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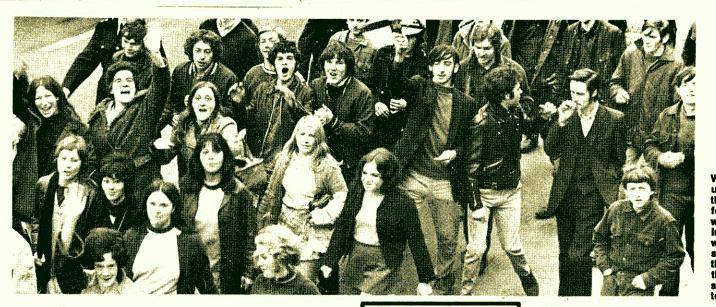
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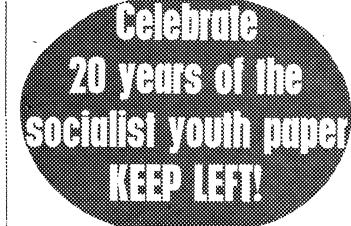
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ence as artisan workers in small

shops: wages were low and unemployment common. With the spread of factory industry conditions tended to deteriorate.

For various reasons discussed by Dr Mendelsohn in detail, few

employers, even Jewish ones, took

on Jews as factory hands. Apart from a few fields, such as bristle-

making and cigarette and match

factories, at the end of the 19th century there was not yet a Jewish factory proletariat.

The Jewish artisans had a long

tradition of organization of a friendly society type. Basing themselves on this tradition,

revolutionary socialist intellectuals began to establish propa-

ganda circles from groups of

By the 1890s, under the leader-

tuals, an organized labour movement carrying on mass agitation began to appear but not without

bitter conflicts with those who still adhered to the old circle

Revolutionary socialist work was confronted with the pecu-

liarities of the position of the

Jewish workers at this time. Being mainly artisans, many

sought individual advancement by

becoming small employers or petty traders. Others emigrated

to the United States, while their

sons acquired some education and passed into the professions.

Meanwhile, the spread of fac-

tory industry was. worsening the lot of the workers in the small

workshops, while the spread of

**Primitive** 

conditions

students and workers.

movement.

**UNDER** 

THIS HISTORY of a five-and-a-half month long strike in the Basque provinces gives ample evidence that the Spanish working class is joining in a very forceful way in the revolutionary struggle of the European working class against imperialism.

The revisionists and Stalinists in Spain, as elsewhere, have been driven into enormous crisis by this struggle, trying to cling to illusions of neo-capitalism and peaceful co-existence.

The Spanish capitalist class was well aware of what threatened when, at a meeting of 65 capitalists in Bilbao in May 1967, Count Zubiria, the President of Spanish Firestone warned:

"To restrain the strike, we must demand that the government take drastic measures to stop any possible extension of the conflict which threatens to spread to other firms, with unforeseeable consequences."

The author of this history—in fact, not the workers in the factory as claimed, but a Cuban student and member of the centrist organization, Organizaciones Frente, who was working in the factory—shows that the Spanish working class is able to build factory-level organizations that are independent of the fascist vertical unions.

#### **Idealization**

However, this fight for independent trade unions has been severely limited by the idealization of this movement by the centrists and the Stalinists, for it is a fight that poses the question of state power and the construction of a Marxist party in Spain. The fight for independent trade unions can be no peaceful one!

The statement of the political committee of Organizaciones Frente published in July 1966, that is, two months before the strike of metal workers and two years before the May-June events in France shows the complete

in France shows the complete bankruptcy of centrism:

'The greatest danger facing the proletariat in our country is its integration in the neo-capitalist society which is now developing.'

As the stability of capitalism is

As the stability of capitalism is the greatest danger, and not the false leadership of the working class, collaboration with Stalinism is both possible and necessary; 'it is evident that it galvanizes the aspirations of broad sections of the working-class, for that reason



'NUESTRA HUELGA—Los trabajadores de Laminacion de bandas Echevarri' Editions Ruedo Iberico. 9NF. Reviewed by Peter Bush

# THE BASQUE STRIKE

any policy which is based on non-collaboration with the Communist Party is negative, for, despite differences, we are on the same side of the struggle.'

The deepening of the crisis of international capitalism and Stalinism with the movement forward of the masses has thrown the Spanish Stalinists and the centrists into crisis and provides a basis for the intervention by the Fourth International which, built on the fight for Marxist principle, has alone in the international working class prepared for the revolutionary struggles now on the agenda.

The factory of Echevarri forms part of a new industrial complex of 20,000 workers near to Bilbao. It is in many ways typical of the industrial complexes built up in Spain when the economy was opened up fully to foreign capital at the end of the 1950s.

The property was co-owned by

two companies, Altos Hornos, and S. A. Basconia.

US capital had a 28 per cent holding in Altos Hornos, and all the machinery in the factory was imported from the US.

However, the main holdings in the company belonged to Basconia whose President, Gondra Lazurtegui, had made 30 million pesetas a year since the Civil War. With the emigration of millions of Spanish workers, the Spanish capitalist class has had to make more and more inroads into the poor and middle peasantry, hoping, of course, that the more conservative peasantry would provide a peaceful labour force, since it had been one of the supporters of Franco during the Civil War. Seventy per cent of the Echevarri workforce came from Galicia, a completely agricultural province.

cultural province.

Whilst these workers provided profits, they were submitted to the low wages and bad conditions that are the lot of all workers in fascist Spain.

#### Wine bottle

In 1962, with bonus, workers were earning £18 a month. Despite this, they did not join in the strikes of that year.

An example is given of the victimization of workers for drinking in working hours when a personnel manager found a half litre wine bottle in a worker's clothing in a dressing room: victimization for having what would be the equivalent of a teabreak in Britain!

This 'new' proletariat soon began to organize factory assemblies which decided in 1966 to join in union elections for local posts.

was thrown in their faces by

many organizations who were asked for help to fight the

For the first few weeks after

the news of Kutcher's case broke

Then fire was opened in a United Auto Workers magazine

column in which the Stalinists

wrote: 'A Trotskyite . . . believes

in force and violence as the first

and last step in attaining a socialist state and 'advocates

bomb-throwing'.

The first lie was precisely the

lynch pin of the administration's

charges against Kutcher while the

prosecutors' accusations.

A month later the West Coast
Stalinist paper 'Daily People's

World'

attack.

went far beyond the

mounted a poisonous

the Stalinist press was silent.



LONDON MARCH AGAINST SPANISH JAILINGS

These were intended to give a legal cover to the illegal fight for better conditions.

In September shop floor leaders were elected. In October the management went onto the offensive with a reduction of bonuses and the beginning of intensive time-and-motion study in the plant.

When sections threatened strike action, government inspectors threatened to sack militant

After various short actions it was decided to strike and stop the whole factory on November

In the first two days workers went to the factory, but refused to work. On December 1 the afternoon shift was given the sack; the decision was taken to

occupy the factory.

Women bringing bread and food were attacked by the police on the following day and in the evening jeep-loads of the Civil Guard forced the workers to leave the factory at bayonet point.

In response to police brutality 200 women occupied the offices of the union in the town.

During the first month of the strike, regular strikers' meetings were held and a news bulletin was distributed daily during the whole of the strike.

On December 9 the firm issued the sack to all workers and advertised for new labour. The sack also meant loss of their homes, since most of the workers lived in houses belonging to the company.

To put this off, the workers got their lawyers to intervene in the law-courts.

These lawyers were not union lawyers who would have been openly on the side of the employers, but liberal and Christian Democrat lawyers whom the strikers paid from a fund set up in the factory a year before the strike.

One of the lawyers was Ruiz Jimenez, a Christian Democrat and ex-member of Franco's cabinet.

The arrogance shown by the

The arrogance shown by the fascist courts to the strikers was clear on January 14, 1967, the day of the trial.

The court-room could only hold 20! A demonstration of workers, students, priests and lawyers outside the court-room forced the authorities to put up loudspeakers.

Unfortunately the Franco courts were not to be pressurized, and the judge inevitably came down on the side of the employers.

The workers remained firm:

The workers remained firm: on January 19, 360 voted to

continue and on the 31st, 494 voted in favour of continuing the strike.

In February, the management

In February, the management and the government stepped up their attacks. The Home Affairs Ministry passed an order against the holding of meetings, and Gondra began the drive to recruit new labour in Galicia and León.

This new labour entered the factory in buses escorted by jeeps of armed police and lived in two blocks of flats in Echevarri.

They were not allowed to use the local bars for fear of solidarity action and attacks on scabs. Very soon, many of the new workers decided to return home. During April 40,000 workers were involved in solidarity action which led to the declaration of a state of emergency in the Basque provinces.

#### Sack

Immediately; 150 militant workers were imprisoned and 15 were deported to other parts of Spain; on May 5 a further 40 were deported. This action broke the back of the strike, and a return to work soon followed. Gondra proceeded to sack 32 and reduce bonuses by up to 70 per cent.

'Nuestra' Huelga' shows that the new generation of Spanish workers will certainly surpass past struggles of the class in combativity and organization. The danger is that this combativity will be betrayed by its

bativity will be betrayed by its political leadership.

The centrist and Stalinist leadership did everything to limit the strike which was, as the capitalist class realized, revolu-

the strike which was, as the capitalist class realized, revolutionary in content.

And the limitation of this book is its lack of analysis of

the politics of the strike.

The author concludes at one point: 'In Bandas, there was unity of all clandestine groups in concrete action against capitalism, although some groups did not realize the possibility of generalizing the strike, and put pressure on so that solidarity did not pass beyond symbolic

Yet if capitalism was 'developing', all that was possible was a symbolic act, or pressure on the fascist state through liberals. The real lessons of this strike

The real lessons of this strike are that the Spanish working class does not need to be told that the state machinery is repressive, but needs a revolutionary party that can fight to build a body of Marxist theory through intervention in the clandestine trade union organizations and all wage movements of the class.

The Bund was founded in 1897 as the result of a union of local social democratic organizations. At the base of the movement were underground organiza-

tions of a trade union type.

The leaders hoped to convert the economic struggle against the employers into a political struggle to overturn the regime. Dr Mendelsohn describes in some detail the forms and problems of Jewish labour organizations at this stage, but without relating them to the wider problems of the Russian revolutionary movement.

The very primitiveness of the conditions under which most Jewish workers in Russia were employed gave the labour movement its special character.

The main demands of agitation

and strikes were, as Mendelsohn puts it 'aimed at instituting "modern" relations between employer and employed, relations based on contract, not on habit and whim'. He describes some of the struggles in detail.

While in some cases there was solidarity between Jewish and Christian workers, it was more frequent for the latter to be used as black-legs against the betterorganized and more militant Jews.

Trade unions, under police supervision, were set up among Jewish workers in the Pale under the inspiration of Zubatov, head of the secret police. Mendelsohn deals with these unions, as well as with the influence of anarchism and terrorism.

#### The Bund

The self-imposed limitations and academic nature of this study prevents it from dealing adequately with the main questions relating to the role of the Jewish labour movement in Russia and the policy of the Bund.

By emphasizing Jewish distinctiveness the Bund turned away from revolutionary tasks and inevitably took a reformist path.

The fact that the Jewish proletariat was and remained predominantly artisan can only partly explain the ideology of the Bund.

The problem of the Jewish labour movement in Russia cannot be adequately dealt with by the method adopted by Mendelsohn which isolates it from the history of the Russian revolutionary movement and from the great economic and political changes going on in the Russian Empire with the development of

In sum, his book is mainly a collection of interesting facts with a few partial explanations. The field needs to be completely re-worked from a different point of view carrying the story forward through the 1905 Revolution and down to 1917.

# Case of the legless veteran

'US ROUND-UP' pointed out recently that the refusal of the American CP to sponsor the Juan Farinas Defence Committee is very much in the tradition of that Stalinist organization.

Farinas, a young supporter of the Trotskyist Workers League, faces a possible five years' jail and enormous fines when he is sentenced next month after a frame-up trial on charges of violating the military conscription

The Farinas case brings to mind the similar refusal of the CP to back the Trotskyist James Kutcher in his celebrated fight against government victimization during the McCarthy witchhunts.

Kutcher gained support from literally hundreds of unions, academics, intellectuals and minority organizations and became a national figure through a speaking tour and many broadcasts.

A member of the Socialist

Workers Party, Kutcher lost both legs while fighting as a soldier during the Second World War. Eventually, in 1946, he found work as a clerk doing routine office work in the Veterans

Administration.

But these were the years of the McCarthy witch-hunts and the reign of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which included a purge of

government workers.

In March 1947 President
Truman issued Executive Order
9835, setting up the 'loyalty' programme and shortly afterwards
the Attorney General published a
list of 'subversive' organizations

to guide the 'loyalty' boards.

Kutcher was fired from his job on grounds of his membership of the Socialist Workers Party which was included on the 'subversive' list.

He was hauled before a board

and dismissed without any legal procedures.

Under the 'loyalty' programme the onus was on the defendant to prove he was not disloyal!

until proved guilty here!
Worse still, organizations were designated 'subversive' simply on the Attorney General's say-so.
They were refused a hearing and did not even know the charges against them or on what evidence they were based.

No assumption of innocence

#### **B**lacklist

A further rule made membership of five organizations, including the SWP, grounds for mandatory dismissal from government service.

As if this were not enough, Kutcher 'was on Stalin's blacklist as well as Truman's'.

Forerunner to the Kutcher case was the 1941 Minneapolis trial of 18 Trotskyists, the first defendants under the anti-labour Smith

Act.
The labour movement rallied en masse to their defence, despite political differences with the defendants.
Yet the Stalinists applauded the convictions, and carried on a

Yet the Stalinists applauded the convictions, and carried on a virulent campaign to isolate the defendants' supporters and to prevent unions giving financial

support.
The Stalinists' action has never been forgotten.
Seven years later, when their own leaders were indicted under the same Smith Act, their record

on the rights of their opponents

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THE SOCIALIST

riced on a solate the and to financial has never then their ted under eir record corporates to Chamber of Commerce, and has

been useful to the FBI . . . it is an oddity that he should lose his job'.

As Kutcher said in his book, 'The Case of the Legless Veteran', it would be the eighth wonder of the world if the Truman Administration fired a member of a party which was that co-operative.

In an effort to explain this contradiction, the writer suggested the dismissal was a 'boner' by 'hard working FBI officials' and that a 'friendly hint to the Department of Justice . . . would no doubt be sufficient' to secure Kutcher's reinstatement.

Knowledge that the Justice

Knowledge that the Justice Department had heard of Kutcher's case in far-from-gentle terms from scores of organizations did not, of course, deterthese graduates of the Stalin school of falsification from

peddling such a lie.

Such a policy rebounded on the Stalinists in the unions and



KUTCHER

in the fight against McCarthyism as two episodes illustrate vividly.

Kutcher was speaking to a meeting of Local 10 of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union which had previously endorsed his case.

Since then the Stalinist 'People's World' had laid down

Kutcher declared his opposition to the persecution of anyone for his beliefs including CP members and fellow-traveller Harry Bridges, president of their international union who faced repeated deportation attempts.

Kutcher was speaking at Bridges' own local and Bridges was sitting on the platform.

After Kutcher's speech a well-known staunch Stalinist attacked him and his party, calling them stool pigeons, agents of the

bosses, etc.

But the meeting shouted the speaker down before he had finished and he sat down to a chorus of boos.

chorus of boos.

Not satisfied, the Stalinists insisted on a vote on a resolution to make a donation to Kutcher's fighting fund.

#### Proceedings

Out of 2,800 union members present about 12 stood up to vote against the motion.

Bridges remained silent throughout the incident which lost his Party much support.

The second episode concerns a proposed national organization to defend the Stalinists, the Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights, which took place in New York in July 1949.

A considerable number of

liberals and other non-Stalinists sponsored the Conference on the basis that free speech, press and assembly 'have meaning only where they apply also to minority and dissident groups with whom the majority are in disagreement'.

The Stalinist majority rammed through their line, voting down a resolution calling for support for the SWP's rights as well as those

of the CP.

Kutcher succinctly sums up the result: 'These proceedings disgusted so many of the non-Stalinist elements that they withdrew, and the Conference to Defend the Bill of Rights, instead of becoming a permanent organization, died an immediate

'The Stalinists had known that this would happen, but with them it was rule or ruin when it came to the rights of their revolutionary socialist opponents. In this case it proved to be rule and ruin of the organization they originally expected to help defend their own rights.'

## Phasing out

(US Round-up)

Nixon ordered an 'orderly but rapid phase-out' of all defoliants used in Vietnam. Presumably this year's plans

for dropping over a million gallons of defoliants are to go ahead.

In opposing the \$8m allocation for this, Senator Nelson said:

'The US has sprayed enough chemicals to amount to six

pounds for every man, woman and child in Vietnam.'

This, he commented, 'may well have set an ecological time fuse in Vietnam that will reverberate down the life chain causing widespread destruction by wiping out forms of plant, animal and aquatic life that can

animal and aquatic life that can never be replaced'. Chemical warfare has irremediably stripped the Vietnamese

S Vietnam exported a quarter of a million tons of rice in 1959. Ten years later three times this quantity had to be imported, most of it coming from the US. It is conservatively estimated that since 1962 an eighth of the country has been doused with chemicals at more than ten times the rate allowed by the US government for agriculture at home.

#### Arsenic

A paper presented to a scientists' conference in Paris last month described the plight of 179 S Vietnamese refugees from areas which had been sprayed for from two months to five years.

Short-term effects a few hours after spraying included sickness, vomiting and headache.

Long-term effects were prolonged illness and the birth of deformed children. The US has used three main herbicides in S Vietnam—called

orange, white and blue.

Blue is used mainly to destroy rice crops and it is planned to drop 700,000 gallons this year.

As blue is largely arsenic, it is particularly dangerous to human beings as arsenic poisoning can

take place through gradual build-

ing up of small doses in the body until fatal concentrations are

#### Orange

Senator Nelson was probably thinking of orange when he made his 'ecological time fuse' remark.

Mangrove forests sprayed with

it nine years ago have shown no recovery.

Orange contains defoliants 2, 4, 5-T and 2, 4-D, which are known to have been responsible for the births of thousands of deformed babies throughout the

countryside.

The US government was aware of the terrible effects of these chemicals for many months before it banned 2, 4, 5-T last spring

spring.

S Vietnamese papers carried reports of such births while the Saigon Health Ministry kept all statistics about them secret.

But orange was still being used late into the summer and the US army is dropping charges against officers for ignoring the cancella-

tion order.

Last Saturday's move will probably take just as long to implement. After all, stocks have to be used up.

### Last laugh

VETERAN COMEDIAN and veteran right-winger Bob Hope opened his annual Christmas tour of Vietnam last week but had evidently changed his act in line with the mood of his servicemen audiences.

Last year his patriotic remarks drew boos from troops.

This time Hope's welcome at Camp Eagle, 400 miles NE of Saigon, was mixed with thousands of hands raised in the peace

Loudest laugh of the show went

to a reference to marijuana:

'I believe a lot of you are interested in gardening—security officers said a lot of you were growing your own grass,' Hope told the soldiers.

If Hope had been on a slightly

later schedule, his forecast that it would be the last visit of his Christmas tour to Vietnam could have been immediately and irrevocably confirmed.

Five days after the show National Liberation Forces fired about eight rockets into the camp in the first attack on it for more than two months. anti-Semitism and Tsarist oppression formed an ominous background.

of view carrying the story forward through the 1905 Revolution and down to 1917.

IN PERENCE OF IMARXISM

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COMPULSORY cultivation in the Congo was extended in 1935. It enabled Belgian businessmen to buy cheaply, so that at a time when world markets were depressed they could continue to make their profits.

Forced labour practices were further intensified during the war, when under the Anglo-Belgian Agreement of 1940, the Congo became (particularly after the loss of S E Asia) an important source of raw materials to the Allies.

them out, the bullying, the pestering by every kind of authority—European as well as traditional and their subordinates, moniteurs or policemen, before whom they are defenceless; the excessive punishments inflicted without discernment by the European agent, the juge de police, and also by the tribunal indigené.

'These improper annoyances, which in large measure have their origin in our policy of production, inevitably result in the discouragement of the native, in making him live in an atmosphere of insecurity and uneasiness; they bring him to hate his environment and to flee from it, breaking thereby the bonds, customary and social, which bind him to it and which our civilization has already rendered fragile.

#### Continued from yesterday

After the war, reporting on the situation at the end of 1946, the Belgian authority Father J. Van Wing, speaking from experience in Leopoldville and Equateur provinces, wrote that 'in general compulsory labour continues as in the past'.

Another Belgian writer, Malengreau, quotes a magistrate telling him in 1947:

'What makes the life of the natives in the bush unhappy is above all the corvées, the multiple and diverse burdens which are imposed upon them and which leave them no respite; the innumerable prescribed obligations and prohibitions, with a severe penalty always attached, which wear

'To flee from it' . . . to the towns and the mining areas, to become an industrial working class.

Production in the Congo expanded considerably between the wars. Katanga retained the position, attained in 1923, of the world's third largest supplier of copper.

The Kilo-Mito mines in Orientale province became a major gold source. Diamond output grew from 318,979 carats in 1920 to 2,518,258 carats in 1930.

In common with the rest of the capitalist world, the Congo was hit by the Depression in 1932, some 72,000 African workers were sacked, and between 1929 and 1933, in N Katanga, there was a 70 per cent drop in the number of wage earners.

However, with the recovery in world trade, production began to expand again, and in 1937, exports stood at £16,976,075—three times their value in 1932.

The Second World War provided a further impetus to production, and a new importance to the Congo as a source of materials. Uranium from the Congo was used in the first atomic bomb.

In 1923, over 8 per cent of the African population were living in mining camps and towns. In 1940, the percentage of able-bodied adult males who were working for wages was 19.23 per cent. By 1956 it had grown to 38.95 per cent.

A survey in 1956, carried out in Luluabourg, showed that for a family of four, an income of between £7 17s and £8 lls a month would be the minimum desirable to maintain a reasonable standard of living.

The actual minimum wage, together with allowances at that time, amounted to only £4 14s a month.

An inquiry showed that during the 1950s, between 30 per cent and 50 per cent (varying according to town), of wage earners received only the minimum wages.
Between 1950 and 1957 there

was a 60 per cent increase in national production; but African buying power, during the same period, declined by 13 per cent.

There could be little development of an indigenous middle class in the Congo. Business was kept almost enCONFLICT IN THE

tirely in European hands. The Tshombe family, which made its money in trade, was an exception. Generally speaking, insofar as an African political élite developed, its membership was drawn from among the salaried civil servants, the Army, the political and trade union organizations.

Although educated Africans were supposed to be better treated than the masses under Belgian rule, they still experienced racial discrimination, oppression and humiliation.

An African technician would receive lower pay than a European who was doing the same, or even a less-skilled

Until the last few years of Belgian rule, Africans in the civil service were confined to the lower grades, even if they qualified for higher positions.

According to Lumumba, in his book 'Congo, my Country', flogging was still inflicted on educated Africans who got in trouble with the law, although legally they were supposed to be exempt from such forms of punishment.

Africans were not allowed in a number of establishments frequented by Europeans. Both Mobutu and Lumumba had personal experience of racial insults from the whites.

The evolution of the Congo-

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the chaotic political and social

situation of Spain. They are

the same class who for more

than 30 years have collabor-

ated directly in the extermina-

tion of the advanced human

values of the Spanish pro-

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million murders.

CONGO lese people's struggle against Belgian colonialism at first took the form of popular religious movements of a prophetic and Messianic character,

which had their appeal to the

most oppressed workers and

poor peasants. In the post-war years, the Belgian trade unions extended their activity to the Congo, initially to the privileged European workers, but later coming to influence some of the African working class.

As reformist organizations, tied to imperialism, these unions could not meet the needs of the oppressed Congolese masses; and the Congolese trade union movement to which they gave rise remained comparatively small.

But it was the training ground of a number of Congolese political leaders, such as Cyrille Adoula.

In the late 1950s, after becoming disillusioned with the Belgian parties with which they had been associated, a number of educated Congolese began organizing their own political parties.

The Belgian authorities always tried to retard the development of the Congolese people, and brought in repressive measures to keep them

In 1937, a law was intro-

duced restricting the right of association, and measures were taken to discourage Africans from visiting Europe or studying there, or from travelling within the Congo.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WAR AND PLUNDER

ALL IN THE NAME OF 'PEACE'

In Januuary 1958, during demonstrations in Leopoldville, the security forces opened fire on crowds, and, according to the authorities' own figures, 49 Africans were killed and over 240 injured.

Faced with the development of a national movement, however, and the probability that neighbouring French Congo was shortly to become independent, thus encouraging it, and with a recession in the economy throwing many Africans out-of-work, onto the streets where they were showing increasing readiness to be

**25 years** of the United Nations

**CHARLES PARKINS** 

Antoine Gizenga, Pierre Mulele, and C Kamitatu also nationalist, and prepared to form an alliance with Lumumba.

for maintaining the unity of the Congo as a state; whereas the election also showed the

Both MNC and PSA were



**MOISE TSHOMBE** 

mobilized in a popular movement, the Belgian government began to discuss independence for the Congo.

Elections were held in May 1960, resulting in the success of Patrice Lumumba's Movement Nationale Congolaise, nationalist, anti-tribalist, anticolonialist, and a reasonable showing also for the Parti Solidaire Africaine, led by strength of regionalist and tribalist tendencies. Lumumba was pressed by the Belgians to make a compromise with the ABAKO party — a federalist party which originated from an ethnic association of the Bakongos — under which its leader, Kasavubu, became Head of State, while Lumumba himself became premier.

On June 30, 1960, the Congo

became an independent African

During the preliminary negotiations, when the Belgian government had first declared its willingness to grant independence, Congolese leaders had been suspicious as to just what the Belgians' real intentions

It all seemed just too easy-

what was the snag? What did the colonialists have 'up their sleeve'?

Observers abroad were surprised at the rapidity with which the Belgian government had moved—two years after the Leopoldville clashes, the country was to be independent.

Belgian colonialism appeared to be giving up without a struggle at all, let alone the prolonged one that might have been expected.

In fact, the real struggle was to come after 'independence', after the African nationalists

had found themselves in office. Only then would Belgian colonialism show its hand, and the struggle that was to develop would make the Congo a battlefield, in which not only Belgian imperialism would be engaged.

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12.05 a.m. Weather.

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All regions as above except:

Midlands. E Anglia: 6.00-6.20 Midlands today. Look East, weather. 12.07 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.20 Look North, weather. 12.07 News, weather. Wales: 1.30-1.45 Ar lin mam. 6.00 Wales today. 6.20 Golden silents. 6.45 Heddiw. 7.10-7.35 lein i lein. 12.07 Weather.

Scotland: 12.40-1.30 Bird's eye view. 4.20-4.35 Jackanory. 4.35-5.20 Ne'er-day — aviemore. 6.00-6.20 News, sportsreel. 10.20-10.45 Sportsreel. 12.07 Weather.

N Ireland: 6.00 Scene around six, weather. 12.07 News, weather. Road works report.

SW, South, West: 6.00-6.20 Point west. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 12.07 News, weather.

#### **BBC 2**

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

6.00 p.m. NEW YEAR'S DAY CONCERT FROM VIENNA. Vienna Phil-

harmonic Orchestra and the Vienna Folk Opera Ballet. 7.00 TEST CRICKET FROM AUSTRALIA. Third Test.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather. 8.00 EUROPA. 'Britain and Europe'.

9.00 GEORGE THE FOURTH. George Hamilton IV and The Hillsiders with guests Ethna Campbell and Country Fever. 9.20 MARTY ABROAD. Marty Feldman.

10.00 THIRTY-MINUTE THEATRE. Waugh On Crime. 'In Which Inspector Waugh Plays Cops and Robbers'.

10.30 REVIEW. Peter Brook. 11.20 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.25 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

#### ITV

10.30 a.m. Pinky and Perky. 10.45 Jungle boy. 11.10 Skippy. 11.35 Laurel and Hardy. 11.40 Fastest man on earth. 12.35 p.m. Wrestling. 1.30 Racing from Sandown. 3.30 Film: 'The Black Sheep of Whitehall'. With Will Hay and John Mills. A bumbling professor thwarts a Nazi plot. 4.55 'The Ugly Duckling'. From the Hans Christian Andersen story, 5.20 Timeslip, 5.50 News,

6.02 TIME TO REMEMBER. '1930-1932-A New Era'.

6.30 PEYTON PLACE. 7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

7.30 THE BOLD ONES. 'One Small Step For Man'.

8.30 ON THE BUSES. 'The L Bus'. 9.00 MANNIX. 'Coffin For a Clown'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 POLICE FIVE.

10.40 THE FRIDAY FILM. 'Casanova Brown'. Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright. A small-town teacher is about to get married when he receives a letter from a Chicago maternity home.

12.05 a.m. STATE OF THE NATION. Archbishop of Canterbury.

#### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 12.35 London. 3.30 Saint. 4.22 Puffin. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.10 Cheaters. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Report. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 9.00 Hadleigh. 10.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Fanny'. Leslie Caron. 12.45 a.m. Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 10.35 Holiday in Switzerland. 11.15 Give a dog a bone. 4.22 News. 4.24 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 7.00 Miss Westward final. 12.45 Faith for life. 12.50 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 1.25 London. 2.25 Paulus. 2.35 London. 4.15 Pinky and Perky.

4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Robin Hood. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 6.35 Out of town. 7.00 London. 7.30 Department S. 8.25 London. 8.55 Hawaii five-o. 9.50 Weekend. 10.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'The Hands of Orlac'. Lon Chaney, Jr., Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Bela Lugosi. 12.05 News. 12.15 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.05 Pinky and Perky. 11.20 Skippy. 11.45 Superman. 12.10 Forest rangers. 12.35 London. 3.35 Film: "Treasure Island". Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper. 5.20 Is that a fact. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: "Texas". William Holden and

Glenn Ford. Two adventurers are accused of a holdup. 8.30 London. 9.00 Hawaii, five-o. 10.00 London, 10.30 John Morgan. 11.15 Edgar Wallace. 12.15 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 6.01-6.35 Report West Aquarius.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 5.20-5.50 Am y gorau 6.01-6.18 Y dydd.

ANGLIA: 10.45 Arthur. 11.10 Film: Tommy the Toreador'. Tommy Steele, Janet Munro and Sidney James. A young British seaman rescues a famous

young British seaman rescues a famous bullfighter, 12.35 London, 3.35 Cowboy in Africa, 4:25 News, 4.35 Romper room, 4.55 Lost in space, 5.50 London, 6.00 About Anglia, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Music match, 7.30 Avengers, 8.25 London, 9.00 Hawaii five-o, 10.00 London, 10.30 Film; 'Look Back in Anger', Richard Burton, Claire Bloom and Mary Ure, Jimmy Porter forms a disastrous relationship with his wife's friend, 12.20 Epilogue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 10.35 Royal Family, 12.35 Wrestling, 1.30 London, 3.35 Fishing bear, 3.49 Horoscope, 3.52 Women today, 4.10 Peyton Place, 4.40 Pinky and Perky, 4.55 Land of giants, 5.50 London, 6.00 ATV Today, 7.00 Film: 'From a Bird's Eye View', Millicent Martin, 7.30 Department S. 8.30 London, 9.00 Marcus Welby, 10.00 London, 10.30 Baron, 11.30 Midland member 11.45 Object in view.

ULSTER: 2.05 London. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Ev. 7.30 Laredo. 8.30 London. 9.00 Department S. 10.00 London. 10.30 Deadline. 11.00 Film: 'The Secret Four'. Thriller.

YORKSHIRE: 10.25 Royal fam.ily, 12.15 Vienna concert, 1.25 London, 2.25 Pinky and Perky, 2.40 London, 4.15 Film: 'Zebra in the Kitchen', 5.50 London, 6.00 Calendar, weather, 6.30 Wendy and me. 7.00 London, 7.30 On the buses, 8.00 'Ferry to Hong Kong', Curt Jurgens, Orson Welles, Sylvia Syms. An exile wanders in the Far East, 10.00 London, 10.30 Yorksport, 11.00 Boswell and Johnson, 12 midnight Weather.

GRANADA: 10.15 Film: 'Words and Music'. Mickey Rooney. 12.35 London. 3.40 Shenandoah. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Time tunnel. 5.50 London. 6.01 Newsday. 6.25 Put it in writing. 6.35 Film: 'Mysterious Island'. Michael Craig, Joan Greenwood and Herbert Lom. Escape story. 8.30 London. 9.00 Strange report. 10.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'The Facts of Life'. Bob Hope, Lucille Ball.

TYNE TEES: 10.25 Royal Family. 12.15 Vienna concert. 1.25 London. 2.25 Pinky and Perky. 2.40 London. 4.15 Film: "Zebra in the Kitchen". 5.50 London. 6.00 Get Smart. 6.30 Avengers. 7.30 On the buses. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 Tom Jones. 10.00 London. 10.30 Film: "The Roman Spring of Mrs Stone". Vivienne Leigh. 12.20 Year ahead.

BORDER: 10.00 Cartoon. 10.30 Nanny and the professor. 11.00 Film: 'Hue and Cry'. Alastair Sim, Jack Warner. 12.15 Concert. 1.25 Wrestling. 2.25 Pinky and Perky. 2.40 Sandown Park racing. 4.10 News. 4.15 Film: 'Zebra in the kitchen'. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 On the buses. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 Human jungle. 10.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Children of the damned'. 12 midnight News, weather. 12.03 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 11.15 Joe 90. 11.45 Charlie Brown. 12.15 Vienna concert. 1.25 London. 2.25 Pinky and Perky. 2.40 London. 3.35 Cartoons. 3.49 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Skippy. 4.40 Crossroads. 5.05 Cartoon. 5.50 London. 6.00 Scotsport. 6.30 Film: 'Mr Moses'. Robert Mitchum, Carroli Baker. 8.25 London. 9.00 Brass are comin'. 10.00 London. 10.30 A guid New Year. 11.15 Late call. 11.20 Film: 'The Man Who Watched Trains Go By'. Claude Rains, Marius Goring.

GRAMPIAN: 10.25 Royal Family. 12.15 Concert. 1.25 London. 2.25 Pinky and Perky. 2.40 London 4.15 Cartoon. 4.35 Rumblie jumblie. 5.00 Cowboy in Africa. 5.50 London. 6.00 George Kidd. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'From Here To Eternity'. 10.00 London. 10.30 Scotsport. 11.00 London. 11.55 Epilogue.

### IFITER

### Carrillo's dangerous reformism

The attitude of Spanish

If it does not do so it would, with certainty, find itself

trapped in the stinking rotten

Spanish capitalist environment.

It would be forced to collabor-

ate in the capitalist develop-

ment which has spread in such

an insidious way amongst the

prolonging the capitalist re-

gime, to ensure its survival.

Reform in Spain is aimed at

In order to save its real

position, in order to stabilize

and to consolidate its power

this is the last trump which

capitalism presents in the game

and the slogan which it pro-

pagates: Reform of the Spanish

Through the reform, through

some economic if not political

concessions it intends to brain-

wash the minds of the Spanish

workers, to eliminate from his

lungs all the breadth which

animates the Social Revolution;

to destroy, together with the

revolutionary consciousness, all

possibility of the materializa-

Francoism has been defeated;

its system has fallen into

pieces and its immediate

accomplice—capitalism—is on

Spanish liberal bourgeoisie are

Those who represent the

workers must be one of firm

and decided opposition to re-

form in Spain.

Spanish people.

SANTIAGO CARRILLO travels around Europe peddling his charlatan Communism and now he presents himself to the public advocating a close alliaance with fascist Spanish cap-

We don't think that this language, whose basic mission is to serve the Spanish working class on a silver plate to

solidating his fraud, although in order to achieve this he tries to sweeten the bitter pill of betrayal of the Spanish workers with the word Moscow, will succeed in con-REFORM.



**SANTIAGO CARRILLO** 

ADVANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1971. 11 a.m.

**PALACE** 

**ALEXANDRA** 

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**TORYISM** 

its last legs.

tion of socialism.

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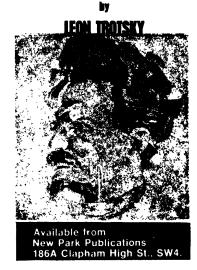
This will be achieved if there is any sign of weakness in the Spanish people. On the other hand if the working class understand that the decisive moment has now arrived for intensifying the struggle to behead the regime, to sweep out all its rubbish, then the overthrow of Francoite capitalism will have been accelerated.

Santiago Carrillo, Moscow, Francoism, the dictatorship of Nixon and together with them the whole capitalist world must be made to realize that, today, in Spain everything depends on the working class which has nothing to gain by means of talks and meetings. To rely

on these methods would be to lose all. It is no longer possible to wait, because the people have the right and the obligation to solve the problem even by force, if that is what it is compelled to resort to.

Long live socialism! D M Cantos.

#### **Strategy and Tactics** in the **Imperialist Epoch**



• FROM PAGE ONE reported that 301 government soldiers were killed.

In a year-end review the New China News agency yes-terday warned the US against the 'bastion of iron' formed by the Indo-Chinese people.

The agency referred to the latest call by Hanoi to the N Vietnamese to prepare for any American attack on the coun-

try and said :

'The Laotian and Cambodian

people firmly stand with the

Vietnamese people in deter-mination to defeat US im-

perialism thoroughly and drive it out of Indo-China.

Reckless

'Should US imperialism dare to run into reckless acts against the bastion of iron

formed by the more than 40

million valiant Indo-Chinese people, it will inevitably meet

with even more ignominious

defeat and accelerate its own

US and S Vietnamese forces were scheduled to halt off all operations for 24 hours start-

ing yesterday evening.

● FROM PAGE ONE

attempt was made by the

committee to stop a mass meeting of strikers the

following day accepting them.

supporters had a clear majority at that meeting and could have moved for a recom-

mendation to the strikers that

they should reject the pay-off

and continue their fight for

The AEF district committee did not come out against the Batchelor's settle-

ment until its meeting on the

evening of December 22, after publication of the Yorkshire

in his television interview, the

CP district committee and he

personally were in touch with the strike throughout.

Devey is said by CP members in Sheffield to have

telephoned Hill for advice

about whether he should

accept the £3,000 during the

To claim that acceptance was simply Devey's responsibility begs the question

asked in yesterday's Workers Press: if Hill was opposed to the settlement, why did he

not issue an immediate in-

struction to his members on the AEF district committee to

There is already evidence that besides fuelling the Tory

propaganda campaign in sup-port of the Industrial Rela-tions Bill the Devey affair has

helped to weaken the fight

against it at shop-floor level in the Sheffield area, and may

well have similar effects else-

Workers at a number of

Sheffield factories are reported.

locally to have refused strike

action for a whole day on January 12 against the Tory

workers will be disgusted by the spectacle of leading mem-

doubt many more

oppose it?

plans.

Evidence

evening of December 14.

Yet as Hill freely admitted

CP's condemnation.

Yet CP members and their

**Devey** 

reinstatement.

NLF

Discussion after Stalin

supplied Hitler led to

Anglo-French plan to bomb

Soviet oilfield

DETAILED plans for an attack on the Soviet

Union were drawn up by British and French

BY JOHN SPENCER

Under the Stalin-Hitler

Chamberlain told Reynaud

pact, at that time Soviet oil

was being supplied in large quantities to fascist Germany.

at a war council meeting at the end o March 1940 that

air raids of the Caucasus oil-

fields would not only deny Hitler much-needed oil sup-

plies, but would 'paralyse

Russia's economic structure and effectively prevent her from carrying out military

operations outside her own

Reynaud apparently considered such an attack might

cause 'one vast conflagration

SOIL STAKED

tion showing at the soil in the oilfields vi so soaked in

oil that one incendiary raid could result a fire extending

After this meeting the British government earmarked

48 Blenheim aircraft to carry

out the planned attack, but finally decided it could not

Apart from the plan to send the Blenjs, ims to bomb the

Soviet f hion, there were detailed ediscussions on the chiefs of staffs committee of the wa Ecabinet of a 'plan for

opening and exercising control of the 3lack Sea'.

**THREATS** 

This plan envisaged in-ducing Turkey by threats or

cajolery to open the Dardanelles to British warships to patrol the Black Sea.

The Mediterranean fleet was

to be reinforced and prepara-

tion made for naval war with

the Soviet Union.

afford so many planes.

He claimed A have informa-

territories'.

in the Caucasus'.

governments in the early months of 1940.

The plans were dropped because of Turkish opposition,

despite the enthusiasm of the French Premier Pierre

The Chamberlain-Reynaud

plan to attack the Caucasus oilfields is revealed in confi-

dential government papers published today by the Public Records Office.

Records show that the

supreme war council, on which Chamberlain and Reynaud sat,

together with Winston Churchill and military leaders,

discussed possible attacks on

the USSR on a number of

UNION officials are to make

a fresh attempt next week to persuade 600 W Scotland

bakery van drivers to end

their seven-week strike for a

£4 rise and accept the employers' pay offer of rises from £2 4s 6d to £2 9s 6d.

Reynaud.

occasions.

## Relief

FROM PAGE ONE

This class solidarity should surprise no one. The Tories plan to do to the British frade unions what Franco was able to do in Spain—destroy them, and tie the working class completely to a state-controlled 'labour

What is happening in Spain is therefore of vital importance to every British trade unionist.

It is impossible to bring down the Franco regime, which in turn is the only way to free the Burgos 16, without striking telling blows against the Tory class enemy here the Tory class enemy here at home.

Whether it is a question of defeating Heath's anti-union laws, restoring his cuts in the 'welfare state' or defeating fascism in Spain, all roads lead in the same direction: to the bringing down of this Tory govern-

The Tories have no more a mandate to rule Britain than Franco has to rule Spain. And just as we constantly campaign to make the trade union leaders mobilize their

members for such a policy,

so must we refuse to accept their inactivity on Spain. The fight to black all Spanish exports into Britain, and to convince British trade unionists that Spain is no place for working-class holidaymakers, must be

intensified. It is an essential part of our struggle for socialism in

#### Ba'ath opposition arrested

SYRIA'S new government has jailed several prominent mem-bers of the Ba'ath Party faction ousted in the right-wing coup on November 13.

The new Prime Minister and party leader, Lt Gen Hafez Al-Assad ordered the arrests after learning that leaders of the ousted faction had urged their supporters in party and government offices to oppose the policies of the new regime.

The ousted President Jureddin Al-Atassi sent Syrian tanks on the side of the guerrillas in the recent civil against the Hussein regime, a move made in opposition to the Kremlin and imperialism.

The most prominent arrest in the week since Christmas is that of former Interior that of former Interior Minister Mohammed Rabah Tawil who, together with other former ministers and party members, is being held at a military prison on the out-skirts of Damascus.

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## Seven-week strike over £7 pay loss Rolls polishers

to present case

capitalists are now content to play second-fiddle in the Stalinist orchestra.

That is what explains 'Socialist Worker's' attempts

to cover up for the CP in the

Devey scan lal—and to refrain from criticizing King Street's attitude on Poland or the

What unites all these anti-

Marxist political groupings,

despite episodic differences, is

their reformist middle-class

impotence and vacillation be-

fore the power of monopoly

They have no confidence

in the working class what-

Their hatred for Trotskyism

and their frenzied efforts to

slander and provoke Trotsky-

ists is only the obverse side of the revisionist-reformist

fear and hatred of the mass

It is this growing mass

movement coming into irre-concilable conflict with the

ism and its state that is and

will be the most decisive

feature of British politics in

It is also the chief source

of our confidence and opti-

mism—and the despondency

Learning the lessons of

1970 we will turn 1971 into the year of the greatest ad-vance of Trotskyism in Europe

by building a mass movement

of trade unionists and Young

Socialists dedicated to the

defeat of Toryism and the return of a Labour govern-

ment pledged to socialist

**Confident** 

and our understanding of Marxist theory we are con-

fidently determined to exploit

the radicalization of the working class to build the new

revolutionary leadership and sweep into the dustbin of

history every reformist traitor

The Tory government has no mandate to rule. It is a

government of counter-revolu-

To allow it to carry out its

policy is to condemn the working class to servitude and

defeat—and to perpetrate the

by subscribing to the Wor-

kers Press and by support-

ing the anti-Tory Alexandra Palace Rally of the Young

fight and expose them!

Socialists on February 14.

Make the reformist leaders

Build the alternative re-

volutionary leadership!

Force the Tories to resign!
Return a Labour govern-

Return a Labour govern-

ment with socialist policies in 1971!

OVER 1,000 production workers at Rolls-Royce's Ansty

plant Coventry voted to strike

yesterday if the company does

not agree to a new wages

structure which takes cost-of-

Senior stewards will meet

Rolls men want

sliding scale

ew scheme by Rolls-Royce.

But they are insisting that

They plan to contact the Derby men and discuss ways

and revisionist apologist.

Armed with the daily paper

of the petty-bourgeoisie.

Leningrad trial.

capital.

soever.

interests o

policies.

A MASS meeting of the 170 polishers at the Rolls-Royce Derby group factories will today hear from their officials the case they intend to put to next Monday's TUC inquiry into their sevenweek-old strike over a new Measured-Day Work pay structure.

POST union leaders said yesterday that they would not follow the gas and watersupply unions in waiting for the power court of inquiry. As members of the inquiry

into the electricity-supply pay dispute met for the first time yesterday, the UPW submitted another demand to the Post Office for an early reply to its 15-20 per cent claim.

CORRECTIONS IT HAS been drawn to our attention that a phrase in our 'G&MWU sets up "watchdog'

body' story yesterday could be misinterpreted. The paragraph beginning
The G&MWU's Ruxley 'The Towers headquarters in Esher was not exactly forthcoming yesterday . . . ' was in no way intended to imply any attempt to withhold information on the part of the union spokesman quoted in the following paragraph, who replied to our questions with the utmost

IN yesterday's 'Scientific World', replace 'deaths' in third paragraph with 'birth'.

frankness.

#### **ALL TRADES** UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

Miners and the Charter of Basic Rights

CASTLEFORD: Saturday, January 9, 12 noon. Ship Inn. Speaker: Sid Hinchcliffe (Glasshoughton Colliery). BENTLEY: Sunday, January 10, 12 noon. Bay Horse Inn. Speaker: Frank McCabe (Brodsworth Colliery). OLLERTON: Saturday, January 16, 12 noon. Ship Inn. Speaker: Ecki Barker (Ollerton Colliery).

#### WEATHER

E and central Scotland will be cloudy at first with snow, but brighter weather with snow showers over N Scotland at first will spread S during the day.

Central, E and central southern England will be generally cloudy with snow at times.

SW England, Wales and N Ireland will have some bright or sunny intervals, but also some rain or sleet showers, with snow on high ground. or sleet showers, with snow on high ground.

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Snow showers in the SE at first otherwise mostly dry and cold with moderate to severe frost at night. Becoming less cold in the NW later.

#### BRIEFLY

BRITISH European Airways yesterday used a mass sackings threat in an attempt to weaken the overtime ban and work-to-rule by 20,000 of its

employees.
BEA chief executive Mr Henry Marking, who becomes chairman today, sent a letter to each worker warning: 'Should action by staff result in our services to the public being continually disrupted I shall have no alternative but to take steps which may re-sult in certain of BEA's activities being discontinued and the staff on them losing their

jobs'.

Top of the possible closure list is BEA's cargo centre where 500 are employed. Mr Marking said the 41 per cent pay rise rejected by the unions was reasonable.

LIVERPOOL dockers began new year celebrations early . . . by stopping work yester-

Most of Merseyside's 10,000 dockers walked out and brought work to a standstill The only men who stayed

day afternoon.

at work were 220 at Birken-The dockers are likely to take an unofficial holiday to-

day — and are not expected back at work until Monday. Saturday is a normal day off. WEST GERMANY will con-

tinue in 1971 to seek an agreement with the Soviet bureaucracy. In a new-year's address Chancellor Willy Brandt said that this will be done while

maintaining firm relationships

with his capitalist allies in

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The men say that the new structure would give them lower status and between £5 and £7 less a week.

Strike committee members, meeting last Tuesday, attributed a good deal of importance to the inquiry, and a large delegation is being organized to lobby

Monday's meeting.
Chairman of the committee Mr W. Lamb was elected because of his stand the dispute over the polishers' status as skilled

Mr Lamb, who has lived in Derby all his life, has worked at Rolls-Royce for 34 years. His only previous experience of industrial action has come from national one-day stoppages called by the engineering unions. He has served as a shop steward and as a union branch official.

#### Long talks

He explained that shop stewards have been in negotiations over the polishers' status and pay for over six

'They have leant over backwards to prevent this dispute,' he said. 'Stewards have given up spare time and holidays to avoid this

state of affairs.
The negotiations showed that the stewards were up against a brick wall. We went on strike on November 9, 10 and 11, but we went back on the 12th and 13th during the York conference.' Committee member H.

Gorman explained: 'We felt we were entitled to a fair hearing in pro-cedure, so we went back to work so as not to harm the

negotiations.' After the York conference, the management registered failure to agree.
'Work stopped,' said Mr

Lamb, 'on Friday, November 13—Black Friday! 'Management has offered us tit-bits, but no serious basis for negotiations. 'All our demands fall

within the framework of the Measured-Day Work agreement, but the secrecy job evaluation means that no one has yet seen the points awarded to each

'A group of workers who have been evaluated cannot argue about points they are not allowed to see.

#### Hope

'We hope the TUC inquiry will bring us the fair play we failed to get at

'All we want is fair play.' Meanwhile the polishers' struggle has brought enthusiastic support from all over the country. Collections have been raised throughout Rolls-Royce combine and in other engineering

works. Money for the strike funds is needed to sustain AEF members involved in

Please send all contributions to:

Strike Committee Chairman, c/o National Society of Metal Mechanics, 15 Charnwood Street, DERBY DEI 2GT

living rises into account. Welders in the Derby Rolls-Royce group are to meet Sheet Metal Workers' management on Monday when leader Bill Warman next they expect to be given an Tuesday to determine action implementation date for the new scheme by Rolls-Royce. on their dispute over regrading under the new all changes in the existing

#### Scottish Commercial Motormen's assistant general secretary Peter Talbot said: 'We will be strongly recommending the formula'. He will address a mass meeting in Glasgow next Wednesday and expects a favour-Some of the Rolls-Royce polishers' strike committee at their Derby headquarters **Prospects** Dec 8 sacking firm ● FROM PAGE ONE the revisionists and state meets creditors

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

THE BIRMINGHAM firm of Silas Hyde, which sacked its entire workforce for participating in the December 8 strike action, meets its creditors in London today to discuss possible closure. Despite the , manage-

ment's efforts to place the blame for such action on the December 8 shutdown, it is clear that the company, which manufactures sheet metal, has been in dire financial straits since early 1970.

It is now revealed that Hyde cannot meet debts of nearly £100,000. Earlier this week a Hyde's lirector, Mr J. R. Wheeler.

insisted that the losses had no bearing on the decision to dismiss its 60 employees some with 40 years' service. He went on: 'The company would have continued in business if the men had not taken action. But at the moment the company has no workforce and could not continue. The losses were not so great that

#### Redundancy pay

However, shop-floor workers fear their sackings will mean losing redundancy payments which could run up to £800

Early in 1970, the company

we could not have carried on.

advertised under newspaper box numbers in an attempt to sell off 'manufacturing units' In addition, a feeler was put out to Alcoa at Leamington Spa in an attempt to dispose of manufacturing plant. Management action following the one-day strike shows that the stoppage has been used in a last-ditch attempt to resolve the financial crisis. On December 9, the men were locked out and sacked

The terms for reinstatement were an end to the closed shop, abolition of all existing agreements, negotiation of new pay rates and scrapping of most base treachery.

All those who desire the victory of the working class in 1971 should fight for it

#### Rejected

These terms were firmly rejected and there were indica-tions that the firm's goods would be subject to a black-

ing campaign. It is now almost certain that the company will now close, a decision which lies with the creditors.

The unions involved — the AEF and the National Union of Sheet Metal Workers-are Forward to the Alexandra Palace anti-Tory Rally on seeking payment of redun-dancy money through the creditors' procedure.

wages structure should be

mutually agreed and particu-

agreement on job times and

the introduction of a sliding

scale of wages to meet in-

The men also agreed to set

up a strike fund to collect

money for the Rolls-Rovce

metal polishers who are on

strike in Derby.

of giving them support.

creases in the cost of living.

## Big response to

taken into the streets as in

There was no confusion

over the government's plans

'This Tory government is

German government

moving on the same road as

before Hitler came to power.

With the laws against the

unions will come other powers

propping up fascist regimes such as S Africa and Spain.

'The Tories are already

'British-Leyland has a factory in Spain and it has been

hinted to us that if we do not

"toe the line" over the ADO 28 that the work could

The stewards described the

'As was shown on Decem-

ber 8, some local leaders are hiding behind the TUC and

leaders want the laws because they think they will make

'If it was a straight fight

Birmingham workers are

giving a magnificent lead to

the entire working class in preparing to do battle in 1971.

There can be no doubt that a

call from the TUC for all-out

General Strike action from

January 12 to defeat the Tories would have over-

'If the TUC cannot be

made to call a strike, then the lead must come from the

leadership of the two largest

unions — the T&GWU and

AEF,' said the stewards.

whelming support.

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Poland.'

B'ham motor plants shut down

TENS OF thousands of West Midlands workers will strike today against the Tory Industrial Relations Bill in their biggest action since the 1926 General Strike.

Despite the retreats of the trade union leaders and the howls of the car employers, thousands will march through Birmingham in a massive demonstration of hatred for Toryism and their intention to fight this government to the end.

Mr George Evans, Midlands secretary of the National Union of Vehicle Builders and a chief marshal, said that the 'vast majority' of workers in local car plants would be joining the demonstration.

'We are not instructing our members on this,' he added, 'but we know the response will be enough to make it a magnificent suc-

Dunlop. British - Leyland, Lucas and Rover factories are expected to be shut down despite warning notices from management.

Longbridge workers were told that the corporation could not survive unless production targets were achieved. The notice said: 'To stop

vital production in a plant that is not involved in any way in a political question will only injure the livelihood and security of everyone working

However, thousands of Birmingham's British-Leyland workers already face the sack through the combine's rationalization plans and they are in a fighting mood.

They will be joined by ten thousand drivers from 220 of the city's firms, called out on strike in support of the demonstration which ends in a mass rally at Birmingham Town Hall.

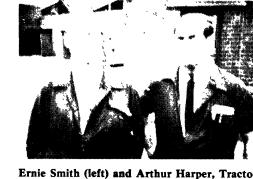
'The Tories are depending on the TUC to get the Bill through. Certain trade union Workers from British-Leyland's Tractors and Transmission Division—one of the Birmingham factories which gave 100 per cent support to December 8 strike—will be out in force. between the government and the workers, the workers would win hands down.

Two members of the plant's joint shop stewards' committee — Arthur Harper and Ernie Smith — told Workers Press:

'This working class is not going to be pushed back to the 1930s.

'Having had a small taste of some luxuries, they are not going to pass shops full of goods and go hungry.

'As prices for food and increase workers are rents going to need and demand higher wages. If they don't get them the fight will be



Ernie Smith (left) and Arthur Harper, Tractor and Transmissions joint shop stewards' committee members: 'Working class will not be pushed back to 1930s'.

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