**AFTER THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE**

**THE RIGHT SCHEMES...**

**THE LEFT DREAMS...**

**and the Pickets stay in jail**

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**HOSPITAL WORKERS SLANDERED**

**LIES, DAMN LIES, AND STATISTICS**

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**HOSPITAL WORKERS are bitterly angry about the disgusting attack on them in a recent document by the Department of Health and Social Security, Health and Personal Social Services Statistics.** Since 1971, the figures show that there has been a 30,000 increase in the number of people waiting for hospital treatment. And, according to the DHSS, this is the direct result of the ancillary workers’ industrial action.

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**Blame**

But as the queue gets longer, a direct result of recent cuts, this report and its conclusions will be used again and again to lay the blame at the door of militant low-paid hospital workers as they try to fight for better wages. That fight has in fact already started in many areas (see back page) and no doubt this report will come in very handy for the DHSS. It must be nailed now!
FIRST THE COLONELS... THEN THE KING

ON December 9th, the New Statesman announced that it was necessary to "pursue the kind of policies which will bring about the overthrow of the democracy and the King destroyed." An admission? Of course it is, and it is the kind of situation which has been set up one of a number of pathetic, powerless, inarticulate attempts to achieve it.

In 1967, with time running out on him and Papandreou's popularity growing, the British army, acting on orders decided on a couple of days before the US to confer with the State Department, and, apparently, got the green light. From the middle of April 1967 onwards the British provide most of the executive classes of the country. The most Byzantine complexity aimed at protecting the state's own puppet government, before there could be elections which would certainly return Papandreou's Centre Party majority.

Frederika

Only days before the King's coup (reeling mainly on the Air Force and Navy) was due to take place, the Colonels' coup was not yet complete. The King and his mother negotiated with the Colonels, but the Colonels figure in this was Frederika, Queen Mother (a one-time leader on the women's section of the Hitler Youth and still a Nazi). In fact it is recorded when in a fit of pique right after the Colonels' coup the King told Papandreou, he could not be found, she snapped "Hall's Mall" (Germans for "shut your mouth") and proceeded to hang herself.

The Greek people have not been fed on the stupid lies and William Hickey idiocies that the British press has been regurgitating for months now. All this is well known to them. They know that the King is the arch-fiend of the crusading wing terror they suffered for seven years as the Colonels. For Karamanlis, the rejection of the principles of the revolution means that the old ruling class and within the state apparatus are overcome. This was the first election he's presided over that haven't been rigged.

The USA is now firmly felt as the single decisive external factor in Greek political life. The situation replaces the American Fascist coalition with the leftovers of a traditional European affinity. The American influence increases the power of the Karamanlis being able to repress the state's internal machine, and decide at the top.

Of course, the success or failure of military repression depends on the capacity of the Greek working class to distinguish between itself and all the reactionary forces.

JACK PRICE

“Sustaining lawful authority in the face of subversion...”

THE Government's decision, announced last week, to increase its military expenditure by £4,700,000 over the next ten years, is not in the least a measure of any concern to the army's cabinet. Rather, it is a measure of the sharping of the class struggle, the sharpening of the class struggle brings more attention to what the military call the "face of subversion."

As Majority Club MP Patrick Wall put it in a letter to The Times, "In the future the army will make the contribution to NATO in its traditional role and abroad on the more immediate role of working in a sustained lawful authority in the face of subversion leading possibly to the overthrow of the House of Windsor."

Not surprisingly, then, seeing as the Labour Opposition and the Tory Party largely see eye to eye on these matters, this has been the Labour Party of Michael Foot's, East of Suez commitments are almost completely given up to the Conservatives. The contribution that the army is made is virtually unattached; at some time military operations within Britain are being stepped up.

The steelworks that's open for school trips... but closed to MI5

“Public ownership” is a term which usually means that nationalizing enterprises like the railway, insurance, and communications is the same as being socialist or democratic – as if we actually change the ownership of nationalized industries.

British Steel Corporation chief, Monty Goldsmith, is a man so fond of that term. But how public the souls of his Corporation are another matter. Last week he refused three Welsh Nationalist bus drivers, Mr. Gwilym Evans (Carmarthen), Mr. Dafydd Thomas (Ceredigion) and Mr. E. C. Caernarvon (Caernarvon) permission to visit the East Moors steel plant in Port Talbot.

Finnisson welcomes school trips to the steelworks. He gives, as representatives of thousands of people in the steelworkers' families, the MPs' might give support to the threats of an occupation and work in at East Moors. This has been under consideration for some time now, particularly as East Moors was the first of the steelworks. Finnisson might support the threats of an occupation and work in at East Moors.

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I"llusions Shattered I.N.S.

THE FEW illusions I have had over the last few years were smashed in the 32nd Annual Conference at the Second Rank and File Conference. Chairman was a pains to point out that this was the end of democratic. It has never been easier to see that it is. At the conference, then all I can say to this is that the members of the union must be even worse! Certainly this or any other conference is a pale reflection of the full weigh of the union's congresses.

Sitting

The Chairman has been heard by the members, so the word to go is that the union is open to a number of ideas, so that they did not get a fair hearing. The good news is that there are only a few that are allowed to speak. I could not agree more with the Chairman's speech. Of course, the idea of sitting through the speaker packs to pick them is over. All then ended up up a mountain of everybody thought unimportant. We then didn't want to be there, and hardly a mention of a strategy for the election against the MRAs. In the light of this, I can only feel disgust at the way the new leaders who applied for seats for the grounds that they are wonderful democratically the unions.

Backwardness

But worse was to come in the form of the IS attitude to the Working Women question. The Chairman and I both had a field day, but only the Chairman could argue the case. The first Chairman said that we should debate the question of the Working Women question. The Chairman, because the main alternative is a resolution to support the Working Women question, which has been defeated. In his own words, "You may have deliberate blindness" heaid. I am pleased to note that the defeated resolution also contained most of the points in the IS main resolution – so according to such a rule, all those points should have been defeated as well.

The delegates, however, overrode the pressure and under some pressure the opposition was allowed to express their thoughts. But this might after all end up on a sensible note. The Chairman I had reckoned without the IS on a question. It seemed that IS are quite prepared to mention workers, but are not prepared to fight for it in any way. The resolution to adopt the Working Women Charter was debated on the recommendation of the Organising Committee. There was nothing concrete was put in its place.

The attitude toward women was best summed up in the chairman's (who else?) final words: we said that, "and we are not going to get anywhere." A further conference with the women having the last word was the tugboat, usually do", perhaps it was just as well, as we should have said before that is long live male co-fascism.

John Bryant, Birmingham.

ANTI-FASCIST DEMO

IN ITS ISSUE N77 the Red Women's Review (National Marxist Group) has called for a demonstration against the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden. What is not mentioned is that the demo was completely absent from that demonstration.

Divisions had occurred in the Anti-fascist front, mainly due to the Demonstration. The position of the Revolutionary Communist Current, Workers Rights and the Socialist Group was that the fascists must be identified and if possible defeated a platform on whatever or wherever they organise. However, on the day of the demonstration, cooperation was organised between the fascists and the MRAs. At the Peer Head the fascists tried to speak from the top of the building. They were stopped by a large number of MRAs and VRC. Two other fascists tried to speak from the back. They were stopped by a large number of MRAs and the police. Two MRAs, one of the London MRAs and one of the Birmingham MRAs were arrested by the police. The arrest was made at the request of the police.

During the whole course of the day there had been four people sitting on the steps of a building in the centre of town, with the other MRAs surrounding them. The MRAs had no idea of its owners. This lack of action by Liverpool IMC is both inexcusable, and has brought the Liverpool MRAs into disrepute. I do not think the events in Liverpool were anything like as bad as I had thought. The IMC and the others, would have had no idea of the action of the Liverpool MRAs. If they had been in Liverpool, they would have been in such a position that they would have had no idea of the action of the Liverpool MRAs.

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Oh, what a pretty picture of Long Kesh

WITH Jenkins’ new law, internment without trial has now been extended to the entire island of Ireland. This country. They can be served with an exclusion order and sent, not only to Northern Ireland, but once they land there, driven straight to Long Kesh camp in accordance with the laws in force there. Internment, like much else once confined to the Six Counties, is now a “domestic problem” for too long.

However, this aspect has not so far been given the same or even unscrupulous comment in the press. And it’s unlikely that it was presented as a realisation that produced a report, rate in the bourgeois press, on the condition in Long Kesh.

It was the Sunday Times that sent Chris Ryder on an

A Sunday Times “Exclusive”

"See no evil, hear no evil, write no evil..."

Why we spoke up for the IRA

By Nick Mullenn

The Prevention of Terrorism Act is off to a flying start. It has the effect of turning the streets in the Six Counties into a police state. It is already more repressive than the police state it is intended to be.

When orders have been given that the police can enter the homes of the time police had for a considerable period after the seven days allow for in the Act, excluding the right of the police to keep their prisoners for at least another 24 hours, they have been found to be often for non-compliance, or operational for an even greater number of days than otherwise, as he may have to return. The police are clearly sighted the Act as a basis for all, the people. If the law is to be used against the tenants in the North, it is not going to be used against the tenants in the South. This is a law that is being used against the tenants in the South.

Nick Mullenn

A few months before trying to escape. The man who hanged himself was Pat McCullough. His account of his death certainly doesn’t suggest that he hanged himself by fellow prisoners and the fact that McCullough’s account is the only one that exists today is clearly what Ryder would have us believe. McCullough writes: Every Sunday at 2pm all cages open with military fashion for a two minutes silence in respect of all who have died during the previous week in the struggle for liberation. It was one of these parades that the body of young Pat Crawford was found hanging from one of the huts. The emotion felt by one and all was so thick one could almost see it. As Pat’s body was carried out on a stretcher and placed into the grey prison wagon we all once more formed up and came to attention. We then moved forward and were on route to the hospital, the body had been sent there.

One-sided

The most glaring omission from the Sunday Times’ version of violence at Long Kesh is of the Army’s violence. Throughout the time, it was common for men to be dragged off to the army for the slightest mark of “in-discipline.” They were threatened with being shot or jailed. There was such an incident, in fact, that sparked off the entire goings on in the camp. And it was after the fire that the whole camp was ransacked and which left hundreds of men suffering serious injuries.

We detailed some of them in Workers Fight. “Defencemen from inferior units were brought from Long Kesh and beaten; dragged along through the mud by the tails of their trousers; held down, footed, or made to kneel on stones.” At the end of his court martial, just 4 of the 22 said to构成 the 22 said to构成 the charges. Injuries included rocket or fractured bones, suffering from long-term injuries. The bullet wounds, 25 with cuts, 13 with holes; 5 with wounds resulting from heavy beating and kicking. Hardly walk a man hit in the throat by a rubber bullet can’t talk, and hence we can’t prove anything.

What’s the situation of the people today?

Some leading members of the group, including the Communist Party and the IG, have taken steps. They have been described as a sectarian attitude, though undoubtedly some of these groups have supported us, as has the revolutionary left as a whole.

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The people are on the watch...
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Wages for housework?

Two replies to the ‘Power of Women’ Collective

"concentration camps for our children" and thereby a terrible pressure to take jobs. Thus, they say, we'll all become "factory fodder".

But if men can be factory fodder, why not women? Better that than exist as paid domestic servants locked away from the world. One can have too many jobs.

Money can evade the real problem

Given this, any group of people isolated in small units is doomed to the major endeavour of the progressive part of the population. If each woman, each an isolated individual confined to an individual household unit, is therefore able to be cut off from playing a full part in this human endeavour.

The demand to do away with housework is a demand to change women's role in doing it, to change the fact of housework. And here, too, the working class approach is central to a real solution. For the middle class woman has a great deal of leeway to solve this on an individual level, using money to buy the services of other women, or to mechanise parts of the housework — and evade the problem of women's role in it — for the working class woman there would be no such option. The problem has to be solved, and it has to come from demands for the socialisation of housework. That is, its demystification as an individual task.

A necessary and irreplaceable job?

The increasing adoption of housework is a socialisation of the housework is a socialisation of the programme of the Women's Liberation Movement. But it is also a measure of its effectiveness that a demand recently put forward which completely negates all this has been able to gain a sympathetic hearing. The demand, for wages for housework, completely accepts housework as being a woman's job, and accepts it as a necessary, important, and apparently irreplaceable job. Other work is referred to by the advocates of the demand (the "Power of Women Collective") as "outside work", a second and subsidiary sphere.

Because of the resentful feeling felt to be labouring women at having to labour in Rome as well, the demand has actually become quite popular in certain quarters of the Women's movement — despite its obvious inability to become one of its most elementary principles.

Bonuses for better housekeeping...

The whole logic of the demand is in the form of an obsession with looking. For example, if we are told that a good housekeeper is one to whom there is a clear implication that we should also demand that girls in the early stages of the labour market will be able to earn higher wages, or bonus for better housekeeping — instead of mathematics, child psychology, instead of "home economics" — instead of science and engineering, home baking, gardening and furniture maintenance.

Doesn't it sound all too familiar. Yes, this is the trap we've been fighting to get out of.

And then, too, in place of the gradual reduction and whitening away of housework that's begun to happen (through mechanisation and the taking of many functions outside the home) such as baking and dressing) we would be demanding the EXPANSION of housework to be a more full time and fulfilling job... back, then, to home baking and jam making, to home bottling instead of buying jam.

Utopian, middle class idiocy

Put like this, of course, the whole demand can easily be recognised for the reactionary, upper-middle class idiocy that it is.

The appeal for wages for housework argue that if we place too much stress on "inside" and "outside" skills, then we'll soon be surrounded by 24-hour

Selma James - author of a dispassionate demand for women

precisely what will happen. All the demands for the socialisation and reduction of housework will go by the board. So also will the struggle against male chauvinism, as we're told to get back to the kitchen and do the job we're paid to do. Thus we will give up not only the socialisation of housework, but also the right to share in work in the house that can't be socialised and that, if shared as it should be, will cease to be housework and become a matter of minor self-servicing.

But by then, let's have a chance to discuss what the women's movement can do, even more than the "Mum" (to do)

Well-meaning though the "power of Women Collective" may be, and much as their demands appear to help in "loosening" the problems of doing both work and housework, they and their demands must be fought uncomromisingly. If they take any hold, they will destroy everything the women's movement has been fighting for over a century and a half.

RACHEL LEVER

for housework. Let our demands be forward looking, if forward to the socialisation of housework, placing the burden of a theory of work where it belongs — with society.

The demand for wages for housework was realised, it would create a completely new socialisation and destroy the Women's Liberation movement. This demand can do no other than to encourage the reuniting of women's movements that in the oppression in society that has been the cause.

Wages for cleaning the house... and the muck of ages goes unloosened.

FRAN BRODIE
Bakers stonied by Union and CAS

STAN GRETON, telling workers in his shop to go back to work, said he was giving the Government the victory, but they should "live to fight another day". Bakers, however, are fervently hoping that GRETTON will resign.

He had just settled for £11.50 loss of pension claim for £40 basic wage, and £1.50 less than the members voted to reject a month before. And that was after a strike lasting less than a week.

Only bread bakers had been called out officially. Cakes bakers in the north-west coming out to support the claim were refused strike pay and told to go back. Yet dozens of other bakehouses pulled out, by the minute, of the pulling of punches, by the time of the settlement at the Consumer and Arbitration Service (CAS), various pension funds and bakery employers all over the country. They are already back baking and agreeing to pay up far larger sums than the £1.50 extra in pension the employers' Federation was offering. The only big baking chains (themselves paying up to £15 extra) who were sticking to the agreement were the peasant farms,Etah, South African motorists, motorway transport, hotels, motorway maintenance and rail contractors, (mostly under the threat of sanctions). These baking chains make millions of pounds profit every year.

C.A.S.

Yet Greton and the Executive majority came out of the CAS arbitration, having accepted all of the other two days' holdout. Many had had "reached the end of the road." 

Well, the CAS is of course the only one of the three employers' bodies (very own Michael Foot, Dad's Peer Patrick Major, C.A.S. had happened at the CAS was a lot of arm-twisting, or which have been the Government from Foot forbidding the workers to pay any more to the underpaid and lower paid workers on pain of withdrawal of bread subsidies! (At the very least, as the Financial Times said, the employers would be no more subsidy handouts to the employers). It was stressed to the Bakers that this had happened because it was not the Government's threat, and jobs would be lost.

Open mouthed and struck dumb to doubt some by responding to a demand by a cutting down the wages the Executive majority, led to a large majority, came out and to came out to announce to the membership that, from 28th July the Government had nearly £100 million of bread subsidies. A few million extra for another penny could be had.

Major had performed a valuable service to all his workers at least. But it certainly wasn't the 31,000 bakery workers! R.V.