**No cover-up of police murder!**

THE PRICE of fighting fascism has always been high. Kevin Gately, a 28-year-old student, paid the highest price of all. He was murdered by police while taking part in an anti-fascist march in Red Lion Square on Saturday June 15th.

The march, called by "Liberation" and supported by revolutionary organisations, had as its aim to stop the National Front from marching and holding a meeting in Conway Hall. The National Front's march was called to protest against the supposed amnesty for pro-1971 "illegal" immigrants, declared by the Labour Government. They were demanding a full-scale withdrawal.

As the anti-fascist marchers came into Red Lion Square the front of the march was allowed past the police cordon, which then swung in to divide the demonstration and attack the marchers. Bucked up by members of the Special Patrol Groups the police — some mounted and some on foot — led into the marchers with truncheons and boots. Before they had finished, Kevin Gately lay dying.

Jackie Stevens, a fellow student at Warwick University who was marching alongside Kevin, gave this account: "As we tried to get through to Conway Hall the police drew their batons and charged. Some were on horseback. I fell and was trodden on by a horse and kicked on the head. There was blood all over the place and teeth lying on the ground. People were screaming and shooting. We were all bunched up with horses on top of us. It was an absolutely horrific scene.

Nick Mullin of Middlesex Polytechnic heard a policeman referring to Kevin Gately: "One of the bastards is down, let's trample him." And Mullin himself was vaguely beaten as he was noting the policeman's number.

**Whitewash**

This murderous attack by the police was made in order to ensure that the Hitlerite National Front, with its drums, obfuscation and many black shirts reminiscent of Mosley's British Union of Fascists, was able to march unhindered to its destination. Glorifying in this victory, they had the gall to immediately announce their next disgustingly patriotic — this time a joint march with the northern Ireland Orange Order.

Labour Home Secretary Roy Jenkins (in company with Tory MP Jim Knight who thinks the police are wonderful) hurried to defend the police. The police do their best level to describe the affair as hoohahism by the left with one death by natural causes (compared in one paper to the death of a young girl at a pop concert crush a few weeks ago).

But now the truth is out - that Kevin Gately was murdered by the police. Faint whispers are heard for a "police inquiry". A police or a House of Commons Inquiry indeed, nothing short of a full and public open inquiry — would simply be a whitewash. In fact, the police have now added calculated insult to bloody murder by appointing the infamous bully boy Habershon to head their "inquiry".

Militants in the labour movement are not being taken in by the whitewash that is already being splashed around. They have experienced police brutality against pickets. Many know that Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Gerrard, who organised last Saturday's attack on the demonstration, is also in charge of coordinating the police's new mobile phone units for breaking up mass solidarity pickets. There have been many calls for the Trade Unions to set up an inquiry into Kevin Gately's murder.

The next time the fascist march, we will be there again. This time better organised and with larger battalions.

**Refusal**

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AFTER Friday June 21st, the seven million or more workers who have signed threshold deals will have gained over £1.06 extra in their wage packets. Thus within a period of just over a month these workers have got as much as three workers under Phase 3 offer made by the British Printing Industries Federation.

The offer deliberately try to take the main demands of SOGAT for the abolition of the lowest grade. To win such an abolition would improve the pay of 45,000 workers. Indirectly it would improve the pay of 50,000 women when equal women workers are paid half the money.

Because SOGAT are refusing to sign this offer, the employers are refusing to give in on the threshold clause. To force the pace, SOGAT has been reduced in the general print industry. This will affect the huge IPC, which publishes the Daily Mirror and many magazines, and other newspapers.

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The blank refusal of BLMC to even consider paying on any part of a threshold deal stems from the financial crisis that this government is in hard line. Already there have been a burst of wildcat strikes, and a T & G official in the automotive trades section has encouraged action to win threshold increases. In Yorkshire, a subsidiary of BLMC, George Young and Sons, has been out for a week.

GEC is strike bound at most of its plants in Coventry. Over 6,000 workers out of a total work force of 15,000 are now involved. They are fighting to win the remainder to the fight.

In Teesside, theRegistry of Fleet GEC works, women came out for a day, and are now preparing to continue. SOGAT has been reduced on a local agreement which included a threshold clause.

Elsewhere action for threshold deals has spread. Swan Hunters in Newcastle have been out. EU members at "Liv" etc. have taken action, while the Ceramic workers' union is threatening action for the first time in 40 years.

Such is the groundswell of action that we can confidently expect more workers in struggle, especially when all new RPI figure comes out on June 21st.

**And beyond the threshold...**

The spread of strikes supporting threshold claims has rocked the employers' expectations. When the Tories originally brought in the threshold clause in Phase 3, they were banking on a rise of not more than 3%, in the Retail Price Index (RPI). This would have meant paying out two lots of 40 workers per shift, since the threshold had been set at 7%.

With the roaring inflation the employers have now found their spending power eroding, they did not expect. The result has been a massive torrent of trade union movement, leading to militant struggles mainly in the telecommunications sector.

Three different types of struggles are emerging. There are those, like at GEC Teesside, where open-ended agreements had been signed under Phase 3, but where the bosses have gone back on their word, like at the Breston works at GEC. At GEC, the workers had agreed to a ceiling under Phase 3, but where the workers rightly want to tear up that agreement on account of the rampant inflation. And there are the struggles, like those in which SOGAT is continued back page
ON SATURDAY June 15th, about 10,000.ticket holders and observers met in London for an Extravagant Conference of the National Union of Students. Originally the conference was called to consider the flagging grants campaign. But receiving a boost from a press attack and a series of anti-fascist events, the NUS leadership seemed to think the question of anti-fascist activity to the agenda, in order to be able to retreat from the postures that had been decided in Liverpool in April. This was then the moment of fascist and racist organisations being banished from universities, and that this should be enforced was an obvious necessity, including physical disruption of meetings.

FREE SPEECH

Opening the conference, NUS president John Randall made a highly condemnatory attack on the press for its distorting of student declarations, and for publishing every off-the-cuff remark from any quarter, like Powell while pointedly suppressing comment on fascist organisations in our own country. The month had been bad for being uncommitted, for for an uncommitting fight against fascism.

But the rhetorical declarations of the NUS Executive Committee were not seen to be the only front of the struggle. The most important development was the beginning of free speech for fascists. The Executive Committee’s stand on the distribution of fascist propaganda amongst the mass of students for whom it had adopted the policy of non-interference, was in fact understandable. That many students are not in a position to automatically understand the necessity for stopping fascist meetings...
NEITHER FISH NOR FOWL – 
AN ANALYSIS OF THE TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT

Since the reactionary Orange general strike in Northern Ireland, a broad movement of resistance has been gathering pace and momentum. The pull-out has grown exponentially as the reality of the IRA has become visible and has been sojadi at the threshold of the capitalist press. Papers like the Mirror, the Daily Express, and the Sun are now publiying long articles discussing the serious withdrawal of troops. Who does this mean for the 'Troops Out Movement'?

The withdrawal of troops in fact likely soon. All the press attention focused on the British Army is a benevolent pacification force. So, surely, the army is doing a pretty good job of pacifying the population in the short term. The results of this pacification are not worth the effort.

But it is not true that the British Army is pacifier. That is the opposite of the truth. The Army is there to safeguard the interests of British imperialism, to protect the British ruling class to determine the future of the state and nation. To guarantee the survival of the dominant capitalist class.

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STEEL FIGHT GOES ON FOR LOCAL CLAIM

The National Craft Coordinating Committee has set up a Steel National Coordination Committee (STNC) which will represent steel workers in the North of England and negotiate with the British Steel Corporation. The STNC will be made up of representatives from the TUC, the Amalgamated Engineering Union (AEWU), the Transport & General Workers Union (TGWU), and the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR). The committee will meet weekly to discuss issues affecting steel workers and will hold meetings as necessary.

NURSES MINERS SAY: 'WE'RE WITH YOU!

The NHS and the NUM are in a coordinated struggle for better pay and conditions. The NUM has said that it will continue to support the NHS in its fight for better terms and conditions. The NHS is also demanding higher pay and better working conditions.

Speechless in Gaza

If the harassment, victimisation and violence that Sealed Envelope, Galina Panov, and Galina Panov is typical of the Russian bourgeoisie's need to get rid of all forms of opposition, and to prevent any possible uprisings, as has been reported to the author. The author has interviewed the residents of Gaza, who say that they are being forced to live in inhuman conditions.

BAN

In Daringbourough and neighbouring towns, city workers are demanding better conditions. The city workers are demanding higher pay and better working conditions.

Imperial Typewriter is 'Labour's Vote'

The Imperial Typewriter is 'Labour's Vote' for the GLC election. The campaign aims to get the workers to turn out and vote for Labour. The campaign is backed by the trades unions and the Labour Party.

Women's Charter emphasised the role of the women in the strike. Many women had taken part in the struggle and had shown their solidarity with the men. The Charter also emphasised the importance of women's rights and the need to fight for gender equality.

ED CONDUCT (ASTMS)

This kind of support activity should be encouraged. The joint action of T&G and Astm's is important. The joint action should be extended to all employers and unions in any area of industrial relations to the leadership of the T&G and Astm's. The joint action should be made official and that the T&G and Astm's should speak as one voice. The joint action should be made official and that the T&G and Astm's should speak as one voice.