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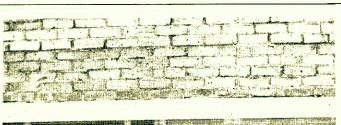
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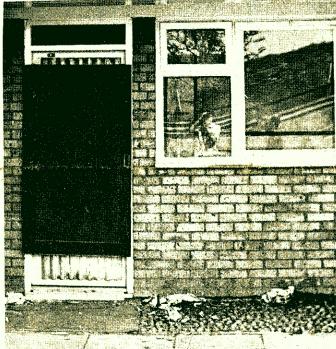
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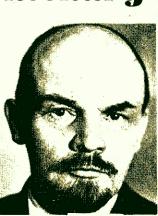
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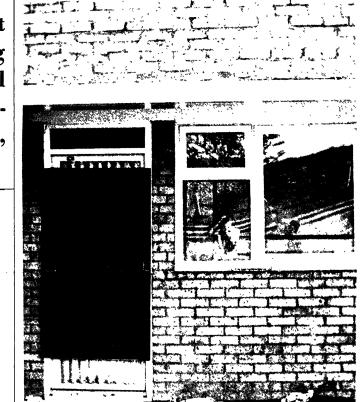
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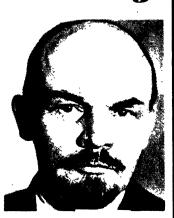
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THE TEXT of Leonid Brezhnev's speech of April 21 to the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party contains an ominous warning that must be heeded and countered by Trotskyists throughout the world. Below Robert Black analyses the speech.

THE KEY passage of Brezhnev's speech, ostensibly on the theme of the Lenin centenary, reads:

"... we have to say today that certain weaknesses and difficulties have manifested themselves in the communist movement over the past few years, disrupting its unity in a number of links and preventing communists from making full use of the possibilities of the revolutionary struggle.

#### Adventurism

'This refers to the policy of the "left" opportunists, including Trotskyists, who seek to replace the scientifically substantiated Marxist line of the revolutionary movement by adventurism . . . One of the

features of the present stage 'In the present epoch, when of the revolutionary struggle the international class struggle is that in many cases both a has grown extremely acute, the danger of right and "left" deviations and of nationalism right and "left" opportunism intertwine with nationalistic in the communist movement

8.00 Strange report. 8.55 Sports results 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Simon Dee show.

YORKSHIRE: 11.30 Fencing. 11.55 Floris. 12.20 New adventures of Huckleberry Finn. 12.45 Woobinda. 1.10 London. 5.15 Flipper. 5.45 News. 5.50 Big valley. 6.45 "True as a Turtle" with John Gregson, June Thorburn, and Cecil Parker. 8.30 Dear Mother. . . Love Albert. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Homicide. 12.05 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.30 Casting around. 11.55 Better driving. 12.20 p.m. Thunderbirds. 1.10 London. 5.15 Garrison's gorillas. 6.10 London. 6.15 Tough guys: 'Geronimo' with Chuck Connors and Kamala Devi. 8.00 Dear Mother . . . Love Albert. 8.30 Felony squad. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Simon Dee show.

TYNE TEES: 1.15 London. 5.15 Flipper. 5.45 News. 5.50 Laredo. 6.45 London. 7.15 Film: "The Angry Hills' with Robert Mitchum and Stanley Baker. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Name of the game. 12.35 'The Call'.

BORDER: 12.45 All our yesterdays. 1.15 London. 6.15 Joker's wild. 6.45 'Houdini' with Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh. 8.30 Hogan's heroes. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London.

has grown more tangible than ever before. The struggle against right and "left" opportunism and nationalism cannot, therefore, be conducted as a campaign calculated only for some definite span of time. The denunciation of opportunism of all kinds has been and continues to be an immutable law for all Marxist-Leninist parties.'
News', April 28, ('Soviet p. Emphasis added.)

These carefully measured words mean only one thing. Not only is the struggle against Trotskyism an 'immutable law' for all Stalinist parties that has been the case for more than 40 years.

#### Challenge

What is new-and recognized as such by Brezhnevis the growth of the world Trotskyist challenge to Stalinism for the leadership of the

ties' is truly historic.

slander with references to the insignificance of their influence

ing. Trotskyists are now able to weaken the work of the so-called 'world communist movement', with all its resources of state power, daily press and deep roots in the workers' movement of the capitalist world.

#### Threatens

The movement Brezhnev, Stalin and company believed had been crushed by the purges and trials of the 1930s has not only survived — it grows and threatens the grip of Stalinism on the working

That is the real meaning

to 'adventurism' are routine Brezhnev. They are used to divert attention away from the utterly counter-revolutionary line pursued by Stalinism inside the workers' movement in the main struggles of recent

The claim that Trotskyists

have prevented the Stalinist parties from 'making the full use of the possibilities of revolutionary struggle' is barely worth refutation.

managed to carry through their chosen line in March and April of 1968 of walling off the working class from the revolutionary students, there year later.

denouncing Trotskyist and other student militants as fascists.

It was precisely the ability of the numerically small forces of the Trotskyist movement to mobilize the youth and sections of the working class independently of the Stalinist bureaucracy in France that forced the CGT leadership's hand and compelled them, against their wishes and interests, to call a token strike in defence of those they had previously been slandering as fascists.

'difficulty', as much a product of working-class militancy as the direct work of Trotskyists, that forces Brezhnev to sound the alarm.

call for both French capitalism and the Soviet bureaucracy.

Trotskyism can no longer be presented as isolated from the workers' movement. Its programme now takes on real meaning and relevance for thousands of workers previously dominated by either the social-democratic or Stalin-

The main fire has been directed at Trotskyism. That is both a tribute — and a warning to the Fourth Inter-

would have been no May-June general strike, no wage increases and no defeat of de Gaulle in the referendum a

May-June 1968 was a close

Significantly, there has been scant reference in any of the 'Lenin centenary' meetings in Moscow to the role of the

Brezhnev's words to heart. Brezhnev and company mean what they say when they

Measured in terms of the success of Trotskyism, they have experienced more than share of and difficulties'.

#### Many more

We must see to it that they have many more.

Stalinism constantly proclaims its desire to co-exist peacefully with the enemies of the working class and the colonial peoples.

For the real Leninists of today, the Fourth Inter-national, they have nothing but fear and hatred.

## **SATURDAY**

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

9.35 a.m. Square two. 10.00 Repondez s'il vous plait. 10.30-11.00 Wie bitte? 12.40 p.m. Weather. 12:45 Grandstand featuring the Rugby League cup final: Castleford v. Wigan. 1.00 Amateur boxing. 1.20, 1.50, 2.25 Kempton Park racing. 1.35, 2.05, 3.45 Athletics: Oxford v. Cambridge. 2.40 Rugby League Cup final. 5.05 Results service. 5.15 Dr Who. New adventure. 5.40

Debbie Reynolds show. 6.05 News and weather. 6.15 Dad's Army.

6.45 High adventure. 'Yellow Sky' with Gregory Peck and Richard Widmark. Outlaws on the run encounter rich prospector. 8.20 Black and white minstrel

'Room at the Bottom'.

9.05 A man called Ironside. 'A World of Jackals'.

9.55 News and weather. 10.00 Football champions of the

England v. France and Portugal v. North Korea. Flash back to 1966 World

New series—familiar and unfamiliar faces 'doing their thing. 11.30 Weather.

'Jumping For Joy' with

Street'. October 4, 1936.

Guests include Paul Jones.

'Insidious Playthings'.

9.55 Thirty-minute theatre.

Staniey Holloway, r

trains a greyhound.

7.30 News, sport and weather.

Howerd

BBC 2

3.00-4.20 p.m. Cinema.

7.45 Westminster.

8.05 Gardeners' world.

9.05 Young generation.

9.45 Now and then.

8.20 Yesterday's witness.

Mosley thwarted.

11.00 Whatever next?

#### ITV

11.05 a.m. RAC road report. 11.10 Talies in tales: North American Indians. 11.35 Casting around. 12 noon Better driving. 12.25 p.m. Thunderbirds. 1.10 News. 1.20 World of sport. 1.25 They're off! 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Chepstow racing. 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Newcastle racing. 3.10 International sports special: Speedway. 3.50 Wrestling from the Royal Hall, Harrogate. 5.00 Results service. 5.15 Voyage to the bottom of the sea.

6.10 News. 6.15 H.R. Pufnstuf. 'The Horse With The Golden Throat'.

Albert. 'Hearts and Flowers'. 7.15 Des O'Connor show.

8.15 'Sea Furv'. With Stanley Baker, Victor McLaglen and Luciana Paluzzi.

6.45 Dear Mother . . . Love

10.10 Saturday night theatre. 'The Family is a Vicious Circle'.

11.10 Department S. 'The Man from X'."

12.05 a.m. Ideas in print.

Anthony Rossiter, Rebuffed Lover and Lotte

Reiniger. 11.20 News.

11.25 Disco 2.

The Battle of Cable 11.50 Midnight movie.

Egan, Lee Marvin and Stephen McNally. Three gunmen's lives change during bank robbery operation.

#### 'Is That Your Body, Boy?' Ron Moody as strict PT teacher.

'Violent Saturday' with Victor Mature, Richard

**REGIONAL ITV** 

CHANNEL: 1.15 London. 5.15 Garrison's gorillas. 6.10 London. 6.45 Dear Mother . . Love Albert. 7.15 Film: 'Gidget Goes Hawalian' with James Darren. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Mission impossible. 12 midnight Weather.

WESTWARD: As Channel except: 12.05 a.m. Faith for life. 12.11 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 12.52 Weather. 12.55 Out of town. 1.15 London. 5.15 F troop. 5.45 News. 5.50 Garrison's gorillas. 6.45 London. 7.15 Saturday film: \*Beneath the Twelve-Mile Reef\* with Robert Wagner, Terry Moore and Gilbert Roland. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 News. 11.20 Court martial. 12.15 Weather. Action '70.

HARLECH: 12.10 Heading for change. 12.35 Plupp. 12.45 Skippy. 1.15 London. 5.15 Robin Hood. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 7.15 Dear Mother . . . Love Albert. 7.45 Western: 'The Black Dakotas' with Gary Merrill. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Cinema: 'The Key Man' with Lee Pattersón. 12.20 Weather.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 7.15-7.45 Hyde a lled.

ANGLIA: 1.10 London. 5.15 Garrison's gorillas. 6.10 London. 6.15 Wheel of fortune. 6.45 London. 7.15 "Trip on a Dead Jockey" with Robert Taylor, Dorothy Malone, Gia Scala and Jack Lord. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Court martial. 12.05 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12.45 Captain Scarlet. 1.15 London. 5.15 Julia. 5.45 News. 5.50 Dear Mother . . . Love Albert. 6.20 Name of the game. 7.45 Movie: 'The Spy Killer' with Robert Horton, Sebastian Cabot and Jill St. John. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 I Spy, weather.

## SCOTTISH: 12.45 Mr. Piper. 1.10 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.10 London. 6.15 Dr in the house. 6.45 Film: 'The Wild North' with Stewart Granger, Wendell Corey and Cyd Charisse. 8.30 Dear Mother . Love Albert. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Late Call. 11.15 Film: 'The People Against O'Hara' with Spencer Tracy. GRAMPIAN: 12.50 p.m. Fantastic four. 1.15 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.10 London. 6.15 Dr in the house. 6.45 Movie: 'Ice Palace' Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 10.00 London. 11.10 Dear mother . . Love Albert. 11.40 God's word.

ULSTER: 1.15 London. 6.15 Take time with Tommy. 6.45 Film: 'Alaska Seas' with Robert Ryan and Jan Sterling.

West: 11.32 Weather.

All regions as BBC 1 except:

Midlands and East Anglia, North of England, N Ireland and South and

REGIONAL BBC

Scotland: 11.32 News, weather.

## **SUNDAY**

#### BBC 1

9.00 a.m. Nai zindagi- naya jeevan. 9.30 Repondez s'il vous plait. 10.00-10.30 Wie bitte? 11.00-11.30 Seeing and believing. 11.35 Swim. 12 noon Germany 1870-1970: 'Democracy Tried' .-12.30-1.00 p.m. Decimal shop. 1.25-1.50 Farming and weather for farmers. 2.00 Education programme. 2.29 News headlines. 2.30 The Titanic, the pig and me: A survivor of the Titanic disaster talks about her memories of that voyage. 3.00 Monaco Grand Prix. 3.25 Film: 'Sunday Dinner For A Soldier'. 4.50 Monaco Grand Prix. 5.10 Going for a song. 5.35

show. 6.05 News and weather.

6.15 Fact or fantasy? Faith-healing and miraculous cures.

Hobbyhorse. 5.55 Shari Lewis

6.50 Songs of praise. 7.25 Paul Temple. 'Antique Death', part one.

8.15 Sunday film. 'Away All Boats' with Jeff Chandler. Including spectacular battle scenes

of Kamikazi fighters. 10.05 News and weather.

10.15 Omnibus. 'The Hollywood Image': Part 2. From the talkies 11.15 Monaco Grand Prix. 11.45 Weather.

BBC 2

1.50-6.30 p.m. Cricket. Player's County League-Somerset v. Essex.

7.00 News review and weather. 10.15 The spoils of Poynton. 7.25 Music on 2. 'Idomeneo' by Mozart, an 11.05 News summary and cricket opera in three acts. Benjamin Britten conducts the 11.15 Line-up: film night.

REGIONAL

Midlands and East Anglia, North of England, South and West: 11.47 Weather.
Wales: 3.25-3.45, 4.25-4.50 The Doctors. 3.45-4.25 O'r neuadd gyngerdd. 6.50-7.25 Dechrau canu, dechrau can. Scotland: 6.15-6.50 Sunday set. 6.50-7.25 Songs of praise. 11.47 News, weather. weather.

Ireland: 11.45-11.55 p.m. N Ireland
Labour Party conference. 11.55 News,

11.00 a.m. Church service. 12.10 p.m. Sunday session: Casting around. 12.40 Better driving. 1.05-1.30 Judo. 1.50 All our yesterdays. 2.15 Sports arena. 2.45 Highlights of the five major cup finals of the year. 3.15 Do your own London. 3.45 Survival. 4.15 Man in the news. 4.45 Golden

shot. 5.30 Catweazle. 6.00 Barney Bear. 6.05 News.

6.15 What's in a game? 6.35 Beyond belief. 7.00 Stars on Sunday.

With James Mason and Iohn Mills. 9.10 Hawaii Five-O.

7.25 'Tiara Tahiti'.

10.10 News. 10.25 Engelbert Humperdinck

show. 11.25 Simon Dee show. to the Second World War. 12.15 a.m. What's in a game?

scoreboard.

Late night discussion on 6.15 programme.

production halted by last year's destruction of the Snape Maltings. 'Trial of Strength'.

**REGIONAL ITV** 

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.35 London. 3.13
Weather. 2.15 Sports Arena. 2.45
World Cup preview. 3.15 Sunday
matinee: 'Hue and Cry' with Alastair
Sim, Jack Warner and Valerie White.
4.35 Date with Danton. 4.45 London.
7.25 Film: 'Pirates of Tortuga' with
Ken Scott and Dave King. 9.10 Englebert Humperdinck show. 10.10 London.
10.25 Name of the game. 11.40
Epilogue, weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-12.05 London. 12.09 Weather. 12.12 London. 1.30 All our yesterdays. 2.00 Farm progress. 2.30 World Cup preview. 3.00 Film: 'Force of Arms' with William Holden, Nancy Olson and Frank Lovejoy. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 7.25 Picture: 'Undercurrent' with Katherine Hepburn, Robert Taylor and Robert Mitchum. 9.40 Julia. 10.10 London. 12.05 Weather. Action '70.

HARLECH: 11.00-1.30 London. 2.15 London. 3.15 Court martial. 4.15 Survival. 4.45 London. 7.25 It takes a thief. 8.20 Screen: 'Strangers on a Train' with Farley Granger and Robert Walker. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. 10.10 London. 12.20

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ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-1.30 London. 1.45 Cannonball. 2.15 Sport from the Midlands. 3.15 'That Woman Opposite' with Phyllis Kirk, Dan O'Herlihy, Wilfred Hyde-White and Petula Clark. 4.45 London. 5.30 Forest rangers. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.25 Film: 'Crash Dive' with Tyrone Power, Anne Baxter and Dana Andrews. 9.10 Hawaii five-o. 10.10 London.

**ULSTER:** 12.10-1.30 London. 2.15 Sports arena. 2.45 Big event. 3.15 Saint. 4.15 Catweazle. 4.45 London.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 1.30-1.55 All our yesterdays. 2.00 Farm and country news. 6.00 Cartoon time, 11.51 Woothers

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white

7.25 Peyton Place. 8.15 Movie: 'The Crowded Sky' with Dana Andrews and Rhonda Fleming. 10.10 London. 11.25

Wales: 9.15-9.35 a.m. Cadi ha. 5.40-

6.05 p.m. Disc a dawn. 11.32

YORKSHIRE: 11.00 London. 1.30 Farming diary. 2.00 Yorkshire matters. 2.20 Sunday sport. 3.20 'Madness of the Heart' with Margaret Lockwood, Paul Dupuis and Kathleen Byron. 5.00 Room 222. 5.30 London. 7.25 Hawaii five-o. 8.20 'Red Skies of Montana' with Richard Widmark, Jeffrey Hunter, Richard Boone and Richard Crenna. 10.10 London. 11.25 Men who matter. 11.40 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-12 noon London. 12.35 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Interpol calling. 2.25 Australian rugby league. 3.20 Custer. 4.15 Survival. 4.45 London. 6.00 Felix the cat. 6.05 London. 7.20 Picture: 'Father of the Bride' with Spencer Tracy, John Bennett and Elizabeth Taylor. 9.05 Marcus Welby MD. 10.00 Cartoon time. 10.10 London. 11.25 Avengers.

TYNE TEES: 11.00 London. 12.15 All our yesterdays. 12.40 Play with a purpose. 1.05-1.30 Judo. 1.50 Farming outlook. 2.20 Australian rugby league. 3.20 Matinee: 'Girl on the Run' with Efrem Zimbalist Jr. and Erin O'Brien. 4.45 London. 7.25 Strange report. 8.25 film: 'No Man of Her Own' with Barbara Stanwyck and John Lund. 10.10 London. 12.10 'St. Bartin and the Beggar'.

Farming outlook. 2.15 Border diary. 2.20 Australian rugby league. 3.20 'Cripple Creek' with George Montgomery. 4.45 London. 6.00 James Hound. 6.05 London. 7.25 'San Demetrio London' with Walter Fitzgerald, Robert Beatty and Marvyn Johns. 9.10 Engelbert Humperdinck show. 10.10 London. 10.25 Marcus Welby MD. 11.20 What's in a game?

SCOTTISH: 12.10-1.30 London. 2.10 All our yesterdays. 2.40 Peyton Place. 4.15 Survival. 4.45 London. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.25 Sinatra six: 'Come Blow Your Horn' with Frank Sinatra and Barbara Rush. 9.27 Legend of Jesse James. 10.10 London. 12.10 Late call. GRAMPIAN: 12.10 London. 1.30-1.50 All our yesterdays. 2.20 Matinee: 'My Brother Jonathan'. 4.15 Valentine's day. 4.45 London. 6.00 Bugs bunny. 6.05 London. 7.25 Cinema: 'The Rocking Horse Winner'. 9.10 Englebert Humperdinck show. 10.10 London. 10.25 Marcus Welby MD. 11.20 King of kings.



Above: France, May 29, 1968. The Stalinist led CGT demonstrate for a popular government only a few days before they agreed to the elections which kept de Gaulle in power.

If the French Stalinists had

Right up to the one-day strike of May 13, they were

Kremlin launches anti-

Trotskyist campaign

international working class. Brezhnev's public admission that the activities and growth of Trotskyism have caused the world Stalinist movement to encounter 'certain weaknesses and difficul-

Previously, attacks on Trotskyism have combined and forces.

, Now the emphasis is chang-

of Brezhnev's words. The slanderous references

## Alarm It is this 'weakness' and

For after May-June came the offensive of the Czechoslovak working class against Stalinism, an offensive that could only be crushed by the use of Soviet tanks and

ist bureaucracies.

Brezhnev

slander Trotskvism. That is

the one part of their speeches

that we must take seriously.

The witch-hunt against the

Socialist Labour League, aided

and abetted by the Stalinists,

and the new offensive against

the left in France—also con-

nived at by the Stalinists

there—has its counterpart in

'Difficulties'

all their internal problems and

differences, the leaders of

British Stalinism will take

We can be sure that despite

Brezhnev's warnings

slanders.

THE DEVELOPMENT of independent action by the German working class in the strikes of last September had profound significance for the building of the Fourth International.

Betrayed in 1933 by Social Democracy and Stalinism, the German workers' movement was chained down by the Nazi dictatorship.

Then, from 1945, the twin bureaucracies took control of the labour movement again. This was a key factor in the maintenance of international capitalism.

The beginnings of the break of German labour from bureaucratic control signified most clearly the revolutionary nature of the present period and the tremendous opportunities for revolutionary leadership.

The history of Germany from 1933 to 1945 is usually presented on the basis that the mass of the German nation were loyal supporters of Hitler.

The German working class, which up to 1933 voted for the Communist and Social-Democratic Parties by the million, is supposed suddenly to have been hypnotized by Hitler, and swallowed Nazi 'ideology'

According to this story, resistance to Nazism was confined to the churches and a few aristocrats and generals. These sections of the ruling class are depicted as paving the way for the 'democratic' Bonn regime after 1945.

To 'explain' how an entire nation can have gone through such a process, sociological analysis of 'authoritarianism', national or racial characteristics of the Germans and psycho-analysis have all been

Marxists, of course, know this picture to be entirely false. The most highly-developed labour movement in the world was destroyed only because of the treachery of its leadership.

In the depths of the economic crisis, only workers' revolution could have resolved the contradictions of German society and, in doing so, transformed the international situation completely.

But neither of the workers' parties could or would prepare the class for power. For Social Democracy, which had been the main political prop for the German capitalist state since 1918, the question did not even arise.

#### **Opportunism**

Party (KPD), subservient to the needs of the Soviet bureaucracy, had from 1929 covered up its opportunism with ultraleft attacks on the Social-Democratic workers as 'socialfascists' and savagely opposed all calls for united class action. Instead, it hailed the victory of Nazism as a step towards its own victory.

The German middle class, driven into a frenzy by the crisis, swung by default behind Nazi demagogy and racialism, while the industrialists and bankers decided that Hitler provided the only answer to the threat from the working

And so, explains the Transitional Programme of the Fourth International:

'Both these parties, with millions of voters behind them, were morally paralysed before the battle and capitulated without a battle. History has recorded no parallel catas-trophe. The German proletariat was not smashed by the enemy in battle. It was crushed by the cowardice, baseness, perfidy of its own parties. Small wonder that it has lost faith in everything in which it had been accustomed to believe for almost three generations.'

In view of the collapse of the workers' leaderships, it is not the weakness of the opposition to Nazism which is surprising, but the fact that it did develop and was maintained right up to 1945.

Thousands of workers continued the attempt to organize under the most brutal and effective terror machine the world has seen. Each time an underground organization was broken up by the Gestapo, new layers of socialists and communists came forward to replace those arrested and

But the political and theoretical weapons with which these struggles were fought were rotten to the core. They represented the ideas of the very bureaucracies which had allowed the victory of Hitler to take place.

The book under review gives only a pale academic reflection of these struggles. However, the four essays by German historians provide some useful factual material on the movements in Germany during the 12 years of Nazi rule.

## GERMAN WORKERS **FOUGHT** HITLER



German Socialists, Communists, trade unionists: First victims of the Nazi concentration camps.

THREE of the contributions deal with aspects of the bourgeois opposition to Hitler and only one to the labour move-

Hermann Graml, writing on 'Resistance Thinking on Foreign Policy' and Hans Mommsen on 'Social Views and Constitutional Plans of the Resistance', whatever their intentions, succeed in demonstrating that the 'resistance' hardly less reactionary than

the regime it opposed. Many of these conservative politicians had been sympathetic to or acquiesced in Hitler's policies, but later saw the dangers to German imperialism arising from them.

#### Barrier

The diplomat von Hassell and the civil servant Goerdeler wanted a strong German capitalism to act as the barrier to the Russian Revolution, but in co-operation with British and French imperialism.

The 'Kreisau Circle' around von Moltke, which included the former Social Democrats Leber and Haubach, dressed their policies in 'progressive' phrases about European federation and 'restructuring society'.



Von Stauffenberg

But they were all convinced of the need for a strong state machine run by an elite.

Their fear of the working class was far more powerful than their disagreements with the Nazis, and this accounts for the inffectiveness of their opposition.

When, in the face of military defeat, the plot to kill Hitler was finally set in motion, it was the more 'non-political' soldiers, like Stauffenberg, who

The incredible paralysis of the conspirators on July 20, 1944, when they might have succeeded even after the failure of the assassination itself, is explained only by their class hatred of the masses.

ERNST WOLF, writing about 'Political and Moral Motives behind the Resistance' somewhat reluctantly demolishes the myth of the Churches' opposition to Hitler.

As Professor F. L. Carsten says in his introduction to the

'On the Catholic side, the conclusion of the Concordat with the Holy See in the spring of 1933 proved an effective parrier to any opposition

Individual Catholics and Protestants fell foul of the regime and some were martyred for their refusal to accept Nazism. But Wolff shows how the traditional nationalism and anti-Semitism of the Lutheran churches inhibited opposition to the regime, even when they conflicted with it on church

The 'Confessing Church' which arose in opposition to the Evangelical Churches' support for the regime, was never opposed to Nazism as such. Its leader, Niemoller, had been an enthusiastic Nazi and even in prison in 1939 applied for permission to rejoin the navy.

HANS - JOACHIM REICH-HARDT contributes the most important essay in this book, 'Resistance in the Labour



Von Goerdeler

Despite all the attempts to build up the legend of a bourgeois resistance, it was only in the working class that active work against Nazism took

Confining himself mainly to Berlin, Reichhardt has examined the court records and official reports dealing with underground working - class organizations as they were discovered by the Gestapo. He begins by describing the refusal of the leaders to mobilize workers who were waiting for the call to fight in January

Members of the Reichsbanner, the workers' defence organization, gathered at their assembly points. Mass demonstrations took place in the main cities. But the leaders were silent and 'the will to resist slowly languished'. (p. Retreating step by step, the

Social-Democratic and trade union leaders sought by granting concession after concession to the Nazis to maintain their legality. The result was demoralization and the destruction of the workers' organiza-

Resistance groups formed, but only locally and without national guidance.

Only gradually were illegal methods of work learnt, at heavy cost in arrests and murders. Even where these groups were organized by Social Democrats, they were based on an attempt to break with the past of the discredited Social - Democratic Party (SPD).

One such group described by Reichhardt was the Roter Stosstrupp (Red Shock Troop).

This had its origins in Berlin University in 1932. Like some other left-wing SPD tendencies, these students had begun to prepare for illegal work before Hitler took power.

They were therefore better prepared than the official leaders. The duplicated paper they put out circulated up to 3,000 copies. Its first issue declared in April 1933:

'We no longer bear allegiance to any party dogma, any party banners: we know only one battle flag: the red flag of socialism. We know only one goal: the proletarian revolution.' (p. 169.)

#### **Determination**

How clearly this expresses the determination of the working class to fight—and the terrible effects of Stalinist degeneration. For under conditions of illegality, these workers were cut off from the theoretical conquests of the Communist International destroyed by Stalin.

To understand the defeat and build a new party on the basis of this understanding was terribly hard. The Transitional

Programme says: 'A programme is verified by experience. And it is precisely experience in mass movements which is lacking in countries of totalitarian despotism.' Only the Fourth Inter-

national, basing itself on the experience of the Third International, could draw the lessons of 1933. That is why Hitler's victory made the foundation of the Fourth International vital.

By December 1933, the Gestapo had penetrated and destroyed the Roter Stosst-

rupp. Meanwhile an émigré SPD had begun to operate from Prague, later moving to Paris. A section of the SPD leaders had opposed even the slightest

Party itself.

But what effect could this have but to demoralize workers, for one of the main problems for the working class was to grasp the treachery of this

degree of illegal work, but now

SPD literature began to be dis-

Reichhardt reports that an illegal Berlin Regional Committee of the SPD was arrested and further committees operated until the beginning of 1936. But further opposition activity was not conducted by the SPD as such.

Turning to the Stalinists, Reichhardt remarks that 'in contrast to its repeated pronouncements, the KPD offered no more than half-hearted resistance to the events leading up to the National Socialist assumption of power'. (pp.

He correctly attributes this to the policy of the Soviet

'In fact Soviet official policy was characterized by a temporizing, if not a positive attitude, as is evident from the marked failure to break off the close economic and military relations then existing between the two countries.' (p.

He explains how calls for a united front with the Social Democrats could not get a response in view of the previous 'social-fascist' line. Even more important, their own members were utterly unprepared for the victory of Hitler and the persecution that

The arrest of Thaelmann, KPD leader, on premises that were supposed to be secret, in March 1933, showed how unprepared the Stalinists were.

The heavy losses of the KPD by murder and arrest were increased when Alfred Kattner, arrested with Thaelmann, gave assistance to the Gestapo and was released. He was shot in his home by a KPD member in February 1934. (See Reichhardt's note on p. 263.)

Ulbricht took over the leadership in emigration later in 1933. The Comintern line was still that 'in spite of the fascist terror, Germany's revolutionary upsurge will continue inexorably. . . . The establishment of open fascist dictatorship which destroys all the democratic illusions of the masses and frees them from the influence of Social Democracy speeds up the process of Germany's evolution towards the proletarian revolution.' (Executive Committee the Comintern, April 1,

As a result of this policy, KPD members went out selling literature openly right through 1933. Thousands of Party members were rounded up in such work.

#### Treachery

Is it not surprising that some sections of the KPD went over to Nazism?

Reichhardt quotes an account by Gustav Regler of a meeting in the Saar between a Party official and members of the underground in 1934, which heartbreakingly illuminates the relationship between the heroism of the rank and file and the treachery of Stalin-

'I came in just in time to hear the final remarks of a young man who had been making a report on the Reich. He took a pamphlet from his pocket and threw it down at the official's feet. "We've been distributing that for months," he said, almost revelling in his scorn. "We've put up with a lot from you people, but this is too much. What's that supposed to be for?" He indicated the despised booklet with his foot and, speaking with the utmost firmness, concluded: "None of us is going to risk the chopper for that tripe." (p. 171.)



Thaelmann

It is unlikely that this unnamed critic of Stalinism lived to read the Transitional Programme which says: 'The Moscow radio station, combining Tohermidorian lies with stupidity and insolence, has become the most powerful factor in the demoralization of workers in the totalitarian states. In this respect as in others, Stalin acts merely as Goebbels' assistant.' However, the line of the

literature sent from abroad did not change as a result of demands from workers like this. Only when Stalin's foreign policy shifted at the end of 1934 did 'Popular Frontism' become the basis for antifascist propaganda.

Now, it was not a matter

### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### BY JOHN CRAWFORD

'THE GERMAN RESISTANCE TO HITLER' By H. Graml, H. Mommsen, H-J. Reichhardt and E. Wolf.

B. T. Batsford. London 1970. 56s.

of attacking the Social Democrats as the main enemy and demanding revolution immediately, but of abandoning all conception of revolution. The new policy is described

by the Transitional Programme as follows: 'Essentially it signifies the impotent longing for coalition

with a non-existent liberal

Reichhardt, however, sees Popular Frontism only as meaning joint action of KPD and SPD groups. He remarks: 'Even if there were occasional instances of co-operation between Social Democrats and KPD, and although the latter's instructors operating in the Reich were told to encourage it, it remained ineffectual. The

Moscow Trials that began in August 1936, with their shameful spectacle of the liquidation of the old revolutionaries, followed by the Russo-German

said that over 1,000 people were involved and 400 had been sentenced to death. Even then, small groups continued to work right up to the end of

According to the 'History of the German Anti- Fascist Resistance Movement' 340,000 KPD members had been sentenced to over a million years imprisonment between 1933 and 1939. Fifty-seven KPD members of Parliament were killed by the Nazis in that

Reichhardt does not mention the most famous of the KPD groups, the 'Rote Kapelle' (Red Orchestra). Led by Schulze-Boysen, it had strong groups in many of the important factories, carried out important espionage work, as well as propaganda activity.

Over 100 of its members were tortured and executed when it was broken up in 1942.

lead the German workers in united struggle against fascism, but saw this only as a matter of organization, not of theory.

#### **Solidarity**

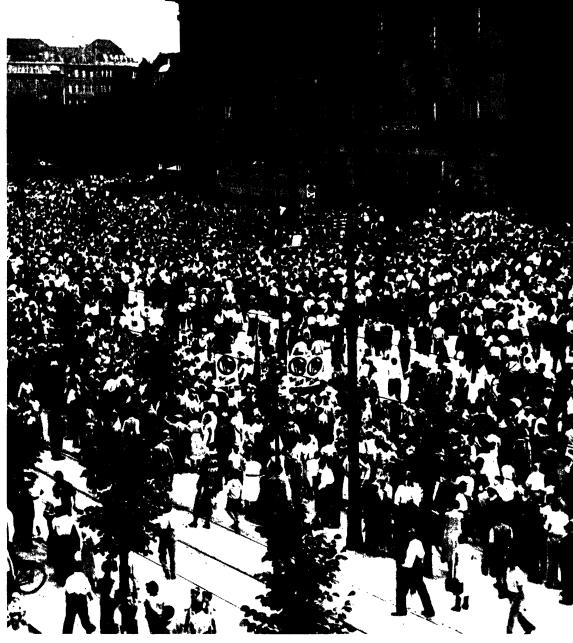
IT IS only Trotskyism, the struggle to resolve this crisis, which can grasp the significance of the facts reported by Reichhardt. No other tend-ency maintained the struggle international solidarity with the German workers during the 1939-1945 war.

It was German Trotskyists in exile in occupied France who published the illegal paper 'Arbeiter und Soldat' ('Worker and Soldier') and distributed it in the Wehrmacht. (They were caught by the Gestapo and killed.)

At that time, the Allied propagandists, and above all the Stalinists, were pouring out anti-German (not anti-Nazi) material that frequently reached the level of racialism. This, together with the declaration in January 1943 demanding Germany's unconditional surrender, strengthened support for Hitler.

It was intended to do so. The main factor which determined the policies of the Allied imperialist and the Stalinist bureaucracy at that time was not the desire to defeat Germany—but the fear of German workers' revolution emerging from such a

The rape of Berlin by the Soviet Army in 1945 was also quite consciously planned to combat the danger of inde-



Berlin: An anti-fascist demonstration July 1932.

non-aggression pact shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War, destroyed the last hopes of a united front of Social Democrats and Communists in Germany.' (p.

Reichhardt does not mention that many leading KPD members who took refuge in Russia vanished in the purges; that some of those arrested in Moscow were handed over to the Gestapo in 1939; and that almost all the survivors were deported to Kazakhstan as 'enemy nationals' in 1941.

During the period of the Stalin-Hitler Pact, virtually all KPD activity ceased. Ulbricht and the Moscow members of the Central Committee naturally applauded Stalin's policy.

#### **Decapitation**

Reichhardt quotes Dengel as saying (in Moscow!) that 'the comrades working in Berlin need no longer fear decapitation since Stalin would make sure that Hitler kept the terror within certain bounds'. (p. 177.)

The official Stalinist 'History of the German Anti-Fascist Resistance Movement' has the following cynical senten-

'After their release from concentration camps in 1939, comrades of the Communist Party joined together again to form resistance groups against Hitler's dictatorship. . . . As a result of the entry into the war of the Soviet Union, they became convinced that it was necessary to restart with their Communist work.'

And, despite every effort by the bureaucracy to disrupt this work, it did restart. Reichhardt reports the organization of Saefkow and Uhrig.

By the time of their arrest in 1944, they had built a nationwide organization. The Gestapo

The final section of Reichhardt's essay is devoted to the centrist group 'Neu Beginnen'. This had begun its preparation for illegal work in 1929, working secretly inside the Stalinism was the major

Its leaders tried to analyse the failure of the workers' parties and to work for a united socialist party.

Because of even this limited preparation and because it was less publicly known than the main parties, Neu Beginnen was able to work until 1938 fairly successfully. It leaders were then arrested and imprisoned, but further work wen't on until 1944.

Reichhardt appears to favour the record of such tendencies. But like the Socialist Workers' Party (SAP) of Brandler, groups like Neu Beginnen were based politically on an evasion of the crisis of leadership in the working class.

They condemned the KPD and SPD leaders for failing to

pendent class action. When, despite this policy, Fascist Committees' up, often organized by former KPD members, Ulbricht smashed them up.

factor in holding back the German working class when Nazism rose to power. Then it did its utmost to

destroy and demoralize the heroic fighters against the Nazi regime. After 1945, it was responsible for preventing the devel-

opment of revolutionary leadership and allowing the utterly bankrupt SPD to regain its position in the labour movement in W Germany. But today, Trotskyism grows

in strength, bringing new forces from the youth into the battle for the German workers' revolution and arming them with the theoretical and historical lessons of the past. The struggles to organize the workers' movement against Nazism will not have been in

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U.S.

agents

land in

Cuba

group of right-wing exiles landed in Cuba yesterday.

The invaders — members of the 'Christian Nationalist

Movement'—are led by Captain Orlando Lorenzo,

according to a statement issued by the movement's

spokesman, Pablo Castellon.

This new attempt to topple the Castro regime comes three weeks after the

total collapse of the in-vasion launched from Miami

These US-financed and

armed groups cannot hope to find any popular support for their ultra-reactionary

policies.
The Cuban workers and

peasants have no intention

by 'Alpha 66'.

Czech

army

purge

Speaking at a ceremony marking the end of the last war, Defence Minister General

Dzur promised a clean-out of

'right-wing opportunist and anti-Soviet elements' from

The Czech army leadership-not noted for 'liberal' sym-

pathies over recent years—has until now escaped un-

scathed from the prolonged

purge begun last year under the Kremlin stooge, Gustav

No provocation

clearly chose not to provoke any opposition from this key sector of the state machine

portant party and state posts, the loyalty of the army leaders

The Soviet bureaucracy

into the army.

the Czech army.

### Brutal

Abbey Wood Action Group formed to fight the eviction, said she had been shocked by the brutality of the police and that the Action Group would continue to fight the

Whitmee's case.
Spokesmen for the Tory majority on the Greater London Council have arrogantly asserted their right to evict Whitmees.

The only accommodation now available to the family from the council is the 'halfway house' in Plumstead.

At present they have moved in with friends in Erith. The Sewell Road eviction is a very clear example of Tory policy in action. It provides one more compelling indication of the future for workers under the Tories.

#### **CANADA:** FIRMS FAIL

A TOTAL of 621 Canadian business failed during the first quarter of this year, leaving liabilities of 69.5 million dollars. The largest number occurred in Quebec—343 with liabilities of 30.6 million 'No confidence' in union leaders 2,000 hosiery workers want 20 per cent

WAGE CUTS of up to £10 a week have led to a 2,000-strong unofficial hosiery strike in S Yorkshire. Women from nine hosiery and knitwear factories are demanding a 20 per cent pay rise.

home £8), and Yvonne Harper's wage had fallen from £20 19s 6d to £12 9s

6d.
It was pressure from workers like these that pre-

vented the union leaders from calling for a return to

proposed until the union executive had met, but this

meant leaving some workers on strike and others work-

**Pickets** 

The strikers would not wear this. They demanded to know why the union executive had not met al-

organizing pickets for the

strike. These workers will not tolerate low wages any

They want a 100 per cent stoppage, the strike made official and, above all, they

want a 20 per cent increase

**Shipyard** 

rescue

pany from total collapse, but

this does not mean the future of the company is guaranteed, still less guaranteed by the

government. The future of the company will depend on

and workers in making it a

'In order to promote a rea-

give incentive to those most

concerned. I am considering

whether there are ways in

which the shares in the ship-

yard might be so dealt with . . . intend to discuss this

with the trade unions and others concerned.'

The most likely interpreta-

tion of this statement is that

the Labour leaders now want

to move a stage further to-wards the kind of corporatist

profit-sharing attempted by de Gaulle and Pompidou, with

the assistance of the Stalin-

**BUFFER** 

It is precisely at this point that the ideas of 'worker par-

ticipation', advocated by the union leaders and the Com-

munist Party as a buffer

their most dangerous role.

Italy

tions held earlier this week

showed that the labour move-

ment is on the move on the

most basic political and inter-

national questions.
In Rome tens of thousands

demonstrated last Wednesday

against the war in Cambodia

while thousands of armed riot

police were posted to guard

the American embassy. A

similar demonstration was held in Milan at the same

War blessing

On the central question of Indo-China the Church has

given clear warning that what-

ever 'dialogues' may be in progress with the Communist

Party, its blessing goes finally

to the murderous policies of

himself of prayers for peace, the official Vatican newspaper

blamed the extension of the

war on the communists for violating Laotian and Cam-

bodian neutrality', and

attached its divine authority to Nixon's lie that the rape of

Cambodia is intended to pre-

pare American withdrawal from S Vietnam.

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While the Pope delivered

American imperialism.

without compensation.

● FROM PAGE ONE

ists, in France.

efforts of management

● FROM PAGE ONE

viable competitive unit.

This is a determined

following morning.

in basic pav.

Instead a status quo was

## Trade union action

• FROM PAGE ONE unions, the dangers here are

equally sinister. The labour bureaucracy right and left-and the revisionists and Stalinists, remain silent on the economic crisis while being garru-lously vocal on Vietnam. They do not want to mobi-

lize the working class. Mr Michael Foot, spokesman of the House of Commons centrists, opposed the Cambodian war not because was aimed against the Vietnamese revolution, but because it would provoke resistance.
'The United States action

in Cambodia has played into the claws of the hawks all over the world—in Peking, in Moscow, in Hanoi (!) . . . the action of the United States has gravely injured the possibility of socuring a reasonsibility of securing a reasonable settlement.
'The aim of negotiating a

settlement was supported on all sides of the House and most would appreciate the diplomatic consequences of what had occurred . . .' ('The Times', May 6, 1970. Emphasis

Foot folowed this compliment to the Tories with an to the imperialist leopard to surrender its fangs and claws and change its

For all its pathetic pleading, the speech of Foot was no less a betrayal of Cambodian and British workers than the statement of Stewart, which was on a par with George Brown's 'don't weep—fight the war' remarks at the time of the My Lai massacre revelations.

Foot's line was further developed and extended by 'Tribune', whose faith in US imperialism remains unshaken despite the traumatic events of last week.

#### Cover-up

In the same way as some Americans are annoyed that Spiro Agnew should say out loud what Nixon thinks in private, so Mr Clements, 'Tribune's' editor, is angered by the fact that Stewart is saying plainly what Mr Wilson is only thinking.

The whole of 'Tribune's' front page is therefore a crude

cover-up for Wilson, who is depicted as a victim of a Foreign Office conspiracy: 'The Prime Minister . .

found himself in an impossible position after Stewart's speech. Approvingly, 'Tribune' com-

'Now the feeling of those in

the Cabinet who opposed Stewart's line is that the only way Mr Wilson can make amends is by sacking Mr

#### A sop The whole of Indo-China is

burning and 'Tribune' suggests the sacking of Stewart!

They desire anything except the mobilizing of the working class against the war and the building of an alternative leadership to

Bringing up the rear is the Communist Party's 'Morning Star', whose credibility has been severely strained by its silence on Polish coal to Spain and Soviet generosity to the Greek junta.

The CP, which refused to

oppose Wilson's visit to this same Nixon who orders the shooting of students in the US and the massacre of peasants and the peasants an ants, and which opposed the demand of the SLL for a May 1 strike against the war, now comes out enthusiastically for the well-worn routine of marches, 'demos', vigils and flower-laying which helped to disorientate previous move-ments and isolate the working

The 'Star' gives prominence to the fact that Bill Jones, of the TUC, will chair a meeting today and that three trade union leaders 'have sent their good wishes'. But this will not change the political nature of the meeting, which will be by such wellknown reformists as Mr Peter

Hain and Mr Robin Blackburn. No wonder that both Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign (VSC) have attached themselves to this meeting, which promises be another carnival of middle-class protest.

FROM JACK GALE

The 'Morning Star' speaks for them all when it urges take part in the meeting and march . . . to increase the pressure on the government to stop supporting Nixon's

This is the politics of betrayal and defeat.

The road to Grosvenor
Square — and Roosevelt's
statue—is the road to the
class-collaboration of the

popular front and the de-

moralization of the working

#### Vital demand

The SLL pledges support for all demonstrations, meetings and campaigns which, in however limited a way, help to mobilize the workers in fac-tories to take action against the war. This means that all trade union leaders who are involved in the anti-war movement should take concrete industrial action against the

We demand, in particular, that people like Bill Jones and Lawrence Daly should state where they stand on this vital demand instead of providing a working-class, trade-union veneer to a movement which is nothing more than a safety valve for the middle class.

This has been our position on the Vietnam war from its inception. The Cambodian invasion now renders it even more urgent and immediate. US imperialism can and will be defeated in the struggle to mobilize the working class on an internationalist and revolutionary programme of struggle against our own ruling class.

We urge all workers to turn resolutely to the unions and demand that their executives launch a campaign. including demonstrations and meetings, against the war to culminate in a national one-day stoppage.

rapidly declining. At a mass meeting in Cudworth on Thursday some 500 workers, mainly women and young girls, denounced the

> union's chief officials. They alleged that the officials went to the management before coming to the workers. A unanimous vote of no confidence in the union leadership was passed with acclamation.

'We got bruises fighting the bobbies getting lasses out that you should have got out,' claimed one

As the struggle grows

in militancy, confidence

in the union officials

(National Union of

Hosiery Workers) is

#### Committees

Strikers demanded the setting up of committees in each factory and insisted that the struggle should be

They insisted that they would not return with less than 20 per cent. One girl declared: 'We've that much faith in the

union. We daren't go back — it'll be dropped like it was before.' Officials claimed that they had not told the strikers to

#### Assurance?

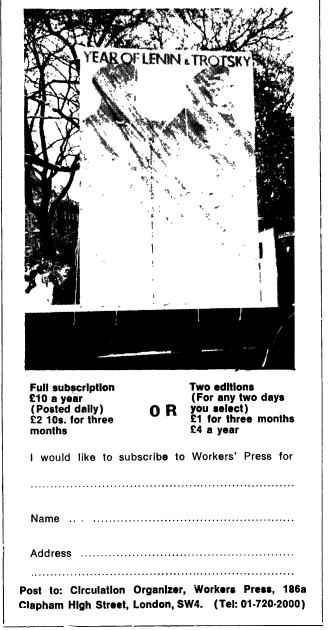
return to work, but many workers refused this.

A girl from Corah's factory read out a letter from management which stated that after contact with the union they were assured the strike would not be backed officially.

The main cause of discontent is a serious drop in earnings. Workers are many cases earning substantially less than they were

#### Wages

Maureen Holdroyd and Diane Portman told the Workers Press that at one time they could earn £17 19s 11d. Now, on four-fifths time, they were earning £8 and taking home £6. Merryl Horton said that her earnings had dropped from £18 0s 4d to £10 (take



## Crude provocation repeated

THE Socialist Labour League, in common with several other political and trade union organizations, this week received correspondence from a shadowy body describing itself as the 'Militant Trade Union Committee'.

A covering letter accompanying three documentstwo 'posters' and a duplicated letter to Harold Wilson—claims that since the first poster was sent out, as reported in 'The Newsletter' at the time, in November 1968 'we have done a great deal of preparatory underground work . '. . among a number of leading trade union members in the Labour Party and we have

grown in strength'. marked in Manchester.

As we warned on December 'There is no address or im-print in the "poster". Though the leaflet urges those who read it to "join us and free Britain from capitalism", there

#### 'Opportunity'

against nationalization, play Shipbuilding workers must 'give us the opportunity to show our united power—the power of the working class in Britain. Let us use this unity resolutely avoid this trap and fight for full nationalization and control of their industry to bring about a general strike and revolution.'

Outside of such literary efforts, couched in the precious 'let's get the bloody ization across cafe tables.

#### ernment which uses armed force to keep Ireland dis-The Labour government has already made it very clear that it regards the Govern-

THE School of Oriental and African studies, University of London, was almost empty yesterday as about 800 students staged a one-day strike in protest against US inter-

vention in Cambodia.

Canteen staff and workers came out in sympathy and a meeting took place at lunchtime outside the college.

In Grosvenor Square, about 150 students from the American School in London ended 9,0-minute march to the US Embassy chanting 'Four dead —how many more' and 'Give peace a chance'. All raised four fingers to signify the shooting of the 'Ohio 4'.

The pupils had been given permission by the headmaster and their parents to stage

A number of London offices

# of going back to the dark days of the Batista terror.

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT We must again make clear as we did in December 1968 that there is absolutely no connection between the Social ist Labour League, the Young Socialists or the All Trades of mysterious body. Wheat exporters to

Its notepaper headings describe the 'MTUC' both as 'members of the Labour Party' and 'leaders of the British revolution operating from the socialism'-though all its correspondence so far is post-

#### No imprint

is absolutely no way of contacting the senders or even of identifying them.

'It could have been written by anyone, including the Special Branch of Scotland

Coinciding, as it does, with desperate attempts by the Tory press to build up a preelection witch-hunt against revolutionaries and with heightened police activity around the trade unions the 'MTUC's' activities constitute the crudest form of provo-

#### 'The forthcoming elections

1970-1971,' says their letter,

swine off our backs' style of a Victorian penny-dreadful, little is known of this socalled group in the workers' movement — except that in-dividuals claiming to reprehave on occasion attempted to pass money to members of our own organ-

#### Or in other words, despite mass starvation in whole con-Lynch and Devlin

FROM PAGE ONE every intention of using force to maintain it. And at this juncture the revisionists' heroine Bernadette Devlin can announce:

'Now, when we have come to a crisis of armed intervention, it is time to get round the table again to discuss the constitution.'
What constitutional discussions are possible with a gov-

exporters ended their

conference in Ottawa

The five — Canada, the

United States, Australia,

Argentina and the Com-

mon Market - issued a

communique recording

their satisfaction with the

The subject under discus-

With two-thirds of the

sion was how not to expand

world's population under-nourished, these spokesmen

for capitalist farming interests

were concerned with one

production or sales.

on Wednesday.

foundation of its Irish policy.
The capitalist parties and the Labour leaders are wholeheartedly agreed on one thing: they want at all costs to prevent the emergence of the working class as an in-dependent force.

But it is only this force, in struggle against both British imperialism and the 'green Tories' of the South, which can unite Ireland and overthrow the domination of imperialism. The struggle for the withdrawal of more urgent than ever.

troops from Ulster is now

parts were found outside the

#### London demonstrations on Cambodia BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

of American companies were defaced with animal blood today in protest against US

buildings, which included the offices of American Express, policy on Cambodia.

Pigs' heads and other animal

Bank of America
American Airways. Bank of America and Pan

#### **Dunlop strikers kick** out redundancy 'strings' ENGINEERS at Birmingham's crease without 'strings'. Dunlop, however, has offered only £3 to £3 10s with

Fort Dunlop tyre factory—the biggest in Europe—yesterday voted unanimously to con-tinue their week-old unofficial strike after hearing that union had obtained no change in the company's pay

Some 4,000 other workers The 1,500 strikers are demanding a £6-a-week pay in-made idle by the dispute.

this offer out of hand.

a proviso of 'voluntary redundancy' for 100 men.

Yesterday's meeting rejected

gun on the massive November Moratorium march, when — despite the frantic attempts of the Socialist Workers' Party to deny any starts such event-contingents of workers came out on the streets for the first time to THE STALINIST purge in Czechoslovakia rolls on demonstrate against the war.

The SWP, like its friends in the Communist Party, did its best to keep the move-ment within the bounds of liberal protest and still maintains the hopelessness of relying on the working class to defeat Nixon's war plans.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Its sudden demise is not a

symptom that opposition to the war is waning, but fore-

shadows the emergence of

the working class on to the

political scene as an in-dependent force.

This process had already be-

As biggest class confrontation

nears in United States

Moratorium

LESS THAN a fortnight

before Nixon invaded Cambodia and brutally

murdered the four Kent University students in

Ohio, the US National

Moratorium movement

shut up shop for the last

little over six months old, the movement was \$100,000

in debt and had seen its

own demoralization in a

tion that characterized the

autumn [when millions marched in the Moratorium

demonstration of November

15] has never returned . . .

Our maximum effectiveness

haracteristically, the leaders

blame the Democratic Congressmen for the decline of

the Moratorium movement:

they want a visible alter-

native to the radicals—some

visible national leadership

of a more moderate stripe

---they've got to do some-

thing, says one leader quoted in 'Newsweek'.

they did the Carswell thing,

just imagine what they might be able to do.

Desperate appeal his just about sums up the philosophy of the leaders of

the Moratorium, which was

little more than a last desperate appeal from the US middle class to the Demo-

cratic Congressmen to 'do

something' about the war. Its leadership quite consciously

revolutionary leadersh against the Vietnam war.

The movement's basic bank-

financial.

ruptcy was political, not

ike the Vietnam Solidarity

Campaign in Britain, the Moratorium was a ram-shackle coalition of Liberals,

Stalinists and protesters which was rapidly ensnared by the Democratic 'doves'.

**Foreshadows** 

Lacking any political perspec-tive for fighting the war,

beyond liberal protest, the

movement's decline has been

even more rapid and spec-

ance of the VSC in Britain.

cut production

FIVE MAJOR wheat thing only: How to reduce the production of wheat. there is too much wheat in the world for capital-

Belgian Vice-President of the

Common Market group, outlined a plan that would bring

about 'a substantial reduction' in land and manpower cur-rently being used in the Com-

mon Market countries for

farming purposes.

In their joint communique,

Reduction

that the major exporters had

a common responsibility to regulate their production in a

manner which will bring sup-

plies into balance with oppor-

funities in the international

'The ministers recognized

the exporters stated:

wheat market.'

opposes any development of

If they look on the war like

has been reached.

support waste away.
Its leaders summed up their

letter telling supporters:
The drama and national atten-

time in Washington.

But the crisis of the Moratorium committee is the best confirmation of precisely this point; only the working class internationally and in the United States above all can halt the US ruling class in its drive to-wards the third world war.

#### Class action

The task now is to fight for class action against Cambodian invasion, Vietnam war and the massacres of the students. This means also a ruthless struggle against the revisionist sceptics, who stand between the working class and the fight against the war, to build a genuine

labour party separate from

the two-party system.

of growing it.

make a profit.

production.'

tinue to starve.

for wheat'.

tion commented:

ist production.

and starvation.

Profit

century ago, capitalists produce for one reason only—to

Whether their products benefit mankind or not is of

no concern to them whatso-

ever. And if extra profits can

be made by restricting the supply and forcing up the

As the communique puts it:

'Governments should exer-

cise care in implementing the

new or existing programmes of support to avoid measures which would have the effect

of stimulating uneconomic

'Uneconomic production' is food production for those who

are hungry but cannot, because of their or their coun-

try's poverty, afford to pay the price demanded by the

capitalist. So they must con-

Cynicism

reached in the report when, noting that the US. Australian

and Canadian governments have already taken steps to

restrict wheat production, it

states that the meeting 'agreed

to keep these policies under

continuing review so that timely and appropriate mea-

sures could be taken in the interests of achieving a

healthy international market

A 'healthy international

market' for capitalism means

Reality

'It was an extremely useful

meeting but we can't tell yet whether the reduction programmes will work.'

This is the reality of capital-

Profits must continue to be

For these 'exporters', wheat

made even at the cost of hunger and death.

is not something to be eaten,

but simply something to be bought and sold at a profit.

tion for use, for the benefit of

mankind, and not on the drive

for private profit, remains the

only answer to world poverty

Socialism, based on produc-

The depths of cynicism are

price—so much the better.

As Marx insisted over a

while it proceeded with its purge in the mass media, the universities and the trade With most centres of pro-Dubcek or other opposition groups now removed from im-

#### and rank and file can be subjected to close scrutiny. It was highly significant that Dzur announced his army purge on the same day that Soviet and Czech léaders signed their so-called 'Friendship Treaty', which in fact binds Husak even more closely to his protectors in the Kron to his protectors in the Krem-lin.

The drive for this protection from the Czech working class is the rooting out of even the most timid forms of opposition to the Soviet occupation.

#### 'Conspiracies'

General Dzur's investiga-tions will doubtless uncover a 'counter-revolutionary plot' in the Czech High Command just as the purge has already revealed similar fictitious conspiracies in the trade unions, the Party Central Committee, universities, the press, radio and television. .

#### £3000 rise for PIB Tory

MR Aubrey Jones, £15,000-a-year Tory chairman of the Prices and Incomes Board, will become £18,000-a-year chairman of the Commission for Industry and Manpower as soon as Mrs Barbara Castle's proposals—now on their way through the Commons—become law.

## 28 p.c. of baby deaths

REPORT published last week on infant deaths says that on a national scale just over 6 babies died for every 1,000 live births in the period of 5 months to a year after birth. The report—'Confidential

Deaths 1964-1966'—estimates starvation, malnutrition and premature death for countless that 28 per cent of the deaths millions of human beings. could be partly attributed to 'avoidable factors' such as bad housing and overcrowd-But these 'wheat exporters'—in reality they are famine exporters-are not yet sure of Otto Lang, the Canadian Minister for Wheat Produc-

Enquiry

#### WEATHER

London area, SE, central southern, SW, NW and central northern England, E and W Midlands, Čhannel Isl<mark>ands,</mark> Glasgow area, N Ireland: Variable cloud with sunny spells, but showers and thunderstorms. Winds mainly East or SE, light to moderate. Warm. Max. 19C (66F).

Edinburgh and E Scotland: Cloudy. Occasional rain or drizzle. Sunny intervals. Coastal fog patches. Winds easterly, moderate or fresh. Warm inland. Max. 16C (61F). Cold on coasts. Max. 10C

Outlook for Sunday and Mon-