other little knick-knacks

A half-blind old soldier in tattered coat was squeezing 'Silent Night' from an accordion in front of a shop selling shoes at £55 a time. His hat was as empty as the pockets of his listeners were

Across Piccadilly at Fortnum and Mason's, groups of shoppers spewed out onto the pavement, staggering under armfuls of bags and parcels done up with broad red-andwhite ribbons.

A blue Rolls-Royce glides silently away, happy children up with the chauffeur on the ront seat, mummy and daddy wedged in with a mountain of parcels at the back.

'Spent much?' I ask a welldressed chap hovering around the £70 bargain hampers. 'Oh, yes. Much more than last year. Much, much more. prices and the Tories?'

'I haven't even thought about it. It hasn't affected me. I suppose some of the people on lower incomes might be feeling it, but fortunately I don't have to worry. Flunkeys in monkey suits and tails glide about between the patties and the dried fruit, their very presence screwing an extra shilling out of customers ready to dis

deep to pay. Outside Jo Grimond is choosing his Christmas cards. Women in cossack hats with jewels dripping from ears, wrists and fingers have been buying 'simply lovely iewel cases for a modest £20. while frail old gentlemen in bow ties and bowlers hand over a century for a pair of

Round the corner in Bond St. where the crowds are thinner and customers enter shops one at a time for personal service, nothing labelled and everything

priceless.
'Perhaps we should get him a diary Mummy', says a shrill sexless voice in Smythson's. 'These are really beautiful'

a salesman patters, gently caressing a hand-tooled leather In the street a building

worker with a handcart passes by in the gutter flickering uneasy glances at the pink, plump elegance swaggering about on the pavement. Only the super rich cross the thresholds of these car-



IAN YEATS LOOKS AT THE XMAS **SPENDERS** IN THE WEST END

peted cloisters where nothing so vulgar as common coin is permitted to intrude and thoughtful discussions precede permitted the muted rustle of cheque books.

Two hundred guinea suits, sweaters at 21 gns, jewels from £10 to £10,000—tantalizing, flaunting their gaudy opulence like a challenge. Up at Harrod's-the upper class's own department store

Prices are geared to the this week, ferreting about in ghoulish droves after little things like chess sets at £450, candle holders at £350 and clocks for £200.

Two women in fur coats carrying bags from Harrod's ahead of me. Richard Atten-Tea and cakes inside them

and legs rested, they look round for their car and their 'man' on the way through the revolving doors stopping to gaze with open fascination at Peter Sellers.

unwitting satire the chorus of body's doing it, doing it,



That's just the point.

● FROM PAGE ONE

right—the right to work—one that is under heavy bombardwhere over 15 per cent of all men will spend Christmas on

for this right — not because they are heroes, but because they have no choice. I asked one man - what

He pulled out his wallet. Inside, a carefully-bound wad 'You see that. It's £50. borrowed it off relatives. I

reckon it'll keep me going for about six weeks,' he smiles. 'That's the struggle.' Over by the big iron gates that the men control, the Christmas tree lights go on. The tree was a present from the Erskine ex-servicemen's hospital.

Another worker pushes into the office. He hands a note over to Eddie.

'It's a pound, anonymous donation.' The enemy is still alive and ready to strike. It lives in Westminster within the Tory The evening paper lies on government and the Plessey

the table—'Thirty workers face bleak Christmas' says the The next time the Plessey men will need more than

> determination to win. They will need the whole labour movement—workers in England, who, like the men at Plessey, hate the Tory government and want it out.

But how? After nearly four months of sit-in this is still the unanswered question at Alexandria.

Donations can be sent to The Plessey Workers, The Gatehouse, Argyle Works, Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, Scotland.

Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.

-IF YOU'RE NOT SPENDING, YOU -CAN ALWAYS MAKE SOME MORE

The Queen was in the counting

ON MAY 19 last, the Queen sent a 'most Gracious Message' to par-liament complaining about the erosive effects of inflation and demanding more cash. As a result,

from January 1, the amount paid over for the expenses of the Royal Household will go up from

Arrangements will be built in for a further increase if this proves to be insufficient before the decade has elapsed.

£475,000 a year to

£980,000.

This, according to the Report from the Select Committee on the Civil List, is 'to relieve her Majesty of any avoidable financial anxiety'.

Therefore, provision has to be made for the rest of the bunch as well - you can't bring up a family on just under £20,000 a week.

The Duke of Edinburgh will get £65,000 a year—an increase of £25,000. Princess Anne will get £15,000 (a rise of £9,000) and this will rise to £35,000.

she gets married. There is, however, no suggestion that the extra £20,000 tied to this horsey young lady is to help her get a hus-

The Queen Mother will get £95,000 a year—a rise of £25,000. Princess Margaret is on £35,000 (£20,000 up) while the Duke of Gloucester soldiers on with £45,000 (a rise of £10,000).

There is no separate parliamentary provision for the unfortunate Charles, Prince of Wales. However, as Duke of Cornwall he is entitled to the whole of the net revenues of that Duchy. In 1970, this came to £104,845. Younger members of the Royal Family also have to

be taken care of. In 1970 they were given £22,000 under Clause 5 of the Civil List. Now they are to get £60,000, subject, of course, to periodic increases. But the payments men-

tioned so far are only for the 'in-group'. Those on the fringe, like Princess Alexandra and the Duke of Kent. struggle by on a mere £10.000 each. However, in case you are

wondering how nine people manage to live for a whole year on a measly £1,399,845 between them—relax. The payments that are being increased now are from the Civil List and these are concerned only with the Queen's public expenditure as Sovereign.

Her private expenditure as Sovereign comes from the Privy Purse and is in addition to the £980,000. On top of this she has her own private fortune.

Moreover, not included in any of these categories is the £2.932.000 paid out every year by government departments and the Post Office. This sum includes £974,000 on Royal Palaces and Residences. The family have at their disposal Buck-Palace, Castle, St James's Palace, Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace, Kew Palace and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Every penny of expenditure on these establishments is paid for by government departments. But in case these pads aren't enough, the Queen also owns the Balmoral and Sandringham estates as her own personal property.

And even there, the fuel and electricity costs—currently running at just over £6,000 a year—are paid by the Department of the

The taxpayer also coughs up £36,000 a year for the Royal Train, £700,000 for the Queen's Flight and £839,000 for the Royal Yacht. This boat was used twice in 1971 and has cost an astronomical £8,377,915 in the last 18 years.

But Post Office workers

won't mind. They are too busy glowing with patriotic pride at the thought of the £52,000 of postal telecommunications services provided free every year. Office can't pay decent wages and it's making workers redundant? Don't

aren't the only unlucky Take Princess Margaret, alias Countess of Snowdon. By comparison with her

be unpatriotic!)

JACK GALE

sister, she does very badly indeed. Apart from her £35,000 a year she's only had a mere £80,000 of taxpayers' money spent on her Kensington Palace resi-

And in 1970 she had to spend 31 whole days on official visits outside Lon-

Talk about earning your bread by the sweat of your brow!

The exhausting demands made on this poor working girl in 1970 included watching 24 charitable performances, eating three dinners, and 20 luncheons, and swilling a few down at six cocktail parties.

But at least we can calculate what she got for what she did.

That year it worked out

at £500 for every official day's 'work' outside London. But that, of course, was before the rise. If she keeps up the same breakneck pace in 1972, it will be £1,127 per day. By contrast it's hard to cost-price Prince Philip's labour power. In his case,

Crown Jewels, the Royal Art Collections etc., etc., must be of astronomical value in terms of money. Queen says they shouldn't count in estimating her wealth since they are vested in the Sovereign as such and can't be alienated (not unless the vulgar proletariat carries out a

revolution, that is). But, even leaving all that opulence aside, the lady's personal wealth has been variously estimated at between £50m and £100m. (This did not stop the Civil List Committee from deciding that 'there was little further [further?] scope for economies in the Royal Household'.)

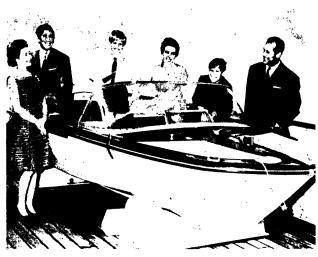
But, how much has she got? The answer is simple.

Nobody knows.

Although she has complained that £50m to £100m is an 'exaggeration', she won't say what the real figure is. Not even the Civil List Committee could find out.

people might ask, 'how can her tax payments be worked her income is?

Again—simple. She doesn't pay any tax. She gets the whole lot—



The Royals' 1969 Christmas card—aboard 'The Britannia', the Royal Yacht, which costs the taxpayer £839,000 a year ... and it was only used twice in 1971.

as Labour MP Willie Hamilton declared to the Committee: 'Evidence on the scope of the Duke's activities [sic] was received but, as in other cases, it was found impossible to distinguish between public and private spending.

Certainly, this trifling difficulty—which might be a bit embarrassing for someone in another walk of life didn't stop the modest fellow from demanding a lot more for his missus. He wants an increase both from the Civil List and Privy Purse. Payments to the Queen

from the Privy Purse are in part provided from the revenue of the Duchy of Lancaster. There has been no recent valuation of this estate, but in 1970 our beloved monarch received £300,000 from it.

The Duchy originated in 1285 when Henry III gave his son Edmund the possessions of the rebellious Simon de Montfort and the Earl of Ferrisas. The Duchy later profited from the dissolution of the monasteries. Its properties today are

mainly in Yorkshire, Lan-cashire, Cheshire and the City of London. It includes all the foreshores of Lancashire, plus half the bed of the Mersey. Only a half —they're not a greedy lot. In the last 18 years the Oueen has received nearly £3m from the Duchy.

The Duchy of Cornwall (see Prince Charles, above) dates back to 1337 and now includes such properties as Kennington Oval cricket ground and the flower farms of the Scillies, loyally sniffed by Harold Wilson several times a year.

The Crown Estate, which is administered by government-appointed sioners, is separate from anything that is the personal property of the Queen. Its links with the Crown go back to the plunder following the Norman Conquest.

So the little ceremony at the beginning of each when the monarch 'hands over' claim to its revenues in return for a Civil List, is a charade,

pure and simple. Now, what about the Queen's personal fortune? The Royal Palaces, the state and private money-

tax free. She does, poor lass, pay rates on her Balmoral and Sandringham estates, but beyond that, not a penny, not even Death Duties. And if any Income Tax is suffered at source - company dividends, for example—she can claim repayments.

Moreover, the Civil List annuities paid to other members of the Royal Family are exempted from taxation by Treasury Order, the exemption ranging from 100 per cent to 80 per cent. And Charles' income from the Duchy of Cornwall is exempt from all taxes as

And, just to make sure there's plenty of gilt on the gingerbread, the payments made by the Queen to other members of the Royal Family under Clause 5 of the Civil List, are not liable to tax either. These payments amounted to £22,000 in 1970—compared with £4,491 in 1952. Some inflation

Still, didn't a parliamentary committee decide on ese dole-outs? So wasn't it democratic?

Hang on a minute. The select committee did not admit the public to any of its sittings. And it also rejected a

suggestion that any evidence of any kind should be taken from witnesses who were critical of the tremendous expenditure it swallows up. In consequence, the evidence was entirely one-sided, coming largely from paid servants of the Monarch or her rela-

tives. Out of the 21 interviews conducted by the commit-tee, 16 were with employees the Family and two of the remaining five were with treasury officials.

So, what have we got? With real unemployment well over a million, with freezing starving, with hundreds of homeless sleeping under bridges, with children being deprived of school milk. with sick people scraping pennies together to buy their medicines—we have a staggering total of:

£4,679,845 of public money practically tax free being dished out to ten people each and every year.

FROM PAGE ONE

'Oh yes, the hamper's mine. But I just had to put it down while we waited for the car. Isn't it a dinky little box?' That's tech-

nologically-minded Santa Claus on the side sending down his

gifts by parachute. If it's a hamper, it's a cool £70 worth.

vented PD from breaking off

Extract from IS Bulletin Sep-

'A motion submitted by Bolton criticizing the appearance of the article entitled "22 Labour MPs support inquiry into in-

ternment" in SW (235): 'The publication of such an article is completely opportunist, and creates both illusions in reformism and serious confusion in the working class regarding the politics of our

organization. 'Furthermore we consider the participation of IS in the I CI* to be totally unprincipled in that firstly, its demands are undeniably reformist and con-tradict the IS position on political prisoners and secondly, IS branches are asked to or-ganize a platform for "fake lefts" and reformists under the auspices of this organization.

drawal from the LCI. 'The motion was lost, with

none voting. [*Labour Committee against

'Therefore Bolton IS de-

Extract from a letter to IS by two members, giving their reasons for leaving and jointhe Communist Party. Dated September 28, 1971:

On IS democracy:

Despite IS claims to be democratic centralist, the middleclass composition of the organization and the wider ranging views of the membership mean that members frequently advance their own views and

This very diversity among the members makes it easier for the leadership to assert 'Conference is supposedly

the ruling body of IS. The Easter 1971 conference was a complete shambles. Most delegates seemed like students, and almost all of the handful of workers present were lumpenproletariat who were politically ignorant and clearly had no influence at

their places of work. 'Security was non-existent. The chair railroaded most decisions. Contributions were superflouous or irrelevant. It was a colossal waste of time.

These few examples show cracy (which is supposedly one of IS's greatest assets) is



things are more hectic.

After a busy day one or two of the shoppers naturally wanted a cup of tea. borough slipped in behind.

A Cockney doorman walks up and down whistling with the tune that goes 'every-

Plessey

Workers will fight very hard

It's another redundancy in Alexandria-28 men and two

women will get their notice. on Christmas Eve. The same firm will sack 100 in N Ire-It's a hard fight, but none the men complain. Their brush with the Lyons-Plessey

axis has strengthened them and their morale is high. They talk eagerly about the DATA sit-in at South Shields and Sunderland. And they had heard that the Liverpool lads were also occupying—did l know anything about it? The sit-in has passed its first test. The occupiers were

true to the principles of the This was a victory, but not a decisive one.

offered a deal. But it was a

rotten one, so they remained