

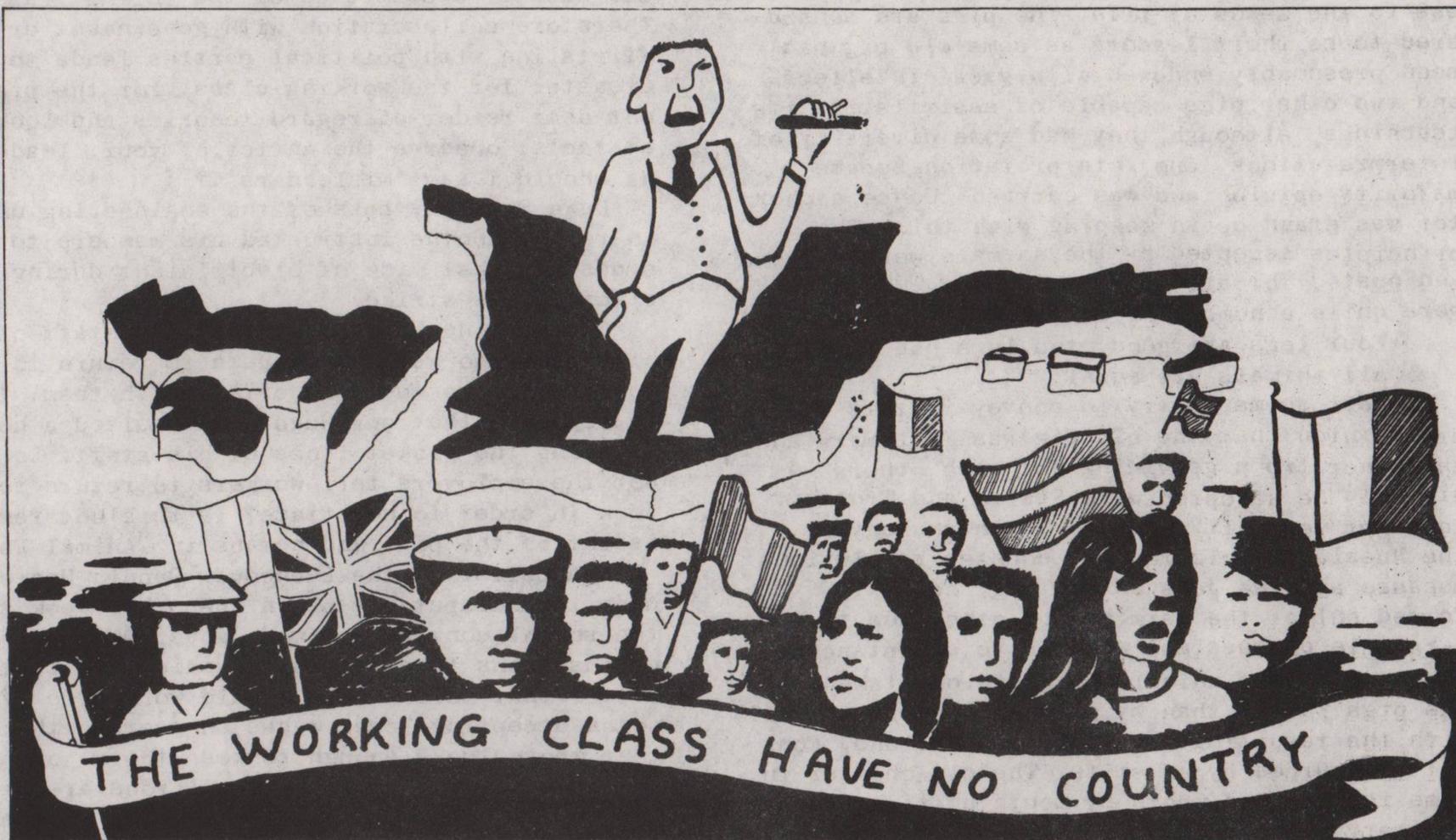
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Now that Britain has safely retained inside the European big business league, British workers have been told by the Gnomes of Zurich as to what they can expect as their share of the benefits to come from our continuing membership of the Common Market. The Bank of International Settlement has stated quite bluntly that higher levels of unemployment plus a real drop in our standard of living for a period of up to 10 years will be necessary before British industry will be competitive with the other members of the Market.

This prospect is causing no concern in the boss class, they're more worried about losing some of their power and privilege if the Industry Bill is passed in its original form. They are also engaging in a quiet form of asset stripping by distributing funds, which should have been reinvested in their own industry, as dividends to the shareholders.

Most of this money is finding its way into the Building Societies. Although this has eased the mortgage problems for some people

it has also caused house prices to start rising again without any increase in the number of houses being built. This swells the profit of the investor without any effort on their part but only at the expense of workers jobs which are now being lost at the rate of 2,000 each week.

When the time comes to re-flate a cheaper Britain we may be sure that it will be the workers who will be called on to pay the cost through organisations such as the National Development Board. Although it will be the ordinary taxpayers money which pays the piper it will once again be the industrialists and share owners who will be calling out the only tune they know. The ting-ting of a cash register.

If this state of affairs is not to go on for ever the workers must prepare their own permanent takeover bid. They already make everything, they already pay for everything. The next and final step is to manage everything.

# more **EQUAL** than others

Some 20 odd years ago I read George Orwells fantasia "Animal Farm" in which he describes how animals in an imaginary farm owned by an imaginary farmer Brown grew disgusted with their lot and revolt. They feel that they have been exploited too long by humans and that if they take over the farm they will have justifiably got rid of a parasitical growth upon their backs and earned a vindicative free access to the means of life. The pigs are considered to be their leaders as some old pig had been presumably endowed with great intellect and two other pigs capable of assimilating its teachings, although they had some diversity of interpretations. One interpretation became majority opinion and was carried. Hence a charter was drawn up in keeping with this. The principles accepted by the animals were printed and posted for all to see on the farm. There were quite a number of clauses which included

Four legs are good, two legs bad.

All animals are equal.

Orwell seems to try to convey in this writers opinion that the old pig was Karl Marx and the other two pigs vieing for each others views to be accepted were Stalin and Trotsky. In other words it seems to be an analogy of the Russian Revolution and counter-revolution. Because as time goes on one pig leader is forced out of the farm by the other due to unpalatable expressions and due to acceptance by the majority of animals to decisions taken by the pigs rather than by general assembly of all with the resulting unsavoury conclusions. Control is usurped by an elite. The old charter in time is modified month by month until it reads entirely different from the original. For example the principle of "all animals are equal" finally reads "all animals are equal but some are more equal than others". Because "Animal Farm" (so the theme continues) is surrounded by other farms still in the hands of humans some compromises have to be made and some negotiations have to take place between the pigs of "Animal Farm" and the humans of other farms. The animals accept this. However, after a few decades of compromises, temporary alliances, peaceful co-existence and glaring deceit the animals become strongly suspect. One evening when the pigs are in conference with the humans some curious animals decided to stealthily creep up and have a peek through the windows of the conference hall. They looked and then looked at each other meaningfully, they could not distinguish the pigs from the humans.

Now, when I observe the antics of some trade union officials and politicians it is reminiscent of my reading of "Animal Farm" twenty odd years ago which merely substantiated even then my earlier convictions.

If one would read "Animal Farm" now and observe whats going on in political and trade union circles, similarities could hardly be unnoticed. Just as the animals could not distinguish between the pigs and humans in "Animal

Farm" it is difficult now to distinguish between trade union officials and employers and labour politicians and others.

Of course avowed syndicalists and anarchists have been saying this for decades. They have stated that this was the inevitable outcome of adopting unsound principles: It's not merely surplus value (or exploitation of the worker) which as at the root of all our social ills as socialist economists of the Marxian school maintain. It is the accumulation of surplus value (unpaid wages of the worker) plus the fact that surplus value is able to exist. And it is only able to exist through the strong arm of the law. In other words the legal sanction of exploitation by the state or government is necessary for the continuance of our class divided society. Government is still the executive committee of the ruling class. Therefore collaboration with government or flirtation with political parties leads to disaster for the working class. For the present dear reader disregard theories and look at facts: observe the antics of your 'leaders' or should I say 'misleaders'.?

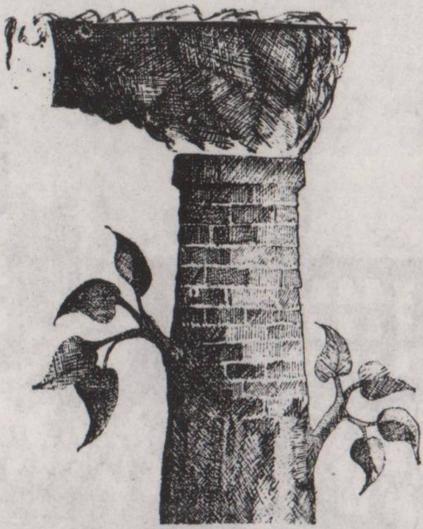
Hugh Scanlon, boss of the engineering union in recent months instructed his members to cross a picket line of electricians during an electricians strike.

Our same Hugh recently told the staff of his union who were in dispute to return to work before he would negotiate with them. It is reported that our Hugh even vaulted a hedge breaking the picket lines of his staff. Do not the employers tell workers to return to work in order to negotiate? Is this not reminiscent of the pigs and humans in "Animal Farm"?

Chancellor of the Exchequer Dennis Healey made it undisputably plain the other week that the social contract between government and unions means lower wages. He said, "it is for better that more people should work even if it means accepting lower wages on average than that those lucky enough to keep their jobs should scoop the pool while millions are living on the dole. That is the meaning of the social contract. Trade union leaders express the same sentiments. "To break the social contract", they say, "is to price yourself out of a job". What do employers say? precisely the same. A few weeks ago "our" prime minister regarding the social contract stated that we must now expect to do a fair days work for a fair days pay: a good old fashioned conservative motto. Wedgy Benn, darling of the left speaks of workers participation. Workers pacification would perhaps be more appropriate for Benn urges British Leyland workers to hold back on wage demands. Michael Foot another sweetheart of the left uses similar language: He says, "wages should not be pressed to such a degree that they would increase the risk of unemployment".

Jack Jones of T.G.W.U. leader once called the militant twin of Hugh Scanlon stated recently that there must be equal sacrifices. In this case, some will be more 'unequal than others: Odours of "Animal Farm".

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# A BREATH OF AIR

The mounds of uncollected rubbish which have been piling up in British cities of late can be seen as an obvious danger to public health. Less obvious, is the terrible danger to which the whole population is being increasingly exposed as a result of the dumping of industrial waste and the indiscriminate discharge of pollutants into the atmosphere.

Most people are aware of the suffering caused by the disease, pneumoconiosis. Few however are aware that the same disease is contracted by quarry workers as well as miners. Cotton-spinners, China clay and asbestos workers among others. Asbestos workers also have a high incidence of cancer.

Under modern industrial conditions, not only the workers themselves, but their families as well are exposed to toxic waste poisoning.

A few years ago, when the Avonmouth Lead Smelter had to close down due to the atmospheric pollution it had caused. Some children had to be evacuated from the area until the level of lead particles in the air had fallen. Concentrations of lead in childrens' bloodstreams can cause cancer and mental retardation.

Nearly everyone in Britain has had experience of breathing in the pungent fumes which are expelled from the chimneys of chemical plants. How many are aware of that poisonous substances from these fumes fall on to arable land which in turn supplies our food, and reservoir from which comes drinking water.

The water in Lake Superior has turned a cloudy green over the last five years due to pollution from a nearby asbestos plant. Previously the lake had had a reputation as a supply of excellent drinking water for the surrounding populace. The company which runs the plant claims that it would cost them too much to change their extraction process. Meanwhile, the local people are being slowly poisoned and their children run an increasing risk of incurring cancer.

The recent death of a driver at Pitsea waste tip in Essex highlights the dangers

involved while handling toxic waste, but the industrial world deadly poisons mercury, arsenic, cyanide etc are being dumped into disused mines and quarries or sunk into the sea. Everyday industrial effluent seeps into our rivers contaminating both natural life and drinking water. Unless something is done to reverse this process a large scale disaster must inevitably occur. In lots of cases industrial management deliberately play down the dangers involved. They have been known to conceal the true nature of loads from the drivers concerned. They also resort to subterfuge in order to obtain planning permission for more tips. Two executives of 'Redland Purle' which operates the Pitsea Tip recently joined the 'Northumberland Wildlife Trust' in order to influence planning permission for a new toxic waste tip in the North East.

Today management, local government and trade unions bureaucracies work together on many issues and very often the ensuing relationships inhibit them from speaking out on issues such as has been outlined above. What is needed to alter this situation is the formation of local residents associations which are not tied to the apron strings of governmental satraps. When these associations are strong and vociferous enough the peoples needs will be taken into account, until then we are all voting fodder in an increasingly polluted society.

Willie Allin.

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The Syndicalist Workers Federation has now acquired an Off-set Litho printing press. However we have had to borrow the money to pay for it as well as the fact that the press will have running expenses(i,e, paper and ink).

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# ITALY

Cde Marini has had his appeal for provisional liberty turned down by the Court. Readers of "Direct Action" will remember that Marini is serving a sentence of 12 years for defending himself in an attack by the fascist thugs of M.S.I.

# MAGNESIUM

The sit-in at the Magnesium Elektron factory at Clifton, Manchester, is now over after a two weeks strike and a six weeks' occupation the management finally gave in. The workers were demanding a 30% increase and accepted 28% for men in the factory and 31% for the women workers in the canteen.

Working in a nearby school, I could see the effects both economically and socially on the community. At first when the strike started, some of my kids seemed, to me, to be very defensive of their fathers' action. This might be because they were frightened of what the others might say especially with the bad publicity given to recent strikes by the TV and newspapers.

## FAMILIES

As usual the families were unsure of their rights. It wasn't until I'd mentioned to the convenor that the kids were entitled to free school dinners did the parents start applying 75p. for each child per week is a steep price, especially for those with large families, even when the wages were coming in. Some of the families couldn't claim because the women were working. A couple got round this by going on the sick. This also gave them more time to join in the struggles with their husbands, some were very militant. One or two families didn't claim free dinners at all, even though I'd informed them of their rights, and others came very late on saying that they hadn't liked to claim before! This is probably because they feel there is some stigma attached to free dinners.

## SCHOOLS

Our school keeps it very secret from the kids as to who is actually getting them, obviously to stop embarrassment, but in a way, this reinforces the idea that there is something shameful about claiming. Eventually the numbers of free dinners rose from 20 to over 60.

With the occupation came a complete change in the atmosphere. Stories were rife about the workers meeting on Clifton Junction Station and behaving like something out of "Garrison's Guerillas" welding the gates together; locking five managers in a firm's guest bungalow etc. The place was in uproar. It was just like a festival. Once in the offices, the workers were reading the information still coming in on the "ticka - tape" - thousands of dollars deals here, there and everywhere - £10 spent on a dinner somewhere else, when the firm begrudged 75p working away allowances. Information like this strengthened the workers' determination, and being in control of the factory premises gave them a realization of their power.

The children and mothers joined in the demos, and marches. Even one of the dogs was put on patrol round the factory. Everyone was so keen to walk it, the poor thing was nearly bow legged at the end!

## OUTSIDERS

People coming from outside kept the enthusiasm going. Other workers visiting or sending money. A visit from a sergeant in the Portuguese Army obviously gave mutual satisfaction. The theatre groups generated heated discussion to say the least, especially on the role of women!

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UNITY

# ROSA

ROSA LUXEMBURG  
LENIN  
BERNSTEIN AND  
REVISIONISM.

The Labour Party, as with all Social Democratic parties, can never be any other than a caretaker government, for in their refusal to transform the political, social and economic state into a socialist society they must, on the very day they fall out of office, hand back their brief authority to a managerial or capitalist society who will then continue to run that society in a manner more pleasing to their immediate needs.

One hears so much from the right within and without the Labour Party on the dangers of leftwing extremism, yet since the Labour governments period in office, every attack to its holding of office has come from the rightwing within the Labour Party and a united front of rightwing, nationalist and Liberal (with a capital L) press and politicians. It is claimed by those who make their resignations front page news for the right wing press, that they cannot accept that in their opinion the Labour Party is under the influence of the Left and the Unions and let us pray that this be true. For the Labour Party is the creation of the working class unions and was meant to be the united voice of the militant and organised working class. If you doubt me, comrade (and 'comrade' was an honoured term when the party was created) then read Clause IV of the Constitution of the Labour Party printed on your membership card and you will find that it is as follows,

"To secure for workers by hand or by brain the full fruits of their industry and the most equitable distribution thereof that may be possible, upon the basis of the common ownership of the means of production distribution and exchange, and the best obtainable system of popular administration and control of each industry or service"

If you do not accept that which is printed on your membership card then I suggest comrade that you are in the wrong party.

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"LIBERTARIAN STRUGGLE" Monthly paper of the Anarchist Workers Association, Available 10p plus 5p postage from A.W.A. 13, Coltman St, Hull, Humberside



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#### BETTER OFF

The working class were better off, the class war was a thing of the past and monopolistic trusts would avert any break down in the economy. Therefore all that was needed was a good solid party of political hacks to run the society like so many lance corporals and at the same time hand down various minor reforms to the permanently enchained working class. In 1896 this seemed the crystal ball to the brave new world but two world wars, millions of unemployed, starvation across Europe, a right wing dictatorship in every country in Europe, every working class organisation smashed, from the French coast to Russia's Siberia and all in our lifetime to make a mockery of Bernstein's revisionism.

Lenin was quick to answer Bernstein and he spoke, not from a safe warm seat in the German Reichstag, but as a political outlaw always on the run from the authority who had executed his brother. Lenin argued, and rightly, that you cannot have a gradual evolution towards socialism, and a moral code that attempts to make a common cause with the very social and economic evils that one holds to be the enemy cannot be accepted. Lenin argued that one could not have a revolutionary movement without a revolutionary theory and that only the working class through its own organisations can produce their own (and I would say socialist) society. Once the working class allow their mass party to fall into the hands of/or under the domination of the revisionists then the party is destroyed as surely as the German 1900 Social Democratic party was, for there is no end to the demands of the revisionists for they are demanding Danegeld and every concession given to them to attack the gains of the working class organisations, its standards of living, its schoolings and its health services will be followed with more demands and the price for staying in an invalid political office will be to surrender to the rightwing middle class the claims and the power of the working class.

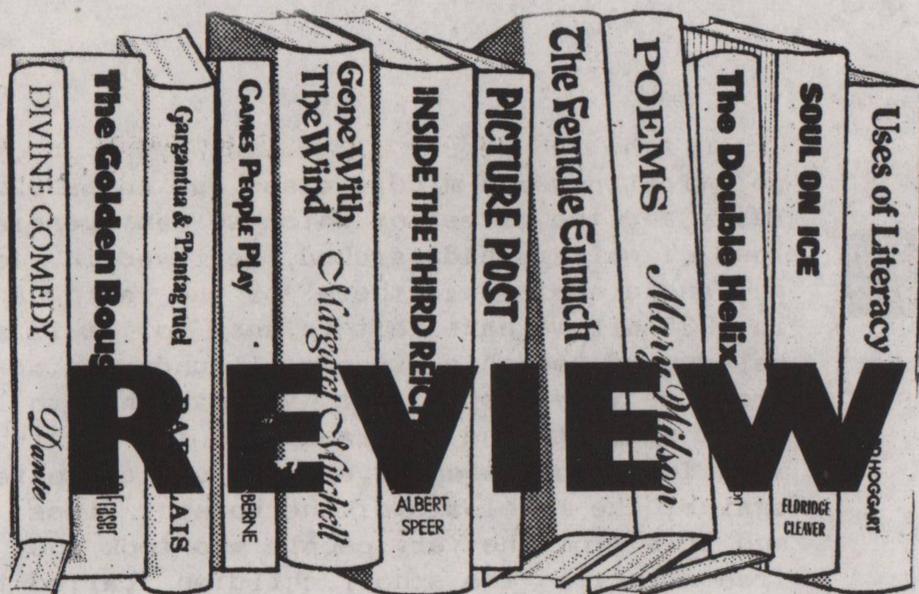
In 1945 the people of Britain swept into political power a middle class Fabian Labour Party and the prize for which so many generations of workers had marched, believed in, fought and died for was there for the taking and in 1975 all we have left to show for it is a beleaguered health service still under attack from the very people that Nye Bevan had to fight against, and a demand from the rightwing for a coalition government and a program against the interests of the working class and this from the very people who took the free milk from the school children, barred the poor from the national art galleries and sought to emasculate the working class industrial organisations.

It was Rosa Luxemburg who gave a human face to Lenin's anger. She stood far left of the German Social Democrats but she had little time for the elitist vanguard of Lenin's Bolsheviks. She believed in the ability of the working class to control their own lives and their own destiny. Rosa argued in "The Conquest of Political Power" (1899) that in a middle class society all legislative reform can only serve to strengthen the established middle class and that if the middle class felt that the radical party in office was not pliable enough, then as the middle class control all forms of state force, they will do, as we have seen a dozen times since 1899, kick out the reformist social democratic party of the day and enforce their own demands on the mass of the people. Rosa Luxemburg was aware of the obvious that we live in a class society and that the class that controls the economy controls the political power, but she believed, (and was murdered in 1919 by right wing officers for so believing) that the working class could and should control its own destiny and the way it should and must be done was within a democratic society. It is only within a democratic society that the working class can be trained to take over the administration of a socialist society. Therefore, the working class must always and at every time fight for its place on the councils, the committee's, the school boards and wherever social, economic or political decisions have to be made. Do not place your faith in them as leaders, for if you need leaders then you are worthless. Learn through them how to administer a society so that within the life time of the children playing in the streets, we may see our socialist society come into being worker controlled in the interest of the working class which should be everyone of us willing to take an active part within our society for the general good. Reject Bernstein, listen to the voice of Lenin but accept the words of Rosa Luxemburg who believed in the working class and was foully murdered for the stand she took in our name.

Arthur Moyses.

## SPUC OFF

As you will know the Abortion (Amendment) Bill will soon be law; unless it is stopped by a campaign against both it, and SPUC, who are hell bent on stopping abortion. If you want to help your local National Abortion Campaign group Contact: NAC, 80 Railton Road London SE24.



# THE SACK

If we raise the demand of workers' control of the means of production, we must also advocate that we as tenants, raise the demand for the taking over the estates and their organisation by those who live on them

Tenants Take Over - By Colin Ward.  
Published by Architectural Press Ltd. £3.95p.

Approximately a Third of us live in Council housing. This usually means high rents, long delays before repairs are carried out and arbitrary rules set by a faceless bureaucracy (i.e. no ball games, no pets, no repainting the outside etc.). What is more tenants are rarely consulted about the details of improvement schemes, if they exist at all. The result of this is that many of the older, structurally sound estates are becoming slums. To make matters worse some of the newer council estates because of low standards of construction as well as long delays before repairs are actually done, are becoming slums within a few years of construction.

An example of this is the Moss Side District Centre of Manchester. Amongst other things this estate is overrun with mice and bugs which have made their homes in the cardboard and compressed straw internal walls. What is more there have been many fires there, some of which have occurred in empty flats. The internal walls are supposed to be fire resistant however it has been known for building workers to dispose of offcuts of this stuff by burning them.

According to Colin Ward the way to stop this downhill slide on the older soundly built estates, is for tenants cooperatives to buy their estates from the council and to run them for themselves. The only problem I can see with this is that Councils are not likely to sell their estates to their tenants en masse.

I do feel though that this is something that tenants should fight for, if only because their housing situation would be better. After all if we don't fight for improvements in our situation, as a class, (i.e. better wages, better houses, shorter working week etc.) we will not be fighting at all, which means that the bosses will win by default.

Anyhow it is only through the day to day struggle that people will realise the true nature of the bosses capitalist (and state capitalist) system.

Dave Thompson.

Millions of British trade unionists now taking part in the last rounds of the present wages fight will soon have to prepare themselves for a more important struggle that of the right to work.

However, with exception of the last miners strike all major wage settlement of the last few years have been conditional on some form of reduction of the workforce. These conditions are often disguised or blurred by such terms as voluntary or phased out redundancy. Another of the bosses stratagems is job mobility. This technique was behind the recently settled strike of doorhangers at Fords, Dagenham. The way it works is through raising the job and putting the unneeded in the labour pool, thus saving the firm from taking on more workers to replace those who are retiring, or more commonly those who have become ill.

An even stronger menace to the workers' future is the acute shortage of jobs for the school leavers. It is estimated that of the 500,000 school leavers this summer, less than 100,000 will be in employment before the end of the year. This state of affairs has largely come about because union negotiators have been over eager to obtain the largest cash settlements, and signed what have become blank cheques for the employers to reduce their pay-rolls, as and when it suits them. In the same manner, workers have lost a number of job privileges and conditions over the last few years. Shorter meal breaks, and even in some cases their elimination is one obvious example. All these things put money in the bosses pockets, at the expense of the workers jobs. A short term cash settlement can never make up for the erosion of job conditions and the loss of jobs themselves.

While there can be no doubt that the amount of unemployment will rise in the immediate future. Trade unionists must take steps to it from becoming a permanent feature of our lives which could be the debilitating slavery of thirties in which whole families lost their self-respect, and young people were forced to leave their home environment, and prostitute themselves in alien cities, and the armed forces.

The step that the workers must take is that of asserting rank and file control over the decisions of their union executives who at the moment act very much like bosses themselves.

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# BROWNEED OFF

Lord George-Brown cost the "Screws of the World" (22/6/75) two million of its six million copies. Members of the National Graphical Association stopped work after they had demanded the to reply to a front page article by the Labour Lord. This demand was rejected by the management.

The good Lord in his article said that the paper was overmanned and, those who he alleged were being carried on the 'paypool' should be sacked.

We have heard a lot a in the past, about the 'freedom of speech'. It is of course, always their freedom in their press. We, the workers, who print or broadcast the propaganda are not considered

important enough to be given the chance to reply when attacked!

Enoch Powell can appear on the TV in millions of homes, without any reply from the immigrants he attacks. but let a handful of his opponents heckle him at a meeting and the media screams 'let him have free speech'.

We must congratulate the members of the N.G.A. on their fight to gain the right to reply, and support them their struggle. We hope that other workers in the media will take a similar stand when others are attacked by the propaganda machine.



## THE HONEYMOON'S OVER

Manchester, the capital of the Great Manufacturing Conurbation, up here in the North West, welcomed Mr. Anthony Crossland, Secretary for the Environment, M.P. and temporary V I.P. on Friday the 9th. May, with three ambushes, prepared and manned by NALGO, the local government officers union.

This Minister of the Crown has made himself very unpopular by sticking his nose into their salary negotiations, So, with banners, carrying strange costic devices waving at him from all angles, he was welcomed on his arrival at Piccadilly Station; once again at the Town Hall in Albert Square, and finally at the Abraham Moss Centre which he had been invited to officially open.

After performing this arduous task the City Fathers attended to this resuscitation by entertaining him to a fine luncheon washed down with vintage wines costing £6.50p. a bottle. This little Civiv Nosh-up cost the rate payers £1,000. His gurgling belly fully filled he brightened every one up by giving an hilariously funny speech.

"The Town Hall honeymoon period is over", he cried, "No more money is available, but that doesn't mean that any of the existing services are going to be cut". he said, and with dead-pan expression on his face he went on, "You will have to do it with the same number of pound notes".

With the value of the £ falling like a stone off the top of a Municipal Housing Tower Block, how on earth are our good Civic Leaders going to avoid cuts in services? The bitter humour of this speech is only to plain to the Town Hall Clerk, who being a responsible citizen had settled last years salary claim, through N.A.L.G O. at 13%, well within the famous Social Contract. Immediately after N.U.P.E. gained a 14½% settlement. Not much more I will agree, but when you consider that many N.U.P.E. members can work overtime and earn bonuses, which is denied the Town Hall type, the settlement was worth quite a bit

more. This was followed by a settlement of over 20% with the Teachers and then came the super bite of the apple by the Civil Service of 30% and this has been the story ever since. After being called a "Blood Sucker" by the Daily Express and the stone wall attitude by the employers, no doubt prompted by the government, the local government pen pusher gets the feeling of being 'unloved', with a strong suspicion that, once again he is going to be taken for a ride. With the usual delaying tactics and misleading statements, the negotiations are going to drag on until the Autumn Budget, when the Finance Boys in the City expect "Silly Billy" Healey to slap on a Wage Freeze. Then the Town Hall bodds will have to accept consolidation of this threshold pay plus a few bob, and scribble faster than ever, because as his older colleagues retire, and the migration to promotion takes place, fewer replacements are going to be taken on.

Bye the way there is no truth in the rumour that Anthony Crossland dined on corned beef and chips. You don't expect him to wash that down with the juice of the noble grape do you?

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music if possible. She already has the IWW  
song book, ta.

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Posters were put up in our classroom and the kids decided to produce a paper giving the latest news on the Magnesium. They worked very hard on it and wanted everyone else to see it. It was pinned up in the school entrance hall. I had one foot in the door, the next morning when the deputy Head criticized me for a spelling mistake in the headlines!

The previous evening the managers were in the school, and one of them had read about the occupation for the first time in the kids' paper-for a local councillor he was very in tune with local affairs!

Now it's all over, people are saying that it will never be the same again in the factory. Even for the ones that have been there years, and previously felt themselves "loyal". This has been an experience which has given them a new insight into their position as workers and may be a view of the class struggle as a whole. Anyway the kids are looking forward to their back-pay in pocket money, and the money for the various school outings will be coming in with the first wage packet, after the week-in-hand, and life goes on!

THE SYNDICALIST WORKERS FEDERATION: seeks to establish a free society which will render impossible the growth of a privileged class and the exploitation of man by man. The SWF therefore advocates common ownership and workers' control of the land, industry and all means of production and distribution on the basis of voluntary co operation. In such a society, the wage system, finance and money shall be abolished and goods produced and distributed not for profit, but according to human needs.

THE STATE: The State in all its forms, embodying authority and privilege, is the enemy of the workers and cannot exist in a free, classless society. The SWF does not therefore hope to use the state to achieve a free society, it does not seek to obtain seats in the Cabinet or in Parliament. It aims at the abolition of the State. It actively opposes all war and militarism.

CLASS STRUGGLE: The interests of the working class and those of the ruling class are directly opposed. The SWF is based on the inevitable day-to-day struggle of the workers against those who own and control the means of production and distribution, and will continue that struggle until common ownership and workers control are achieved.

DIRECT ACTION: Victory in the fight against class domination can be achieved only by direct action and solidarity of the workers themselves. The SWF rejects all Parliamentary and similar activity as deflecting the workers from the class struggle into paths of class collaboration.

ORGANISATION: To achieve a free, classless society the workers must organise. They must replace the hundreds of craft and general trade unions by syndicalist industrial unions. As an immediate step to that end, the SWF aids the formation of workers committees in all factories, mines, offices, shipyards, mills and other places of work and their development into syndicates, federated nationally. Such syndicates will be under direct rank and file control, with all delegates subject to immediate recall.

INTERNATIONALISM: The SWF, as a section of the International Workers Association, stands firm for international working class solidarity.



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