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The enquires are supposed to ascertain the routes and methods of immigration but the people and contacts who operate the "amnesty" of all, in many cases answering all the questions — where one first stayed, on whose recommendation, where one worked, etc. — would mean inquiring others. And these others are by no means always the "immigration racketeers" real or imaginary — that the press has been speaking about. These others are often the relatives and friends, family contacts and home-town associates of the immigrants.

What these Home Office enquires are really asking is: that you are willing to shop on your neighbour, or your relative?

Filthy

The labour movement must demand answers to a few serious questions about this filthy business. Was the amnesty a cynical manoeuvre aimed deliberately to help the professional "immigrant hunters" in their work?

Or is it that the Labour Government, having made its liberal and "human" gesture, now finds itself unable to control the workings of the permanent state functionaries, the police and the law, who have turned Jenkins' gesture into an exceptionally repulsive double-cross?

Whether the true explanation be the first, or, more likely, the second, the labour movement must demand that harassment and victimisation cease immediately.

We say: stop the interrogation now. An amnesty to all "illegal" immigrants; get rid of all racist Immigration Acts.

Andrews

THE JOINT Council for the Welfare of Immigrants has sent a letter to the Secretary protesting at the method of enquiring being used in current work and so-called "Amnesty of illegal immigrants."

When the amnesty was announced it was encouraged to apply if they were here "legally" according to the 1971 Immigration Act. As we reported last week's Workers' Fight, by then 667 immigrants had applied for the amnesty, 40 cases had been reviewed, but only 21 were given permission to stay. That is 69 were billed for deportation.

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Racism and the Trade Unions

by Jack Price

Art Castings strikers and supporters picket the T&GWU, which had recruited white scabs into the union. Right: Imperial T&GWU official opposing the T&GWU's strike. Photos by Siriet west

LICENCED TO KILL

"I don't matter if you kill an Arab" was an advertisement last week aptly described the attitude of the Israeli Defence Forces to the Middle East.

Harold Wilson expresses his shock and sympathy every time a single Israeli civilian is killed, while the newspapers switch on the damagery of 40 or 50 Palestinian refugees killed. There is a propaganda effort to make the press write about the Arab or West Indian "murderer" hardly a mention and a snipe at the Single Parliamentary protest.

The British press and the pro-Israel propaganda cannot think it doesn't matter if these people are killed. An interview with a well-known member among Wilson's guests at this week's dinner at Claridge's was supposedly named "Socialist International" think it matters quite a lot.

So much so that they have failed to understand the clear message of the Kippur War. It is written by the Chief Rabbi of the Central Command, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Charles Israel, in the book, published last month, "The Human Rights of the Jews in the Holy Land".

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THE LANGUAGE OF OPPRESSION

IN 1948, a lyrical poem about the beauties of nature was condemned by Stalin's literary censors as "bourgeois nationalism" and forbidden publication. If the poem had been set in Russia, it would no doubt have received approval and official acceptance for being cheerful and positive. But the poem happened to be written in Russian.

The incident is typical of thousands that can be related from the time of Stalin. But, while the literary censorship is now not so crude as in the 1940s, the oppression of the Ukrainian is, if anything, worse.

Tsarist

The Ukrainian is a pretty big place — 5 times the size of England, and with a population of some 50 million. But for only 15 years of its recent history has it been able to foster its own national and cultural heritage. Between domination by the Tsars, "Peoples of Nations" and the Russian SFSR bureaucracy, the Ukraine enjoyed a brief flowering between 1917 and 1932. During that time, as a result of the end of nationalities policy, the number of people speaking and reading Ukrainian rose sharply, as did the number of books and newspapers published in Ukrainian.

Today, however, Ukrainians are in danger of losing their language completely. Following Khrushchov's educational reforms of the 1960s, the teaching of the Ukrainian language is obligatory in Ukrainian schools. In the universities, the majority of lectures are given in Russian, and examinations are conducted in Russian.

Higher

Some of these facts were outlined by a member of a Workers' Fight public meeting on Sunday, June 23rd. Terry Liddle was speaking on behalf of the Committee for the Support of the Ukrainian Dissidents. And in a popular political context, the committee (Ukraine: Unrest and Repression) (Martin) a detailed account is given of the systematic assault on Ukraine's national rights since the Russian military occupation of 1941. The need for a total liberation of the Ukraine can be seen as the expression of the intelligentsia within the Ukraine, as well as that of the intelligentsia in the rest of the world. The Russification process becomes self-perpetuating and takes on its own momentum.

Top

One example, of personnel working on the construction of the Kiev Hydro-Electric Power Station during 1963, is the treatment of the Ukrainians, consisting only 20% of the workforce, held all the top positions in management and technical control.

Over the last 15 years, the Russification story goes on. The right-wing specialists have been very much stepped up as a result of the Donetz-Dnepropetrovsk region of the Ukraine. The Russian population fell from 56% to 55%, while the Russian population fell from 45% to 41%. In this period the growing despotism of the (eventually irreversible) Russification of the Ukrainian culture and society has led to the growth of a courageous and widespread opposition.

In 1959 a small group formed which called itself the Ukrainian Workers' and Peasants' Union. This group attacked bureaucratisation in planning and industry, the gradual formation of the Ukrainian language, oppression of the peasants and curtailing of the rights of genuine trade unions. It started out, and has many opposition groupings, by taking up such aspects of the Soviet constitution and setting out to implement them.

One of these is Article 17, which provides for the right of succession of any of the member states of the Soviet Union of Stalinism. In the Ukraine, where violations of democratic rights are constantly aggraded by distortions in the field of the national question, the systems of Stalinism are manifested even more prominently.

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Trials

Vychasovych Chornovil (when he was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 1966-67 political trials) earned him a year and a half in prison) spoke for many of these oppositionists when he wrote that I have always firmly adhered to the principles of socialism and continue to do so. But not socialism which tries to represent not merely a system, but the content of the thoughts of the individual. I cannot have true socialism without a widespread democratic and economic self-government and the violent repression of the state organism down to the last battered, without a real guarantee — and not merely a paper one — of the working nations within a multinational state.

For the same period of time, a group of Ukrainians was arrested in 1972 in a series of massive arrests. At times, the Ukrainian opposition activists were arrested on the eve of the trial. Chornovil and Ivan Dzyuba, author of an excellent book on the persecution of the treatment of the Ukrainian (Internationalism or Russification), had never in his life been heard of anywhere. Bureau of the Ukrainian opposition, however, was told that it could only have a year to live, was sentenced to 15 years in prison and 5 years exile. A member of the Ukrainian Writers' Union, who had only been there for two years, and Ivan Dzyuba's sentence himself was commuted to a psychiatric hospital, in company with a group of other Ukrainian dissidents. Chornovil was sentenced to 7 year sentence in a Russian prison at Vladimir.

Scale

But this group's condemnation points the possibility of a very much more powerful wave of opposition and calculated feel that, because of the social impact of the state opposition of Ukraine, there is a significant degree of the working class being drawn into significant struggle against the parasitic bureaucracy.

In Ivan Dzyuba wrote in Internationalism or Russification: Don't see that in city life the Ukrainian language is a certain sense opposite as the language of the "higher" strata of society... And it is possible to summarise this "social rift" the language barrier which exacerbates social divisions.

Certainly, the scale and vehemence of the class action in Ukraine, although it general form of action over wages and conditions, and the bureaucratisation of the opposition wave or workers and students the Soviet Union is deepened and made doubly intolerable for us same workers and students, both the Ukrainian language is the language of the workers and peasants. But when this group attacked bureaucratisation in planning and industry, the gradual formation of the Ukrainian language, oppression of the peasants and curtailing of the rights of genuine trade unions. It started out, and has many opposition groupings, by taking up such aspects of the Soviet constitution and setting out to implement them.

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LONDON TEACHERS DISMISSED WITH PAY REPORT

The Pay Board is a dog's breakfast. For once, Max Morris, President of the NUT, has said it right. The case of the 11 teachers at Crayford and 126 from the Inner London Education Committee (ILEC), Area 2, is to be heard at the same time as the Nightingale trial from the Inner London Education Committee (ILEC), Area 3.

The whole thing is a farce. One school told us that it is paid out of the 4th millennium. What is the point of a system that is quite clearly in the hands of the middle managers and the teachers工会?

Max Morris again: “I cannot see any NUT members who are still not in the pay dispute possibly accept it in any way at all.”

Certainly, London teachers will not accept a 2% pay rise. There are already 12 London schools looking to gongs for threats of industrial action, and as a result, 3,000 teachers, including those in Eastbourne, are in strike action today. An ad hoc strike committee has been set up by the teachers union, and further action is expected.

There are rumblings that the Outer London Education Committee, which has a pay rise cap of 2.5%, will also go on strike. The National Union of Teachers (NUT) has said that 250,000 teachers from Inner London and outer London will strike.

The other robbing Peter to pay Paul aspect of it is that the strike is billed as being in response to the 2% pay rise. In reality, London teachers are up to £400 for every teacher in London and the outer suburbs.

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PAY BOARD

Teachers are particularly vicious about this system. Unlike office workers, teachers are always on show in the public eye. A psychiatric work stoppage is a very public one.

A mugging of all the naff administration this system will have to provide the public with a lesson in what public education is all about. And also, to begin with, just to point out, a public strike is where the public can see the lesson in what public education is all about.

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The teachers are a vital part of the public education process. They are the people who are directly in the line of fire.

The Plan says that the Wednesday Liberation Conference plans to discuss the exclusion of black women from the pay rise, the discrimination against black women and the attack on black women rights to define their own organization.

In addition to the workshops on this, the Plan says that the Saturday plenary discussion will discuss the specific issues of exclusion of black women from the pay rise, the discrimination against black women and the attack on black women rights to define their own organization.

NATIONAL PRESS BLACKOUT ON Steelmen's round-the-clock sit-in action

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This blackout is a clear attempt to control the public's information about the meeting.

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Support the Nurses' Action Day!

NUPE, COHSE, and the Royal College of Nursing, a rehabilitation day for nurses in the National Day of Action. It also includes the arrival of the NUPE stewards on the day.

The nurses have shown they are determined to fight for better conditions and the standards of health and services. The union needs to support the nurses' Action Day, and prepare to mobilize for a mass movement to support the nurses in their struggle.

JACK SUTTON

NON-REGISTERED DOCKERS THREATEN MERCERY FIGHT

LIVERPOOL dockers plan to strike on Monday in a dispute over the sack of dock worker Alan McFarlane. The strike was called by the National Union of Dockers (NUD). The NUD has rejected the docker’s claims of unfair dismissal.

McFarlane was sacked by the dockers union last week, after he was accused of being involved in an accident with a fork lift truck. The docker is now facing the possibility of losing his job.

Non-registered dockers are demanding an end to the practice of blacklisting and unfair dismissal practices.

Tom Ramsey

It was quite a shock...

The announcement of the sack of workers in the卷心菜 and Rogers in Liverpool has been met with outrage.

The docker had been working for many years and was an active member of the docker’s union. He had been unfairly sacked after an accident with a fork lift truck.

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MEETINGS

LIVERPOOL Workers Right Forum, Cynthia Baldry on the mines and the National Day of Action Wednesday 17th July, at Stanley Street Sunnydale, 6.15pm

LONDON Workers forum on "Cunningham and Social Democracy", 7.30pm, Sunday July 22nd at the Golden Lion, Brunswig St/Kings Cross Rd.

LPYS TO PICKET PREBBLES

On Saturday 6th July, the London Pickets will be picketing against Prebbles’ recent action in issuing notices to 150 employees of the Labour Party, including Libel, slander and conspiracy.

The pickets are expected to be particularly strong, with many picketers arriving in the early hours of the morning to ensure that they are able to make their voices heard.

Marvin Thomas Inglefield Centre LPYS