STRIKE NOW FOR FREE PICKETS

by Rachel Lever

The judges have now given their verdict, and have sent Des Warren and Eric Tomlinson back to jail to finish their three-year and two-year sentences.

The working class has still to make its voice heard and its power felt to release these two militants.

In 1972, that voice and that

power released five dockers from Penzance jail in less than a week. Then, the bosses knew their Government would have given a lot to have a nice, regular appeal procedure to go through. Instead, they had to resort to a feeble and trans-

parent excuse to let these men out of their clutches.

It speaks volumes for the fact of the organized labour movement since the 1971 stoppage (10 months ago) and since the arrests a year before that, that the judges did not take the opportunity of releasing Des and Eric through the normal channels of the Appeal.

Nor were they interested in the legal arguments. If the trial itself was a complete farce, an open bosses' complicity to try to smash militant picketing, then the Appeal was even more so. So much so that Judge Wolryche blantly defined the purpose of the sentence, as one which would be 'in order to satisfy the trade union activity, as a deterrent.'

His aim was "total quietness" and "some reduction in picketing", or repudiation of the verdict of 'Conspiracy', 'would undo all the good work that had been produced.'

Frighten

Wilson and his class hate and fear militant picketing. They want it restricted by law and controlled, and intimidated by the power of special police squads. And they have used the Shrewsbury show trials to frighten and intimidate as well as workers.

Unless the working class acts to frighten and intimidate the bosses' state into freeing Des and Eric, then Wilson's 'good work' will continue to reverberate through the class struggle.

This was the principle they wanted to establish, the thin end of the wedge that could lead to the effective dismembering of the NUM.

At the last negotiations, the union managed to push the figure up from 50% to 65% for non-face workers, but they accepted the pits-production principle.

Its rejection last Thursday by a vote of 14 to 12 reversed the previous decision and made the outcome of the forthcoming ballot almost certain to be favourable, particularly as the main advocates of the NCB offer at the relatively small Leicestershire and Southwark Fens, while its main opponents come from the big Yorkshire and Scottish Fens.

NUM leader, Joe Garrity, made no bones about his disappointment with the new decision. That is his right. But the attack he launched on Communist Party Industrial Organiser, Bert Rampton, is a sign that the behind - the-scenes battle could be a very difficult one indeed.

For but too long, action was kept to a bare minimum. At official level, it was non-existent. At trade union level, a Labour Government would get in some free lunch of Tory justice. It didn't. Then, a softly softly approach was adopted in the hope of sweetening the appeal, instead of sticking at our legal rights.

Rats

Now the chips are down. If we don't act now, all the yellow rats who have left the NUM will be heard to utter soothing words about how soon Des and Eric can be back at work. The NUM will be back.

UCATT Gen. Sec. George Smith, who opposed any campaign for the Shrewsbury victims and said they were all criminals (and that even before they were convicted) now has the nerve to say that he's "too shocked for action, of course.

A lot of others, who have the power to act, are doing a lot of talking.

Scruff

But already workers are on strike, workers who are not prepared to let the empty talk go on any longer. Up and down the country, workers at building sites, and some factories too, are letting it be known that this is their issue and their fight. They are still few, but this time, instead of just marching and striking, they are going to other sites and works, to docks and industrial estates, to GET OTHER WORKERS OUT.

The North Wales Defence Committee, the mainstay of the campaign, has called for action "on an even larger scale than was used in releasing the Penzance Five." Every trade union, they say, must stand up and fight.

That means first, strike action here and now, irrespective of the roars of vague promises of the trade union leaders and officials. And it means taking those leaders on the scruff and asking that they call the official action that's been building up so long, and that could mobilise the vast power of organised labour.

The judges - putting the right on, now.

MINERS

A VICTORY FOR SOLIDARITY

THE DECISION of the NUM to recommend rejection of a two-weeks' time the NCB's productivity proposals in a victory for solidarity.

What was crucially at stake in the negotiations with the NCB was miners' unity as a work force, as well as miners' living standards and conditions.

At every stage of negotiation, the chief objective of the NCB has been to widen the gap between the 86,000 face workers and the 144,000 other workers, underground and surface workers, and, this done, to disintegrate the hard won unity of the face workers by peddling their pay rises to pit productivity rather than national productivity.

With no two seams the same, with the tremendous variation from coal field to coal field, as well as variations in mechanization locally measured productivity would vary from pit to pit.

Originally, the NCB had offered the local productivity scheme and a system whereby non-face workers would receive 50% of the bonus paid to the face man. They conceded that this would be calculated at the national level, but still insisted on the local productivity measurement for the face workers.

Manchester builders give a lead - HOW TO GET THEM OUT

ON FRIDAY, Nov. 1st, four Manchester building sites have held a half-day picket, called by Pochi-

tas (Orford Road) Manchester Polytechnic. Pochitas was one of the few firms in the country to go into action immediately, and was only to be called "Confidentially" by a few other numbers that they "had no good authority" that the company had been fixed and the 'lads' sentences would be suspended.

On Friday the men knew better. At a mass meeting of the workers, Joe Heyes - site convenor at Pochitas - proposed a further half-day at the Abbeylea site on Tuesday Nov. 5th, with a meeting the following week for further action. Several other sites have been ask-

ed to come out, as well as the 3,000 strong Direct Work Days.

Strike

A motion from Charters to have a whole day's strike for two meetings (instead, for people to go to the union office in London, and attend the Charters meeting on the Thursday night at Holme Lodge Club), was defeated and some irreverent individuals were heard to ask what had happened to the famous suspended sentences.

Joe Heyes pointed out that the mass meeting wouldn't prevent anyone who wanted to from going to the London lobby to give the same evidence, but that a full day stoppage (allegedly in round numbers) would put the demands on full participation at the mass meeting.

If a mass meeting of the Pochitas men instead to propose an action of two days - a day and a half - until Des and Eric are freed, "Whoever we succeed", Joe Heyes workers Fight, "will depend on how much work we can put in before Tuesday".

If the mass meeting of the majority of Manchester's builders hold out, the site may be on strike from Tuesday.

Docks

But that's not all. Harold Young, a leading shop steward on Manchester Elementary dockers' society did, spoke at the mass meeting and said that, given a strong lead, the dockers could not hold back there was a good chance of docks coming on too.

On Friday the 5th, moreover, the Manchester Trades Council has sponsored a big picketing action for the dock pickets. It is understood that a meeting will come from Manchester's other Bradford Transport Council engineering pickets.

If the builders have already decided to take action, that will depend in part on what those will be called for all over the country. And Des and Eric could come out of jail in no time at all.
"FINALLY," and without having consulted the General Council, Mr. Murray undertook that it would unanimously press for all the eight points in the TUC Social Contract which had been included in the ballot. Mr. Gill would withdraw his motion, an assurance which was not capitally received by the delegates. Mr. Gill, the leader of the national meeting, proceeded to take the hint and all was neatly and quite happily a putting resolution 40 to the vote, which was carried, and Mr. Gill agreed to withdraw it. The day had been saved for the Labour movement.

That, according to one estimate, had brought the Social Contract to a climax. It was not the outcome of sheer speculation to wonder whether the National Congress, which had started out as a simple manoeuvre to get the Centre to accept a pay rise which would encourage the capitalists to put their faith in Labour and their money in industry, whether it is transformation was envisaged from the start. Certainly, the TUC's emphasis is on a clear strategy to take control of the labour movement and for the first time to call a national strike for wage restraint.

WARNING

In the words of the TUC itself, "The Social Contract is a strategy for controlling the bosses' breathing.

Two ways of controlling the bosses' breathing

by Jack Price

The generation of British industrial power, the Wedwood Benn, Sissons, who surprised the provision, since the country was accustomed to be a nation on the right hand side of politics. The Social Contract was seen as an attempt to control the Left and not the Right. And like any other plan, the Social Contract Industrial Regeneration Plan has been conceived as part of a larger strategy to control the movement as the "social left" of the national scene, where the economic side was laid out in the White Paper. The TUC has demanded that there be at least some guarantees that this money will go into industry and not be used for other purposes. They point out that the last time the big businessmen got any "investment" to invest they didn't invest in industry at all. They also argue that the TUC must remove any control over the property and commodity speculation, not just industry.

DESTROY

In 1972, insurance companies and pension funds alone had at least £3.484 million invested in property. The figure is now over £4.000 million. Benn himself has insisted that these investments must be used to control the social movements and not just for profit.

CONTROL

At the same time, these, as well as other tendencies in the Labour movement, are being paid on either side. It is true that the TUC's demands for control over the unions and their finances are being met with resistance from the trade unions. It is true that the TUC's demands for control over the unions and their finances are being met with resistance from the trade unions. It is true that the TUC's demands for control over the unions and their finances are being met with resistance from the trade unions. It is true that the TUC's demands for control over the unions and their finances are being met with resistance from the trade unions.

PROPERTY

It is in this context that the argument about "handouts" is important. The unions are demanding that the Government funnel about £5,000 a year to each of their members in the form of "industrial investment". Labour's millionaire contractors, such as the Dyer, are getting a share of this money. Such strong demands from the TUC mean that any proposals to invest such money in the industrial sector are being met with resistance.
Parliamentary obstruction in the face of restrictions to its traditional powers. Unless concerted action is taken against it, we shall be 1644, when Labour decided on proportional reforms because of opposition from the barons. A number of companies (Pilkington, Brunei, Guinness) and others have already announced investment plans unless the Labour Government backs down against their PASSE.

And the workers aren’t prepared to be passive. Quite apart from their trade union experience and wages and conditions, Beas has received the support of some factory owners to meet the Government’s refusal by the employers. They are counterposing themselves and their struggles to the struggle against the working class. It’s not as if they just refuse to involve themselves in encouraging the extra-parliamentary struggle. The performance of the left in Parliament is not a matter of their performance themselves, but the left Labour counterparts (themselves in words) and their plan to involve the employers, they counterpose themselves and their struggle and the grass-roots activity of the working class. It’s not as if the unions just refuse to involve themselves in encouraging the extra-parliamentary struggle. The performance of the left in Parliament is not a matter of their performance themselves, but the left Labour counterparts (themselves in word) and their plan to involve the employers, they counterpose themselves and their struggle and the grass-roots activity of the working class.

And yet any control works on the assumption that only the working class can secure and protect its working class and its local and directly elected representatives and the social and state control we have come to know has meant vast, often inefficient and always bourgeois-minded bureaucracy. Even if the Government were an extremely left-wing and the government of good intentions, what is really needed is control by workers over industry and distribution through shop committees, trade unions and other workers organisations.

CREDIT

Moreover, the new regime has a new task. Not Content with the fraudulently promised to herald should not be welcomed to the house of "compensation" be no compensation for big business. The present debate on Government housing has passed from the tone of the inadequacy of all solutions, however, the "freedom" of the offer of a new solution. Lamenting that fall short of a nationalisation of all the banking credit and financial institutions.

Lament for a lost ideal

300 years after the death of poet John Milton

He was deeply involved in the events of these years, and his great work Paradise Lost in particular gains power and authority from his involvement with the history and around with which he wrote.

The forces of the English revolution, in breaking the fetters of the Church and Monarchy, and in setting up a society for the benefit of democracy and reason, had produced, over a long period, a revolutionary ideology, Puritanism.

Free will

Expressed in the terms of the religious struggle, this representation is identified with the class struggle of the bourgeoisie in struggle against the feudal past. Puritanism combined two features of the industrial revolution with the Protestant Reformation. It was a radical change in the social structure of the society for the benefit of democracy and reason.

IT DEPENDS on the period of the industrial revolution. In particular. Milton’s political power is derived from the historical experience of democracy and reason. The forces of capital involve themselves in the best way possible, i.e. to win the battle, to resist the rebels.

But this letter failed to make one important qualification. All too often the question of the rhythm of capitalism in terms of the nature of its right wing is itself the question of the political regime itself. Capitalism is facing to take account of the rhythm of capitalism itself. The struggle for the right wing of the capitalist class. One way of keeping the right wing of the capitalist class off balance is to force the entire parliamentary system.

The Working class is a contradiction: to win the battle, to resist the rebels. It is a contradiction: to win the battle, to resist the rebels.
SHORT EDITION

A NATIONAL contingent of WORKERS’ LEAGUE fought a 5,000 strong demonstration on Sunday in Dublin to demand the withdrawal of ALL forces of the British Army from IRELAND NOW!

The workers, supported by 100 British soldiers had been allowed over their hard-pressed and exhausted comrades who had deserted their battle after the labourers of the Twentyeight Battalion had started.

For it was on that day, at 4.30 a.m., the last day down to the ashes, that 3,000 British soldiers of the Twentyeight Battalion had arrived at the prison to show the prisoners who was Gas.

First, they ran down CS gas down on their caps and check suits - they went in on foot, firing rubber bullets, and rounded up the republican prisoners into the football pitch. And when it was more or less all over, (after a savage mauling from the army’s dogs, and with most of the prisoners in the perimeter (front) they went to work. Deadlock was mercilessly kicked and broken, dragnet along through the mud by their legs and run atup the hands made to knuckle on stones.

At the end of the battle, the list of injuries from just 4 of the Twentyeight Battalion, 5 men with concussion, 25 broken bones, 19 suffering from serious dog bites, 6 with broken jaws, 30 cuts, 13 with head and face injuries, and 40 with wounds resulting from heavy beating and black eye, a man hit in the throat by a rusty bullet can’t talk, and another is coughing blood.

For two days after that, not a doctor was seen, except by two seriously hurt men who had to be hospitalised. As snow began to fall in the north of Ireland, these men were still sleeping in gutted huts, wearing the clothes they had, using the form where the bread was burned down the camp in sacks, a breaking of promise by the British authorities.

THE TRUCE WAS NEVER LIKE THIS!

GIVE YOUR support to the workers! Get your trade union or Labour Party, tenants organisation or other political group to join out of Ireland. They are the only option. A fund has been opened to purchase literature for the Ancient Order of Hibernianists in Ireland, and a petition is being signed in Belfast, marking the envelope. (Clarence Fund.)

CURISSW WARNING Watch for round-up of militias!

The legislation allows for a further 3 year period of martial law. It is in the interest of the Provisional IRA, therefore, to signal its intentions to the British government, to the other socialist parties and to the workers of Ireland. It is in the interest of the Provisional IRA to signal its intentions to the British government, to the other socialist parties and to the workers of Ireland.

POLITICAL prisoners at the Curracloe Barracks in the north of Ireland have issued a statement warning against the effects of the 1930s. It charges that the British government, and in particular, the support of the Labour TDs, in the implementation of a policy of martial law is part of a coalition with the Tory Fine Gael.

MEETINGS

Worries are also spreading in the British government about the possibility of a new round-up of militias in the north of Ireland. There are fears that the杜g and parades may again be used by the British government to repress the revolutionary movement.

Further to your excellent article on the Labour Government’s plans to deport Russian Jewish immigrants to Britain, I have obtained additional information that may be of interest to your readers.

One of the Jewish immigrants, Mr. Yoel Asiel, a member of the Warsaw Jewish family wiped out The Nazy, and the Penoninze prison, where he was incarcerated, is claimed that he had commin ted suicide by burning his Galician family named Tatarsky were sent back to their home on September 11th after being ‘persuaded’ by Mr. Tzibby Macek, the director of the Immigration department in London.

On their return to Israel, they stopped a flight at the Parisian airport to demand that their families be allowed to return to their original place of refuge being released on the grounds that they could not be classified as refugees.

The Jewish Chronicle, which reported the incident, said that the government’s policy of deporting Jewish immigrants was being followed by the Labour government in an unprecedent ed manner.

Several Jewish relief and welfare organisations in London sent a letter to the British government demanding that they rescind the deportation order.

Several organisations have refused to hold the meeting, and in the north of Ireland, there is a duty to demand that they are allowed to return.

WHO SHOULD DESIGN WOMEN’S CLOTHES?

The question of whether the fashion industry as it exists is desirable, or that it would be in any way a more conducive to the welfare of women, is one that should be given serious consideration. The question of whether the fashion industry as it exists is desirable, or that it would be in any way a more conducive to the welfare of women, is one that should be given serious consideration.