

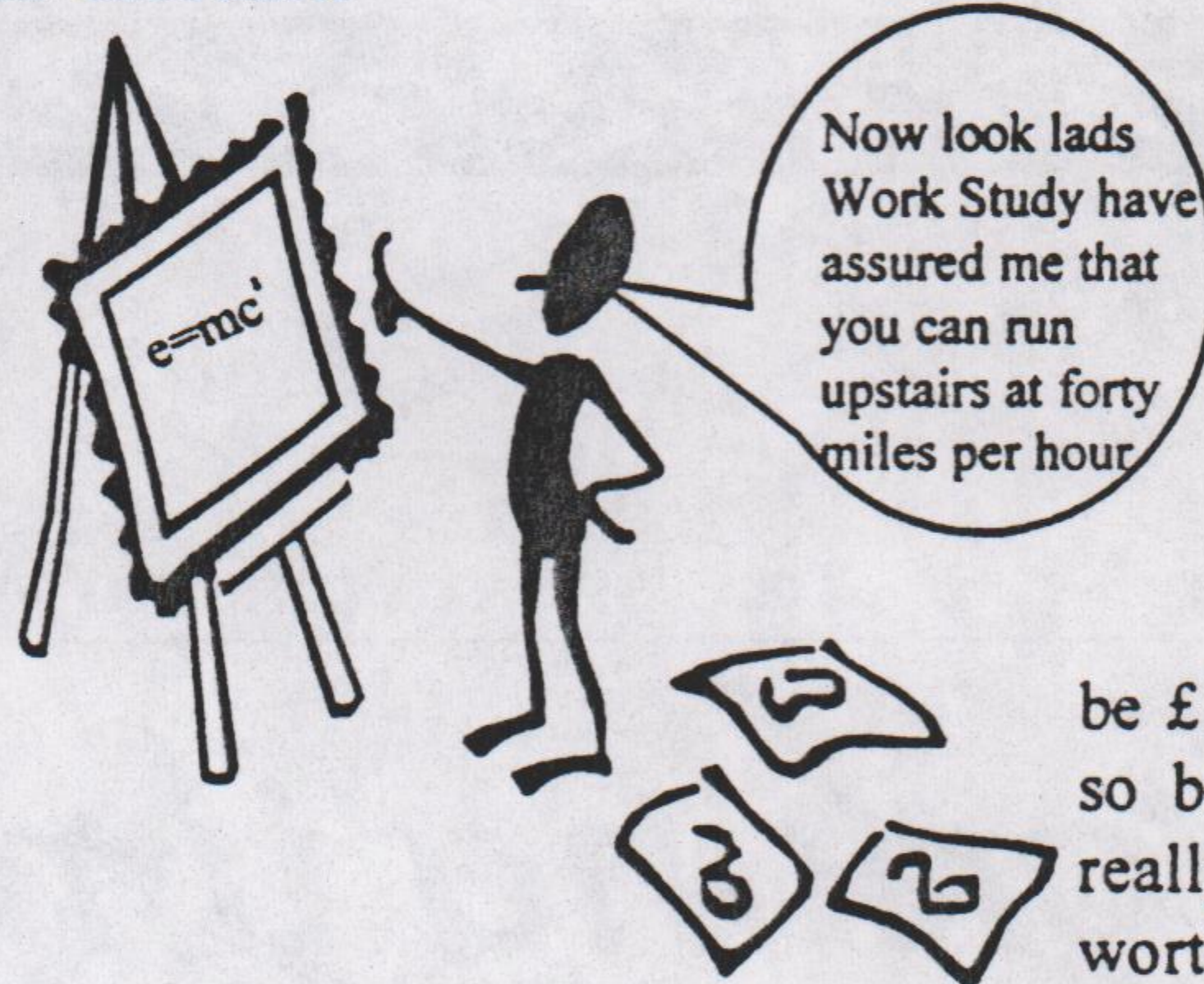
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# FOOLS LED BY ARSE-HOLES

A guy once argued that the British military were a bunch of Lions led by Donkeys. Well if that's so then the above heading must surely apply to Shop Stewards and Full Time Officers in the T&G (in that order).

Another guy called Michels once argued that trade unions have never been more than a capitalist tool for the control and maintenance of working people and if recent national meetings at White Arrow are anything to go by not much has changed.

Whilst the membership were organising street parties to celebrate the PD Committee's recent development of a backbone refusing to allow the next piece of Goodall's wind down White Arrow jigsaw to be simply slotted into place the unions national secretary was bouncing off the walls threatening to take his bat and ball home. He apparently feels that the membership should be grateful that he manages to salvage half of our agreements at each encounter with the company. Obviously oblivious to the fact that we're still going BACKWARDS! I wonder if football supporters are ecstatic when their team loses by only two goals instead of four? We like many other White Arrow workers would like to win something for a change instead of letting all our agreements be put through the shredder. At this rate we'll be paying the company for the privilege of work-



On the Sunday working issue they were actually pretending that with the time and half for Sunday sorters would be £16.80 a week or so better off. When really the deal is worth about £5.00 after tax because you

And if you thought drivers were being fed shit take a look at what the sorters are being asked to eat.

At their last national meeting Goodall only wants to rip up their agreement and replace it with a three liner which goes.

they say what needs doing  
we do it without question  
For next to nothing

For the record here's what they want from sorters without any real compensation:-

- 1 Total flexibility
- 2 Sunday to Thursday working
- 3 Variable start times
- 4 Variable meal times
- 5 Removal of Job and finish
- 6 Give up the bonus scheme

won't get it for bank holidays when you'll have to work on the Monday night for normal time without a day off in lieu, you won't get in your holiday pay and you'll lose out on the double time you would have got for the regular Sunday work during peak periods because you'll already be working them for time and half, and if you work on the Friday you'll only get time and half for that too. **WHAT A RIP OFF!!!!**

## FULL TIME OFFICERS PLC

If anyone wanted a reason why full timers behave the way they do again Michels has the answer, it's because their social revolution takes place the day they get appointed but the victory is a fragile one sustainable only as long as there are people like you and me who need and pay him to represent us, and anything which may jeopardise that situation such as fighting the company for better conditions who may retaliate by threatening the recognition and check-off arrangements is not to be countenanced.

What pisses me off is that many of them are members of one or other of the many communist parties and really ought to be ready to take on the class system. SAD BASTARDS HAVE BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF IT!

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## ***Working time direction***

While the new Labour government are promising the workers of Britain that they will opt into the social chapter and all its so called benefits including the working time directive White Arrow are busy trying to con the PD committee into letting them increase the guarantee from 42 standard hours to 47.

What they really want is a stick to beat you and me with for bringing back parcels when their hideous systems and incompetent PDM's have made it impossible for us to deliver them in the specified time.

Anyone who was around at the birth of SMS and remembers the McGeer/McGowan shenanigans will know only too well that there is no benefit whatsoever to PD drivers in such an arrangement.

The original PD agreement specified guaranteed wages and protection from the imposition of ridiculous volumes of parcels simply by making the 42 hour

guarantee the most that anyone could be forced to achieve. No sooner was the ink dry than the company set about trying to change the protection clause into a disciplinary clause by writing to the then national officer seeking his agreement to change it. He readily agreed without consulting the PD committee causing a right old row which went on until 1993 when the PD committee for once in its miserable life decided that enough was enough. Since then the company have raised the matter on a regular basis but have been told to bugger off but that is all about to change because we can reveal today that the unions national secretary has agreed to meet the company on this issue sometime in June and if past performance is anything to go by he'll give this away too, and we'll all have to pretend he's done a good deal.

To us the working time directive specifies maximum working time Goodalls directive specifies minimum working time.