THE JOBS FIGHT

A MASSIVE demonstration of textile workers crowded through Wigan to Lancashire Hall on March 6th, in protest at the announcement by Courtauld's that 150 workers would be sacked at the 'New End' factory at the end of the month.

Of course, there have been bigger sackings than this, but the context of this was rather worse: Courtauld's have just put 5,000 people in the North West on short time working for the third time this year. And it is estimated that about 55,000 of the 80,000 labour force in the cotton and manufacture fibres industry in the North West are on short time, as are 50,000 out of Yorkshire's 70,000 wool industry.

LIMIT

The march through Wigan was well supported by textile trade union officials and local MPs. But with one exception, they all announced the same "solution" to the problem of import restrictions. Within two days, Lord Kinnock - a close friend and political supporter of Harold Wilson and boss of Courtauld's - announced that the sackings would be deferred. This statement came after a meeting between him and a delegation from the mill and was in the form of a joint declaration. The deferment, it stated, was in anticipation of further time to be bought on the government to limit textile imports.

Last week Workers Fight reported that Communist Party shop stewards at Ford's were pressing the same demand for the motor industry. And Mercerside Pleasure workers (unlike their brothers in Portugal, who have sought help from Pleas in working in Britain in their fight against redundancies) have also opted for a pure nationalised line: the GPO, they demand, should be nationalised from Sweden, it should buy British.

Likewise, much of the talk in recent weeks at Imperial Typewriters in Hull has been narrowly nationalist. Those who many workers look to for a working class lead have done nothing to fight this nationalisation. In Leicester, the site of the other Imperial Typewriters factory due for closure, the Communist Party has issued a leaflet saying "already Leicester has lost out to the Japanese and American corporations in the hosiery machinery industry - soon we will be importing machines from abroad, while Leicester engineers remain jobless.

Conveniently for these people, this nationalist line in perfectly with their 'No to the Common Market' campaign - not to mention chipping in perfectly with the nationalist and racist prejudices revealed during the strike last summer at Imperial Typewriters factory in Leicester.

This coincidence means a real strengthening of nationalist ideas in the working class. What does the demand for import control really mean? First and foremost, it means not fighting capitalism which is an international system on an international basis. Instead it means drawing divisions between the workers of one country and the workers of another.

When British boot and shoe workers demand that East European boots be kept out of Britain they are aiming at guaranteeing their own employment and standard of living. But what they are aiming at and what they are hitting are two different things.

The chief beneficiaries of this attitude are the most immediate enemies of these powerful workers, their own bosses. And among the viciously anti-union East European workers who have met with wide success, they have been widely used. Massive dramatic 'fishing' operations have meant that ordinary Irish people have been arrested and held for several days, sometimes denied access to a lawyer, and then released because the police never intended to charge them with anything anyway.

THE UNIONS JACK

Demonstrate for Shrewsbury 2

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For these people has become a Police State

by AMIR T. WILSON

What it's like with the pass...
Unfree trade unions? The Daily Mail should know about that…

Enoch Powell has returned to his old racist stomping ground with his Croydon speech of Tuesday February 27th. Harking back to the infamous "rivers of blood" speech that he made in 1968, he now "warned" the Sunday-Mercury Club and every racist in the country that Britain is under siege by "strife, by violence and by division upon a scale for which we have no parallel and no end that is pleasant to contemplate or to contemplate.

If anyone is doing anything can be done to incite racial violence against the immigrant community, it is Enoch Powell. The Sunday Anti-Semitism Movement is reported to be calling for the impeachment of Powell under the Race Relations Act. But call as these well-intentioned people may, they fail to effect the Race Relations Act is an Act that allows the likes of Powell to incite and justify any kind of racism. And with the anti-Semites, the community. His speeches, delivered in the name of Biblicalbono. This not help has now more to do with the prejudice of racism than the National Front, who were among his audience on Thursday. In fact, everything they themselves have managed has been done by his earlier speeches, which opened the way for 'acceptable' racism.

But there's no excuse for Powell in the first place. It was none other than the Labour and Tory governments of the 1930s, with their fascist policies of Powell at all and the leftists of the Front.

Comrades - As a chance message to workers. "Fight no more", I am making contact with all these groups in this issue.

The "front page article on the Industry Bill headed "The British worker in the factories", though it is an attack on the Bill but the Bill itself is a spoliation by being workmen's right to a framework of an attack on Tony Benn. The presentation of the Bill in the Cabinet is a compensation won by the Government of masses in struggle especially against the National Front. Its approach to the solution of the problems of workers is progressive and, insofar as he is representative of the failure of British capitalism to invest in its own industry as he faces the main immediate crisis facing the economy, he is on the right.

The Bill has several major weaknesses and there are dangers of worker and union support going to class collaboration, but it is not a people's Bill. It has to carry the movement on to the next stage of struggle, a struggle of a working order. Benn's plan is not far along the road. It is right to fight on the front foot, but even if the left wing on a "left" label is not a "new" label, it is not a "left" label.

Weakness

The way immigration laws work is complex or uncertain. The Immigration Act of 1977 is -- attempts to weaken and immobilize black people, not a group on the outside. It is not a group on the inside. It is not a group on the right side of the divide.

As in many fascist countries there is a special force for dealing with illegal immigration. The Immigration Officers are not confined, as one might think, to the ports of entry, but have quasi-police powers throughout the country. They are frequently present at the arrest and interrogation of suspects.

To add to the fear and insecurity of the immigrant, the police and immigration officers receive information from various parts of the states. Social Security offices and even Registry Office have instructions to check the documents of black people going to them. Many employers are also known to report to the police.

In addition, there is an illegal alternative in Scotland Yard, which is believed to have files on all illegal immigrants so that every black person in Britain is checked. Local police stations in areas where Asian or African network of informers, many of these are police informants of police.

Blackmail

What happened when Mr. Ex professes to have caught shoplifting and coming to the attention of his boss, he could not speak English. A fascist paper splashed the 'news' to far racial hatred, and Ex's and his wife began to feel very uncertain. Then they began to receive C.I.D. men to 'Mr. Ex's house, who were carrying letters to translate, which they had found in the possession of illegal immigrants, and told them how they would find out his co-operation.

The fear of Blackmail (for crucial people as well as police) is very significant. Even policemen waiting for him. They treated him for two hours and then they took him to the police station. He took them to a special room and accused him of being illegal. They kept him on the stomach, back, private parts and legs and banged his head against the wall.

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GREAT LONDON REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE LABOUR PARTY

The politics of good intentions

LAST weekend the Greater London Regional Council of the Labour Party met in Wembley. On THE Shrewsbury 2, a motion calling for the Labour Party to refuse the recall of the Consipacy Act was defeated by a clear mandate. Battersea had done its bit by voting for the motion but now the killing has started. The Housing Committee stated that we must not be complacent, but continue to carry this job. But there is a step forward — more important than a lot of work — meaning that there is indeed a battle for the day.

The guest speaker was Michael Foot, who went to great lengths to explain what was happening in the act. Mr. Foot has his drain on the capitalist society, and makes workers pay for it. He claimed that this Labour Party conference formally did not answer in terms of working class action.

Police Smith

Working Women's Charter focus of conference

THE "Seethem-End And Education" conference at Battersea Park (March 1) was busy, as it was a special national conference for women, the workers' women's charters, and the National Women's Education. It was important that we see the women's education and the National Women's Education. The education is not simply a coarse work area in this conference, but as a whole, the conference around the Charter in Battersea, and a committee for the Charter. Otherwise the Charter cannot be anything but fine for doing nothing.

Some concrete results can come out of this, and the others are working on these. Because of an opportunity, women's charters already in the N.W.E., the Charter is the result of organizing nationally within the N.W.E. and Battersea Charter, and it is the result of a decision. It is the result of a decision to put together a summer programme for a conference in the autumn.

JARROW FITTERS SAY ‘WE STOP IN OCCUPATION’

On Thursday, 30th January, it was the day of the Tyneside Workers, Jarrow, who occupied the 500 buildings and placed 200,000 worth of the workers' rights directly behind the workers. A complicated series of developements to December 1972 Tyneside Investments closed the Jarvis and exchanged 2,500 men onto the dock, but this was not to be. They went on strike, they would soon shut the site to operate a strike. On January 30th, the 30th January the Inter seemed to be the day for the Jarvis, but they would shut the site to operate a strike. On 31st January the Jarvis was shut down. On the 31st January the Jarvis was shut down. On the 31st January the Jarvis was shut down. On the 31st January the Jarvis was shut down. A complicated series of developements to December 1972 Tyneside Investments closed the Jarvis. On Thursday, 30th January, 250 men onto the dock, but this was not to be. They went on strike, they would shut the site to operate a strike. On January 30th, the Inter seemed to be the day for the Jarvis, but they would shut the site to operate a strike. On 31st January the Jarvis was shut down. On the 31st January the Jarvis was shut down. On the 31st January the Jarvis was shut down. On the 31st January the Jarvis was shut down.

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