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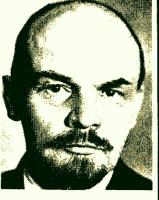
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Speaker: Gerry Healy, national secretary, Socialist Labour League

Admission 2s

commercial vehicle tyres have now run out, a Dun-lop spokesman said yester-Shortage

It was claimed that 'the

shortage of tyre fabric from

necessarv

lay-offs

lay-offs were because of a

Birmingham's key Fort Dunlop plant at Erdington.
The 1,500 maintenance engineers—who walked out of Fort Dunlop on May 1
—are demanding a pay increase of £6 without 'strings'.

They have so far been offered only £3 to £3 10s tied to 100 'voluntary redundancies'. merger with Dunlop's Pirelli, taken together with

sale prices, indicates that the company is prepared to force the engineers back to work on its terms.

its recent increase in whole-

Mass meeting

Thursday's mass meeting is expected to show that the strikers are even more de-termined to win their de-

# DURING the Nazi invasion of Russia the late David Low drew a cartoon which showed the reactionary White Guard Finnish General Mannerheim with hand on heart and simulated innocence on his face exclaiming, in the presence of his German allies: 'Mine, as you know, is a separate war'.

The Russians, history records, were not taken in by this argument.

We think that this analogy sums up the attitude of the International Socialism (IS) group to the witch-hunt of Rosemary Whippe by the press and TV. We are referring in particular to the scurrilous innuendo contained in the statement of Terence Barrett at the May 1 meeting of IS at the Holborn Assembly rooms:

'We have seen a feature of substitutionism this week with Rose Whippe, the girl who had two days off work and wanted to be victimized. The average worker can't afford to have two days off.'

The detestable lack of principle and the cringing adoration of capitalist power which characterizes your movement is crudely but explicitly expressed in Barrett's slander.

## **Conforms**

That he should have been supported by Messrs. Hallas, Palmer and Foot is not extraordinary. It is in conformity with your political practice.

Your movement is well known for scabbing on the Trotskyist movement in the post-war years.

When you weren't scabbing on us you were busy cooking up some provocation against the SLL and the YS. It would you blamed the Trotskyists for having 'provoked' the witch-hunt against them. Predictably, your services were rewarded by the right wing who solicitously encouraged 'Young Guard' and proscribed 'Keep Left'.

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I.S.

During the struggle inside National Association of Labour Student Organizations (NALSO) against the right wing and centrists your group openly invited the Stalinists

The fact that you have issued a belated statement condemning the witch-hunt one week after the event will not blind the vigilance of those who see the slander of Barrett as representing the real position of IS.

An open letter to

Since you have not dissociated yourself from this remark—and it is not likely that you will—we are free to draw what inferences we please.



A sample of the Rosemary Whippe witch-hunt treatment dished up by the capitalist press.

the SLL provides the raison d'être for your group.

Consider your record in relation to us. In the early 1950s you broke with Trotskyism on the nature of the Korean war. Your refusal to support the defence of a deformed workers' state in N Korea against imperialist obliteration meant, in effect, your support of the witch-hunt of those who opposed the Korean war in the Labour Party and the League of Youth.

In the 1960s, it was your paper, 'Young Guard', renamed 'Rebel', and your supporters in the Young Socialists who lined up consistently with the right-wing in the witch-hunt of 'Keep Left' and the Trotskyists in the Young Socialists.

## **Shutdowns**

You were for the lifting of the ban on Woodrow Wyatt—an unregenerate right-winger who advocated the atom bombing of N Korea in 1950—but you did not lift a finger to prevent the right wing from shutting down YS federations all over the country and in expelling leading members of the YS who supported 'Keep Left'.

You identified Trotskyism with Nazism and—like now—

and the 'Tribune'-ites into an unholy alliance against Trotskyism on the basis of gossip and slander against our tendency.

## Reminiscent

Your attack against Rosemary Whippe is reminiscent of another incident in 1968 which proved beyond any doubt that you were quite prepared to collaborate with the news media against the Socialist Labour League and its members.

We refer, of course, to the provocation organized by your members outside the Reyrolle factory at Hebburn on the Wearside in October 1968, when your members tried to disrupt an SLL-All Trades Unions Alliance meeting for the benefit of a BBC-TV unit.

Your group cannot bring itself to support Rosemary Whippe's fight against the capitalist press and its agencies in the working class, but it has never found difficulty in supporting the most reactionary causes — the imperialistinspired secession of Biafra, the despatch of imperialist occupation forces to N Ireland and Black Power, which tries to split the working class on racial lines.

It is, in fact, typical of your group that you say one thing at the **height** of a crisis and another when the crisis blows over.

The most instructive example of this sort of skulduggery is provided by your volte-face on Ulster.

You were for the sending of troops when the prospect of an armed insurrection against British imperialism was imminent and you are against retaining the troops now that imperial 'law and order' has been re-established.

## Said nothing

Similarly when the witchhunt was at its height, on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week in April, your paper, which came out on the Saturday, had nothing to say.

Now that the press attack has been stalled by the SLL, you are quick to denounce Fleet Street — while keeping silent on the shabby role of your leadership when the heat was on.

Basically, your method is the same as the Stalinists who were more concerned in getting out of the line of fire than in defending the victim of a vile attack from the capitalist press.

BY WORKERS PRESS EDITOR

MICHAEL BANDA

and melodrama of protest -

whether by students or work-

ers—ever achieves is a cheap

and ephemeral publicity in the

All that it expresses is the

hysterical impotence and poli-

tical despair of the middle

class; a 'sound and fury signi-

No, Rosemary Whippe did

not seek to be victimized. Her

record as a socialist and a

trade unionist does credit to

something which your paper

and organization have never

And she suffered for them.

You think that this is a criti-

cism of Rosemary? In fact it

is a condemnation of the

Geoff Mitchell, ex-convenor of ENV.

capitalist system and the kind

of industrial relations which

exist-and which your organ-

ization helps to uphold with

your support of 'productivity

First battle

Rosemary's first battle in

Plessey's was precisely against

the kind of deal which your

movement recommends work-

ers to accept — albeit with

After this struggle she was sacked by the Plessey man-

agement, who interviewed her

in the presence of hostile

union officials about her atti-

tude to productivity deals

Her fight at Plessey's did

not escape the attention of

Merseyside employers who are

everywhere trying to force

through productivity deals

with the support of the union

The bosses have their own

In your paper (May 2, 1970),

You state that a certain Mr

Teacher, who runs the Glas-

gow Economic League branch,

has an extensive card-index

file on 4,000 to 5,000 militants

in Scotland and that repre-

sentatives of this sinister

organization were inquiring

into the activities of militants

in the Upper Clyde Ship-

for example, you refer to the activities of the Economic

League on Clydeside.

intelligence network, which is

before they did so.

bureaucracy.

builders.

reservations of 'mutuality'.

dealing', etc.

She fought for her prin-

capitalist news media.

the Young Socialists.

ciples uncompromisingly

fying nothing'.

vet understood.

You know as well as we do that principled differences should not invalidate the solidarity of disparate political groups in resisting a common threat from the capitalist class.

Notwithstanding our differences with your group, we have never hesitated to defend your members as we did, for example, during the court case against Geoff Mitchell, exconvenor of ENV.

This is a basic principle of the Marxist movement. If you contravene it you imperil your own existence and you facilitate the attacks and divisive measures of the employing class.

This is too obvious even to need repetition.

Yet your leaders chose to consciously impugn this principle and, in the course of it, you heaped insult upon infamy by grossly misrepresenting the facts about Rosemary Whippe's sacking.

## Lie

Firstly, it is a lie to suggest that Rosemary wanted to be victimized.

Secondly, it is equally mendacious to say that she took two days off work.

Not even the capitalist press

was able to surpass this piece

of distortion by your spokes-

man. We quote the 'Liverpool Daily Post':

'At the meeting, Mr Frank Shaw, Amalgamated Engineering and Foundryworkers' Union convenor at the factory,

said the girl's sacking was a "terrible situation".

'She had been at the company for a week, and in the second week had been off ill for one day he said. On the

Friday she was given her cards.' (April 28, 1970.)

And lastly, your reference to 'substitutionism' is only a belated echo of the distortion spread by the Stalinists that the Trotskyists are disrupters who try to 'substitute' themselves for the working class instead of leaving the workers captive to the traditional leadership in the trade unions.

## 'Martyrs'

Before we deal with this odious middle-class prejudice, we will return to the first allegation.

Unlike IS, the SLL, being a serious proletarian revolutionary organization, does not suffer from the 'martyr syndrome' which afflicts every petty-bourgeois organization in Britain and Europe.

We do not seek to be victimized or martyred, no more than we indulge in symbolic gate-smashing, flag burning and embassy stoning.

We do **not** advocate this form of protest. In fact we oppose it.

All that the theatricality

"... Your refusal to support the defence of a deformed worke's state in N Korea (right), against imperialist obliteration, meant, in affect, your support of the witch-hunt of those who oppressed the Korean war in the Labour Party and the League of Youth'.

You also state that 60 or 70 firms in Glasgow are affiliated to the Economic League and that they phone Teacher when employing new workers about their previous records.

Is it not, therefore, entirely conceivable that the same thing goes on in the Mersey-side area, and that when Girling's sacked Rosemary Whippe after four days, ostensibly for taking a day off work, they had 'other' reasons for doing so?

Otherwise, how do you explain the fact that she was sacked without her steward being present, a procedure not customary at Girling's.

Why is it that neither Barrett nor Hallas (who considers himself an authority on the SLL) nor Palmer could explain this simple little fact to their audience?

We ask this question because your speakers, in lying about Rosemary's desire to be victimized, omitted to mention another significant 'detail' which cast an entirely different complexion on her

This was the fact, known even to the capitalist press on the Wednesday before your meeting, that the recommendation for strike action against her sacking came from the local district committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundry workers (AEF) and the two shop stewards committees and not from Rosemary.

## **Different**

Therefore, if anyone is to be made guilty of your grotesque charges of 'substitutionism' and 'wanting to be victimized', it must surely be the Wirral and West Cheshire district committee of the AEF.

That really is different isn't it?

The Marxist truth is always concrete.

When the strike motion was put, a group of backward and reactionary workers—in order to prejudice the vote and in order to embarrass their stewards who had voted for a stoppage on May Day in defence of Vietnam—raised a h and cry about a 'red plant' and of Rosemary having a degree.

It was absolutely clear from reading the press that a witch-hunt was launched against Rosemary at this meeting and that her democratic right to hold a job was being challenged. Read again what the press had to say:

## 'Set up'

'During the meeting, machine operator James Nicholas, aged 21, of Milner Street, Birkenhead, told the workers: "I think this is a plant. I don't mind going on strike, but not for a set up."

'His speech was greeted with cheering, with some shouting about a "Communist plot"...

'He [Nicholas] added,
"There is no room for a dainty
nose in this factory".' ('Liverpool Daily Post', April 28,
1970.)

In the ensuing confusion the vote against strike action was carried. Having done his dirty work, the man who raised the cry of 'red plant' then repudiated it.

But it was enough.

The entire capitalist press picked up this filthy slander and tried its damndest to discredit and vilify the Socialist Labour League and create a lynch atmosphere to stampede backward workers to vote Tory in the next election.

It was not just a witch-hunt. It was a gigantic political hoax against the working class and not only against the League.

Thanks to the innate scepticism of the British workers towards capitalist press lies plus the discipline of the SLL, the press and ITN came un-

For this success we owe you and the Communist Party nothing!

Mr Barrett, with his references to 'substitutionism' is



echoing this reactionary, lying rubbish about 'plants', 'plots' and 'dainty noses'.

It was also apparent that the 'Red plant' hoax wasn't merely aimed at getting rid of Rosemary Whippe from Girling's.

It was an integral part of the combined government and employers' offensive against the shop steward system in industry.

Since Girling's is the target of a government-sponsored inquiry led by the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) and since the 'Red bogey' has featured in every government inquiry, the right wing in the factory decided it was better to appease the CIR by sacrificing Rosemary than to fight the management and the CIR inquiry all the way.

Their aim is to please the CIR and Wilson by keeping socialist politics out of the

unions.

Hence the witch-hunt and hence the statement by Mr

Nicholas:

'It was no accident that she [Rosemary] was in the factory. This was an attempt to thumb a nose at the probe into the industry.' ('Daily Express', April 28, 1970.)

Therefore what Mr Barrett calls 'substitutionism' is only a more sophisticated way of fighting socialist consciousness in the trade unions and defending opportunism — as Mr Nicholas is doing in Girling's.

A final word.

May Day is a day of working-class solidarity against the oppression and violence of capitalism.

For you, however, it is an occasion to dissociate yourselves from those who are under attack from the capitalist class and to uphold all that is backward and reactionary in the working class.

Until you publicly repudiate the lying allegation of Mr Barrett we shall continue to treat your public statement in the 'Socialist Worker' (May 9, 1970) as an act of political dishonesty and cowardice.

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IN A WEEK of wanton destruction in Cambodia, of the wilful murder of four students in Illinois. of the dive of Wall Street, of the dictatorial assumption of power by Nixon supported by the most rabid and lunatic assembly of generals, of the crisis of American imperialism reaching its sharpest and most barbaric expression, it seemed apt to see a film which dealt with the coming to power of Hitler and the Nazis in Germany,

Insights into this period are valuable.

Yet on almost every level Visconti's 'The Damned', currently showing at the Kensington High Odeon, Street, is unsatisfactory.

The situation he focuses on is promising enough. He selects a rich aristocratic German family, owners of a vast steel mill, adapting themselves to fascism.

The film opens with the birthday of the old baron. It is a gathering of the family. The home is magnificent, rich tapestries, furnishings, paintings, the finest of bourgeois art and refinement; the servants respectfully and dutifully prepare the dinner, the silver, the cut glass.

First there will be a family entertainment, which children will give, a recitation, then a cello solo . . .

## **Divisions**

Assembled are the sons, relatives, daughters; the only non-family visitor is the manager of the steel works, a middle-class technocrat who wishes to marry one of the daughters.

But divisions are apparent in the family. One member is in Hitler's army, another in the SA ('Brownshirts').

Yet the authority of the baron maintains a unity, for he is the unquestioned head of the family, of the steel

The one early jarring note is the grandson's party piecea cabaret song dressed as a woman, much to the disgust of the grandfather.

But the apparent harmony is disrupted by the news that the Reichstag has been set on fire and that a Dutch communist has been arrested.

It announces a new period for Germany, the smashing of communism and the building of the new order.

The baron has hitherto preserved an aristocratic contempt for the upstart Hitler, but he



## Machiavelli

By Brian Moore



## and Marxism

THE DAMNED directed by LUCHINO VISCONTI showing at the ODEON Kensington

knows that his primary duty is to preserve his property, and regretfully he asks his son to resign from his post as managing director of the works to make way for someone who is more amenable to the Nazi

The son, a classic liberal, denounces Hitler and a row breaks out.

## Flees

That night the Gestapo arrive to arrest the son, who technocrat manager, who insists that he leaves his revolver behind. Later the baron is found shot in his bed by his son's gun.

The rest of the film concerns itself with the machina-tions in the family to seize control of the works.

The workings of the plot and the changing family situations immediately remind one of an Elizabethen world. The Damned' is, in fact, Shakespeare written as melodrama yet without Shakespeare. It's like an amalgam of Hamlet and Macbeth, yet a Hamlet without the Prince, merely a sensualist substitute in the form of the grandson, who seduces small girls and finally rapes his mother.

And his mother is a cross between Lady Macbeth and Gertrude, urging on her technocrat lover to murder and take the crown of the steel

The technocrat is the ambitious Macbeth - the instrument through which the Gestapo work to wipe out the finally is usurped by the grandson, who forces poison on him and his new wife, to emerge as a fully fledged Nazi, the owner of the steel works and the second most powerful man

in Germany. Visconti, the Italian, seems unable to break from a Machiavellian view of history. It is this that predominates his thinking and fits comfortably with his melodramatic instincts.

The latter gives his work a statuesque, extremely formal quality which I find personally

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00 London. 4.10 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.12 Hatty town. 4.25 Survival. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'Hilda Crane' with Jean Simmons and Guy Madison. 8.30 London. 11.15 Moviemen. 11.35 Gazette. 11.40 Commentaires et previsions meteorologiques weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 4.10 News. 6.00 Diary. 11.40 Faith for life. 11.46 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.45 London. 4.00 Junkin. 4.15 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.30 Joker's wild. 7.00 Father, Dear Father. 7.30 Film: "The Black Castle' with Richard Greene, Boris Karloff, Stephen McNally and Paula Corday. 9.00 London. 11.15 News. 11.25 Weather. 'Feed the Minds'.

HARLECH: 11.00-4.15 London. 4.25 Floris, 4.55 London. 6.02 Report. 6.10 Joker's wild. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bonanza. 8.00 Mr and Mrs. 8.30 London. 11.15 Adam 12. 11.45 Weather.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as

above except:
10.30 Welshscene. 11.00 Trip i'r teulu.
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lumbering, obvious and formalistic. He processes gracefully from one archetype to

It gives his work a predictable quality with few surprises or flashes of ingenuity. The former means he is in-

capable of grasping the full political significance of fascism. He can only see the steelworks as a symbol of power or, at the end of the film, the flames that announce the hell

of damnation and national socialism, not as the machinery of class conflict and the extraction of surplus value. His characters adapt to fascism, not primarily to save their tottering enterprises to allow Hitler to do their dirty

work in defeating the working class, but to retain their power by humbling themselves to this unwanted intruder. It is again the Machiavellian principle of power.

The so called Marxist Visconti is really nothing more than a moralist.

Again we go back to Hamlet, for his vision is of 'something rotten in the state of Denmark'.

'Oh fie 'tis an unweeded garden,

That grows to seed; things rank and gross in nature Possess it merely.'

The German state is corrupt, the natural order breaks down, patricide, matricide, incest, perversion.

Indeed all of these are expressions of a wider crisis. Trotsky himself pointed out that the psychology of the Gestapo was that of pederasty.
One of the best sequences

in the film is the SA, the 'Brownshirt' street thugs who killed and hounded communists and social democrats alike. carousing near Munich, drunk, some in women's clothes, the sentimentality of their singing, the ubermensch physique.

But in this film Visconti's understanding seldom transcends a moral outrage and the result is really an ambiguity towards the aristocracy. For if the moral degeneration of the state signifies a breakdown in the natural order, what then is the natural

In this sense 'The Damned' is a lament for the passing of the old aristocratic values.

order?

If we contrast the refined formality, the order, the sense of family, place and position of the opening sequence with the closing moments of the film, where the same house is strident with jazz music, drink, girls in a state of half dress being kissed and fondled, the furniture scattered, two poisoned bodies in one room, and the new head of the works in jackboots and Nazi uniform. it is hard to avoid this conclusion.

'The Damned' is obviously an intensely felt film. Visconti has said that it was made in hate, that it was made as a warning and reminder to the voung.

But at a period when fascism becomes a real threat once again, youth need a clear political understanding to defeat it once and for all, by defeating the system that breeds it, capitalism.

I'm afraid they won't find it in 'The Damned'.



THE SHORT documentary 'Bagnolo' at Academy One, despite the pious intentions of its makers, is of considerable interest.

Bagnolo is a small Italian town near Reggio Emilia in the Po valley.

Like almost all the surrounding Emilian 'red belt' it is a stronghold of the Communist Party. 70 per cent of the young people are enrolled in the Communist youth organization.

In this prosperous agricultural region the Party has built a whole network of co-operatives and political, cultural and social organizations.

One after another its complacent functionaries appear

**Leon Trotsky** 



## belt': built-in peaceful co-existence

## **BAGNOLO**

a documentary about Italy's 'red belt'. Showing at Academy One London.

Reviewed by **DAVID BARNES** 

on the screen to recount its achievements in 'social progress'.

'While there are problems,' the film-makers are telling us, 'everything in the garden is rosey, and will get gradually rosier.

The amiable villain of the piece is the Church, in the person of a grinning and gaptoothed priest.

The vicarage, the church (with an illuminated plate-glass spire) and the private shops share one side (naturally, the right) of the high street, while on the other are the Party offices, the Chamber of and the co-operatives.

Built-in peaceful co-existence, one might say.

But in some scenes the character of class relations shows through. The honoured citizens of the whole town are the old men who survived from the resistance to fascism, chatting in a bar provided for their use and to commemorate those who were killed. The big question mark is

that of the use of the land. The landlords want to switch from farming to poplar growing, profiting from Italy's booming demand for paper

with a much smaller labour force.

We see little of the ordinary people of the town, except to be shown their idiosyncracies, such as life-long Communist Party members marrying sheepishly in Church.

The screen is mainly reserved for the notables and among them one contrast is outstanding.

## Lack confidence

The Party men are serious, responsible figures who noneless seem to lack some inner confidence, to feel that what has been gained in Bagnolo is in some way too good to be true.

The priest, despite the fact that his congregation is tiny, is abubble with his plans and achievements.

Reflected in him is the unreduced power of an old possessing class.

As he says of a gift of a million lire towards a Catholic nursery school: 'Though times are not what they might be, the Madonna was kind enough

## **TUESDAY**

## BBC 1

9.15 a.m.-12 noon Schools. 1.00-1.25 p.m. Dyna wall. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.25 Schools. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Summer search. 5.20 Shazzan. 5.44 Parsley. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 London-Nationwide. 6.45 Z cars. 'Night Out'. 7.10 Good old days.

Old-time music hall. 8.00 Professional heavyweight boxing. Joe Bugner v. Brian Lon-

8.50 News and weather. 9.10 On trial.

Roger Casement: a question of allegiance. 10.30 24 hours.

11.00 Celebrity concert. Radu Lupu plays Mozart . and Wagner. 11.55 Weather.

## REGIONAL

All regions as BBC 1 except:

Midlands and East Anglia: 6.00-6.45
Midlands today. Look East, weather.
Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather.
North of England: 6.00-6.45 Look
North, weather. Nationwide. 11.57
News, weather.
Wales: 5.20-6.50 Telewele. 6.00 Wales
today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.10
Heddiw. 11.00 Z cars. 11.25 Wales
today special: Royal inauguration.
11.57 Weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland.
Nationwide. 11.57 News, weather.
Northern Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene
around six, weather. Nationwide.
11.57 News, weather.
South and West: 6.00-6.45 Points West.
South today. Spotlight South-West,
weather. Nationwide. 11.57 News,
weather.

ITV

11.00 a.m. Schools. 2.55 p.m. Racing from York. 4.17 The enchanted house. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 The Sooty show. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News.

6.03 Today.

6.30 Nanny and the Professor. 6.55 Tuesday film. 'Victim Five' with Lex

Barker, Ronald Fraser, Ann Smyrner and Howard Davies. Private eye meets opposition to his murder inquiries in S Africa. 8.30 Father, Dear Father.

'This is your wife'. Patrick Glover returns in new 9.00 Family at war.

'The gate of the year'. News.

10.30 Shows Promise - Should Go Far. A family where all the children have turned out to be geniuses.

World of crime. Causes, results and assessment of violence. 11.45 20th century thinkers.

11.00-11.20 a.m. Play school.

an examination.

7.30 News and weather.

Codename.

'Warhead'.

An artist in Britain today,

7.05 p.m. Making out.

BBC 2

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01 Y dydd. 6.30-6.35 Report Wales. 10.30 Welshscene. 11.00 Trip i'r teulu. 11.30 Arthur to Alfred. 12 midnight Weather.

ANGLIA: 10.58-4.15 London. 4.30 Newsroom. 4.40 Paulus. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Rogues March' with Peter Lawford, Richard Greene and Janice Rule. 8.30 London. 11.15 All our yesterdays. 11.45 Living word.

'Tender is the Night' with 11.15 Line-up.

Jason Robards Jr., Jennifer Jones, Joan Fontaine and Tom Ewell. Psychiatrist (Robards) marries wealthy. neurotic ex-patient (Jones) without realizing risks involved. Story from Scott

Fitzgerald novel.

Hollywood in the sixties. 11.10 News and weather.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00 London. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.50 Flaxton boys. 5.20 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Western: 'Shoot Out At Medicine Bend' with Randolph Scott, James Craig, Angie Dickinson and James Garner. 8.30 London. 11.15 Douglas Fairbanks presents. Weather.

ULSTER: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.50 News, 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Movie: 'Gideon of Scotland Yard' with Jack Hawkins. 8.30 Seven degrees west. 9.00 Lon-don. 11.15 Parkin's patch.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00 London. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30 Beverly Hillbillies. 7.00 Father, Dear Father. 7.30 'Sword of Sherwood Forest' with Richard Greene and Peter Cushing. 9.00 London. 11.15 All our yesterdays. 11.45 Weather.

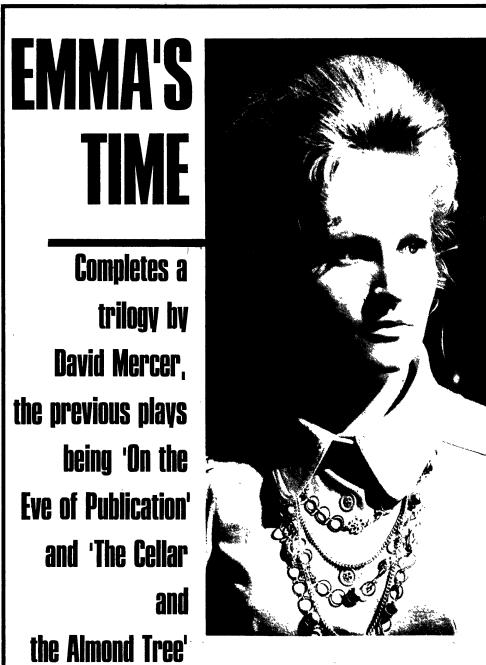
GRANADA: 11.00-3.28 London. 4.25 Short story. 4.55 London. 6.00 News-view. 6.05 All our yesterdays. 6.30 Gilligan's island. 7.00 Film: 'Sailor of the King' with Jeffrey Hunter, Michael Rennie and Wendy Hiller. 8.25 Lon-don. 11.15 Four just men.

TYNE TEES: 11.00 London, 4.10 Racing from York. 4.10 Newsroom, 4.13 Enchanted house, 4.25 Freud on food, 4.55 London, 6.00 Today at six. 6.25 Where the jobs are, 6.30 Wally Whyton style, 7.00 Film: 'Simon and Laura' with Peter Finch and Kay Kendall. A theatrical marriage that seems perfect but isn't, 8.30 London, 11.15 News. 11.27 Epilogue.

BORDER: 1.45 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 High living. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 Floris. 5.20 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Western: 'Gun Glory' with Stewart Granger and Rhonda Flemin. 8.30 London. 11.15 Wally Whyton style. 11.45 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-4.15 London. 4.20 Scotland early. 4.30 London. 6.00 Scotland now. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Western: 'Law of the Lawless' with Dale Robertson, Yvonne De Carlo and William Bendix. 8.30 London. 11.15 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-4.12 London. 4.25 High living. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, farming news. 6.15 Preview. 6.20 Music of the Highlands. 6.35 Cross-roads. 7.00 Comedy. 'Watch It Sallor'. 8.30 London. 11.30 Christian now.



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## Italian union leaders tied to capitalist 'realities'

BY DAVID BARNES

TOMORROW'S meeting between trade union leaders and Prime Minister Rumor to discuss reforms in housing, health, social services and transport, and price curbs, finds the union leaders already on the retreat.

Having cancelled the regional strikes planned in support of the demands in the expectation of a show of 'goodwill' from the government, they have allowed the parties of the centre-left elbow-room to

IN SICILIAN

**CENTRE-LEFT** 

THE HARSHER the need for

a ruling class to conduct its affairs in secrecy and stealth,

the more fertile the ground for the sprouting of all forms

of corruption and venality-

tendencies which are in any

case merely the natural exten-

sion of capitalist profiteering beyond the 'rules of the game'.

centre-left government - con-

ceived and born, of necessity,

during over two months of

sustained fraud and deception

-has so far avoided any

major scandals, the parties in

it have been shaken by a vast eruption of graft in Sicily.

formation of the present

centre-left administration in

the island—after a three-month political crisis in which

Only a fortnight after the

So while Rumor's infant

block any important con-

CORRUPTION EXPOSED

La Malfa has repeated his request that employers' representatives should sit at the negotiating table. Rumor will reply to him

for any council which didn't

provide them with office-

charges alleging various forms

of corrupt behaviour have been brought against 57 people

in the Palermo administration.

Virtually every branch of government is infected. The

press, for simplicity's sake,

The announcement of the

charges promises to raise

political temperatures during

wing and secular.

Two editions

month political crisis in which assorted Christian-Democratic representatives refused to vote the campaign for the June 7 regional elections, both in Sicily and nationally.

Republican Party leader

## reports on the cost of the various reforms proposed. today, and is expected to an-

went out of his way to emphasize the 'need' to control public spending.

'It is a waste of time', he said, 'to compile lists of needs and hopes without calin a "policy of the possible"; and this can only be done by keeping clearly in view the national income and the dis-tribution of resources.'

lists the accused in alpha-betical order by political While the union leaders, hypocritically open-minded to-wards the government, try to guide the massive strike movement towards the nego-tiating table, the government Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Republicans are represented in approximately the same proportions as in Rumor's government.

Included also are a generous and the employers regain the confidence to insist on 'realsprinkling of Liberals — the Italian Liberal Party is right-

Needless to say, Giolitti's 'policy of the possible' excludes from the outset nationalization or any curbs on the

This is the true content of the Stalinists' 'Italian road to socialism' by way of 'structural

Refusing, during the enormous strikes of recent months, to make any preparation for a revolutionary struggle for power, they now enter negotiations which will be stagemanaged from start to finish by the big monopolists.

## **'Authority'**

til 1957—has pointed to the basic intentions of the employers: What we are faced with is not reforms in this or that field, but 'the reestablishment of the authority of the state; if this authority is eclipsed, then authoritarian-

nounce that while 'triangular' discussions are out, the gov-ernment will meet with the employers 'in parallel' with

the trade unions. Economists in the office of the Inter-Ministerial Commit-tee on Economic Planning spent the weekend finalizing

## Spending control

And Socialist Minister of the Budget Giolitti, inter-viewed by the right-wing daily 'Corriere della Sera'

culating the financial require-ments of each of them and thence what can be included A clear division of labour

## No curbs

And Giolitti—himself a Communist Party member un-

## **US WORKERS**

• FROM PAGE ONE marched against his war on the Cambodian people. The anti-working-class nature of last week's stud-It was reported from ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, that National Guardsmen stabbed students

last Friday's attacks by building workers on anti-

of class warfare.

of Vietnam.

and guardsmen were injured and the whole area turned into a battleground (Akron was the scene of

and assimilate the method and

and the YS in these cam-

North Vietnam corroborate

everything we prognosticated during these campaigns and

should constitute a very good argument for CP members to

Betrayal

The SLL and YS opposed

Wilson's visit to "Washington

because we considered it a gross betrayal of the British

working class which was out-

raged by the 'Pinkville' massacres and which was being

made to pay for the Vietnam

war through interest payments

on the massive International

Monetary Fund (IMF) loans.

John Gollan in the 'Morning Star' (December 1, 1969)

condemned Nixon as a 'war

criminal' but went on to sup-

port Wilson's meeting with

Nixon-despite the fact that

in the US and in Australia

the working class was actively intervening against the war.

Appeals

CP members and sympa-

thizers were exhorted to flood

Downing St with demands that Wilson should dissociate

— after five years of appeals and exhortations by the CP

leaders to Wilson to change

peal was to deflect the

enormous feeling of oppo-sition to Wilson and to con-

vince sceptical CP members

that the reformist bureau-cracy in Britain was really

on the side of the workers.

All it needed was coaxing. As the Workers Press

pointed out this appeal by

Gollan was a diversion. (See

Workers Press, December 2,

Does anybody in King St deny this today? What, for

example, is the attitude of Mr

Barney Davis of the Young Communist League (YCL) who

argued that 'if enough pres-

sure is mounted, Wilson will

cave in, just as Attlee scuttled

to Washington to tell the im-

perialists not to use the atom

homh in Korea'. (Workers

That was in December 1969

himself from the war.

his policies on Vietnam.

The purpose of this

study our policies.

These same National Guardsmen were then hurriedly dispatched Kent University. nearby Kent University. Within hours they were

February 1936.)

shooting again—this time at anti-war students.
The offensive of the working class against the rising

the first sit-down strike-

at the Goodyear plant-in

cost of living and the sell-out policies of their union leadership — the truck drivers' strike is against the deal made by their own union leadership—can now rapidly merge with the struggle of the students against Nixon's war drive in SE Asia.

They confront the same class enemy-US imperialism and its state machine. But unity between them will not be automatic. A determined struggle must be

waged inside the working class to combat the antiintellectualism fostered by Nixon, Agnew and other

And inside the student movement, an equally firm stand must be taken against all those who turn their backs on the powerful US working class, and write it off as the major revolutionary force in the struggle against war and for social-

Adventures and publicity stunts play into the hands of reaction in the USA just as they are doing in Britain. Everything must now be directed towards encouraging the working class to act against the war.

All pacifist protests are doomed to failure, however sincere their supporters may

# 1907-1970

BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

WALTER REUTHER, president of the United Automobile Workers, died in a plane crash on Saturday night at the age of 62.

Highly skilled in the art of balancing and manoeuvring between the rank-and-file workers and the various factions in the union bureaucracy, Reuther used the same pragmatic methods employed by the enemies of his union. In the big unionization drive of the 1930s, Reuther came to the fore in an alliance with the Stalinists' UAW faction.

## 'New Deal'

Both Reuther and the Stalinists were backing Roosevelt's 'New Deal', and effectively headed off the struggle of advanced workers towards the construction of a US Labour Party based on the trade unions.

Millions of unskilled workers had been drawn into nationwide and often bloody battles with the monopolies and Roosevelt's police and

armed forces.

This was the historic opportunity for a break with Democratic Party-but Reuther consciously worked against it.

But when the Stalin-Hitler Pact forced the Stalinists to the left, in opposition to the Roosevelt Administration, Reuther turned on his erstwhile allies quite ruthlessly.

## They were brought together gain after Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union, when the Stalinists outshone even the extreme right wing in the unions as strike-breakers and

Brought together

production-boosters.
Once again, Kremlin diplomacy and the conservatism of the US counterparts in the trade unions found common ground in supporting Roose-With the war over, and the

US ruling class preparing its drive against the workers' states and for the economic red herrings of 'pressure', confrontation domination of western Europe, Reuther again broke with his Stalinist allies and mounted a vicious witch-hunt against all left wingers in both his own union and the CIO (Con-

> Reactionary oath In fact, he led the fight inside the UAW for the acceptance of the anti-com-

gress for Industrial Organiza-



munist oath clause in the Taft-Hartly Act. Opposition to this reac-

tionary legislation went far beyond the Communist Party and other left-wing organiza-

It was resented by thousands of rank-and-file trade unionists as a glaring example of state intervention in the affairs of a working-class organization. Even in his worst periods

of red-baiting, Reuther was careful to preserve his image as a militant union leader, and shunned the more open forms of privilege and corruption enjoyed by many of his counterparts. With the collapse of the

McCarthyite and cold-war inspired witch-hunts of the 1950s, Reuther began to keep his distance once more from the extreme right wing in the

## Class collaborator

But on all the main quesspeed-up, redundancy, local bargaining rights and union democracy—Reuther stood firmly on the ground of class collaboration.

After his early association with the US Socialist Party, he always accepted the capitalist system and the employ ers' right to exploit the

ers' right to exploit the working class.

He saw his job as fixing a deal that 'worked' for both sides. In the period of the boom, this pragmatist philosophy looked plausible to large sections of the working class.

But the growing economic crisis of the last two years found considerable rank-and-file pressure building up inside the unions for a more militant stand against the rismilitant stand against the rising cost of living, threats to jobs and for better pensions.

## Adaptation

Major threat

fabric of world finance. The conflicts between various groups of capitalists, and especially that between US capital and its European rivals, is about whose capital is going to disappear, and whose will

flated by the expansion of

parture from the IOS scene is only a symptom of the underlying forces now moving world capitalism towards depression.

## credit which played a vital part in the boom of the 1950s and 1960s. Recently this has allied it-self with the revolt of black

Now as confidence is shaken in the future of the capitalist world market, the danger of collapse of such enterprises itself becomes a major threat to the jittery

go on making a profit. These struggles both in-

sharpened by it.

Bernard Cornfeld's de-

workers against racialism and the first stirrings inside the working class of opposition to the war in Indo-China. Reuther tried to adapt himself to this new wave of mili-

tancy in the working class.

In 1968 he took his UAW out of the AFL-CIO (the American TUC) and linked up with the powerful Teamsters' Union, forming the Alliance for Labour Action. He began to make statements against the Vietnam war and in support of the

black liberation movement. But all the time he remained politically tied to supporting the capitalist Democratic Party at elections. American workers will have

to break from all the political backwardness and reformist illusions personified in Walter Reuther if they are to build their own party and take the

At the same time, Repub-

nationalism can offer any solution to the revolutionary crisis now in front of the Irish

The urgency of our demand for the withdrawal of British

and the Lynch government staggers from crisis to crisis. Right-wing supporters of the Rev Ian Paisley are reported to be recruiting volunteers in England for a Protest-

lican forces are clearly pre-paring to fight back. Neither Paisleyism nor

workers.

Paisley by maintaining the division of the Irish working class. The Communist Party, and the revisionists, who support the presence of British troops

soldiers continues to strengthen the ultra-right-wing

contribute to the growth of Paisleyism and hold back the development of the Irish Partition and the rule of

British imperialism in Ireland cannot be ended without a principled campaign for the withdrawal of British troops, and the building of revolutionary leadership to unite all Irish workers against all the agencies which combine to maintain imperialist rule.

## campaign for a May 1 stop-page to be called by the Magnavox sacks 290—Workers fear closure

'THERE ARE lots of rumours going round that the firm is going to close down', commented one worker at Barking's American-owned Magnavox Electronics plant in East London, following the sacking of 290 employees last Friday.

The decision on the redundancies, affecting mainly workers, came from the parent company in

Mr Leslie Pearce, the personnel manager, said:
'Our schedule has been drastically reduced. All our work is only for export to America and due to the financial squeeze there it's more difficult for people to buy

'There is no indication that the factory will be closed completely as we are fully booked up with orders until the end of the year.' However, Magnavox workers are not so sure.

## **Factories leave**

The position in the Barking area, here a few years ago factories vied with each other to employ women, has now completely changed. A num-

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## BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

ber of factories have already left the area and the Jeyes factory will be leaving in the near future. The redundancies at Magnavox-despite the full order

books-means that the production of record players will be cut by half and 60 staff members will be sacked over the next four weeks.

## **Rothschild's** drop out

The Rothschild merchant banks in London and Paris have pulled out of the talks

that discussions with IOS Limited 'to try and find with other financial institutions a their present had been disconproblem'

Rothschild's said yesterday

## for pictures of Vanessa Redgrave. commit the TUC to do anyon a massive scale and a few thing for the Vietnamese days after the first repressions of the anti-war movement began in earnest. When the London Vietnam Week was initiated, CP organizers did not spare their These experiences show clearly that as the widening of the war coincides energies in opposing demands with the massive and deep-going crisis of world imperialism millions of for industrial action against

The Croydon Trades Councharlatans like Brockway and Rvan MP.

Despite all attempts by the CP to frustrate industrial action and subordinate active class solidarity to passive pacifist 'dissociation', the strength of the working class and the policies of the SLL prevailed on the Merseyside on May 1 when thousands of dockers, engineering workers and students struck in sup-

of the Vietnamese

port of revolution. On the same day US

imperialism invaded Cambodia

'dissociation', and what-not. The proof of the CP's new line, we say, is in its implementation. We therefore call on all CP members and trade unionists to resist all diversions of a pacifist kind and join hands with the SLL and YS in a united campaign to secure a massive one-day stoppage in support of the Vietnamese

and leadership.

trade unionists will begin to understand the correct-

ness of Trotskyist policies

They will, conversely, look

with increasing scepticism at

all those groups who try to

divert the movement with the

## is crumbling

Edward Cowett from the board of Investors Overseas Services by no means ends the troubles of this \$2,300 million company. After five days of deadlock in their Geneva headquarters, no discernable plan to rescue IOS from its acute financial crisis has been

The possibilities of

The answer to our question is given by none other than Mr Jack Askins, secretary of the CP-supported North-West fought out. Council for Peace in Vietnam who said in Manchester that 'despite all that the peace movement has done to bring King. pressure, and in spite of all the decisions of the trade

conferences, Harold Wilson has not budged an inch'. Wilson's visit to Nixon confirmed our worst expectations. Contrary to all Gollan's beliefs, Wilson used the visit to cement his alliance with US imperialism and to warn Nixon of the need to fight the

union, Labour Party and TUC

trades councils, shop-stewards' responded to the appeal of the YS and SLL.

Our campaign showed for the first time that a campaign run along principled class lines could evoke a big

our campaign for the May 1 The CP leaders opposed this movement too by saying it was 'premature' and instead supported the TUC resolution

on Vietnam. This, as we correctly indicated, was an anti-commun-

## The I.O.S. Empire

BY JOHN CRAWFORD

Unlike the more conservative unit trusts in this country, Cornfeld's mutual funds sought out shortterm gains from risky but rapidly rising stocks. IOS soon built up a huge international complex of investments—and a \$40 mil-

lion personal fortune for Cornfeld himself.

It was soon forced to set

up its own banks to handle its finances. Insurance com-

panies and property all over

the world came under its

The \$500 million a year it brought into the US to buy Wall St shares played

an appreciable role in keeping down the US payments

No wonder that the pos-

sibility of the failure of this giant has worried financial

circles—and the US govern-

Everything seemed to be fine when IOS shares were

control.

deficit.

merger or takeover by rival US and European contenders are still being

multi-millionaire John M. King is reported to have connections with Nixon and other Republican Party

notables. However, his chief pro-tagonist on the IOS Board supposed to have been

## Share of ruins In any case, it is doubtful

whether anything can be done to restore confidence in IOS in the present state of the market. So it is only a question of how to get a share of

the ruins cheap.

The slide in share prices on the world's stock exchanges since last month has hit IOS very hard. Its own shares dropped from £6 10s in early April to around 50s last week. Confidence in IOS could

of the boom. Built up by Cornfeld in the 1950s, it was based on the idea of a band of hardselling representatives per suading people to allow IOS to invest their savings for them on the booming stock

not but suffer with the end

Cornfeld, one-time student supporter of the American Socialist Party of Norman Thomas, looked upon this work as a crusade for

## issued in Europe last September, backed by some of the most respectable banking names. Unloaded

But early in April, rumours that 1969 profits were be-low expectations hit share values and some banks in Europe began to unload their holdings of IOS shares. Cornfeld alleges that they were deliberately causing trouble, not just protecting their customers.

Whatever the truth may be on this point, the fall in confidence gathered momentum. The inflow of new parts of new parts and the protection of the protectio

tum. The inflow of new savings fell off and then investors began asking for their money back.

Net losses are now said to amount to some \$6 million

sell shares on a massive scale on all the major stock exchanges. The sudden drop on the Tokyo exchange on May 1 was largely set off by IOS

The IOS balloon was in-

This means that IOS must

## A danger of civil war in Ireland

• FROM PAGE ONE possibility as the repression mounts in the six counties

ant private army.

Strengthen right troops is now very clear.

working class.

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BORDER BATTLE

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Liberation troops yesterday launched their biggest attack in South Vietnam since the start of American offensive into Cambodia. They carried out a two-hour mortar and small arms assault on the American-led Special

five miles from the Laotian

21 of the defenders were

Forces'

camp at Dak Pek,

'SIX' TALKS DATE Foreign Ministers of the Market countries

agreed in principle to meet in Luxembourg on June 30 along with Britain and other Market candidates, Dutch Foreign Minister Joseph Luns announced yesterday.

Besides Britain, Ireland, Denmark and Norway have

also applied for membership the European Community. 'DEMO' SENTENCES A youth was sentenced to three months imprisonment at Marlborough Street, London, yesterday for his alleged part in Saturday's Cambodia

and news reporters with their bayonets during an attack on anti-war demon-strators, while in NEW YORK, Mayor Lindsay has ordered an investigation into police behaviour during into police behaviour during

war students. It has been alleged that police stood aside while students were beaten up near the city hall by back-ward workers, whipped up after Nixon's attack on 'student bums'.

● FROM PAGE ONE

order' offensive of the Tories.

The Vietnam war, like

racialism and the wage freeze,

is a political question and demands a political solution,

i.e. a class one.

The liberal, reformist and pacifist-centrist protesters how-

ever have refused to treat this

issue as a political issue but

rather as a moral-humanitarian

question. And no wonder!

To treat the Vietnam war

as a political question is to reveal the political impotence

and dwarfish proportions of the middle class and the de-

cisive role and gargantuan

strength of the working class

—as the only revolutionary class in capitalist society and

the only force capable of bringing the Vietnam war, and

In contrast to the protesters of VSC, CND and the British Peace Committee, the SLL has

always considered the struggle

against the Vietnam war as an inseparable part of the struggle for the liberation of

the world working class and the establishment of socialism.

The road to peace is the road to socialism and the dictatorship of the working

The inexorable logic of this

struggle is conclusively proved by the repressions of the

Nixon regime: the repression of the students is preceded

and followed by the repression

against the working class.
Unlike the CP, the SLL and

YS have always fought to establish the political indepen-

dence of the working class in

the anti-war movement by

showing the close and organic

relationship between wage

cutting at home and repres-

sion abroad and linking this

Six months.

We did this in the teeth

the fiercest opposition by

the CP leadership, who tried

to obscure and even deny the

relationship between the war

and the struggle for an alternative leadership to Wilson

We said then—and we sav

now-you cannot have a just

peace in Vietnam while Wil-

son remains at the head of the Labour Party and govern-

The CP leaders however argued that it was possible to

Who was right? It is impossible to answer

this question without delving

into the history of the last

six months' struggle and, in

particular, the campaign to

stop Wilson's visit and the

to a struggle for an alter-native leadership in the

all wars, to an end.

ent killings at Kent University has been confirmed by the news that these same National Guardsmen were previously in action against striking truck drivers at Akron, Ohio.

An attempt to escort scab-driven trucks through a picket line led to a pitched battle between the National Guard and hun-

dreds of workers. Shots were fired, strikers

Pitched battle

## United action trade-union leaders in support We refer to these campaigns not because of any conceited desire to prove how clever we are but because we are convinced that all CP mem-bers who seriously want to implement the Party's new line on Vietnam must study policy adopted by the League The My Lai massacres, the collapse of the Paris peace talks, the invasion of Cambodia and the resumption of the bombing of Laos and



the war. cil resolution calling for strike action on May 1 was ruled out of order by the chair with the support of Stalinists on the floor. Here too the proceedings were dominated by

son's betrayal.

revolution and against Wil-

Bernard Cornfeld and

Press, January 31, 1970), and who laughed uproariously when we said that 'it was easier to get socialism in Britain than to persuade Wilagreed. son to dissociate from Nixon'? 'Pressure'

> The main prospects seem to be the French Banque Rothschild and the Colorado

the ousted Cowett.

working class in a united alliance It must be said that Gollan's diversion did not succeed. Thousands of workers, including many CP members, committees and even leaders of unions, like Hugh Scanlon,

response from the working class and that it was possible to mobilize intellectuals, artists and writers in the struggle against Wilson's leadership. The same lesson applies to

ist resolution which did not 'people's capitalism'.