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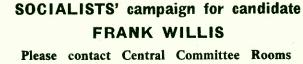
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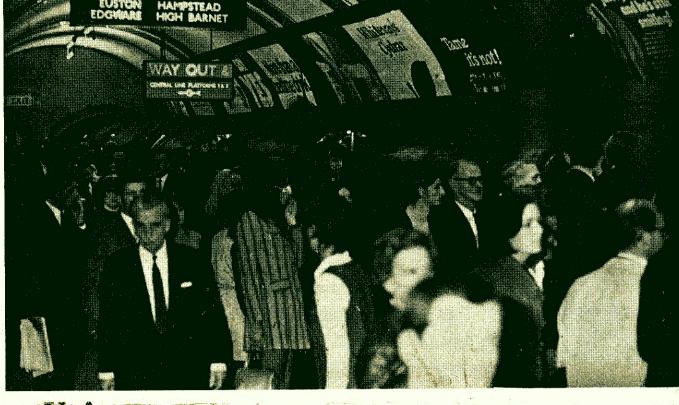
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THE POLITICAL commentators of the bourgeois press were not able to analyse the developments at the recent Tory conference in a convincing way.

They attempted to explain the 'restiveness' of the conference as doubts over a Tory victory at the next general election.

This is not surprising, for the surface appearance of politics—the only reality for the commentators—is now being disrupted by much deeper class forces.

Unacknowledged in any of the debates, but essentially determining the changes seen at Brighton, is the movement of the European working class into huge struggles, and recession and the deterioration of the world monetary system.

The main issue underlying the conference was the need of the political representatives of the ruling class to begin to take on and defeat the working class.

Naturally some delegates were more conscious than others of this. But the unprecedented number of issues taken to the vote—something normally avoided at Tory conferences—certainly reflects the divisions in the party over how to take on the working class.

Difficult

The employers must try to make the working class pay for the coming recession.

But the determined strikes for wages and lay-off pay make this very difficult.

The main development at the conference was the considerable support for Powellism. Sections of the employers are looking to him for help.

Hence 'The Times' described him in one debate as a 'confident and dominating figure'. Powell's actions at the con-

ference are in themselves sig-

Alternative

He did not speak at the conference in the immigration or Common Market debates. This is surprising as these are issues on which he concentrates. In-



'REPRESENTING THE **UNION'**

No. 2

Televised on BBC-1 on

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THE SECOND programme of 'Representing the Union', the BBC series designed to sell productivity bargaining to shop stewards, concentrated on 'communications'.

Three senior shop stewards from an Alcan factory in the Midlands were shown, negotiating with management over a productivity agreement.

'We are offering a 4.2 per cent increase and one day extra holiday in 1969 and you've got to work the productivity arrangements" says the management.

'No deal. We want 5 per cent and two days extra, say the stewards.

The implication being that it is simply a question of 'how much' and not of the strings

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How did the shop stewards get this position?

The Transport and General Workers' Union steward re-

'They sold it to us on the understanding that they were going to look at everybody, management and unions. It was then we started getting together because we had some common ground to discuss.'

And later in the programme --- 'What really sold this to us was that works' management was to be looked at and reorganized.'

If, indeed, this was the basis of their acceptance, then it was made on a false assumption. Certainly, the consultants examine the operation of managment as well as workers and this may even result in some managers being moved out, but this examination is on an entirely different







Powell (top right) was not particularly interested in 'debate' with the Heath leadership and he did not speak on the two issues he has been most vociferous on—immigration and the Common Market. Above: A demonstration in London in support of Powell after his infamous first speech on immigration.

speeches at evening meetings of local Tory associations.

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He was speaking to a wider

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'REPRESENTING THE UNION'

Heath (top left) tried to forestall splits in the conference by laying down the party line on the three controversial issues of Rhodesia, immigration and hanging. Above: African women demonstrating in Salisbury against the imprisonment of nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo, before UDI.

He said that the Labour have offered him funds to and Tory policies were 'much make a bid for the party leadof a muchness'. In other words, Heath's pro-

gramme is similar to Wilson's This came out quite clearly in his statement in a local Tory association meeting in Portsmouth during the confer-Heath certainly felt the

and is therefore not what the employers want.

pressure from the right. He knew that there were to be divisions at Brighton.

'Union reforms

The night before the conference opened, he tried to forestall splits by laying down the party line on the three main controversial issues of immigration, hanging and Rhodesia.

Wednesday's trade union de-bate showed what the Tories propose for the unions.

tirely support productivity

measures and either leave the

decision to the members,

knowing that without proper

information on the long-term

effects the members usually

accept, or alternatively they

openly encourage acceptance

of the deal and send the stewards and management on their

own work-study appreciation

In the short term some ad-

vances in wages may occur

from the implementing of a

productivity deal. As often as not, these take place because the strength of the workers involved has forced up the

price of introduction and

forced the standard times for

Where workers declare themselves 'satisfied', it is

usually because they have dis-

torted the scheme in this way.

AEF steward in the pro-

gramme shows the determina-

tion to improve wages what-

He commented to the TUC

man: 'I've always been

brought up to believe that the

firm who can get the best

deal, helps all the other peo-

ple around them. It's a question of leap-frogging. You're

not to suggest that we shouldn't go ahead and get

At this point the subject

was hastily changed. These

schemes are entirely a reflec-

tion of the crisis of British

The long-term aims of the

government, employers and the TUC is the breaking up of

the strength of the working

class and the full implemen-

tation of the most merciless

methods of exploitation.

whatever

the best deal possible.'

capitalism,

short-term results.

ever scheme is brought in.

One short remark by the

Mr Robert Carr, Mrs Castle's

(part two)

courses.

iobs down.

Programme designed to sell productivity bargaining BY BERNARD **FRANKS**

basis from that of the manual

To management consultants, an inefficient manager is one who does not keep the workers fully occupied all the time, who does not ensure that materials and work are always available.

Another vital difference is that while productivity deals always result in fewer workers on the job, they often add to the numbers of management, usually with the setting up of a permanent work-study department.

Row faster

To get comfort out of this situation might be regarded as equivalent to slaves in a galley ship, who, when or-dered to row faster, find consolation in the fact that at least the inefficient overseer has been removed and replaced with one that whips twice as hard and twice as

In this particular programme little reference was made to the productivity changes involved. It was mentioned that fitters' mates were to be redeployed and that tea breaks were to be cut. The T&GWU steward remarked:

'When the original productivity deal came in they voted me out, because of the fear of this thing. People were going to have to change their jobs and all the rest of it.'

In a three-way discussion in the second half of the programme, between a member of the management, a TUC representative, and the three stewards concerned, emphasis was placed on the senior shop stewards' preference for informal discussions among themselves rather than the setting up of a formal joint stewards' committee. This is how the managements prefer it.

On the one hand they harp on about 'good communications', meaning that the senior



Albert Davies (left) one of the three senior Alcan shop stewards who took part in the BBC programme, organized with the aid of the TUC.

stewards should have every facility to sell the scheme to the rank and file; on the other hand, they can always think up reasons why contact between all members of all sections, or even between all stewards is not necessary.

Union matters

Also in the programme, certain remarks were passed between the stewards and the TUC representative on aspects of inner union matters.

This sort of discussion was apparently entirely in order with the TUC representative.

As these people see no conflict between themselves and the employers, but on the contrary are setting out to discipline workers on the employers' behalf, they naturally see no objection to discussing what at one time would have been regarded as private union matters in front of an employer, not to mention the

The TUC representative's summing-up of the situation

'The problem-solving and the conflict situation are just methods of reconciling different interests that arise out of a particular set of proposals by management which has decided its objectives and the means and methods of achiev-

'Communications' is the

technique of talking-in productivity deals. Its first aim is to involve a section of shop stewards in the way shown in this programme. They in turn sell the scheme to their members on the factory floor.

Why do some shop stewards fall for these schemes?

Work-study

In the programme the steward from the Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundry workers:

'When we went to negotiate our agreement I sent all my information and a copy of the productivity deal to the executive and they said "It's up to your members"."

The union leaderships en-

compared with the man who takes wildcat action'. effect: laws against the closed shop; making pay and procedure agreements legally bind-

who strikes constitutionally.

civil action for damages.

given a window-dressing.

These proposals are very similar to de Gaulle's attempts to buy over the French work-

Tory 'shadow', hit out at this

The employers were promised that major trade union reform would be a 'first priority' for

a Tory government. The main proposals were: to lay down the statutory right of an employee not to join a union; the enforcement of minimum periods of notice for changes to agreements; 'to give greater protection to the man

These proposals mean in ing; making strikers liable to

This would give the employers all that they want. But the policies have to be

The Tories propose elected works' councils which will be given the information usually given to shareholders along with advance notice of employment changes (i.e. sack-

Similar

year's 'crippling' strikes.

Heath was perhaps concerned over the 'thrash 'em and hang 'em' image of the party. For the official motion left

hanging to be a matter of individual conscience for Tory But an amendment was

Wednesday, October 22, 1969

ing class through 'participa-

vaunted strong man of Europe,

But de Gaulle, the much

If the French working class removed de Gaulle when he

had a large battery of laws

Heath is not in a strong

position and the working class

under revolutionary leadership

A Tory government at the

next general election is not inevitable. Heath's policies are

only those Wilson tried but

failed to carry through because

of the resistance of the labour

But even the big stick of

Unemployment is now a

radicalizing factor as the work-

ing class emerges undefeated

The Tories remain undecided

The swing to the right at

Brighton came in the votes

against the leadership on the

issues of immigration and

In the Friday race relations

debate, the platform's resolu-

tion was that the party's policy

was 'the only one likely to be

This policy is that entry of immigrants into Britain should only be allowed if in the

national interest and then only for a limited period for a

Heath promised: 'We shall make funds available to assist

immigrants to return to the

But this was not enough.

In the debate loud applause

was given to speakers who called for a total ban and for

providing employment in the immigrant's own country

'rather than unemployment benefit in this country'.

official line was only carried

saw the same forces at work.

by 1,349 votes to 954.

When the debate closed, the

The 'law and order' debate

successful'.

specific job.

country of origin'.

Immigrants

from the boom period.

about their road forward.

unemployment is a two-edged

can and will defeat him.

tying down the unions, how will Mr Heath cope with the

tion'.

has gone.

pushed through to 'particularly include the restoration of capital punishment for murder' by a vote of 1,117 to 958.

It is this mood that brings Powell his support in the Tory Party.

What Powell is really proing free operation of market forces is a return to the 1930s.

He wants the working class crushed by unemployment and divided by racialism.

Leadership

The fight for leadership in the working class is the decisive question.

Reformism and class collaboration can offer no alternative to the Tories.

The working class under revolutionary leadership is the only force which can put an end to Toryism for ever.

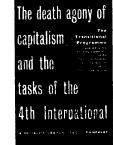
YOUR WAGES IN DANGER

Why the employers intend to replace piece-work with Measured-Day Work.

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The Transitional Programme



This is the basic programmatic document of the world movement founded by Leon Trotsky and his comrades. By 1938 the revolutionary Marxists had found it necessary to lay the foundations of the Fourth International in order to restore working-class leadership after the defeats prepared by the Stalinist bureaucracy in control of the Third (Communist) International. The defeat of the German Revolution in 1923, of the British General Strike in 1926, and of the Chinese Revolution in 1927, followed by Hitler's victory over the German working class in 1933, finally ruled out the perspective of transforming the Communist International 60 pages, 11by internal opposition.

By Brian Moore

This is parody writ large which is the key to the theory of 'alienation', where the actor demonstrates gesture and intonation and reveals the essence of social and political

And what is Brecht showing in this play? In tracing the rise to power of a Chicago gangster called Ui, he describes the rise to power of Hitler in Germany. What he emphasizes is not the personal dynamism of Ui —on the contrary, he is shown as a nonentity—but the ob-

jective economic forces impel-

In a sequence of scenes first

Ui is totally rejected by the

bourgeoisie as an unpleasant

thug, but when the shares start

falling and a financial crisis

breaks, Ui's methods of pro-

tection, of murder and vio-

lence, are the only ones that

can ensure the survival of

It is an imaginative and clear

exposition, rich in allusions

Weakness

the play flows from Brecht's involvement with Stalinism.

But the central weakness in

For, although the crisis of

capitalism is grasped, the mys-

tery still remains why Hitler's

rise to power was not challenged by the only historical force that could challenge it—

the working class.

To understand the defeat of

the most powerfully organized working class in the world de-mands an understanding of the

Brecht was incapable of con-

fronting that question. Like many others, Stalinism

thwarted his political develop-

scious expression of the work-

ing class in this play is a feeble cry: 'Will nobody help us?'.

This weakness in the play is further compounded by

Michael Blakeman's produc-

tion, for there seems to be a

deliberate equation of the grocers in the play, who repre-

sent for Brecht the individual-

ism of the petty bourgeoisie,

This at once distorts the

whole emphasis, for it was pre-

class section of traders that

Hitler found much of his sup-

They were—quite separate from the working class whose unions and parties were smashed by Hitler.

But the production of the play is an important event and

Organized block bookings

It has all the neurosis of

should not be missed because

cisely on this lower middle-

with the working class.

Consequently the only con-

role of Stalinism.

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ling such a rise.

private enterprise.

and parodies.

9.15 a.m. Schools. 12.25-12.55 p.m. Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 12.55 Ble Carech Chi Fynd? 1.30 Watch With Mother. 1.45-1.53 News and Weather. 2.05-2.50 Schools. 3.45-4.15 Representing The Union. 4.20 Play School. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Zokko! 5.15 Wild World. 5.44 Babar. 5.50 National News and Weather.

6.00 London-Nationwide. 6.45 The Newcomers.

7.10 The Laugh Parade.

8.45 The Main News Weather.

9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party.

9.10 The Wednesday Play: 'Close

10.30 24 Hours.

11.05 Free For All. 11.35 Weatherman.

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Midlands and East Anglia: 6.00-6.45 p.m. Midlands Today, Look East, Weather, Nation-11.37 News Summary,

Northern England: 6.00-6.45 p.m. Look North, Weather, Nationwide. 11.37 News Headlines,

Wales: 10.25-10.45 a.m. Dysgu Cymraeg. 6.00-6.45 p.m. Wales Today, Nationwide. 6.45-7.10 Heddiw. 11.05-11.35 World Cup

Scotland: 2.30-2.50 p.m. Modern Studies. 6.00-6.45 p.m. Reporting Scotland 9.10-10.30 Association Football: West Germany v. Scotland. 11.05-11.20 Made In Britain. 11.20 Epilogue, Scottish News Headlines,

Northern Ireland: 10.25-10.45 a.m. For Schools. 6.00-6.45 p.m. Scene Around Six, Nationwide, Weather. 7.10-8.45 World Cup Association Football: Russia v. Northern Ireland. 11.37 Northern Ireland News Headlines.

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11.00-11.20 a.m. Play School. 7.00 p.m. Expecting A Baby.

7.30 Newsroom, Weather.

8.00 Man Alive

8.50 The Garden of the Three Glens. 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast

on behalf of the Liberal

Party.

9.10 Rowan and Martin. 10.00 Know Your Onions.

10.20 Peter Sarstedt.

10.50 News Summary, Weather. 10.55 Line-Up.

11.00 a.m.-2.55 p.m. Schools. 3.10 Racing From Sandown Park. 4.07 Medicine In Question. 4.15 News Headlines. 4.17 The Tingha and Tucker Club. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 The Sooty Show. 5.20 Sexton Blake. 5.50 News From ITN.

6.03 Today. 6.35 The Saint.

7.30 Coronation Street.

8.00 It Takes A Thief. 9.00 Party Political Broadcast on

behalf of the Liberal Party. 9.10 Special Branch.

10.10 News.

10.40 Football.

11.35 Professional Wrestling. 12.15 a.m. The Papers.

12.30 Medicine in Question.

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sional Wrestling. 12.05 a.m. Late

11.00-11.57 a.m. Schools. 1.40 p.m. Schools. 2.55-3.40, Racing From Sandown Park. 4.01 Once Upon A Time. 4.13 Westward News Headlines. 4.15 Open House. 4.41 The Gus Honeybun Show. 4.55 The Sooty Show. 5.20 Sexton Blake and Captain Nemisis. 5.50 National News. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure Hunt. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Saint. 9.00 Liberal Party Political Broadcast 9.10 Special Branch. 10.10 National News. 10.40 World Cup Football. 11.35 Professional Wrestling, 12.05 a.m. Faith For Life, 12.11 Weather.

Racing From Sandown Park. 4.05 Katie Stewart Cooks. 4.30 Anglia Newsroom. 4.35 The Romper Room. 4.55 The Sooty Show. 5.20 Sexton Blake and Captain Nemisis. 5.50 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Survival. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Avengers. 9.00 Liberal Party Political Broadcast. 9.10 Special Branch. 10.10 News, Weather, 10.45 International Football. 11.40 Professional Wrestling. 12.05 a.m. Reflection.

11.00 a.m. Schools. 2.55-3.40 p.m. Racing. 4.09 North East Newsroom. 4.11 News Headlines. 4.13 Torchy. 4.30 Freud On Food. 4.53 North East Newsroom. 4.55 The Sooty Show. 5.20 Sexton Blake. 5.50 News. 6.00 Today At Six. 6.30 Police Call. 6.35 Castle Haven. 7.00 The Legend Of Jesse James. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Saint. 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party. 9.10 Special Branch. 10.10 News. 10.40 World Cup Football. 11.35 Professional Wrestling. 12.05 a.m. Late News Extra. 12.12, The Case of the Talking Books.

1.40 p.m. Schools, 2.55 Racing From Sandown Park. 4.00 Border News Headlines. 4.02 House-party. 4.15 Castle Haven. 4.40 Hubble Bubble. 4.55 The Sooty Show. 5.20 Sexton Blake. 5.50 National News. 6.00 Border News and Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 University Challenge. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Champions. 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party. 9.10 Special Liberal Party. 9.10 Special Branch. 10.10 National News and Weather. 10.45 Inter-Soccer. 11.40 Profesnational Wrestling. News Summary

STYLE

THE DAUNTING thing about going to any West End theatre is that it is unequivocally middleclass territory.

The faces in the audience, the styles of clothing, the gossip in the aisles, the wellbred thuggery in the bars, where overworked attendants ladle out gins and tonics, the rustle of programmes—all these announce an enclave of bourgeois supremacy.

There is an atmosphere of collusion, a sense of ritual where class identities are reinforced in a reverent if often bewildered respect for the tombstones of culture, the masterpieces of the past, or with a kind of interested regard for the latest work from the pen of either an author who shares their world view or provides them with a therapeutic and often masochistic tremor between dinner and

There is a sense of modish ceremony, of inpenetrability, of a preoccupation with form for form's sake in these isolated pockets from some other

And on the stage so often the charade is echoed by the actors, whose modulated voices, caressed from the belly, intone such resonant melodies that never issue from the tongue of any living man.

Backwater

What is this curious world of voice production and gesture, which draws its blood not from the vigour and struggle of the real world, but from the rarified backwaters of drama school speech train-

The cold hand of death, of hollow forms, grips this, the most potently living kind of

creative expression. Why is it that the potential of the drama, which confronts living audiences with living performers in the flesh, where the conflicts and passions of an era could be expounded publicly, has about as much living dynamism as an afternoon tea

The theatre is dead, for it is a haven for a dying class; it reflects the stagnation of that

Last year in France, during the May-June days, the Odeon was occupied.

The Odeon is possibly the most bourgeois of bourgeois theatres, but the stylized forms of empty drama were replaced by the living passion of

polemics. The building was crowded day and night. A new strength of release was found as the possibility of revolutionary change gripped the imagination of workers and students.

Release

So it will be here when the revolution releases all the latent creative energy of the working class and sweeps aside these stagnant bourgeois formulae, these tired old cultural forms and recharges them with a new dynamic.

That is the only future for the theatre, as indeed for any form of artistic expression.

AT THE Saville Theatre is Berthold Brecht's 'The Resitible Rise of Arturo Ui'.

Brecht was a convinced lifelong communist, whose politics were severely limited by the twists and turns of Stalinism in the 1930s and 1950s, but who fought for a vision of a new kind of Marxist drama. Against the self congratu-

lation and narcissism of bourgeois drama, he posed a new Epic theatre, a dialect-theatre whose aim was to present and illuminate events and struggles in a materialist way, to say not merely 'this is so', but 'how can it be changed?'.

For this kind of theatre he demanded a new kind of presentation and a new kind of acting. The actor was not to become

the character he was playing, so that the audience could identify with him, but the audience should be able to assess critically the character, by the author's objective portrayal of him.

SAVILLE THEATRE



Leonard Rossiter (above) as the Chigago gangster Arturo Ui whose character source is Adolf Hitler. Bertold Brecht (right) say in his notes on the play 'great political criminals must by all means be exposed preferably to ridicule, for they are not so much great political criminals as perpetrators of great political

In other words the actor must demonstrate the character; in his performance he is showing the character, by his voice and gesture he is presenting him for criticism.

He is saying 'look at this

man I am showing you and judge'.

Tribute

Brecht's theories have never been realized in practice by any production in this country and it is a great tribute to Leonard Rossiter's performance that he exemplifies this method.

His Arturo Ui is a brilliant and sinister creation with all the objectivity of an animated

THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF

ARTURO UI

THEATRE



the play is coming off shortly. for factories and Young Social ists would be a good idea. THERE is no urgency to go to the National Theatre where Peter Nicols' 'The National Health' has just opened.

> petty-bourgeois individualism. a hysterical catalogue of obsessions and hatreds, resentments and pessimisms, a bleak and embittered cry of contempt and confusion, with neither wit, originality nor technical skill.

Its frustrated pretensions are admirably matched by the cynicism of the Old Vic Company's style. money? Taxpayers'

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A still from the new version of 'October', showing the fraternization between Russian and German troops at the front in 1917.

THE ADDITION of a sound track, music—and, dare we. guess, one or two sneakingly lengthened shots of Trotsky in this version of 'October'—do little to enhance the value of the film as we have known it. This stands good even if this is a visually refreshing new print.

The substance of the ghost (if I might be permitted that expression) of the Prince of Denmark in this version of Hamlet has only received more dimension. It is still, to all intents and purposes, Hamlet without the Prince. But this does seem to point to a matter of greater

interest to all those who combat Stalinism and its poisonous fruits, even in the field of culture. Does not this exercise of the Soviet film industry indicate the existence of further material, the very cuts

Eisenstein was forced to make in his film after its first

showing to members of Stalin's entourage, viz. the references to Trotsky? I have always suspected that somewhere in the vaults of the Soviet film archives, there lies the original, uncut version of 'October'.

If not, then in all probability the original cuts and deleted fragments could still be suffering a similar fate. We also know that Eisenstein was in the habit, or

Eisenstein's original 'October' must be shown

should we say, followed the practice of filing film clips of practically every shot of his films (e.g. 'Bezhin Meadow'). This could prove still another source from which the film could be reconstructed.

This latest edition of 'October' should be challenged by all socialists, trade-unionists, professional cinematographers and cine enthusiasts who refuse to accept the lie. They should insistently demand the opening of the Soviet film archives (a privilege that has already been extended to the most anti-communist capitalist television

companies). They must demand that Eisenstein's 'October' should be freed from the incarceration it has suffered these 42 long years! We must refuse to accept this new version of 'October'

for more than what it is, a new and just as shameful distortion of the 'Ten Days that Shook the World' (which, incidentally, constituted the script for the film). We cannot accept the Eisenstein of the Stalin era, a

broken spirit and, I might add, very much a prostituted talent. Witness his disgraceful betrayal of Isaac Babel in the affair, of 'publication rights'. Isaac Babel, it must be said,



Eisenstein: 'I'd probaly die,' he told a visitor soon after his film was rejected by the Stalinists.

to his undying honour preferred his new-found 'metier of silence' to turning hack to Stalin; an eternal silence, as it was to prove, in Stalin's concentration camps.

Eisenstein was broken by degrees. 'I'd probably die', he replied to a visitor who inquired about his state of fatigue soon after the rejection of his

film by the Stalinists. He most certainly did, even if it was to prove a longdrawn-out process, only to be reincarnated as a pliant if

subtle servant of the bureaucracy. 'October' as much as John Reed's 'Ten Days' remains the property of the international working class. And now is the time to agitate for its restoration to

its rightful owners in its original, pristine condition. Enough of lies and distortions, of censorship. Everywhere, millions of workers and, in particular,

their more advanced sections are searching for a programme for power. That programme can only be achieved when the mountains of lies, distortions and half-truths raised by the

into the refuse bins of history.

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Culture



Towards an Independent Revolutionary Art

Culture and Socialism and a Manifesto Art and Revolution

An article compiled by the author from a talk he gave to a Moscow club on February 3, 1926, and a number of

other addresses. The Manifesto, appearing in 1938 under the signatures of André Breton and Diego Rivera was in fact drawn up n collaboration with Trotsky. Price: Two shillings and

sixpence Available from

imperialists and their Stalinist agents have been swept away

B.S.R.-East Kilbride, Scotland

UNION LEADER SAYS BACK RECOGNITION STRIKE

DOCKS ROUND-UP

LONDON delegates, representing the 12,500 men in the port's enclosed docks-which include the militant Royal group-have now accepted proposals from the employers for changing working practices in line with Phase Two of the Devlin scheme. As we warned on Saturday, it is time to

Call a halt to the retreat

THE SECOND PHASE two sides in negotiations of Lord Devlin's docks but even here, it seems, the modernization scheme has union delegates are preloomed closer in both Lon- pared to meet employers don and Liverpool over the

If accepted, they would mean two-shift working, greater mobility and flexibility of labour and tighter

Only hours of work and wages now separate the

more than half-way.

last few days.

These now go to mass meetings and Transport and General Workers' Union docks branches.

They were previously claiming a £37 10s. basic weekly wage for a 30-hour week, while the employers stuck fast to their £33 10s. for 314-hours offer.

Delegates are now thought prepared to accept the 311 hours if the employers will bring their wage offer up to £35 to £35

MERSEYSIDE docks stewards were meeting yesterday to discuss new proposals for an interim deal covering the

After a meeting of the local modernization committee on Friday, it was said that there was now 'a substantial measure of agreement'.

As the committee was meeting again yesterday to discuss details of the offer, it was expected that last week's threat of a token 24-hour stoppage would be called off. It is also supposed that the new Liverpool-US container routes will be able to open today after being held up by a threatened boycott, designed to 'pressure' a new wage offer from the employers.

The employers have tried to sweeten their new offer with a promise that overtime working will stay. However, f the modernization committee's proposals are accepted they would mean the end of the port's cargo awards system and pave the way for Phase Two.

Phase Two issue ducked at Preston

PRESTON dockers returned 'It had to be dealt with to work on Monday after as a separate issue, other-accepting the management's wise the strike might have

Workers' Union official Mr nite period in an attempt to Tom Cronin persuaded the management not to link its offer to the Devlin scheme. docks management. . . . He He said after a mass meeting on Friday that making an interim offer to be final- Evening Post', October 18.) ized on the implementation of Phase Two 'was not the described as 'modernization right thing to do'.

of a £17 basic wage been more prolonged.' Cronin will now divide

The offer was made after his time between London 'cement better relations between the men and the would, however, give priority to Preston'. ('Lancashire

THE WIDEST possible support from trade unionists is now required to take the recognition strike at Workers' Press correspondent BSR, East Kilbride, through to success.

employers are determined to

against the most militant

Only the widest possible

action by the labour move-

ment in support of the East

Kilbride strikers can bring their final victory.

exactly the same line of talk from the entire NUM leader-

ship, past and present.
The miners have lost con-

fidence in their secretary Lawrence Daly.

from his predecessor, long-time Stalinist general secre-tary William Paynter, who

now adorns the corridors of power in the hated Commis-

sion for Industrial Relations.

After Monday's showing, what has the Communist Party's 'Morning Star' to say about Daly?
Friday's 'Star' assured readers that 'although the executive of the National Union of Mineyerless, has not on

Mineworkers has not en-

dorsed the strike action by its members over the surface-

men's pay, many of its mem-

bers are privately supporting the men on this issue'.

been so private it has gone entirely unnoticed outside

the pages of the 'Star'.

What has been much in evidence is the virulent

hostility of many executive

The miners' unity and deter-

mination to win can bring victory in this strike.

Certainly, the strike has al-

ready won the largest ever wages offer from the Coal Board.

Every issue

But now every issue is up

for question.

If the NCB claims it cannot

afford shorter hours for surface workers, the miners

must fight for the suspension

of interest payments, which, as Robens has said, are the NCB's primary concern. The NUM leadership, too,

is now in for the most search-

The miners can no longer

be fobbed off with left talk.

A new miners' leadership, which will break definitely

with the tradition of Paynter

and Daly, must now be built

Such a leadership can and

must be built around the policies of the All Trades Unions Alliance.

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Miners

• FROM PAGE ONE

After ten weeks the strikers remain solid. But 'blacklegs' are still helping the company to maintain some production, though at a quarter of the normal

picket.

The company's Birmingham plant, meanwhile, is believed to be still working go all the way against trade unionism and stick out normally.

Mr John Boyd's attempts to get dockers to 'black' the company's shipments are really the very least that can be done. Action on a national scale from the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Railwaymen is now

Boyd, an engineering union executive councilman, has said he believes most of the factory's output goes through Liverpool and Grangemounth

BSR manager Mr John England's statement that 'under no circumstances will the company ever recognise a union' is no idle bluff. In 1967, the company closed down a big Londonderry plant after a similar dispute.

Refused discussion

The company has refused to discuss the strike either with engineering union offi-cials, the Department of Em-ployment and Productivity or the local MP—Cabinet Minister Mrs Judith Hart.

Strikers however, are rightly sceptical of Wilson's claim to support the principle for which they are fighting.

His donation to the strike fund and Mrs Hart's 'ex-tremely useful' discussions with the Lanarkshire Chief Constable also raise doubts.

Pickets have twice recently clashed with the police, whom Wilson supposedly 'controls', over their protection of scabs leaving the fac-

The lessons of the 1967 Roberts Arundel recognition strike at Stockport must be

Strengthened by the Labour government's anti-working class policies, many

T.U.C.-C.B.I. 'breakthrough' in classcollaboration

THE TUC and the CBI are to collaborate closely over the coming months in what is described as 'a major assault on industrial relations problems', following a weekend meeting between top representatives of both organizations.

By John Spencer

more becoming the open accomplices of the employers

in their plans to step up

exploitation and attack wages.

the composition of the TUC

delegation at the talks.

Alongside such rightwingers as the NUR's Sidney

Greene and the G&MWU's Sir Frederick Hayday was

none other than Jack Jones,

Transport and General Work-

have opposed the programme agreed at the talks and is

said to be eager to put his

own suggestions for 'reform-

ing' procedure agreements in

front of the CBI in the course

Mr Jones is not known to

ers' Union secretary.

One other point to note is

TUC leaders are more and

An employers' representative stressed after the meeting that the talks had been 'far more successful than had been expected', while a CBI statement went so far as to describe them as 'a breakthrough in employer - union co - opera-

tion at national level'. The two organizations are to hold further talks on a five point plan which centres around the following ques-

• The need to define the scope of bargaining

Disputes procedure and external intervention against

strikers
Problems in multi-plant companies • 'Training' of shop stewards and managers

• 'Improvement' of bargaining machinery and trade union organization. It is clear from the CBI's jubilation at the outcome of the talks that the TUC has taken a further big step along the road of class-collabora-

Little help

tion.

Both sides, it is reported, took the view that they could expect 'little further help from the government in improving industrial relations' and it was up to employers and unions to make a fresh attempt to 'tackle the prob-

The TUC-government June agreement to drive strikers back to work is rapidly becoming a dead letter as the present wave of 'unofficial' strikes-dustmen, miners, car workers-proves less and less amenable to 'intervention' from on high.

In this situation, the trade union leaders are gettting together with the employers to find new ways of ensuring 'industrial peace'—a peace of course at the expense of the

There can be no industrial peace while wages are held down and while the employers are going ahead with Measured-Day Work, 'moder-nization' and plans for increased productivity.

THE celebrated composer and

composer

opponent of the Greek military regime, Mikis Theodorakis, has been moved to a new detention place. Previously confined in the mountain village of Zatouna in central Peloponesos, Theo-

ferred by the regime to the exile camp at Oropos prison; 30 miles north of Athens. Well-known for his left-wing views Theodorakis has succeeded in smuggling out music and songs attacking

dorakis has now been trans-

the regime. Because of his outspoken opposition to the regime, all his music has been banned. In one celebrated case this led to the regime banning a performance of a play by the Greek classical writer Aristophanes because its inciden-tal music had been composed

by Theodorakis. He must be released at once, along with all the fighters for workers' rights in

ROME SHANTY DWELLERS

BURN THEIR HOVELS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Stalinists to sign new Moscow diktat

THE ENTIRE leadership of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and government arrived in Moscow on Monday to sign what Prague Radio described as a document of 'fundamental significance'.

The delegation is headed by Husak, first secretary of the Czech Party, President Svoboda, Prime Minister Cernik and Strougal, regional leader of the Party.

The Czech spokesman said:

'It is expected that at the end our delegation will sign a new document of fundapolitical significance with Soviet authorities.'
He described the document as 'possibly the most significant since the signing of the Moscow protocol last

PRESSURE The 'Moscow Protocol' was

the document signed by Dubcek and other leaders follow-ing the Kremlin invasion of Czechoslovakia in last year.
There is evidence that great political and even physical pressure was used to secure the signatures of the

Czech leaders to this docu-

radio, government and Party posts and the reimposition of censorship on all the mass This new 'agreement', imposed on the country's government at the points of half

By a foreign correspondent

a secret, but reports leaked

out that it included a de-

mand to begin the purge of 'liberals' from the press,

Its exact contents are still

a million guns, will tie Husak even more closely to the Kremlin, whatever assurances he may give to the working class that there will be no return to the dark days of the Novotny regime.

It does not lie in his

The rulers of Czechoslo-vakia live not in Prague, but in Moscow, where the swing back to the methods of Stalin is becoming more pronoun-

military delegation in Moscow

AN INDIAN military delegation, headed by Defence Minister Sardar Swaran Sigh, arrived in Moscow on Sunday for talks with the Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Grechko.

The exact purpose of the visit has not yet been re-

vealed. The fact that the visit coincides with the opening of the China-Soviet border talks in Peking on Monday could easily be an assurance to Indian and other Asian leaders that the talks in no way reflect a change in the Krem-lin's policy of supporting China's capitalist neighbour

states.

It is also significant that the talks are between military leaders.

ary leaders.

Grechko is known as a

against both 'hardliner' against be Czechoslovakia and China. Talks between himself and his Indian opposite number could touch on questions of military strategy against

The Indian armed forces are supplied by equipment from the Soviet Union and this could easily be used as a diplomatic cover for talks covering more basic and delicate problems.

THE SOVIET delegation to the border talks with the Chinese leaders arrived in Peking on Sunday. On the same day, Polit-

bureau member Suslov launched a bitter attack on the Chinese Communist Party

ism-Leninism and the principles of proletarian internationalism and are trying to

Tass took the unusual step of distributing in advance long excerpts from Suslov's attack on the Chinese Party, making it patently clear that the Kremlin's anti-Mao policy will continue, despite any talks the Soviet leaders might

Edinburgh dustmen return

EDINBURGH dustmen returned to work on Saturday, October 18 following a pay offer by the corporation.

The dustmen claimed a £3 weekly increase on their basic pay and equal pay for women wastepaper collec-

The corporation has agreed to equal pay for the women and an 34s. 7d. increase on the basic has been offered for

plus 7s. loading responsibility. In addition a 10 per cent bonus is to be paid in recognition of productivity already gained, so long as the refuse workers continue to maintain

Agreement

further productivity

The corporation claims that the offer will give the dustmen an increase of up to £3 10s. a week. To earn this the dustmen will be faced with speed-up and an increased work-loadwages tied to productivity deals can have no other meaning.

Tough

Whilst the dustmen and women collectors will wel-come the increase in pay, they will now be faced with a tough fight against worse

men, had the ball at its feet. The strike was solid and it should have held out for the full claim—£3 on the basic pay with no strings.
By accepting the principle

of a productivity bonus, in-dependently of the dustmen's national fight for £5 in London and £3 elsewhere, the dustmen's struggle throughout the country is weakened and further attacks on the Edinburgh workers are prepared.

dwellers carried out their threat on Sunday to burn down their hovels.

ROME'S shanty and slum

Watched by millions on Italian television, the first of the thousands of miserable shacks went up in smoke as the 100,000 inhabitants of the shanty town stepped up their campaign to force Rome's housing authorities to find them alternative accomoda-

power and scope. All of Italy's post workers biggest clasical are on strike at least until yet to come.

Meanwhile the strike movement still grows in

Birmingham tenants fight slum rent rise

FIFTY council tenants on the Ralcall Heath estate

'temporary accommodation'.

Tenants complain of bad the Balsall Heath estate, Birmingham have now withheld rent for five weeks in protest against cial support to the tenants. the condition of their

The Tory council has threatened to evict the tenants if they continue their refusal to pay. One tenant has said she will burn down her house if the council carries out its evic-

tion threat. The houses were already condemned when taken over six years ago by the Birming-ham Housing Committee as

drainage, cracked walls and Birmingham university students have been sending finan-

Thursday, when they will be

joined by building and en-

clerks are also deciding on strike action in the next few

Civil servants and bank

gineering workers.

days.

In welcoming his Standard-

Demands rejected The engineering employers demands for wage increases, claiming that they would lead to a 40 per cent increase in labour costs. With the two sides, workers and employers, so intransigent in their demands, the biggest clashes in Italy are

in 'Kommunist', the main theoretical organ of the Soviet Communist Party: 'Communists throughout the world are profoundly angered and alarmed by the adventuristic, chauvinist policy of the present Chinese Communist Party leaders, who have broken with Marx-

split the world communist movement'. The Soviet news agency

Tories want 10s. a day education

TEN SHILLINGS a day for primary and secondary education 'for parents who can afford it'—this was a proposal put to a teach-in on 'Education For The Seventies', which concluded at Cambridge on Sun-

The proposal was put by 'Black Paper' supporter Mr Ralph Harris, general director of the Institute of Eco-

nomic Affairs. Also present at the teachin was ex-Tory chief Lord

The proposal would mean £2 10s. a week or £100 a year. Such a system of school fees in the state system would collect 'a very useful sum of money which in time would be afforded by most people pre-payment policies, incomes and a lower of taxation', it was

EXPENDITURE

Fee-paying for education is very much in the air these days. The monetary crisis demands that government ex-Education is high on the

On October 1 the Deputy Chief Education Officer of Kingston - upon - Thames announced to the London Evening News' Surely it is not untoward

to ask parents to make some

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fee

contribution towards their children's schooling.' Commenting on the shortage of books in some Kingston schools he said: 'It has a lot to do with the government's general cut-back

education expenditure.

Headmasters are now finding the money problem getting tougher and tougher. The decision to ask parents to supply certain books rests finally with the individual

headmaster.'

SURVEY

However fee paying and related schemes are not con-jured up out of the heads of Tories and administrators. The Labour government's own statistical survey, published by the Department of Education and Science (DES) last Friday, October 17, shows

that it is quite unprepared to meet the demands for higher education expected in 1975 and unable to finance it. The government has revised upwards the figures of the school population for 1975. The education budget will need to increase by £5,000 by 1980. By then it will be

consuming 8 per cent of the gross national product compared with 5 per cent now. 'The Times' comments on the inexorable logic of the statistics is that any expansion of higher education and nurserv schools 'can be met only or the introduction of more fee elements into the system'. It is interesting that 'The

schools, because it is in these

fields that Wilson has appointed two new ministers.

increasing rates and taxes

taken.
Wilson is holding open the door for the 'Black Paper'. An uncompromising struggle by the teachers against Wil-Times' should single out higher education and nursery son's education cuts, against the Prices and Incomes Act is the only way forward to defeat the 'Black Paper' Tories.

Gerry Fowler is the new Minister of State at the DES and is expected to be put in charge of higher education. It is here that strict economies will be made by the government.
Sixth-form education is twice Trades Unions as costly as normal secondary

Higher education is three times as costly.

A likely form of economy is being pioneered at Barnstaple with the 'unusually enthusiastic' support of Education Minister Mr Short.

'Left' MP Joan Lestor will be responsible for the nursery school expansion scheme. Mr

Here all post-16 education in the area is now confined to North Devon Technical Col-On a national scale such a scheme would mean unemployment for hundreds of

highly-qualified specialist sixth-form teachers. DEPRIVE

They would join the 1.600 teachers reported unemployed by the Association of Teachers Colleges and Departments

of Education.
It would deprive comprehensive schools of expensive specialist teachers and transform them into transit camps

for the dole queues.

They would teach only the basic 'three Rs'.

This is the future for teachers under British capitalism rocked by economic crisis. the Labour government thinks it can use the Tory 'Black Paper' as a smoke screen behind which it carries out its own attacks on teachers and pupils it is mis-

Tear gas in Nigerian bank strike By a foreign correspondent

NIGERIAN police fired tear gas into a crowd of striking bank employees in Lagos on Monday.

The attack took place after the bank clerks, mostly juniors, struck for higher wages and improved service conditions.

The attack took place after

Drivers are to get 33s. 4d.

to September 29, subject to the Scottish Development De-

Increases will be backdated Conference fee: 5s. a person | partment's agreement.

working conditions. The Scottish Commercial Motormen's Union, which organizes the Edinburgh dust-

unsafe ceilings.

Triumph intervention, Mr Pat Lowry, Engineering Employers' Federation director, has said that the situation there clearly required to be dealt with under the terms of the TUC's June undertaking to