



VIEWS AND NEWS FROM STRIKERS AND SUPPORTERS: NATIONAL COAL STRIKE: VICTORY IN '85!

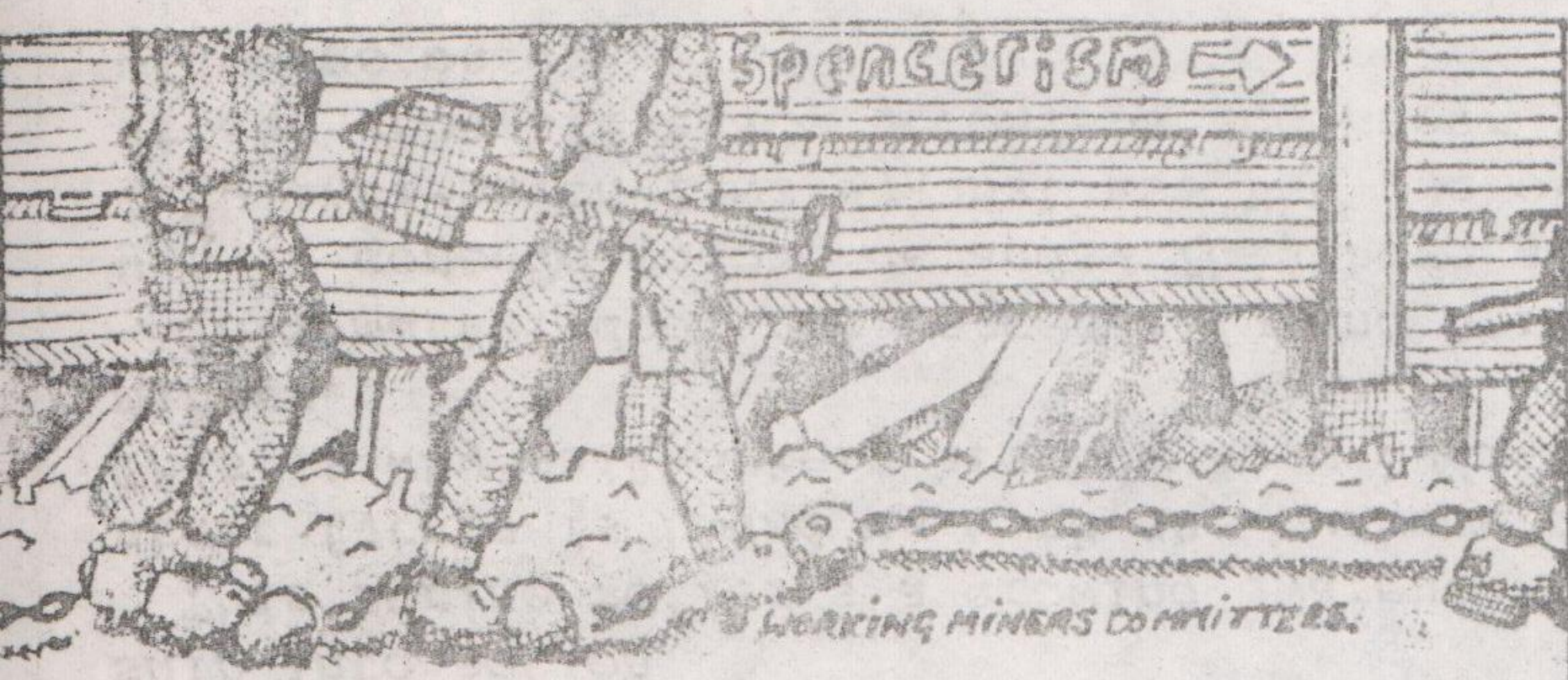
EXPULSION LATEST..

The slogan in issue No 2, "Expel the scabs" provoked much comment: What would have been more appropriate was, "Expel the shepherds not the sheep". At last we've taken the initiative and already resistance to 'Spencerism' is increasing; Over 300 Ollerton scabs are reported to have put their names to a petition, stating that they had no wish to belong to a breakaway union. Chadburns proposal for a ballot on the breakaway was kicked out by the scabs. Funny that; we were always led to believe that they were keen on ballots!

FRONT LINE NEWS-TEAD

Even the NCB showed some compassion towards Newstead striker Paul Clark and his family. Because of the ill health of their new baby; after several requests, they gave permission for a load of coal to be delivered. So far, so good. The coal was actually on the lorry ready to go with two volunteers, unfortunately the rest of the South Normanton scabs said if the coal left the yard, they'd refuse to work with the two drivers involved.

Such is the calibre of the men we are fighting for. Efforts to be continued.

MORE SCAB VIOLENCE

Following an interview with one of the Notts University support group members at Ollerton Kitchens we can report that the stabbing incident at Denman St a week last Friday has left one of the students still in hospital with stab wounds to his back. The other bloke who had his leg in plaster at the time, was slashed across the face and neck. Our interviewee stated that the mad knifeman said he was a Cotgrave scab and objected to the students wearing pro-strike stickers.

PICKET REPORT..

ON THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME SCAB..... Heard Scargill speak at Peterlee, where he still receives a standing ovation, although there was a general feeling that he was not militant enough. Outside a sargeant pig was pelted with snowballs leading to a tactical withdrawal.

Next stop Easington kitchens where they deal with 2,400 hot meals a day. The women are fantastic, and the strikers know it. Onto Newcastle University for a tin rattle, and the money collected taken up to Westoe pit where pickets were gathering to give the outgoing scabs a round of verbal abuse.

After a quick phone call, its over to Vane Tempest, right on the coast, for a mass. Around 500 strong and although outnumbering the police, very little aggro. NACODS, were supposed to be going in, but only 4 braved it.

PYE HILL PANDEMONIUM

AT the last Pye Hill branch meeting a resolution was put forward requesting that a speaker from the National Cttee, be invited to put their case. Standing orders suspended and the resolution debated and passed. Scenes of uproar and anger followed when the President ..... (no prize at all for a correct name guess!) ruled it out of order on the grounds that it was an expression of no-confidence in the Notts leadership. Well it was, was'nt it -?

POETS CORNER

You're walking past the picket line  
behind a wall of blue.  
Who laugh and jeer at your fellow men  
all because of you.  
Hiding behind lame excuses  
when money is your only aim.  
Leaving others to fight your battles,  
but the benefits will be the same  
Knowing of tory deception  
on Thatchers side you stay,  
Calling your leaders and brothers,  
Never thought we'd see the day.  
To McGregor your doing a service,  
just wait till your usefulness ends,  
the butcher won't want to know you,  
don't think you'll reap dividends,  
But if you should come among us,  
don't tell us who you are;  
Cos the wounds that you've inflicted,  
will leave an everlasting scar.



## RAILWORKERS UNDER ATTACK...

The Rail Strike which took place on the seventeenth of January was a clear sign that widespread support for the miners exists. Although only the eastern and midland regions were called out railworkers in many London depots took unofficial solidarity action.

The strike was called by the rail federation (NUR and ASLEF) over the intimidation and harassment of the Coalville depot in Leicestershire. Despite being surrounded by working miners, railworkers at Coalville hadn't moved coal since April. That is until management replaced the signaller who was blacking coal by declaring him to be "mentally unstable".

This was the last straw for the Coalville workers who then organised a lobby of a federation meeting and forced the union leadership into action.

This strike reflects a growing awareness amongst railworkers that their future is bound up with the outcome of the miners strike. This is why railworkers are now busy building links with the striking miners.

This matter does not necessarily end here. The Rail Board have yet to concede to our demands. They have also threatened to use the Tory anti-union laws against us. The use of these laws is a direct attack upon all trade unionists and needs to be met with a class-wide response.

## MORE BOOK-COOKING...

In order to boost their figures the Board is running round after ex-employees. Four years back Brian Bates from Goldthorpe was given the choice between resigning or being sacked over his absenteeism at Barn-brough Pit. A brace of board officials visited him at home saying he could start immediately. Brian told them to try again after the strike. When approached about this ever the Colliery manager refused to deny it.

## AGITATE, EDUCATE

Notts scabs, unable to go up to Wortley Hall (Sheffield) for education weekends, go down to Stoke Rochford Hall which is owned by the NUT, who hire it out on a commercial basis. The last batch of Notts scabs to arrive there provoked the NUT- T.G- NUPE delegates just leaving, to organise a petition condemning the management for allowing strike breakers use of the facilities.

## NOTTM SUPPORT GROUP

The first Nottingham Support Group public meeting was successfully held last Sunday, attended by over two hundred supporters. Street collections, benefits, picketing and co-ordination between groups were discussed. It was decided to establish regular open meetings starting on Monday, 28th. of Jan., 7:30pm. at the ICC, Mansfield Rd. Any new supporters are welcome to attend.

KIDS Any writings, drawings, poems, about the strike Send em now to Martin Hoyles, the Labour Centre, 8Camden Rd London, NW1 9DP . Eres your big chance!!!

## JOKE LINE

Q. What is Roy Link's favourite chocolate bar?

A. A break-away.



I USED TO WORK DOWN THE PIT YOU KNOW!  
TROUBLE WAS, NOT ENOUGH OVERTIME!

## LONDON ACTION

London print workers and town hall employees are planning industrial action in support of the strike for Feb. the 11th. organised by the South East TUC. This was announced Monday to the five hundred strong mass picket at Tilbury B Power station.

Sue Smith, a shop steward from Barking hos hospital cleaners said, "This is trade union solidarity, the mines are on the cards to be privatised, all trade unionists should be standing together."

Banners present from Kent and South Wales miners, Engineers, Cine Technicians, NALGO, Sheet Metal workers, Teachers, TGWU, Labour and CP as well as port of London Dockers.

## PICKET AID

Hucknall, needs socks and underpants. Strikers requiring anti-freeze contact Whipper at the strike centre.

## POWER STATUS

Monday night from 4:15 til 5:07 in two districts of Stockport the lights went out. Locals contacted the NW elec. Board and were told it was due to a technical failure.

In Basford Monday morning two factories were in touch with the local Board because there wasn't enough voltage for the machinery to run.

There have been many other power failures up and down the country, including Calverton Tuesday afternoon. Anymore