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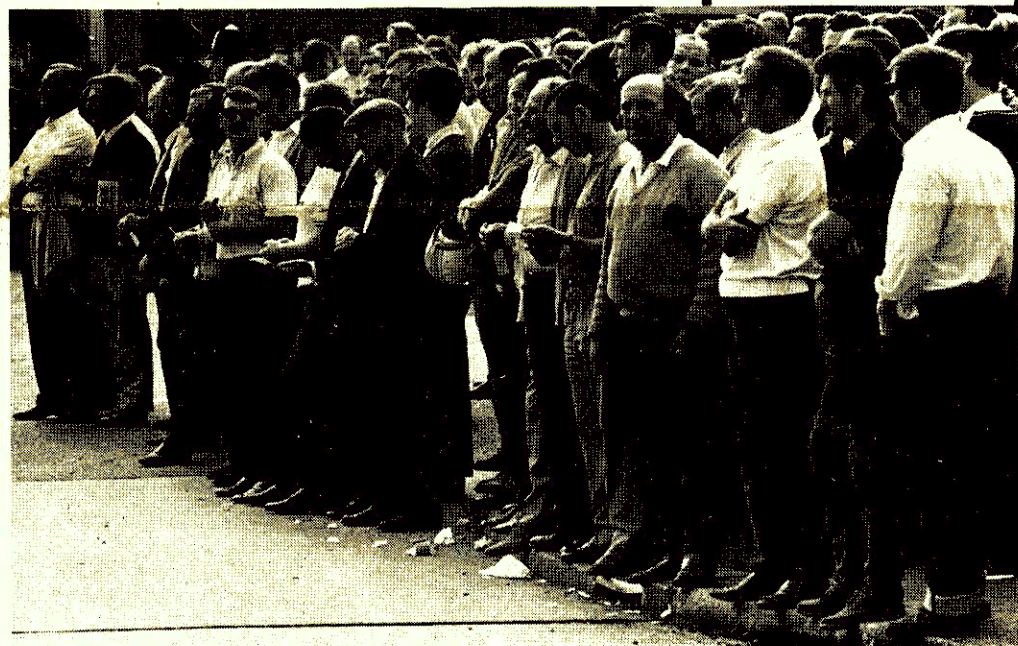
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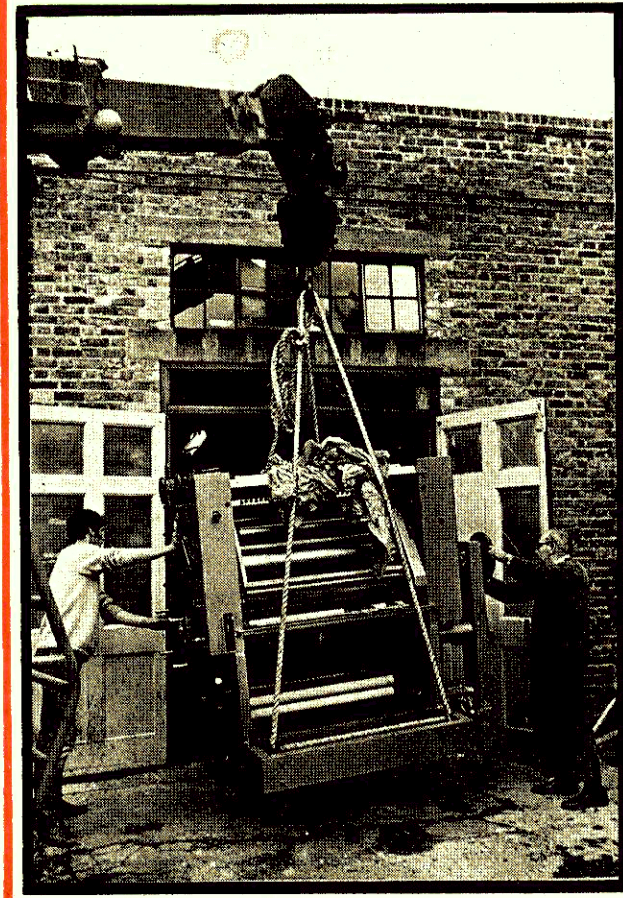
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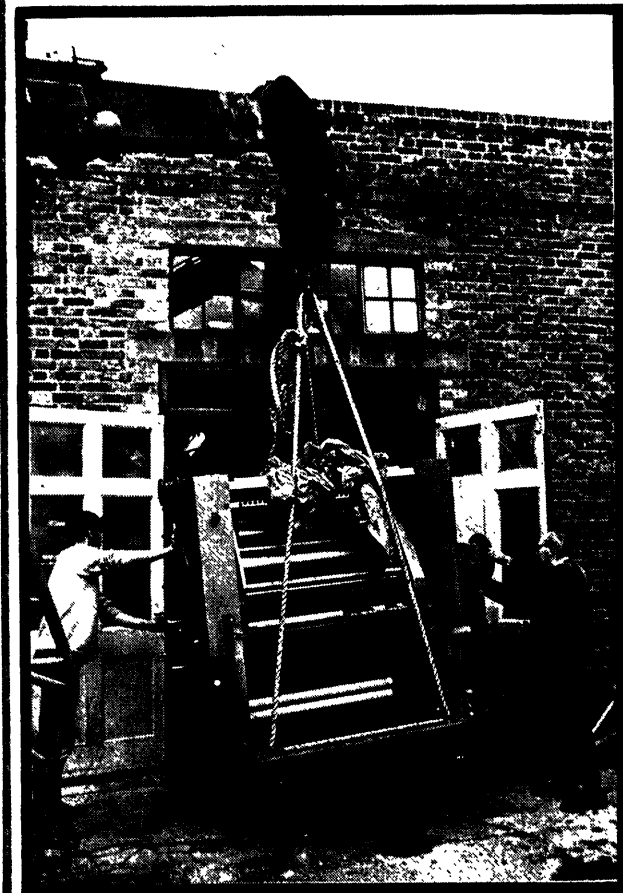
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(v) An example: the class nature of the USSR

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Turning-point

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inquiry into the following questions:

'What are the classes which are struggling in China? What are the interrelationships of these classes? How, and in what direction, are these relations being transformed? What are the objective tasks of the Chinese Revolution, i.e., those tasks dictated by the course of development? On the shoulders of which classes rests the solution of these tasks? With what method can they be solved?'

These methodological pointers indicate the main lines of approach to a question which must, of course, be a primary one for contemporary Marxism: the class nature of the USSR.

This is not the place to survey the apparently interminable discussion in bourgeois sociology about 'convergence' of Soviet and western capitalist societies, or the associated controversies around the term 'industrial society', resurrected from Comae and Saint-Simon.

Michels, etc., or from revisions of Marxism originating inside the Marxist movement.

Wittfogel's 'Oriental Despotism', for example, was the product of a long evolution on Wittfogel's own part from his early membership of the Communist movement in Germany, and then in the Soviet Union to his present anti-communist standpoint.

Work

Another influential work, James Burnham's 'The Managerial Revolution', has recently been the subject of academic detective work, from which it transpires that Burnham, in the late 1930s a member of the Socialist Workers Party in the USA (followers of Trotsky), was deeply indebted, to use parliamentary language, to the little-known work of one Bruno Rizzi (Bruno R. 'La Bureaucratization du Monde', Paris 1939).

method outlined by Marx, insisting first and foremost on historical perspective. Where must the analysis begin, for a Marxist? Not from comparisons of the privileges and wealth or forms of political power characterizing the bureaucrats of the USSR and the capitalists of the West or the fascist rulers of Germany and Italy, but quite differently:

'Scientifically and politically—and not purely terminologically—the question poses itself as follows: Does the bureaucracy represent a temporary growth on a social organism or has this growth already been transformed into a historically indispensable organ? Social excrescences can be the product of an "accidental" (i.e. temporary and extraordinary) enmeshing of historical circumstances. A social organ (and such is every class, including an exploiting class) can take shape only as a result of the deeply-rooted inner needs

'left' critics of the Soviet Union that their 'anti-bureaucracy' enthusiasm in characterizing Stalin and his bureaucracy as a new exploiting class was, from the standpoint of Marxism, actually to allot to them a vital and necessary historical role:

'If the Bonapartist riff-raff is a class this means that it is not an abortion but a viable child of history. If its marauding parasitism is "exploitation" in the scientific sense of the term, this means that the bureaucracy possesses a historical future as the ruling class indispensable to a given system of economy.'

According to Marx, the prerequisites for socialism are developed inside the capitalist mode of production: advanced productive forces in science and industry; international division of labour and world market.

The contradiction between these forces of production and

work, requires a cultural development which rapidly transforms the whole condition of life of the masses. The isolation of the young Soviet state from the world's advanced centres blocked such a development.

Isolation

The bureaucracy which arose in these conditions was therefore considered by Trotsky, from the Marxist standpoint, not as the ruling class of some new form of society, but as the result of the temporary isolation of the world revolution in a backward country, a social force extruded from the working class, but which then stands in relation to this same class as a sort of prism to refract all the pressure of the capitalist states remaining outside the USSR and all the survivals of backwardness within.

This effect was strengthened decisively for a whole epoch

At the same time Trotsky is insisting on the full historical meaning of the term 'class', a meaning which he refuses to 'bureaucracy'. Thus he wrote:

'The class has an exceptionally important and moreover a scientifically restricted meaning to a Marxist. A class is defined not by its participation in the distribution of the national income alone, but by its independent role in the general structure of economy and by its independent roots in the economic foundation of society.'

'Each class (the feudal nobility, the peasantry, the petty bourgeoisie, the capitalist bourgeoisie, and the proletariat) works out its own special forms of property.'

The bureaucracy lacks all these social traits. It has no independent position in the process of production and distribution. It has no independent property roots. Its func-

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agers' as a class, particularly on account of the heterogeneity of the classification. Others have drawn attention to the fact that the distinctness of 'managers' from owners is often merely imaginary, and that in any case the spread of ownership among large numbers of small shareholders actually facilitates business domination by a few holders of larger blocks of capital. The homogeneity of the 'managing' and owning groups effected through other social bonds has also been described. All this material is important in a study of the question, but for the Marxist the first and most essential question would be: does the 'separation of ownership and control', in so far as it has been brought about, effect any change in the laws of functioning and development of the economy? Does it, for example, change the function of the rate of profit in determining the allocation of capital and labour to different branches of production? Does it alter the division of the product according to the ownership of capital, land and labour-power? Not a single one of these questions is seriously asked by the advocates of the 'managerial revolution' theory in its various forms. However much the role of the state has increased in the economy of capitalist society, it has served to aid the concentration of capital, to maintain its essential features, rather than changing its character. Whereas planning has greatly increased within individual companies, the economic system within which each enterprise works and to which its 'planned' production is directed, is unplanned and anarchic, and in ever-increasing contradiction with the growth of science, planning and organization within each particular unit of capitalism.

Relationship

Marx and Marxists are ask-ink very different questions from those asked by sociologists when they discuss 'class', or indeed any other social phenomena.

The second great difficulty for sociologists in this kind of presentation is that Marxists write as protagonists of a theory which sees itself as part of the reality it is accounting for, and, more than that, as the conscious expression of the struggle of the working class to grasp and change that reality in its developing totality. The relation between Marxism, class, and class consciousness is therefore entirely different from the avowed (and the actual) relation between sociology and society.

Our extract from the discussion of the nature of the USSR illustrates this.

To understand it further we must now go beyond the 'ABC'. Classes manifest themselves politically, in struggle. They have representatives and leaders as well as relatively unconscious layers. They are internally differentiated. Between them and straddling them are transitional and intermediate layers. All these relationships are undergoing constant change. One class, the bourgeoisie, builds up its revolutionary potential under feudalism economically and culturally, 'unconsciously' in a certain sense, while another, the proletariat, is united by its lack of any specific 'mode of appropriation' either economically or culturally under capitalism.

The proletariat therefore requires a qualitative leap in consciousness, concentrated towards the taking of political power, which it must then use for the economic transformation of society.

The dynamics of these struggles, whereby different classes fight to constitute themselves as self-conscious and independent social and political forces, is the subject-matter of the next part in this series next Saturday.

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TROTSKY

We are immediately concerned with Marxist theory itself, though of course a more thorough exposition of any aspect of it would necessitate an analysis of all alternative and opposed theories. In any case, however, it will be found that the basic development of sociology on these questions proceeds from a clash with Marxism, in the writings of Max Weber, Durkheim, Pareto,

(²³In H. Isaacs 'The Tragedy of the Chinese Revolution', Secker & Warburg, 1938.)

A few months before 'The Managerial Revolution' was written, Burnham engaged in a bitter controversy with Trotsky on the nature of the USSR and the tasks posed to socialists by the Hitler-Stalin pact, a controversy in which Trotsky drew attention to the work of 'Bruno R.'

While the most detailed exposition of Trotsky's views on the social nature of the Soviet Union is his 'The Revolution Betrayed', it was in this polemic with Burnham and Shachtman in the Socialist Workers Party that his method on this question was made most explicit.

Contrasts

It contrasts sharply not only with Burnham's book, with its crude and shallow comparisons and unsupported generalizations, but also with the plethora of terminological experiments which pass for 'theory' inside and outside the socialist movement on this problem.

Trotsky follows closely the

(²⁴cf Trotsky, 'In Defence of Marxism')

of production itself. If we do not answer this question, then the entire controversy will degenerate into sterile toying with words.²⁵

Trotsky then develops the theme that the bureaucracy in the USSR has always been a brake on the technique, culture and economy of the workers' state, whereas,

The historical justification for every ruling class consisted in this—that the system of exploitation it headed raised the development of the productive forces to a new level.²⁶

Parasitic

Trotsky always characterized the Soviet bureaucracy, therefore, as a parasitic growth on the workers' state and the nationalized property of the Soviet Union. His basic reason for doing this was his adherence to Marx's historical materialism in rejecting all sociological analysis based on the external characteristics of social groups and forms of domination.

He pointed out to impatient

(²⁷Ibid, p. 7.)

(²⁸Ibid.)

latter's political, state and ideological forms, prepares the conditions for the social revolution.

World capitalism broke first, not at its great advanced centres, but 'at its weakest link' in Russia.

The proletarian revolution is by its nature an international revolution. But yet there is the capitalist production relations, together with all the not and cannot be a simultaneous overthrow of capitalism in every country.

The conditions for political overthrow of the bourgeoisie in Russia matured in 1917, but were not accompanied in that country by the parallel development of the economic conditions and consequent cultural development necessary for the building of socialism. These conditions were prepared on a world scale.

So long as the revolutionary outpost could be maintained in Russia, bureaucratic distortions would necessarily appear, because the proletarian dictatorship, containing within itself the beginnings of its own self-destruction by drawing ever wider masses into its

(²⁹Ibid, p. 29.)



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Stalinism and Imperialism scrambled for 'SPOILS OF WAR'

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ago tomorrow, the Potsdam conference concluded its deliberations.

The anniversary is being celebrated in E Germany by an international Stalinist seminar on the Potsdam conference, while the Soviet Communist Party daily, 'Pravda', commented on July 26:

'The will of all peace-loving peoples who lived through the ordeal of the last war is embodied in the Potsdam decisions which a quarter of a century ago crowned the liberation struggle of all those who made their contribution to the rout of Hitlerism.'

The same article went on: 'Any attempts in the West to consign these principles to oblivion only betray those who would like to revise the results of the last war...'

The Potsdam agreement signed by its Soviet, British and American participants placed the official seal on a secret agreement sketched out in a series of meetings between Stalin, Churchill

and Roosevelt over the previous two years. The present division of Europe and Germany, a rift which still creates many problems for the working class in its struggle for unity against imperialism, dates from this vital conference.

A study of its proceedings not only helps to explain why the leaders of the victorious imperialist powers found it possible to collaborate with the Soviet bureaucracy.

It also reveals the utter cynicism with which both Stalinism and imperialism fell upon the mutilated German working class in their scramble for what Stalin called 'the spoils of war'.

Record

(The official record of the Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam Conferences between the 'Big Three' has been published by Moscow, and it is from this book [Lawrence and Wishart 1969] that the extracts are taken.)

The conspiracy to divide, despoil and dismember Germany after the war had first been hatched at the two earlier conferences.

Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill all agreed that Germany had to be split up. The question was—into how many units?

Churchill: I am for partitioning Germany. But I should like to consider the question of par-

tioning Prussia. I am for separating Bavaria and the other provinces from Germany.

Roosevelt:

In order to stimulate our discussion on this question, I want to set forth a plan for partitioning Germany into five states...

Stalin, while putting forward no definite proposals himself, agreed 'the demand for dismemberment was not an additional, but a highly essential one'.

General agreement on the 'dismemberment' of Germany was already agreed in principle then at the November 1944 Teheran conference.

The Yalta talks (February 1945) were more specific, laying down the foundations of the

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United Nations and the domination of the world by the three 'super powers'.

They also gave final approval to the 'war guilt' clause, which pronounced all Germans to be guilty of the crimes of the Nazi leaders and their big-business backers.

This was the slender jointly employed by Stalin and the imperialist allies at the Potsdam Conference to justify their mutual rape of a war-shattered and starving Germany.

This became clear when the 'Big Three' (the dead Roosevelt's place had been taken by Truman) tried to agree on a definition of Germany:

Churchill: And the Red Army took Berlin. (Laughter.) This was how the 'democracies' applied the principle of self-determination — both in Africa and Europe.

Truman: I can answer it. By steady effort, at the cost of great losses and through exceptional victories, the British Army alone conquered these colonies.

Churchill: I must say that when I visited Tripoli and Cyrenaica,

to speak up for the Germans. 'Softness' here was a vote loser:

Churchill: There are a great number of Germans who have to be resettled from Czechoslovakia to Germany...

Stalin: Most of them are going to the Russian zone.

Churchill: We don't want them in our zone.

Stalin: But that is not what we suggest. (Laughter.) On the danger of starvation in Germany, the following exchange took place between Stalin and Churchill:

Churchill: Why can't we take food from your zone?

Stalin: Because that territory goes to Poland.

Churchill: But how can workers in the Ruhr [Churchill's zone] produce the coal if they have nothing to eat, and where can they obtain the food?

Stalin: It has long been known that



Seated l. to r.: British Prime Minister Attlee, President Truman and Stalin. Standing l. to r.: Admiral Leahy, Bevin, Byrnes and Molotov.

Bounty

This 'geographical concept', its working class broken by 12 years of fascist oppression and six years of imperialist war, was fair game for loot. On this, the big three were all agreed. The only conflicts arose over its division.

Stalin: The Navy, like any other armament, must be taken as spoils of war...

Churchill: I should not like to take a purely legalistic attitude to this question... In effect, we have all the seaworthy German ships in our hands...

The same lack of scruple characterized discussions on the Axis colonies, which were now up for distribution to the vic-



Churchill and Stalin

I saw the work that had been done by the Italians in ploughing and cultivating the land; it was remarkable...

... We examined the question as to whether some of these colonies could be used to settle Jews...

(Goebbels favoured Madagascar.)

Germany has always imported foodstuffs, notably grain. If Germany is short of grain and food she will buy it...

The rather timid and deferential Attlee was overruled by this contest of Titans.

Expressing regret that few people had been given the chance to see the Stalin-Churchill-Truman team in action, he suggested that 'our people have a right to see these outstanding personalities visit them'.

It was a statement, he thought, for the sufferings of the war:

Attlee: They would be very glad of this. They have gone through a great deal.

The prospect of Stalin, Churchill and Truman taking the salute at a Whitehall parade was indeed an image to conjure with!

German war guilt was written into the statement of principles that concluded the conference. In part they declared:

'To convince the German people that they have suffered a total military defeat and that they cannot escape responsibility for what they have brought upon themselves...'

Twenty five years later, the Stalinist bureaucracy—this time supported by the ruling classes of W Germany, France and several other smaller W European states—seeks to re-enforce the division of Germany and Europe imposed by the Potsdam conference of 1945.

This is the capitalist and bureaucratic response to renewed working-class militancy throughout the continent, from Czechoslovakia in the East to France, Italy, Spain and Britain in the West.

Agreement

'Collective security' for both Stalinism and imperialism is a common agreement to unite against the threat of revolution, whether political, in E Europe, or social, in the West.

In 1945, a decimated German working class, demoralized by hunger, oppression and Nazi propaganda, was powerless to resist the plans of Stalin, Churchill and Truman.

Today, with the whole of Europe stirring as it has never done since the period of the Russian Revolution, this conspiracy can be exposed and thwarted.

The programme of the Leninist Communist International, the Socialist United States of Europe, will unite the workers of East and West in a combined struggle for socialism.

This legacy of the Potsdam conference dies hard, but it is weakening.

BBC 1 TV SATURDAY

11.20 a.m. Weather. 11.25 Cricket. England v Rest of the World. 1.30 p.m. Grandstand. 1.50, 2.50, 3.20 Racing from Goodwood. 2.10, 3.05, 3.55 Cricket. 3.55, 4.35 International athletics. 4.15, 4.35 Royal International Horse Show. 5.15 Best of Basil Brush. 5.45 Debbie Reynolds show.

6.10 NEWS and weather. 6.20 DAD'S ARMY. 'Sons of the Sea'. 6.50 HIGH ADVENTURES. 'Down to the Sea in Ships'. With Richard Widmark and Lionel Barrymore. Story of a New England whaling boat in the 1880s. 8.45 IT'S LULU. Guests Peter Cook and Esther Ofarim. 9.30 NEWS and weather. 9.45 ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW. 10.35 A MAN CALLED IRONSIDE. 'And Be My Love'. 11.25 QUIZ OF THE WEEK. 11.55 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except: Scotland, N Ireland: 11.57 News, weather. Midlands and E Anglia, North, South and West: 11.57 Weather.

BBC 2

3.00 p.m. CINEMA. 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game'. With Frank Sinatra and Esther Williams. 4.30-6.35 CRICKET. England v The Rest of the World. 7.30 NEWS, sport and weather. 7.45 JULIE FELIX. With guests. 8.15 ONE PAIR OF EYES. 'The Border Country'. Raymond Williams contrasts Cambridge with Pandey, on the Welsh-English border. 9.00 THIRTY-MINUTE THEATRE. 'Tropical Wednesdays'. 9.30 SUMMER REVIEW. 10.15 GARDENERS' WORLD. 10.35 VAL DOMICAN SHOW. With guests Dave Allen, Sacha Distel and Moira Anderson.

ITV

11.50 a.m. RAC road report. 11.55 Stay alive. 12.20 p.m. Wind in the willows. 12.35 Captain Scarlet. 1.00 News. 1.10 World of sport. 1.12 Australian pools. 1.15 On the ball. 1.20 They're off. 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Thirk racing. 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Newmarket racing. 3.05 International sports special. Speedway. 3.50 Grand prix-view. 4.00 Wrestling. 5.00 Results service. 5.15 Stewpot. 5.45 News. 5.50 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. 6.15 BEVERLY HILLBILLIES. 6.45 OURS IS A NICE HOUSE. 'French With Tears'. 7.15 DES O'CONNOR SHOW. 8.15 'THE LADY TAKES A FLYER'. With Lana Turner and Jeff Chandler. Romantic comedy about an airline pilot and a lady flying instructor. 10.00 NEWS. 10.10 GOLD ROBBERS. 'Rough Trade'. 11.10 AN EVENING WITH BURT BACHARACH AND THE STARS. 12.10 a.m. ACTIVE MEMORIES.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 1.00 London. 5.15 Garrison's gorillas. 6.10 News. 6.15 London. 7.15 Film: 'The Fast Lady'. With Stanley Baxter, James Robertson Justice, Leslie Phillips and Kathleen Harrison. 9.00 Des O'Connor show. 11.00 London. 11.10 Theatre. 11.10 Court martial. 12.05 Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 12.32 Weather. 12.35 Mr Piper. 1.00 London. 5.15 Secret Ser-

vice. 5.45 London. 5.50 Cowboy in Africa. 6.45 London. 7.15 Film: 'The Marriage-Go-Round'. With Susan Hayward and James Mason. A university professor and his wife have an idyllic marriage until a Swedish blonde arrives. 9.00 Des O'Connor. 10.00 London. 10.10 Name of the game. 11.35 News. 11.45 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 12.35 Skippy. 1.40 London. 5.30 Robin Hood. 5.45 London. 5.50 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 6.45 London. 7.15 Cinema: 'The Bribe'.

BBC 1 TV SUNDAY

9.00-9.30 a.m. Nai zindagi-naya jeevan. 10.15 Gwasaneth unedig. 11.00-11.30 Seeling and believing. 1.25-1.50 p.m. Farming. 1.59 News. 2.00 Royal International Horse Show. 2.45 Film: 'Pacific Destiny'. With Denholm Elliott, and Susan Stephen. 4.20 International athletics. 6.05 NEWS and weather. 6.15 'THE RINGING ISLE'. Film about church bells. 6.45 SONGS OF PRAISE. 7.25 PAUL TEMPLE. 8.15 IN TIME OF WAR. 'Odetta'. With Anna Neagle and Trevor Howard. New season of British films. 10.10 NEWS and weather. 10.25 OMNIBUS. 'Beautiful, Beautiful'. The world of the photo-journalist. 11.15 MY WORLD... AND WELCOME TO IT. 11.40 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except: W Midlands and E Anglia, North, South and West: 11.42 Weather. Wales, 2.45-3.10 and 3.40-4.00 Doctors. 3.10-3.40 Royal Tournament. 4.00.

BBC 2

1.50-6.30 p.m. CRICKET. Middlesex v Warwickshire. 7.00 NEWS review and weather. 7.25 THE WORLD ABOUT US. 'The Conquest of Annapurna'. 8.20 CAROL BURNETT SHOW. With guest Carol Channing. 9.00 MUSIC ON 2. Sir Adrian Boult conducts Vaughan Williams. 9.40 THE WAY WE LIVE NOW. 'Close of Play'. 10.25 WHERE WAS SPRING? With Eleanor Bron and John Fortune. 10.50 'TOWERS OUT OF TIME'. The medieval world of William Burgis—an impression of life and work. 11.20 NEWS, weather and cricket scoreboard. 11.30 FILM NIGHT.

ITV

11.00 a.m.-12 noon Morning service. 12.10 p.m. Sunday session. Casting around. 12.40 Families talking. 1.05-1.20 Decimalization. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 University challenge. 2.45 Big match. Reading v Manchester United. 3.45 Never a crossword. 4.15 Joe. 4.45 Golden shot. 5.30 Forest rangers. 6.00 POLICE 5. 6.05 NEWS. 6.15 'AIN'T WE GOT A RIGHT?' With Bari Jonson. Musical play about Martin Luther King. 7.00 STARS ON SUNDAY. 7.25 PLEASE SIR! 'The Sporting Life'. 7.55 'THE BATTLE OF THE VILLA FLORITA'. With Maureen O'Hara, Rossano Brazzi, Richard Todd and Phyllis Calvert. An English housewife falls in love with an Italian composer. 10.00 NEWS. 10.15 'DEAR JANET ROSENBERG... DEAR MR KOENIG'. Sunday night play. 11.05 AQUARIUS. 11.45 The party's moving on. 12 midnight He had a dream.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.15 London. 2.13 News. 2.15 Soccer. 3.15 Golf tip. 3.20 Road West. 4.10 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Cartoon time. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film. 'They Were Expendable'. With Robert Montgomery and John Wayne. 10.00 London. 10.15 Burt Bacharach. 11.15 Avengers. 12 midnight Epilogue, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 1.45 London. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-12.05 London. 1.42 Skippy. 1.00 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Big match. 3.45 Seaway. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 5.30 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Galloping gals. 6.05 London. 7.25 Film: 'Kings Go Forth'. With Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood. Two American army friends during Second World War find their friendship strained when they meet a beautiful girl. 9.30 Hark at Barker. 10.00 London. 11.15 Burt Bacharach. 12.10 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-12 noon London. 2.15 Sports arena. 2.45 Big match. 3.45 Joe. 4.15 University challenge. 4.45 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.55 Screen: 'Fanny'. With Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Charles Boyer. A young girl finds the sea a cruel rival for her young man's love. 10.00 London. 11.15 Burt Bacharach. 12.20 Weather. HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 1.30-2.00 Tecton trafod.

ANGLIA: 11.00-12.15 London. 1.40 Weather. 1.45 Farming diary. 2.15 Match of the week. 3.15 Kenny Everett. 4.45 University challenge. 4.15 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Weather. 6.05 London. 7.25 'The Naked Truth'. With Terry Thomas, Peter Sellers, Peggy Mount, Shirley Eaton and Dennis Price. Comedy. 9.05 Hawaii five-o. 10.00 Burt Bacharach. 11.15 Reflection. 12.10 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-12.15 London. 1.40 Douglas Fairbanks presents 2.15 Soccer. 4.15 'Double Confession'. With Derek Farr, Joan Hopkins, Peter Lorre and William Hartnell. Murder and intrigue. 4.40 London. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.25 'The Ship In The Arm'. With Jack Lemmon and Ricky Nelson. World War II comedy. 10.00 London. 10.15 Burt Bacharach. 11.15 Strange report, weather.

ULSTER: 12.10-1.05 London. 1.50 Saint. 2.45 London. 3.45 University challenge. 4.15 London. 5.30 Fluff. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.25 Bracken's World. 8.20 Movie. 'Wrecked Ship In The Arm'. With Jack Lemmon and Ricky Nelson. World War II comedy. 10.00 London. 10.15 Burt Bacharach. 11.15 Movement.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-12.15 London. 12.35 100 years at school. 1.00 York. 1.20 Farming diary. 1.50 Australian rugby league. 2.20 Football. 3.30 'Bond of Fear'. With Dermot Walsh and John Barrett and John Golson. An escaped murderer hides in family's caravan. 4.45 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Felix the cat. 6.05 London. 7.25 Hawaii five-o. 8.20 Film: 'Tunnel of Love'. With Doris Day, Richard Widmark, Gig Young. A young couple want to adopt a baby. 10.00 London. 11.15 Burt Bacharach. 12.15 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-12 noon London. 12.30 Better driving. 12.55 Shooting. 1.20 All our yesterdays. 1.45 Interplanetary. 2.15 London. 3.45 Time tunnel. 4.15 Gilligan's island. 4.45 London. 5.30 Cartoon time. 5.35 HR Picture. 6.00 Felix the cat. 6.05 London. 7.25 Picture: 'The FBI Story'. With James Stewart and Vera Miles. History of the FBI. 9.40 Laurel and Hardy. 10.00 London. 11.15 Felony squad.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-12.15 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.50 Farming out-look. 2.20 Soccer. 3.20 Mattinee: 'Craigslist' Down the River'. With Dick Haynes and Audrey Trotter. 4.45 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Cartoon time. 6.05 London. 7.25 Film: 'The Big Trees'. With Kirk Douglas and Patricia Wymore. 9.05 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 10.00 London. 11.15 Burt Bacharach. 12.15 Wayne and Shuster take an affectionate look at... The Marx Brothers. 12.10 Epilogue.

BORDER: 11.00-12.15 London. 1.45 Better diary. 1.50 Farming outlook. 2.20 Soccer. 3.20 Saint. 4.15 Hogan's heroes. 4.45 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Cartoon. 6.05 London. 7.55 'Battleground'. With Van Johnson, John Hodiak and George E. Stone. 11.15 Burt Bacharach. 12.10 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 1.20 All our yesterdays. 1.50 Farm progress. 2.20-2.30 Cartoon. 2.45 University challenge. 4.15 London. 5.30 Tom Grattan's war. 6.00 Popeye. 6.05 London. 7.55 Feanor. With Montand, Edward G. Robinson and Robert Cummings. 10.00 London. 11.15 Burt Bacharach. 12.15 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.50 Farm progress. 2.20 Sport. 3.20 Seaway. 4.10 London. 5.30 Flintstones. 6.00 Cartoon. 6.05 London. 7.55 Cinema: 'Something of Value'. With Tom Grattan. 11.15 Burt Bacharach. 12.10 For such a heart.

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Container rate war hots up

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ENORMOUS tensions building up in the shipping industry because of the advent of containerization came to the surface once again yesterday.

It was reported that the Atlantic Container Line—part-owned by Cunard—had suddenly withdrawn from three conferences which determine freight rates and regulations for the N Atlantic run.

ACL's decision has swiftly led to fears that it could provoke a free-for-all on the US to Europe routes.

The cargo trade on these routes is fiercely competitive. US consortiums are making investments of up to £30 million in bids to build bigger and more modern ships than their rivals who often entered the race only a few months before.

Ships are now being built to carry as many as 1,500 containers each.

ACL's move has been made because the shipping lines, desperate for profits, cheat on the rules of the conferences in several ways including giving secret rebates on the official rates to the shippers.

Own tariffs

ACL has evidently decided that enough is enough and to go it alone by establishing its own tariffs.

The company has one of the biggest stakes in the Atlantic freight trade operating ten big container ships. There is already a surplus of container capacity over demand on the Atlantic and the reduction of military cargo contracts for the Vietnam war could boost this surplus to disastrous proportions for the employers.

Belfast shooting shows the Tories want

Law and order at any cost

THE REAL FACE of British imperialism and the Tory government was brutally exposed in Ulster early yesterday morning.

Helicopters for Portugal under Labour deal

IN THE midst of phoney Labourite protests against Tory plans to sell arms to the Vorster regime in S Africa, it was revealed yesterday that the Wilson government had assisted in the manufacture and supply of 12 troop-carrying helicopters to the Portuguese regime.

BY A
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

The helicopters — partly built in Britain under a £3 million deal completed last year — were supplied to Portugal without any political 'strings' as to their use.

Wilson was apparently aware that the deal conflicted with the United Nations resolution banning the sale of arms for use against Africans in Portugal's colonies.

Yet the Labour leadership have invoked UN authority in their attacks on the present Tory government's plan to arm the Vorster regime.

Roughly 30 per cent of each 'Puma' helicopter was built by the Westland Company at its Yeovil factory in Somerset.

The rest is made by a French firm. It is reported that when the French government proposed to export the completed 12 helicopters to Portugal, it consulted Labour Minister of Technology Wedgwood Benn.

Although Benn reportedly pointed out that the deal was contrary to UN policy, the sale went ahead.

Early in 1968 members of Wilson's cabinet launched a campaign to end the ban on arms sales to Vorster.

Shortly after this came the deal with Portugal.

Brutal use

These helicopters are now being used by the Portuguese colonialists against the peoples of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea, in brutal wars of extermination rivaling that of Nixon's in Vietnam.

Here as on so many other questions, Wilson has paved the way for Toryism in its attacks on the colonial peoples.

BUA men meet over pay offer

BRITISH United Airways workers were meeting last night at Gatwick airport over the strike which had been planned for Monday.

But shop stewards were recommending acceptance of BUA's pay offer and the cancelling of Monday's action.

BUA workers are demanding pay parity with the state-owned airlines.

Stewards are to tell union national officers to seek 'productivity payments not less favourable than those operating within BOAC'.

Union officials earlier called for the strike to be postponed for a month while further negotiations take place.

Tories

FROM PAGE ONE
of 'modernization' which will soon be backed by Tory government legislation against all 'unofficial' strikes and every expression of militancy on the docks.

Speed-up at one end the dole-queue at the other. While the union leaders, by their continual retreat before the government, have opened the door wide before the employers' attacks, the Stalinists, by their reformist policies, are oiling the hinges of the door for the trade union bureaucrats.

That is the grim lesson about Black Wednesday 1970. The Tories have scored a victory. They stemmed the 'wage drift' in the docks by refusing to increase basic rates and more important they have brought 'modernization' and Measured-Day Work a step nearer.

Dockers must not allow this retreat to develop into a rout. Jones and his Stalinist allies can and must be defeated, but only if we learn the political lessons of this dispute and begin immediately to build the alternative Marxist leadership in all the major ports in Britain.

GOC Sir Ian Freeland's 'shoot-to-kill' threat was carried out to the letter when British troops shot dead a 19-year-old youth in the Roman Catholic New Lodge district of Belfast.

The youth, Daniel O'Heagan, was shot in the neck as 400 troops surrounded the area and moved in armoured cars against 100 demonstrators.

An armoured car was set on fire as petrol bombs were hurled in answer to a barrage of CS gas canisters.

Belfast City councillor James O'Kane, who owns a public house in the New Lodge Road, said local residents had been 'severely antagonized' by a joint RUC-military police raid on his premises shortly before midnight.

The police searched the bar after alleging that it was being used for a meeting, said O'Kane, 'but I was the only person in the place.'

Sparked off

It was the sight of 40 policemen and six Land Rovers full of MPs armed with Stirling submachine guns that sparked off tonight's trouble.

Fighting broke out and troops moved in when a police vehicle was stoned as it went to answer a 999 call that two youths were acting suspiciously.

Local residents claim that the youths — who were arrested and later released by the troops — were on a routine patrol of the area.

Despite the claims that O'Heagan was positively identified as a petrol-bomb thrower and that he had been warned three times, the residents denied this.

The shooting took place while the army's water-cannon stood by and fighting continued until nearly 7.30 a.m. yesterday.

This is the reality behind Home Secretary Maudling's recent visit to Ulster and Chichester-Clark's ban on all demonstrations.

Strengthened

The Tory government is now hell-bent in imposing 'law and order' on the working class both in Ireland and Britain, no matter what the cost in workers' lives.

The trade union leaders who refused to lead the dockers in struggle against the employers and the Tories have now strengthened the hand of reaction everywhere.

And it is no coincidence that those revisionists who boosted the 'peace-keeping' role of the British Army, have also now advised the dockers to return to work on Monday.

The Tories are now mobilizing all the instruments of repression against the working class.

Trade unionists must demand:
● Withdraw troops from Ulster immediately!
● Force the Tory government to resign!

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Lead
'The Communist Party, who have a lot of leading members on the docks, have given no leadership whatsoever. They could have given a lead.
'The Workers Press has given good coverage of the strike and has given the facts about the union leaders and the Communist Party from the word go.'

Diplomats kidnapped

THREE diplomats — two Americans and one Brazilian — were kidnapped yesterday in Uruguay but one — the US embassy's security officer — was later released.

This follows the recent abduction of a Uruguayan judge, involved in the trials of guerrillas.

Another closure cuts SE London jobs

BY A
CORRESPONDENT

THE PROBLEM of unemployment in SE London took a turn for the worse this week with the announcement by the giant Seager Evans distillery firm that its Deptford head office and bottling plant is to be closed over the next five months.

About 170 workers face the loss of their jobs.

It is believed that the plant is to be sold to Allied Breweries, who are likely to offer jobs only to a few of the redundant men.

As regime jails workers

Moscow prepares to recognize Spain

THE SOVIET government is preparing to establish diplomatic relations with the fascist Franco regime in Spain. This is confirmed by a W German agency and Albanian broadcast.

These reports confirm what Workers Press said on the conclusion of diplomatic relations between Franco and the Husak regime in Czechoslovakia a week ago:

'In this, as in every other aspect of policy, the Prague regime does not act as a free agent, but on the order of its masters in Moscow. Husak's deal with Franco is a preparation for the biggest prize of all so far as both Franco and the Kremlin are concerned: the exchange of ambassadors between Spain and the Soviet Union.' (WP July 25.)

The present discussions taking place were initiated by the visit of Franco's Foreign Minister, Bravo to Moscow on April 1 this year for talks with Soviet leaders.

Since then a Soviet trade mission has been set up in Madrid and now Soviet mining experts are in the Asturias to help their Polish colleagues speed up exploitation in the strike-hit coal mines there.

ASK WHY

Communist Party members in particular should ask themselves why the Soviet government chooses to assist the hard-pressed Franco regime at this very moment when, from the Basque and Asturias in the far North, through Madrid to Granada in the South, thousands of workers are fighting back against the employers and their fascist protectors.

The Kremlin's turn to Franco comes at the same time as Moscow Radio's support for the Pearson Report on the docks in Britain and Kossygin's continued refusal to withdraw his ambassador from the US puppet regime in Cambodia.

It also coincides with successful Soviet pressure on Nasser and other Arab leaders to accept the US imposed 'peace plan' in the Middle East, which will maintain the domination of Palestine by the Zionists on behalf of imperialism and the oil monopolies.

CONSISTENT

It is not just a question of diplomacy, but of a consistent line in international politics, a line which finds the Soviet bureaucracy ranged in every continent on the side of reaction.

It is a policy that British Communist Party leaders refuse to condemn. They have had nothing to say up to now on the diplomatic recognition of Franco by Poland, Hungary, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

Party members should insist that Gollan and Matthews declare their position on Soviet recognition of the regime that butchers some 1.5 million thousands of workers and communists in the Civil War, and is today once more shooting down and arresting workers in the streets of Spain.

There can be no neutrality on such a fundamental principle.

AL FATAH
BLASTS DAM
AL FATAH commandos yesterday blew up sections of the Neharavem Dam in Israel near the Sea of Galilee as a reply to the proposed (US) peaceful solution, the Palestinian Armed Struggle Command stated.

NEW TORY
CHAIRMAN
MR PETER THOMAS, Welsh secretary, has been appointed as the Tory Party chairman in place of Anthony Barber, Macleod's replacement as Tory Chancellor.

ALTERNATIVE
WEATHER
London Area, SE, central southern and northern England, EW Midlands: Dry with sunny intervals. Light SW winds. Normal. Max. 19C (66F).

Glasgow
Channel Islands, SW and NW England: Dry with sunny intervals. Some coastal fog patches. Light SW winds. Normal. Max. 21C (70F), but cooler near coasts.

N Ireland: Rather cloudy with occasional light rain. Light or moderate SW winds. Normal. Max. 19C (66F).

Edinburgh and E Scotland: Rather cloudy with occasional light rain. Light SW winds. Normal. Max. 19C (66F).

Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Dry and warm in the South, rather cloudy with rain at times in the North, with near normal temperatures.

SOVEX STRIKERS VOTE FOR VICTORY



Sovex strikers vote for their across-the-board rise

Mid-East

FROM PAGE ONE
tary and economic aid makes lengthy resistance unlikely.

Arab guerrilla leaders now face great problems—over 80 per cent of their equipment has been provided by E European countries and the rest by Cairo.

Their radio stations have now moved from Egypt to Syria, but this venue may not be available indefinitely, as already indicated.

Their main base in Amman is now threatened by the Jordan government's expected capitulation.

Above all, their political conception of the liberation of Palestine from Zionism by means of actions which 'aroused world opinion' is now bankrupt, when the issue is seen to be the independent mobilization of the Arab masses.

Meanwhile, the Israeli government crisis continues, as Mrs Meir tries to maintain the support of the right-wing Gahal Party, while accepting the principles of the Rogers plan.

At a Los Angeles press conference on Thursday, Nixon tried to allay Israeli fears that the 90-day cease-fire proposed in the plan would allow the Arab states to gain a military advantage.

It is clear that he can promise the Israelis this will not happen, because the Soviet leaders have assured the imperialists on the question.

Italian coalition talks still bogged down

NO AGREEMENT has yet been reached between the main parties supporting the Christian Democrat Colombo in his efforts to form a new Italian majority government.

BY A
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

The Socialist Party leaders are now insisting that they will only enter a new 'centre-left' coalition if the anti-communist Social Democrats are excluded from it.

The Socialists and Social Democrats have fallen out over the former's participation in coalitions with the Communist Party in several of the regional governments.

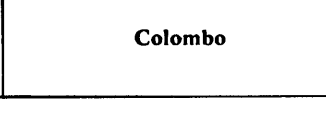
Makeshift

If Colombo's attempt fails—as it well might—the right-wing Christian Democrat Andreotti is ready to form a minority cabinet, which will almost certainly suffer the fate of all previous makeshift governments.

The balance of class forces in Italy is reflected to a certain extent inside parliament, where it has proved impossible to form a stable majority which excludes the fascists, monarchists and ultra-right Liberals on the right or the Communist Party, which won 28 per cent of the votes in 1968, on the left.

The 'centre-left' formula—a bloc between the Christian Democrats, Republicans, reformists and Socialists — has run its course.

Faced with a working class still full of fight, but distrustful of its own union and party leaderships, the Italian ruling class has two options before it: either an attempt to bring the Stalinists into the government or turn the Christian Democratic Party towards a bloc with the fascist MSI and its allies.



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Govt boosts computers

A PLAN to promote a computer service for medium and small building firms is to be put into operation shortly by the Ministry of Public Building and Works.

Initially, the system will deal with payroll and costing operations, but it is expected to expand to cover estimating, material control and labour

cost controlling. Many employers also hope that such a system would be used to file and update personnel reports on every worker employed.

Eventually, if the firms take to the system, it would act as a national computer service for the building and civil engineering industries.

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LATE NEWS

"NO COMMENT" FROM CAIRO
There was no immediate Egyptian reaction to Israel's acceptance of the American Middle East peace initiative, which came yesterday eight days after President Nasser gave Cairo's "yes" to the proposals.

But well-informed sources here said Cairo had already regarded an Israeli acceptance as highly probable.

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