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speak...



THE independent civil rights MP from Mid-Ulster, in the heart of the British-backed police state of Northern Ireland, has received a tremendous reception from workers at a series of factory gate meetings.

Large collections have been raised to support the battle for basic liberties against the bigoted Tory regime and its clubbing, looting police force.

If you would like to hear Bernadette and give your support to the civil rights movement make a note of the following meetings:

Hammersmith Town Hall
Monday 19 May, 8 pm
Conway Hall, Red Lion
Square, WC1, Tuesday
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Road, Dagenham, Thur-
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Bernadette is anxious to speak to more factory and site meetings. For further details ring Pat Denny at 01-485 0476.

'Compromise' means capitulation to anti-union hysteria

UNION LAWS: TUC OFFER TO POLICE MILITANTS



Paul Foot speaking in Trafalgar Square on Sunday. Picture: Jeff Pick

2000 on lively march call for free Palestine

MORE THAN 2000 people, including Arabs, Jews and British revolutionaries, took part on Sunday in one of the liveliest demonstrations seen in London for many months.

With colourful banners and slogans, the demonstrators marched in solidarity with the struggle for Palestine liberation. Slogans included 'Vietnam - Palestine, one enemy, one fight' and 'We are all freedom fighters', backed by a continuous chant of 'Al Fatah, Al Fatah', one of the main guerrilla organisations in the Middle East.

The march was organised by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, which gives full

support to the liberation movements in the Middle East and attacks nationalist Arab regimes that try to hold back or disrupt the guerrillas. PSC calls for the overthrow of the imperialist-backed Zionist regime and its replacement by a free Palestine, with equal rights for Arabs and Jews.

The march went from Hyde Park to a rally in Trafalgar Square which began with the singing of the Internationale. The large audience blandly ignored the heckling of a tiny group of police-protected Zionists and listened to speakers from the Middle-East, including a Jewish revolutionary from Israel.

Other speakers included Tariq Ali of the International Marxist Group, Nick Bateson, the sacked LSE lecturer and

Paul Foot of the International Socialists.

Foot stressed that the root cause of the trouble in the Middle East was imperialism's determination to hang on to the oil fields. He said that the Israeli 'miracle' was not so miraculous when you took into account the vast sums given to the Zionist state in the way of loans, aid and reparations.

'It is as though Jesus Christ, before performing the miracle of the loaves and fishes, had been given the free run of the products of Hovis,' he said.

He was warmly applauded when he added that the most significant development in the area was the growing determination of the liberation fighters to conduct their own struggle without reliance on the nationalist regimes.

EDITORIAL

THERE IS A GREAT DANGER that in the next few weeks the TUC will take on the role of 'policemen to the labour movement'. The government has issued a challenge with their proposals to attack the trade unions. They will only hesitate if the TUC promise to take on the job of controlling the militants themselves.

There are two reasons behind the Labour government's policies. First, as part of their plan to reform British capitalism and run it better than the Tories, they need to attack the power of workers on the shop-floor.

Only in this way can they get the increased production and increased 'flexibility' from workers to enable the bosses to swell their profits.

Secondly they are very concerned about being seen to be tough against the trade unions, especially with a general election not far away.

They hope to soften up the electorate by blaming all ills of the system on the workers and by showing that they will act firmly against so-called 'wreckers'.

So we have the proposed legislation against the unions, legislation which will seriously erode the right to strike and which will undermine the self-confidence of workers by presenting any strike not actively backed by union officials as an attack on the 'national interest'.

Dirty work

The ideal solution from the ruling class point of view would be for the trade union officials to do the dirty work for them. They are encouraging the TUC to do this by threatening that they will be even more vicious themselves.

It looks like the TUC officials are rushing to the slaughter - the slaughter that is of everyone in the labour movement except themselves.

Only one of the 40 TUC leaders voted against the



SCANLON
Seeking solution

TUC's own plans for controlling militants - and he was Les Cannon of the ETU who said the proposals were not strong enough.

Jack Jones, Hugh Scanlon and the 'left' union leaders seem quite happy. Indeed Scanlon has said, 'We are seeking a satisfactory solution which could mean a compromise.'

It is quite clear that a compromise when the unions are under attack can only mean one thing - a compromise over who will police the union members. Whatever happens to the TUC-government relations, if a compromise is reached the rank and file will lose.

The central issue for militants is the preservation and extension of shop floor power, of the direct democracy and control of elected representatives.

If this is taken away or whittled down the door is open to deterioration of work conditions and speed-up as well as the victimisation of anyone who tries to fight against the naked exploitation that is the bosses' vision of paradise.

Double talk

The TUC accept the government's double talk about 'unconstitutional' strikes and the mythical 'national interest' which apparently only workers can ever threaten.

The last major stoppage which was called 'unconstitutional' by the government of the day was the 1926 General Strike - called by the TUC!

The aim of this sort of talk is to separate the militants from the rest of the rank and file. Many union officials want this to happen because workers who fight the bosses and the system threaten their own comfortable positions.

There is only one way to effectively stop the onslaught against the trade unions. That is to build a rank and file

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£2m a day for bosses is Labour boast

LABOUR, the bosses' friend - that was the theme of an attack this week on the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, Mr John Davies.

Criticising £24,000-a-year Davies for his repeated snipings at the Labour government, an Economic Briefing from Transport House complains that the CBI chief had been trying to give a picture of British industry suffering from 'government oppression'. The article says the picture is ridiculously untrue.

The facts showed that Mr Davies talked 'prejudiced nonsense'. Last year the total gross trading profit of British industry rose by 11 per cent or £500m and private industry received more than £2m a day in government aid, the article states.

Irish homeless occupy plush naval quarters

DERRY:- 30 homeless families organised by Derry Labour Party moved in and occupied 30 houses last weekend that had been built for the British navy in the high-class residential area of Clooney Park.

The Labour Party called a meeting of squatters on the estate and a tenants' association has been formed that will take responsibility for protecting the squatters.

On Monday I visited the squatters at Clooney Park and saw children playing on swings and seesaws possibly for the first time in their lives.

This is the largest and most successful squatters' occupation in Ireland since the war, but its success still

leaves the civil rights movement in a very weak position compared with just a few weeks ago.

Squatting on its own is only reformism by illegal means. Three weeks ago the whole question of power, at least in Derry, was on the agenda.

Question

Today the high point is the occupation of 30 houses. The Left in Ireland must question the policies and methods that have allowed this transformation to take place.

Sean Reed

One way to build the party...

SOCIALIST WORKER congratulates John and Jenny Southgate on the birth of their first son, Leon.

'Tinker' Devlin leads gipsy march

John Strauther

BERNADETTE DEVLIN led a march of more than 100 students and gypsies through Enfield to the Civic Centre on Monday to claim a home and education for gypsies in the borough who have been threatened with eviction by the Tory council.

They had come to Enfield College of Technology to seek support from the students. Five families face eviction from their camp site for the fourth time in a fortnight.

Not only is the council harassing the gypsies by constantly moving them on, but it is preventing their children from receiving education and proper medical attention. A young girl of six has a deformed leg and requires urgent medical attention.

CONFRONTED

Alderman Young, a Conservative and governor of the college, who ordered the eviction, refused to meet the gypsies to hear their case until they moved out of the borough.

When he was confronted by the gypsies, students and lecturers of the college, citizens of Enfield and Bernadette Devlin, he said he could not spare the time to meet them.

Bernadette Devlin told the marchers 'What difference is there between gypsies and students? Society defines the difference by what is respectable in their eyes.'

'If there is not enough room for the gypsies in Enfield, then Enfield must change. What right has anyone to say whether people should live in a caravan or a semi-detached house.'

Bernadette accepted an offer to become MP for the gypsies. Devlin, she says, is a tinker's name. Meanwhile, students are preparing to defend the gipsy encampment against eviction.

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AMERICA

The lunatic rat race of the four-wheeled lemon industry

by CHARLES DENBY

DETROIT, Michigan:- Several years ago, when Ralph Nader began to expose the automobile companies on safety, pointing out the defective way they were building cars, many workers were very glad about the exposures.

But many workers also said it would all end up with no improvement in the safety of cars so long as the rat race for production continued.

Nader could yell all he pleased about more safety features for the cars being built, but until something could force the companies to slow down the automation machines, slow down the production lines to a pace where a worker could turn out quality work instead of quantity of jobs, workers knew that safety would not improve but only get worse.

Save breath

Nader now seems to have forgotten his campaign for safety qualities in automobiles and has turned his attention to drugs and food, which is also very important. But if his exposures there don't do more good than they have in the auto industry, Nader would do better to save his breath and his time.

I have been an auto worker for nearly 30 years and I feel sure that never before in history have cars been manufactured with such little quality as they are being produced today.

Many workers in General Motors are saying that they are afraid to buy GMC cars, Ford workers won't buy Fords and Chrysler workers complain just as much at Chrysler products.

The reason is simple. Workers in each of these companies see how these cars are built where they work. They know what is missing.

They see the defects first hand. But because they don't see the other factories they feel it can't be possible for conditions to be as bad elsewhere as where they work.

Nader was talking about safety belts and padded dashboards but the workers are talking about the other parts

of the car that are far more important for safety than any belt or padded dashboard could ever be.

One worker I know was going to Alabama with his family to visit his parents for the holidays. He had a new GM car and after getting packed and driving two blocks from his home the motor dropped from the frame onto the street.

When he looked down and saw it lying on the pavement he said, 'Thank God!' His wife thought he had gone crazy, but he said, 'If we were on the highway doing 70 or 80 miles an hour and this had happened, we would have been killed.'

'And when they took our bodies from the wreckage they would have said the driver was probably asleep or drunk, or just lost control.'

Workers are convinced that many of the wrecks that kill people are caused by defects like this in cars.

Another worker, who had just bought a new Mercury with less than 500 miles on it, came to visit me and was cussing the whole time about how many times the motor went dead on the expressway and the car stopped before he made the 15 miles to my house.

Cardboard sign

When he was ready to go home he asked me to drive behind him because he wanted to be sure he got there. (He didn't take the expressway!) The car stopped several times, but he finally made it.

Some years ago when a worker bought a car that had defects, he would put cardboard signs in the window with a lemon drawn on them, and drive around the dealers' lot and through the streets to warn others away from the dealer and the company.

It was a very effective weapon. But today the companies have become smarter. They now have a 25,000 to

50,000 mile, or five year warranty, so that if your car is a lemon you will just bring it back to the dealer and get it repaired.

'If, that is,' as one worker put it, 'you don't get killed in it before you get it back to the dealer.' If you do take it back, the agreement is usually written in such a way that you wind up paying for the repairs, anyway.

If we began to use the cardboard signs with the lemons again, we would have long caravans of cars parading around every auto dealer in the country.

We are working in the frame department. Every day the defective parts get worse than the day before. Nobody in supervision seems to care about it.

Sometimes when a frame is loaded to be put on a car, a worker will say, 'Man, I hate to think who will get the car with that frame!' Another will say, 'And to think of all the money people pay to buy scrap!'

Mad rush

The part of the car that used to be the biggest lemon was the motor. Today the cars are lemons from top to bottom, inside included.

No wonder they are always reporting more people being killed on highways than in planes or in the war. When will the public begin to demand quality instead of quantity?

How can the mad rush for production be checked, so workers can produce the kind of cars they want to, cars they know will be safe, cars they will have confidence in buying themselves?

Probably not until the workers themselves can control production. That is when the public can expect safety - when something is finally done about the automation machines and the production madness.

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WHERE WE STAND

demand of no victimisation of trade unionists. Redundancy should be opposed with the demand: five days work or five days' Shop Stewards organisations should strengthen and extend their in-

fluence by linking up on an industrial and ultimately a national basis.

We are opposed to racial discrimination, a weapon used by the ruling class to divide the labour movement. Immigration control must be ended, ensuring the free movement of peoples regardless of race and colour. Black and white workers must unite and form their own defence organisations to fight fascism and racialism. The labour movement must demand the immediate recall of British troops from abroad as the first step towards ending colonial exploitation.

The task of revolutionary socialists is to join workers in their struggles with socialist ideas that will link up the various sections of the labour movement and help create a force that will lead on to workers' power and international socialism.

When the ruling class lived in fear of workers'

THE PUBLICATION of Walter Kendall's *The Revolutionary Movement in Britain 1900-21* is an outstanding event.

Summarising the origins and growth of marxist movements in this country up to the foundation of the Communist Party of Great Britain, Kendall has recreated the extraordinary range and richness of militant socialism in the early years of this century.

It is unfortunately true that many on the Left who will reel off the various splits among the Russian Bolsheviks down to the minutest detail are quite ignorant of the lives and battles of the British Left.

Kendall leaves us with no excuse for our ignorance. Here is the suppressed story of the Scottish revolutionary hero John MacLean, whose political disagreements with Lenin and the British Communist Party led to quite unfounded stories about his 'hallucinations' being spread by CP officialdom.

Authentic organisation

Here are the battles in the heyday of British imperialism, between the opponents of colonial war and the jingoists like Hyndman who waved the Union Jack to the accompaniment of marxist phraseology.

Here is the long, painful story, marked by bitter quarrels and personal rivalries, of the attempt to build an authentic revolutionary organisation of the working class in its struggle for socialism - a story which is still uncompleted, though perhaps with some hope of the beginnings of completion in our own day.

Workers are accustomed nowadays to the idea that there are only two or three varieties of socialist thought and socialist organisation - the CP and the Left Labourites, with maybe some kind of Trotskyism as another possibility.

Walter Kendall's book makes it clear that the early history of socialism in this century is marked by creative debate and disagreement on a

whole number of contentious points that have been simply obliterated through the prestige of the Russian Revolution.

In 1920 and 1921 large sections of the militant marxist Left opposed participation in parliamentary elections as a sham and a fraud and would have no truck with the Labour Party. Their objections were over-ruled by the overawing influence of Lenin and the Communist International and they fell into line.

Now, nearly 50 years and a dozen general elections later, it is surely by no means clear that their position was wrong. On this, and on a large number of other matters, Walter Kendall has done a great service by ventilating some old traditions that deserved a fresh airing.

The importance of this book goes well beyond any academic or antiquarian interest. Kendall records the years of war-time discontent when the authorities of this

country lived in fear of working-class revolution.

In 1917, eight regional Commissions of Enquiry into Industrial Discontent delivered reports to the government inside five weeks (shame on you, Lord Donovan). The general picture was one of alarm and revolutionary contagion.

Mutinies and revolt

In Yorkshire and the East Midlands, it was reported, 'a minority of very advanced and visionary workers' had inflamed 'practically the wholebody of skilled men' affecting 'hundreds of thousands of workers.'

The police, the army and the navy all mutinied in these years, and the Clyde was in constant revolt. During the Clyde strike of January 1919, trainloads of troops arrived in Glasgow.

'It is undesirable to have a secret direct forces, dug out 'that firing should over the heads that blank cart be used.' Who's class was peace

If the revolution did not provide a mortal threat to British part of the bla with the difference of the militant preceding years been split into s an abstract orientation, di industrial struggles with a better perspective but 'anisation' compl

The lessons for today are to seek. Yet one only part of the ascribed to the utionary movement. Many, many m doubtless made

Intelligence is determined by opportunity a

The IQ myth that white

children are superior to

by JOTI BHATNAGAR

THE RECENT document by Alderman Doulton of Haringey Council's education committee in north London which implied that immigrant children are less intelligent than English children has caused much concern and heart-searching among both immigrant and English parents.

In fact the controversy about racial differences in intelligence level is not new.

Psychologists have been studying the problem for the last 60 years. The last time the proposition was put seriously by a person in authority was during the Nazi regime in Germany.

The arguments advanced by those who claim that coloured people are born inferior are based on two types of evidence.

Firstly they claim that the technological and cultural development of the Western nations is far in advance of the developing countries. If the people of the developing nations, who happen to be mainly coloured, are as intelligent as Europeans then they should not be left behind in the technological race.

PERSPECTIVE

Let us put the argument in perspective. Estimates of the time when man first evolved on this earth vary between six and 20 million years ago.

In technological terms, the most underdeveloped country is not more than 500 years behind the most developed nation. 500 years divided by six million (the most conservative estimate) gives us less than .01 per cent.

This means that the IQ (intelligence quotient) of coloured people, if measured through rate of development alone, should be 99.9 per cent of ours.

Further, if we accept that the most intelligent races are the first to develop complex civilisations, then it would follow that the most intelligent races of the world are coloured Asians. The Indians, the Chinese and the Sumarians all coloured races, had established highly complex civilisations long before we had left our caves in Britain.

Most social scientists now accept that the rate of technological development is a function of social and political circumstances rather than of racial intelligence level. Germans and Japanese have achieved greater rates of development not because they have suddenly become more intelligent than the British but because of the historical accidents of the second world war and the events that followed it.

The other argument that is commonly advanced by the

supporters of the theory of racial differences in intelligence level is based on the reported differences in the measured IQ of different races. It is true that most surveys that have attempted to compare the IQs of different races show that negroes and other people of developing countries have a lower IQ than whites. In fact, Jews have even higher IQs than non-Jewish white people.

My survey of immigrant children in the London Borough of Haringey found that the IQ level of immigrant children was lower than that of English children. There was evidence to show that the IQ tended to increase

with the length of their stay in Britain.

But before conclusions, let the nature of the tests are middle-class res reflect middle-class a given country.

IQ is not a constant. What IQ ends on what test. It is perfect for an English child of say, 120 or 130 on another.

Using suitable tests possible to show have much higher than the Russians. In one investigation American Indian were found to be



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Dockers' leader, Ben Tillett addressing a mass meeting during the victorious docks strike of 1911. Tillett was a pioneer of syndicalism - revolutionary trade unionism - which found its greatest success in the powerful shop stewards' movement of the first world war.

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by the workers of their time. Error is inseparable from action: but a mass upsurge of revolutionary fervour can triumph over tactical and political errors, at least up to a point.

In reviewing the record of battles long ago, Walter Kendall (in my own view) tends to take too much advantage of his later vantage-point in history and to say 'This, this and this shouldn't have been done.'

No serious threat

Well, maybe it shouldn't; but the failure of a more genuine and long-lasting revolutionary movement to arise in Britain cannot be laid to the account of such tactical niceties. As Kendall emphasises, the basis for such a movement simply wasn't there: the dispersed explosions among different sections

of British workers in World War One do not (and did not) add up to a serious threat to the capitalist social order.

So the imperfections of revolutionary tacticians cannot be said to have missed any crucial opportunities.

Walter Kendall draws the conclusion that the Communist Party should not have been founded. On the evidence he cites in convincing abundance, certainly the present

one shouldn't have been: it was completely under Moscow's spell from the start.

But can one draw the conclusion that no communist or marxist party of any description should have been established in this period? Do we have to choose, as the only alternative, Wilson's Labour Party (which the author still describes as 'unchallengably and indisputably the mass party of the working class'?).

Surely that is not the choice. A new party of workers must be built, with a revolutionary socialist programme and active links in industry: and when it comes it will rediscover the thoughts and the actions of the pre-Comintern pioneers that Walter Kendall has so splendidly described.

This book costs five guineas (publisher, Weidenfeld and Nicolson). I am reviewing a borrowed copy. Mass orders please to your local public library.

and social conditions, not by 'race'...



IS branches in Haringey organised a march last month against the racist schools plan. It was supported by black and white parents and the local Communist Party.

in different countries. During the past seven years he has tested among others, Eskimos, West Indians, Arabs, Africans, Scottish and English children.

In his recent book on the subject, Intelligence and Cultural Environment, after discussing his own studies and other studies from all parts of the world, he came to a conclusion that there is no difference in the potential ability of different races.

SUPERFICIAL

African children are likely to achieve less when they grow up because of poor nutrition, poor educational facilities and generally unhelpful environment and not because their ability was poor to start with.

On July 18, 1950 geneticists and anthropologists from all parts of the world issued a joint statement about the nature of race and race differences. The eminent scientists agree that difference between races are superficial in an individual's biological make-up.

Whenever scientists need to classify human beings they never employ mental characteristics because in spite of active search for a long time no systematic differences could be found.

Professor Anastasi, who is considered an authority on intelligence tests in America, has done extensive work in the field of cross-cultural intelligence testing. She claims that it is wrong to say that psychologists have failed to demonstrate the differences in intelligence of various races. They have

established beyond doubt that no differences exist.

It is interesting to note that those who maintain that there are racial differences in intelligence are also the first to point out that working-class children are born inferior to middle-class children. It is true that, on the whole, working-class children score lower on intelligence tests than middle-class children.

This is because intelligence tests are biased in favour of the middle class and NOT because working-class children have a lower potential.

Most psychologists deny that there are any inborn differences between the intelligence level of the various social classes although working-class children might score lower on the intelligence tests due to their cultural and environmental handicaps (poor, cramped housing, bad diet and their parents own lack of educational opportunities, etc).

OPPORTUNITY

Given a suitable environment, proper education and family relationships, there is no reason why children of any class, colour or race should not do well at school. If the argument that coloured children have a lower IQ is accepted now, the old argument that working-class children are less intelligent and must be segregated is sure to be resurrected.

We will then be back to the idea of grammar school for the selected few (mainly middle class) instead of the comprehensive ideal of equal opportunity for all.

Dr Bhatnagari has carried out research on the education of immigrant and coloured children and will publish a book on the subject next year.

Campaign backs fight for Palestine freedom

The following manifesto has been published by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, which organised Sunday's march and rally in London.

A PERMANENT PALESTINE SOLIDARITY Campaign (PSC) has been established to organise all solidarity activities in Britain with the struggle of the Palestinian people for national liberation against Zionism and imperialism.

The Zionist state of Israel is, historically the product of a European problem, anti-semitism. Zionism and anti-semitism are, in fact, two sides of the same coin. The latter shouts 'out with the Jews', the former is only too glad to remove the Jews from Europe. But the removal of the Jews from where they are unwanted will never abolish minority persecution.

Refusing to solve the Jewish problem by striking at its very roots in the capitalist structure of European society, Zionism created, furthermore, a new problem of national persecution - Zionist persecution against the Palestinian Arabs. Zionism is a colonialist movement in its own right (territorial colonialism), bent on the occupation of land and the displacement of its original inhabitants - the Palestinian people. It is at the same time part of the world imperialist camp, through which the various imperialist powers (and notably the US) have waged their aggressions, by proxy, against the national liberation struggle of the Arab masses.

The present struggle of the Palestinian people is a struggle to reclaim their rights and overthrow the Zionist, racist and expansionist state of Israel.

The PSC will struggle in support of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, under Israeli occupation and in exile, along the lines of the following political platform:

1. PSC supports the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and national liberation in a de-Zionised, democratic Palestine where Jews and Arabs enjoy equal rights. A de-Zionised, democratic Palestine will put an end to:

i) Palestine as the state of all Jews in the world; ii) Jewish minority rule; iii) the sequestration of Arab land and property; iv) racial discrimination against Arabs and Oriental Jews; v) subservience to imperialism.

2. PSC considers that the armed struggle waged by the vanguards of the Palestinian people is the decisive means to force recognition of this people's rights to self-determination and national liberation. It

consequently supports the activities of the Palestinian Liberation fighters and the heroic civilian resistance in the occupied territories.

3. PSC rejects the UN resolution of November 22, 1967 because it disregards the political existence of the Palestinian people and their legitimate national rights. PSC is firmly opposed to the attempts made by the four Big Powers to impose on the Palestinian people and the Arab masses their so-called 'peaceful solution'. The fate of the Arab peoples should be determined by the Arab peoples themselves.

4. PSC opposes the attempts made by any Arab government to liquidate, muzzle, control or in any way interfere with the Palestinian people and its armed vanguards - the liberation fighters - and supports all resistance to such repressive measures.

5. PSC opposes all forms of racism. It will actively struggle against Zionism and anti-Jewish racism as rigorously as it will fight against anti-Arab racism, a legacy of imperialism fostered by Zionist propaganda. PSC joins the Palestinian liberation fighters in declaring its solidarity with all Jews inside and outside Israel who are fighting against the Zionist, racist and expansionist state of Israel. It calls upon all progressive, anti-Zionist Jews in Britain to organise themselves for the defeat of Zionist propaganda and the liberation of the Jews from that aberration which has transformed many of them into unabashed racists, subservient to imperialism.

6. The armed struggle of the Palestinian people forms an integral part of the Arab Revolution - the combined anti-Zionist and anti-imperialist struggles of the Arab peoples. Anti-imperialism in the Arab world is presently waged against direct colonialist rule (in Zafar, Mascat and Oman), against foreign military bases and neo-imperialist exploitation. PSC supports this struggle and its ultimate aim: the control by the peoples of the Arab world over their wealth and natural resources (especially oil).

7. The struggle of the Palestinian people and the Arab masses, like that of the Vietnamese people and all the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America forms part of the historical process of liberating the oppressed peoples from imperialism.

FROM PALESTINE TO VIETNAM: ONE ENEMY! ONE FIGHT! VICTORY TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE!

Sorry - but letters have been squeezed out this week. We will publish a selection next week.

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French children obtain a much higher IQ than English children if the intelligence is tested through a French intelligence test. Could one conclude then that the French are more intelligent than the English?

Psychologists now agree that it is most unfair to compare the IQ of different races on the basis of a test which was designed for use in a particular culture. There is no such thing as culture-free tests.

Professor P. E. Vernon, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at the Institute of Education, University of London, has conducted extensive surveys of the IQs of children

10 BOB RENT THREAT FOR LONDON TENANTS

SW Reporter

A NEW RENTS threat to London tenants was issued by the Tory chairman of the GLC housing committee on Tuesday.

Mr Horace Cutler announced that the council will demand an increase of 10s a week for GLC tenants this autumn when they see the Minister for Planning and Land, Mr Kenneth Robinson, later this week.

The GLC had already planned an increase of 7s6d for this autumn, following last year's similar rise which many thousands of tenants are still refusing to pay.

Speaking to the quaintly named Property Owners' Protection Association, Cutler sprang to the defence of private landlords whom he said were being exterminated by rent control and legislation.

Gibberish

It is not clear from this ignorant gibberish how increasing council rents will help private landlords as they queue for their social security. What it does mean is that more flesh must be stripped from low-income workers in order to pay the powerful moneylenders, whose crippling interest rates hit at both tenants and ratepayers.

Any attempt to increase GLC rents again will lead to a massive revolt on the estates. The United Tenants' Action Committee, which represents most of the giant estates in the Greater London region, have continuously rocked the Tories by their demonstrations and the continuing refusal to pay last year's increases.

UTAC has threatened a total rent strike as soon as the first summons for rent arrears is issued - a threat which Cutler seems to have heeded, for no one has yet appeared in court.

TRIBUNE

-an apology

IT has been brought to our attention that an article in Socialist Worker of April 26 on the building industry, which outlined new methods of stripping power from shop stewards, bore a striking resemblance to a similar article by David Turner in Tribune of April 4. The editor of Socialist Worker had not seen the Tribune article and accepted in good faith the contribution, which came from normally reliable sources. He naturally wishes to extend his apologies to Tribune and Mr Turner in particular.

Ruskin Kitson Committee

Trade unionists and Ruskin College Staff and students will march from Oxford on May 23 stopping at High Wycombe, Uxbridge (24th) and Chiswick (25th). We hope you will meet us at the Old Exhibition Ground, Rotten Row, Hyde Park (nr Knightsbridge stn) between 12.00 and 1.00 pm when we will set off for

Trafalgar Square Rally on Whit Monday

Bernadette Devlin MP, George Doughty (DATA), Thami Mhlambiso (ANC), Emie Roberts (AEF), Robert Resha (ANC), Rt. Rev. Trevor Huddleston, Robin Blackburn (LSE).

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Sit-in car workers protest at use of police

Dave McLean

LINWOOD:- 2000 day shift workers at Rootes Scottish car plant occupied the factory for four hours on Tuesday.

They were protesting against the use of police by the management the previous night to protect the firm's property and several operators who had carried on working while the main line was stopped.

Monday's strike was in response to another management provocation. Men were threatened with the sack unless they worked at a faster pace.

The men staged their sit-in on Tuesday until the man-

agement agreed to drop their demands for faster work.

But at the same time a further 1000 workers in the Press shop were sent home for rejecting the firm's ultimatum to begin shifting containers as well as doing their normal work.

After talk about storming the personnel office to protest against the bosses' wrecking tactics, the Vehicle Builders' Union shop stewards committee finally suggested a demonstration at the Scots TUC.

This was accepted by a mass meeting, but future management action is likely to meet with a more forceful response.

NOTICES

MANCHESTER IS public meeting Thurs, May 22, The Wheat sheaf Hotel, High St, off Market St. Paul Foot on the Politics of Harold Wilson.

TEESSIDE IS May Day draw. 1st M. McCarthy, Redcar Labour Club 1918; 2nd Billingham Tenants Assoc, 1598; 3rd W. Slater, Acklam, M'bro, 2678; 4th J. Conway, Fulham IS; 5th Ivy Smith, Billingham 1519.

MERSEYSIDE IS public meeting: Chris Davison, London bus shop steward on Productivity deals and how to fight them. 7.30pm Sunday May 18, Wedding House pub, Highfield St, off Tithebarn St, Liverpool.

IS East Anglia region day school. Saturday May 17 at British Lion, Princess St, Ipswich. Marxist economics, Dave Purdy, industrial perspectives, Roger Rosewell, state capitalism, Andrew Sayers.

SCOTTISH IS weekend school on nationalism and internationalism. Sat May 17, 2.30-7: imperialism and the crisis of British capitalism, Mike Kidron. Park Hotel, Royal Terrace nr London Road roundabout. Sunday May 18, 8-6: Scottish nationalism versus socialism? Laurie Flynn, War Memorial Hall, Westfield Rd Gorgie. Details, a.c.c.m.m.: Joan Smith 25 Pitt St, Leith, Edinburgh 6.

SOCIALIST WORKER meeting, Glasgow. Bob Gillespie, SOGAT: Socialist inside the trade unions. Christian Institute, 7.30pm, Wednesday May 21.

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Squatters house family of four

SW Reporter

NORTH LONDON Squatters moved a house-painter and his wife and two small children into an empty council house last weekend.

Jim, val and their two daughters are now living at 44 Bury Road, Hornsey, on the Noel Park council estate. The house is just one of many that have been standing empty and in good condition for months.

The family had existed for more than a year in one small room in Haringey. They paid £5 a week to the landlord who had 'adjusted' the electricity meter so that during the winter they were putting £3 a week into it.

Little chance

Jim and Val were unable to find suitable accommodation at a reasonable rent. They were told they had little chance of being rehoused by the council.

Faced with the possibility of living in a regimented council hostel, they decided to occupy an empty house.

North London Squatters said on Monday: 'While so many families are living in unhealthy conditions, it is a scandal that so many houses are left empty.'

They added that the family cannot now be legally evicted without a court order. 'If the police or bailiffs break in to turn them out they will be breaking the law,' they said.

If you want to help, ring 01-340 6331.

CHALLINOR'S CHOICE

THE UNDERLYING REASON for the giant GEC/English Electric merger was to lower labour costs so that profits could be increased. While the company told workers redundancy was inevitable, painting a bleak picture of trade prospects, it gave shareholders an entirely different idea: 'With prospective rationalisation measures margins should improve.'

There was talk of pre-tax profits rising from the current figure of £60 million to something like £100m within the next few years.

Arnold Weinstock and his fellow directors seem determined, irrespective of the social hardships it causes, to pursue profits to the utmost. They expect profits from diesel engine production to rise from four to seven million pounds during the next three years.

Nevertheless, they intend to sack 1100 workers who make these engines at the historic Vulcan works, Newton-le-Willows, a factory founded by George Stephenson to make the first locos for the Manchester-Liverpool line.

A small town, called Vulcan, has grown up around the workers. If Weinstock continues with his plans, the town is likely to be reduced to a ghost town, the Jarrow of the Sixties.

IT IS IMPORTANT that workers understand the role of the Wilson government. It has created the Industrial Reconstruction Corporation, with Leslie Cannon of the ETU as one of its board members. This corporation aims at promoting mergers by providing public funds to facilitate them. So when workers become unemployed after a take-over and the inevitable sackings follow, they should find it even more distressing since it is their own money (i.e. public money) which is helping to get them dismissed.

The Wilson government also aids employers in another way. Barbara Castle's Department of Employment and Productivity has recently set up a special section to give expert advice to the bosses on such problems as dealing with a militant shop stewards' committee or implementing a dismissals policy with the minimum opposition.

How to beat militants

WHAT THE EMPLOYERS want are tame unions. This is clearly indicated by a private document that miraculously fell into my lap this week. It was BTR Industries A Short Guide to Industrial Relations, a confidential manual intended as a guide to its own management.

The company's aim is to have the fullest collaboration with the Municipal and General Workers' Union. The firm will 'encourage membership of the union and assist the union to maintain and increase their membership.' This is done, the manual declares, 'in the interests of good management/labour relations.'

There is, however, a second reason for the company endeavouring to assist the MGW to maintain its membership - 'the danger of infiltration' by a more militant organisation: 'If the official union's membership declined to such an extent, or disappeared altogether, a rival union which, for many reasons, was an undesirable union from management's point of view might well quietly recruit sufficient members among our employees to far outnumber the official union, justifying an approach by the infiltrating union for official status and negotiating rights.'

So, if BTR Industries' attitude is any indication, the British capitalists' motto seems to be: 'Back the Municipal and General.'

RAY CHALLINOR

LSE jail threat to three student militants

Martin Shaw

BY FRIDAY NIGHT three students of the London School of Economics may be in Brixton prison for breach of an injunction which forbids them from 'wrongfully interfering with the management of the school'.

Their 'crime' is that during the students' strike against the dismissal of lecturers Blackburn and Bateson they went to lectures of staff who supported the sackings and demanded a discussion of the issues.

The lecturers, mainly professors and members of the Court of Governors, would not enter into rational argument but sent instead for lawyers to find ways of putting their opponents behind bars.

These new moves are based on the support of the academic staff for 'disciplinary action' against students. The staff are so shortsighted that any disruption of academic routine is like waving a red rag at a bull.

But even the academics qualified their support by demanding that disciplinary procedures be revised to include the participation of students. They were not told that 'discipline' might mean prison.

Even the academic support is not so solid. The governors' recourse to the courts is an admission of the weakness of their own authority at LSE.

Yet the base from which the fight back against these measures will begin is also weak. Staff and students have both been confused and demoralised by the disruption of lectures which however

correct in principle was a tactical disaster.

The staff were an essential ally whose opposition to the governors was extremely precarious and tentative. Disruption was bound to alienate them much more than it would improve the effect of the students' strike.

But this confusion can be dispelled. The fight for the re-instatement of Blackburn

and Bateson goes on. So far they have only been granted an appeal to a tribunal set up by the Vice-Chancellor of London University - scarcely an 'independent' body.

Their sackings were political, as are the new actions against students.

LSE Socialist Society are asking the Students Union to call for a renewed strike on Friday, for a demonstration outside the High Court in the Strand and a rally at LSE, Houghton St at 1-2 pm.

Ring 405 4872 for details.

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movement of workers that will fight consistently and militantly against all attacks on the unions and will defend all strikes, official and unofficial.

The test of the so-called left officials in the trade unions lies not in what they say but in how they act. If they are serious they will not skulk about in the corridors of power but will come down to the factories, discuss with their members and rouse them to action.

There is to be a recall TUC meeting on June 5. All militants will support the call for a one-day stoppage on that date.

Will Scanlon and Jones call their millions of key members out or will they try to reach some back-door compromise? From Scanlon's actions recently it certainly looks like a compromise.

It is clear that the working class faces a concerted attack by the Labour govern-

ment carrying out its policy of modernising British capitalism by cutting away the standard of living and conditions of the mass of the population.

Any alternative is ultimately political. For what is at stake is not one set of rules or another but a way of life in which the workers will control society.

Socialism must replace the life we have now, where production for profit leads to waste, redundancy and deprivation - in which the human spheres of life are continually sacrificed to the interests of the private and state controllers of our existence.

The debate about whether the TUC can produce satisfactory alternative proposals to those of the government is cast within this framework.

They ask how we can make the system work. We are fighting to get rid of the system and to replace it with workers' power.

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