Mass lobby
on 28th
To free
the
Picketers

THE OVERWHELMING vote of the miners to reject the government's proposals of the National Coal Board for the entire country has brought forward the whole labour movement in Britain, it is a genuine working-class contempt for the claptrap with which the Labour Government and the trade union leaders have attempted to 'sell' the Social Contract as the answer to working-class problems in this class-racked, inflationary British capitalism.

The hopes and growth from the miners' press agitating ballot roasting in Wales are proof that the bosses and their stooges know its significance very well.

ROUSE

The Social Con-trick depends on the working class being cast into a state of apathy. Therefore it is cunningly connected into accepting cuts in their living standards, and preventing the working class from noticing the miners simply refuse to play that game. The miners go forward to fight, as they did in the past, with a wage increase and a better living standard. If the bosses can gain the fight, so much the better for the bosses, and as the bosses have already learned how to spoil the British working class, the bosses know how to handle a strike, and the bosses will challenge, fight and defeat the bosses in their attempt to cut our living standards.

ASSET

But while the miners show the militant face of the rank and file, the TUC, including its 'left' leaders, shows the other side of the coin. The official labour movement is docile, sullen and stupid.

So far this Labour Government is proving a strong asset to the bosses. It helps the help of the trade union leader to line up the whole mass of the workers movement in support of the social contract, its policies are not what the employers like, would give them a free choice. They are certainly squabbling and pressuring against each other. But they are certainly the best of friends. If they can get away, unless they may manage to break the strength of the trade unions.

Since the Tories failed withbeguiling Labour tried its best to put a lid on the miners. Thus the courts were set to use their power to strike the miners. They could have cooperated for hope of what this right and such cooperation is the best the bosses can get or hope for.

STANDARDS

The TUC Circular to affiliated unions of 20th November sum up the policy, the attitude, and the pretension of the official labour movement to the Labour Government with a frankness for which we are grateful, because it shows them in their true light.

Expressing full confidence in the Government's acts and policies it "accepts" that wages can only hope to maintain working class living standards in the period ahead. The TUC in this way lends its authority to the indirect carry out the bosses by the Labour Government. They said the same one year ago. Burying their heads in the sand, they reply today "we can only maintain living standards" when official statistics show a 3% drop in living standards over the last year.

The November 20th Circular is the main TUC response to the last budget. By his budget blackmail, Dennis Healey made it plain when wages can't keep pace with inflation the only option is a Labour Government running capitalism will be to adjust itself to, or even to stimulate unemployment. Either way, living standards will fall.

INFLICT

To maintain living standards, with the proviso of an annual wage rise of 50% which the miners pretend that wages won't be able to keep pace with inflation, at least pretend they won't be left in the lurch if things get ahead, it pretends they won't be hit falling in less than 6 months. Where unemployment is threatened, workers are supposed to fight the factory. Workers must refuse to put to stay with broken jobs and mining poverty for the "suffering" of the country and the present bosses' system. If we cannot present the indirect mass of unemployment, the linking of the employed and unemployed workers to fight for work or full pay must become the major concern of revolutionary socialists.

John O'Mahony

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Coming unstuck in steel

The reaction of steelworkers to the British Steel Corporation's announcement of massive redundancies in early 1973 was, as the BSC no doubt predicted, confused. In many of the works where the steelworkers did not suspect any of the 50,000 redundancies to take place, there was no more reaction than a deep sigh of relief. For many of them, unemployment was something they had faced in the pits before coming into the steelworks, but with no fight back. They were just grateful to have a job paid this time around.

Thus the big South Wales works at Port Talbot and Llanwern didn't make much of a muddle to help their workers at East Moors (Cradley) or Newport Works. And most of the big Sheffield plants turned their backs on their brothers in the Midlands, in Scotland and the North-West. (This was which was both marked down for a large scale of the planned investment and a participative in the right to stop the steel redundancies was the Lackenby Works on Teesside.

This list biased the possibilities from the start. But there were other things which chipped one works from another. The main trouble was that a number of works, even while continuing in the National Action Committee which was sponsored by Steelton Works North in Wales, into tried individual solutions.

It was not long before Ebbw Vale was sending coaches loads of local dignitaries, shop stewards, church leaders, trade unionists and lords of the manor, led by conveners of the trade union council and representatives of local business. To London to lobby MPs in a bid to stop smelting in Ebbw Vale.

East Moors was not to be outdone. Steel was to be forthwith too. Finally, even Steelton, the combination action, sent their delegation down.

Tragi-comedy

Distrust was the mark of all the proceedings. Down to the tragedy of a meeting in Conan's Quay which was addressed by the local Labour MP, the nearby Tony MR, and the local Paul Crespin, the Labour man blamed the redundancies on the Nationalised Industries, the Tony blamed them on the Japanese, and the Paul Crespin represented the interests thought too must be taken to East to North of England?

Viable

The region as the weakness of the National Action Committee, which had been accepted the viability argument. Those who participated in the Committee felt that it was their job to stress that their job might have to go, but that the principle didn't stick to the basic principle. And they all said, "LET THE BOSSES FIX IT."

The fact that these events took place in a nationalised industry is important. It demonstrates that nationalised industry, because it is as much a public as a private industry, is not only responsible for widespread redundancies, but operates by the same basic laws as private industry.

Integration with the boards of nationalised industries is no different from collaborating with the bosses of private industry. As long as the working class is not in control of the state, workers must protect the independence of the organisations, their struggles and their improvements.

...and now to dig the grave

"Business secrecy", after all, is largely not a secret pact between one's group or capitalists and another, but between one's group or capitalists as a whole and the working class. We expose the handful to the bosses, whether such handfuls are dressed up in the "with control" or are brazenly flaunted as "private and unconditional", and whether on a short term basis or long term, directly or by means of tax and other concessions.

Instead, whilst recognising that workers' control cannot exist on a secure and stable level while profit remains the chief regulator of the economy, we demand nationalisation with compensation of companies "unable to satisfy workers' demands for work or wages. (If compensation would get us full employment, perhaps it could be justified, for good, it might be worth while.) But such an approach is not that effect. Compensation, on the contrary, means that the workers can stay on our backs and drag us, down even after they have relinquished their demand for direct control and legal ownership of an industry.)

Nationalisation must be attempted to take place if it would mean that industry ceased to be a monopoly and entered the hands of the capitalists or their representatives. It is the worker's right to be fighting for nationalisation under workers' control. But the only way to do this is for the "corporate participation" talk to vanish for good in the steel industry. We are not opposed to all such schemes where workers take responsibility for maintaining profitability and capitalist conditions of production.

In particular, wherever whole branches of industry are nationalised (e.g. shipbuilding and aircraft) we should support the move, underwriting its bureaucratic nature, by trying to get confirmed that employers at a local and national level to plan the nationalisation scheme.

But most of all, we recognize that the role cartels play in the most militant tactics, it is particular fact.
1956 - the lessons of ‘the Big Six’

IT WOULD be the easiest thing in the world to find scores of tributes to the foresight of the tactics of the UCS workers. The boost in Wages Councils and - stay a way of method in which the trade unions, in thousands upon thousands of workers all over Britain.

But it is almost as if the very brilliance of this novelty has dazzled observers to the point where they have lost sight of the fact that the UCS action and many of those that it inspired not only made a break with the tactical side of previous struggles - but also with the political content of earlier fights against management.

And though the tactical break was largely positive - with some qualifications - the political break was completely negative.

The lack of a revolutionary party rooted in the working class imposes upon us a task of the utmost urgency. The task is so difficult that the lessons of one series of struggles are hardly at all reflected in the next decade later.

The break appears all the sharper as the big anti-renunciation struggles of the 'fifties were fought, in some cases, under weather conditions that led to the collapse of the strike into the hands of the employers.

In September 1956 something like 300,000 workers in the automotive industry and allied trades met at the Engineers’ Club in London, as the result of negotiations by the Big Six Motor Commit-tee’ report Hendy Finch, the conclusion that ‘The Fight against the Six’ is probably the most important thing which has happened since 1955 to represent a rank and file movement covering the main motor firms and ancillaries involved.

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BIRMINGHAM BOMBINGS
From P1

The campaign in Birmingham has not only brought the full horror of war into Britain. It has threatened to destroy the whole of the British working class. The workers and their families, and the whole community in Birmingham, have never had any reason to be proud of their city. It was built on the backs of the workers, and it alone, was leading a capital city to a position in the British working class.

The workers in Birmingham have for the first time been able to see the real faces of the enemy, to see them not as the whites, but as the sons and daughters of their own community. Moreover, they have come to the conclusion that the only way to fight back is to fight for their own interests.

We condemn; we do not change the situation.

CAUSE

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DUTIES

The duty of socialists in all the countries that are fighting in the war is to expose the fact that the war is not a war for the working class, but for the rich and for the capitalist class.

We are against the war, but we are not going to support it in any way.

Mass picket at Prebrees

In DEFENCE of the High Court decision on the picketing outside the offices of the postmasters in Upper Street, Islington, a large mass picket was assembled. The regular picket of the very small group of socialist postmasters who were responding to the police order to stop picketing the postmaster who had laid off the pickets. The regular picket of the very small group of socialist postmasters who were responding to the police order to stop picketing the postmaster who had laid off the pickets. The regular picket of the very small group of socialist postmasters who were responding to the police order to stop picketing the postmaster who had laid off the pickets. The regular picket of the very small group of socialist postmasters who were responding to the police order to stop picketing the postmaster who had laid off the pickets.

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COVENTRY Workers Fight meeting

"What Fascism is for working class - Andrew Horning, 7.30pm, on Thursday, 24th November, at Tudor House, Spoffors.

BOLTON. Social to raise support for workers on strike in Ricky, who are also arrested on anti-N.P.P. protests. Meeting at Charles Street, on Monday 3rd December, at 8.30pm.

NOTTINGHAM W.F. Public meeting: "The case for a public meeting on the Defence of the W.F. people." Speaker Andrew Horning. On Saturday 26th November, at 8.00pm, at Glasshouse Street (behind the Workers' Kitchen), Nottingham, at 8.00pm.

LONDON Workers' Meeting: "The Workers' Meeting in Action." Speaker: George Mather, 1st December. At the George, Liverpool Road, Manchester.

MIDDLESBROUGH Workers' Meeting: "Free Warner and the Workers." Speaker: Paul Hayes (UCATT convention). On Saturday 2nd December, at the Prince Albert Hotel, Middlesbrough.

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MEETINGS

THE MANAGEMENT WAS WALKING ALL OVER US, say T&H strikers

WORKERS at Tide & Tender, Dudley, who are members of the Tolson's T&H (1973) Ltd, have been hit by the one-sided strike on the shipbuilding workers. The strike was called on the 21st November and has so far been successful in getting better terms and conditions for the workers.

On November 21st, the workers voted to go on strike for better terms and conditions. The management has refused to agree to the workers' demands and has told them that they will be sacked.

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Scotland-Teachers fight to defend standards

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Chainway

As the Houghton Inquiry drags on, it becomes increasingly clear that there is no end in sight for the workers of the Houghton mine. The workers have been on strike for over a year and a half now, and the Houghton Inquiry has so far failed to come up with any satisfactory answers.

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