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'This meeting demands of the national executive

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● No strings to be attached to our award. No productivity deal. No teacher unemployed.

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In other words, Wilson reassures the Tories that with the collaboration of the TUC leaders his measures to hit out at strikers are 'successful' as he can make them.

Having received Wilson's assurances that he had the problem in hand, Marten then went on to ask whether Wilson recalled 'his strong words in June about the duty of trade unions to use their rule books against members who continue with unofficial strikes'.

The Tories, Marten said, 'disliked' the government's policy—they wanted legal enforcement instead—but it was the policy on which Wilson was depending.

The TUC, Wilson replied, was serious in its undertaking. He considered 'Tory policy unworkable (not objectionable, just unworkable) but both Tory policy and the TUC-Cabinet agreement involved exactly the same thing 'placing on the unions the responsibility to use their rule book to deal with members'.

'This', he said, 'is being done already.'

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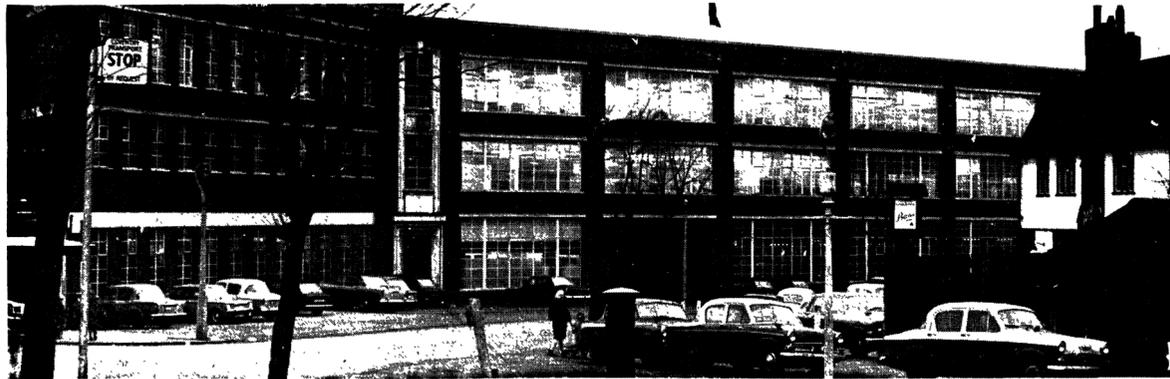
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The screws begin to tighten

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As 'The Newsletter'—now incorporated into the Workers' Press—pointed out at the beginning of June, the company's 'Agreement on Pay, Productivity and Associated Conditions' is quite explicit about its intentions. What it wanted, Rootes made clear, was to:

- Replace piece-work with fixed hourly rates.
- Time study all job operations and tie employees to constant work standards
- Achieve the maximum flexibility and mobility of labour, and
- Reduce the existing levels of unproductive time.

No one should imagine that everything has been cut and dried by the implementation of the deal's first stages. Many workers are growing more and more uneasy about what comes next.

In Coventry recently I was warned by a senior steward from the Stoke engine and transmission plant that 'a lot of people are fairly satisfied with the way things are working out at the moment—Rootes hasn't really started to tighten the screws yet'.

But speaking to a cross-section of workers from both Stoke and the Ryton assembly plant I found opinion sharply divided.



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The second of a series of articles on the Motor Industry

By our industrial correspondent DAVID MAUDE

The deal is certainly not uncritically accepted.

'We're working harder and we're working from the starting bell right up to finishing time,' I was told by an internal transport driver from the Ryton plant.

'What will the track-speed be for instance? I've heard that Rootes wants 51 cars an hour—almost as bad as Ford's.

'A lot of men thought they'd be getting more money when the deal went through. But we've been on short-time for a long while now—we've speeded up our work and we're getting £2-£3 less for it!'

A group of setters from the Stoke plant held the opposite view.

'When we were on piece-work,' they said 'we were always having disputes with the ratifiers over the money on different jobs. There was always trouble when people had to be switched about.'

'The new system's a good idea because everyone gets the same money as each other, there's no variation.'

'For skilled men like us the money aspect's about the same as it was, but some people are getting quite a bit more than they were before—semi-skilled workers, for instance.'

'The booking-in system has changed, too. Office staff has been cut down.'

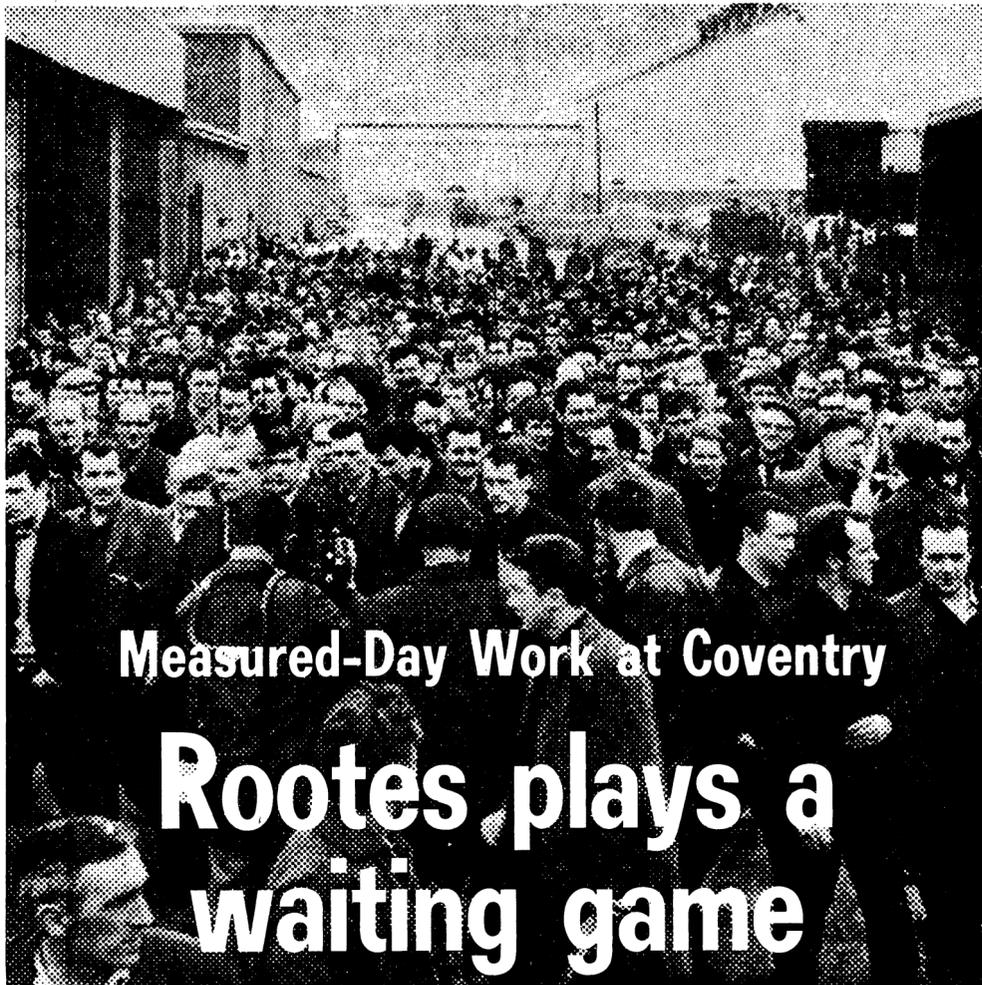
'They are certainly getting more work out of us. According to the agreement, we have to be more flexible and work has to stop and start to the bell.'

'Although there's some automation at Ryton we aren't affected at the moment. It's doubtful if we ever will be.'

When I put this to a group of Stoke machine operators, they vehemently disagreed.

'These people say they're satisfied, but will they still say this when Rootes starts to cut back on labour?' they asked.

'We're jogging along to some



## Measured-Day Work at Coventry Rootes plays a waiting game

- Car market shares down—'Chrysler piling on the pressure for returns on the £100 million it spent in modernizing Rootes'.
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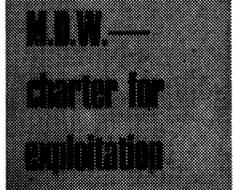
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'The work's going ahead hard enough now. However, soon blokes working one machine will have another one shifted up alongside and they will be told—"work that one as well!" No argument.

'Mobility of labour? Once the management puts you on a job, that's it. No argument.'

'The money may seem good at the moment compared to some places, but what is it going to be like in two years' time?'



AS MANY workers stress, Rootes has only just started to prepare the ground for a real onslaught against its workers.

Under the two-year agreement, work-times and standards can be subjected to a continuous review. With jobs graded 'according to their content' and mobility-flexibility in constant operation, the way is paved for big redundancies and a tremendous intensification of work.

And this Rootes—which is now the smallest of Britain's big four car manufacturing

firms—will certainly have to do within a very short period of time.

Like all Chryslers' European subsidiaries, its share of the home market is being whittled away at a rapid rate—going down from 11.9 per cent to 9.5 per cent in May of this year. Chrysler's share in the European market as a whole, at 6.5 per cent, is only half of that of British-Leyland.

The American firm is now piling considerable pressure on executives at Coventry and Linwood to show some returns on the £100 million it has spent modernizing Rootes.

In order to break back decisively into the running and increase its market share, Rootes is already preparing to slash its production costs down the middle. It is said that the new 'B' model car, scheduled to come into pro-

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duction at the beginning of next year, has been pared down to the minimum as far as components are concerned. This is where Measured-Day Work comes in.

Workers are already having their time packed as tightly as possible. Under the agreement's terms, late starting and early finishing are cut down to three minutes at each end of the shift and provision is made for the changeover to three-shift or twilight-shift working in certain departments after 'joint consideration'.

A three-shift system is most likely to be introduced of course, in the new 'B' shop.

Workers claim that no women or older men are being taken on for work in this shop. They fear the company will demand an intolerable pace of working from those who are to be employed there.

Measured-Day Work is an integral part of Chrysler-Rootes strategy. As 'The Financial Times' reported after Rootes cut the prices of some of its cars on July 10:

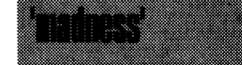
'These cuts are partly the result of new pay and productivity contracts introduced first at Linwood, which makes the Imp, and recently at Ryton, the home of the Arrow range.'

By introducing Measured-Day Work, Rootes hoped to establish the untrammelled exploitation of its workers for most of the year. Pay disputes would be limited to the time of the annual pay review.

'A "go go" firm like Chrysler doesn't bring in any deal for our benefit—if I'm up for going out of the gate it'll be the big shareholders who decide, they won't consider my wife and kids.'

'The factory leadership has made mistakes all down the line so far. I think some of them were looking for a lead to their head offices—but of course you've got the TUC and everybody else all tied up with the government's policies. It's

'But once this system really gets going, that's when the reaction will come. It's bound to!'



SEVERAL other points must be made in conclusion.

Because Measured-Day Work came to Coventry in an atmosphere of struggle, Rootes was forced to pay out relatively high rates as a carrot for acceptance of the deal.

It is to be hoped that Rootes workers will read the next article in this series, in which we will be looking at the situation in Vauxhall Motors—where a similar agreement has been in operation for several years and rates are 40 per cent lower than those at Coventry!

There are other straws in the wind here.

News of Ryton's top 17s. 5d.-an-hour wage grade has been heard like a bugle-call by many lower-paid car workers.

As one Stoke machine shop steward put it:

'There's method in the company's "madness". Having paid out relatively high money to get the deal through they've now got other workers looking a bit enviously at us.'

His comment on this should come as timely warning.

'Look at what goes with this. In a couple of years we'll be in the same position as Ford's workers are now.'

'We've had a time-study, but no-one's been had up in the office yet about their performance—Rootes is obviously just playing a waiting game at the moment.'

No trade unionist can tolerate the conditions Rootes hopes to bring in. But, at the same time, there is little room for some of the pessimism many stewards are beginning to express.

Now is the time to prepare the fight back.

A Stoke transport driver, told me:

'A "go go" firm like Chrysler doesn't bring in any deal for our benefit—if I'm up for going out of the gate it'll be the big shareholders who decide, they won't consider my wife and kids.'

'The factory leadership has made mistakes all down the line so far. I think some of them were looking for a lead to their head offices—but of course you've got the TUC and everybody else all tied up with the government's policies. It's

'But once this system really gets going, that's when the reaction will come. It's bound to!'

The third article in this series

will appear in

next Saturday's issue of

Workers Press.

It will deal with the fight of Vauxhall workers against speed-up, mobility of labour and the threat of 'penal clauses' at the company's Luton and Ellesmere Port plants.



'What is the track-speed going to be?' asks one Rootes worker. At Ryton, above, he had heard it was to be pushed up.

## Labour leaders retreat on boundaries

THE LABOUR leaders' headlong retreat before the Tories is well illustrated in the fate of the Redistribution of Seats Bill in parliament.

The government had originally intended to change the boundaries of constituencies in London and some larger towns before the next general election.

They were not intending to implement the full recommendations of the Boundary Commission, because these would probably

hand a further 15 seats to the Tories, who already enjoy a built-in advantage in the way constituencies are arranged.

The proposals would thus have gone some way towards remedying the Tory advantage by breaking up large working-class constituencies in some city centres into smaller units.

The Tories immediately began to bleat about 'gerrymandering' and accusing the Labour leaders of all kinds of unparliamentary behaviour.

Then, when the government's proposals came before the House of Lords, the peers threw them out.

So several courses of action

were open to Home Secretary James Callaghan.

He could have used the government's powers under the Parliament Acts to overrule the Lords' veto and have the bill passed regardless of the Tory peers.

He could even have chosen the issue to hit out at the Lords' remaining powers.

But, instead of this, he has chosen to carry out one of the most absurd manoeuvres in parliamentary history—with the sole purpose of not embarrassing the Tories.

He is now going to lay the boundary changes before parliament as a resolution and use the Labour majority to

vote them down, thus 'killing' his own Bill.

The Tories must be speechless with astonishment, and the Tory peers will feel even stronger next time they sally out from the backwoods to block some minor reform.

All the signs are that in the coming months the Labour leaders will capitulate more and more before the Tories as they near the General Election.

Every retreat in parliament by the Labour leaders widens the breach through which the Tories will pour after the election.

Wilson and the right wing open the gates for the return of Toryism.

# TV Column



An American soldier blinded in Vietnam.

## Some semblance of programmes scrambles through

By Frank Cartwright

'THE RULING ideas of an epoch are essentially the ideas of the ruling class of that epoch.' (Marx.) Television purveys those ideas and at the same time reveals the crisis which lies behind them.

In the same week that thousands of its workers were on strike, the BBC just managed to keep up its output of the half-truths, fictions and versions of the facts necessary for the continuation of British capitalism.

Its news coverage of its own dispute was partial and misleading in its selections and omissions. The tone of hearty objectivity never wavered for a moment but it did sound very hollow.

Viewers should not forget that the same men who threaten workers and send them home for accepting union instructions also decide what shall be broadcast, what filmed, what ignored.

We must also remember that Lord Hill, the chairman of the Board of Governors at the BBC, was a Wilson appointment and, in turn, was responsible for the present management structure in the Corporation which accepted the totally inadequate financial provisions made for the future of broadcasting by Wilson's government.

The solidarity and determination of television workers, however, is a very important development in the growing crisis.

They have shown a little of their strength.

It will not be long before they will have to show more.

Much output was lost last week and more will be affected by the present overtime ban, but non-union labour, willing management and some scabs scrambled a semblance of programmes on the air.

In future struggles it will be necessary to make such stoppages complete.

THE CONTRADICTIONS and destructiveness of capitalism also showed very clearly in last week's edition of 'Man Alive'.

The series often displays the worst features of bourgeois television in using the issues it covers to make exciting programmes.

This report on Alaska, however, tried to steer a middle course. What came through loud and clear was that alongside the enormous fortunes being made in that state by the oil companies and land speculators, builders and transport moguls, there is the ruthless dispossession of the native Indian and Eskimo peoples.

Whilst literally billions of pounds pour away in profits to American, British and other huge companies, whilst teams of industrial spies survey rival concerns for 24 hours a day, whilst adventurers rent houses for £200 a month, the Eskimos are living in squalid shanty towns with sewage flooding their streets and drinking water and without the simplest facilities for the education of their children.

Reduced to inventing dances for the tourists the only alternative is to abandon everything of their real traditions and culture and to enter the

capitalist jungle as wage-labour.

And for the influx of labour from America and elsewhere, there is intense exploitation, big wages and only booze and equally exploited women to spend them on.

One truck driver who made about 24s. an hour in the main part of the United States, was now earning nearly £200 a week.

But not for nothing.

The working conditions he described, the cold, the danger, the pig-sty accommodation on the job—eight men sleeping in a room 12 feet by eight feet—bore witness to a rate of surplus value proportionally well above any earnings.

The interviews with millionaires and multi-millionaires, all quite unaffected, of course, only enhanced the sickening aspect of international capitalism's plundering.

As the programme billing in the 'Radio Times' said:

'Rich, exciting Alaska brings together the investors and the industrial spies, the topless dancers and the roustabouts, the revivalist preachers and what are coyly called the ladies of the night. "Man Alive" meets them all.'

ANOTHER desperate cry last week came from the BBC's Wednesday Play spot. Over the last 18 months the drama output of the BBC has consistently hit all-time lows.

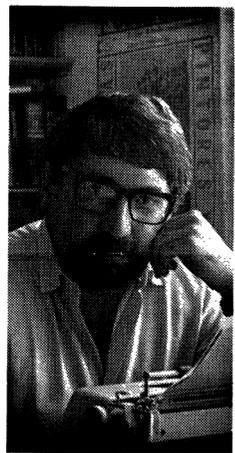
With none of the biting talent left, with all the people

responsible for programmes like 'Cathy Come Home', 'The Lump', 'In Two Minds', 'Some Women' and 'The Big Flame' gone, the level of dramatic achievement has been very poor.

Mostly sedate or pretentious, there has recently hardly been one play revealing any seriousness of purpose let alone real understanding.

The only exceptions have been the occasional appearance of a new David Mercer work.

All this is witness to the crisis amongst the people charged to instruct, inform and entertain us.



Playwright David Mercer.

Mostly middle-class professionals, they find themselves in deeper and deeper confusion. Uncertain on the one side about just what their masters want and constantly confused on the other by their inability to judge what audiences want, they very much reflect the difficulties of this group of people in society.

Caught in the crossfire of the class war they will have to choose sides sooner or later.

Just now their work shows the indecision and the break-up of the old ways of coping.

'The Mark-Two Wife' was a fable about middle-class manners.

A deeply unhappy woman in her early forties, certain that her husband is about to leave her for someone younger, precipitates an emotional crisis in a party of stultified climbers and careerists.

Their own self-deceptions, lies and accommodations are all threatened by the woman's frank desperation and it is only a reluctant retired general and his wife who deal at all sympathetically with her or show any insight.

A sexually aggressive Eastern European—who later turns out to be the impotent pet of his very English wife—deepens everyone's anxieties and it is clear that without the general's good lady all would have ended in dissolution and chaos.

Just what we should take from all this, apart from often compelling glimpses into the moods and thwarted feelings of the characters, will depend on where we stand in the first place.

FORCED off the air during the Wednesday strike, '24 Hours' on Thursday ran an American report on the wounded from Vietnam; so far over 400,000 Americans killed and 500,000 maimed.

This report looked at some of the maimed; young men crippled, limbless and paralyzed. At the same time it was an insight into the bitter effects of one of the contradictions of imperialism.

These men with parts of their bodies blown off or useless were shown under the most intensive care of the most sophisticated American medicine. Plastic surgeons struggling

to develop their techniques whilst other scientists battle to improve the adhesiveness of napalm to human skin; designers of prosthetic limbs advancing the delicacy and range of artificial hands, arms, and legs next to explosives experts increasing the destructiveness of fragmentation bombs.

We watched a man receive the Bronze and Silver Stars for gallantry and then halt his way on crutches off the platform. Some of these victims of this imperialist war clearly went willingly. Most seemed confused, uncertain and sometimes bitter.

'I like to think I did it for a cause,' said one. 'I don't see why we're there... it's senseless,' said another. 'I don't understand what I made

this sacrifice for.' Mostly conscripted into the army, often from farms and small towns, these were the voices and faces of deeply hurt but deluded men.

One boy in his early twenties with a stump instead of an arm said he just wanted to go back to college and become a teacher.

Another one-time 6 feet 2 inches tall football player now legless, said he didn't know at whom to point his bitterness. He then unconsciously drew the connection between the Second World War and the Vietnam war, saying the only difference was that in the former 'they had a little start on us by bombing Pearl Harbour'.

And throughout, the terrible contradiction of the reporter

## BBC

9.15 a.m.-12.25 p.m. Schools. 1.00 Bob Yn Dri. 1.30 Watch With Mother. 1.45-1.53 News, Weather. 2.05-2.35 Schools. 3.45 Malcolm Muggeridge asks the Question Why? 4.20 Play School. 4.40 Jakanory. 4.55 Wacky Races and Space Kidettes. 5.15 Monster Music Mash. 5.44 Babar. 5.50 National News, Weather.

6.00 London-Nationwide. 6.45 Z Cars. 7.05 Tomorrow's World. 7.35 Decidedly Dusty. 8.00 Blackpool Tower Circus. 8.50 The Main News and Weather. 9.10 Remember, Remember... the Fifth of November. 10.00 Jackie Stewart - World Champion.

10.30 24 Hours. 11.05 Weatherman. 11.07 Free For All.

All regions as BBC-1 except at the following times:

Midlands and East Anglia: 6.00-6.45 p.m. Midlands Today, Look East, Weather, Nationwide. 10.00-10.30 Public Gallery, Farming Club. 11.37 News, Weather.

North of England: 6.00-6.45 p.m. Lock North, Nationwide. 11.37, Northern News.

Scotland: 6.00-6.45 p.m. Reporting Scotland. 11.05-11.30 Late Ceilidh. 11.30-11.35 Baptist Centenary. 11.35 Scottish News Headlines.

Northern Ireland: 6.00-6.45 p.m. Scene Around Six, News, Weather, Nationwide. 10.00-10.30 Speak Your Mind. 11.37 Northern Ireland News, Weather.

Wales: 5.15-5.44 p.m. Teleweli. 6.00-6.45 Wales Today, Weather, Nationwide. 6.45-7.05 Heddiw. 8.00-8.25 One Of The Family. 8.25-8.50 Cadw Cwmni. 10.00-10.20 Z Cars. 10.20-10.30 New... O'r Newydd. 11.37 Viewpoint.

South and West: 6.00-6.45 p.m. Points West, South Today, Spotlight South West, Weather, Nationwide. 10.00-10.30 One (Wo)Man's Life. 11.37 South and West News Headlines, Weather.

# TODAYS TV

## B.B.C. 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. Play School. 7.00 p.m. This Question of Presures. 7.30 Newsroom, Weather. 8.00 Floodlit Rugby League: Salford v. Castletford or Huddersfield. 8.45 Jazz Scene. 9.10 Premiere: 'The Sound Of Anger'. 10.15 News Summary, Weather. 10.50 Line-Up.

## Thames

11.00 a.m. Schools. 3.10 p.m. How About You? 3.40, Medicine In Question. 3.55, Face Of The Earth. 4.15, News Headlines. 4.17, Paulus. 4.30, Crossroads. 4.55, Junior Showtime. 5.20, Magpie. 5.50, News From ITN. 6.03, Today. 6.30, The Rifleman. 7.00, The Tuesday Film: 'Talk Of A Million'. 8.30, The Dustbinmen. 9.00, Who-Dun-It. 10.00, News At Ten. 10.30, Report. 11.20, A Centenary Tribute to Gandhi. 12.20 a.m., Medicine In Question.

## Yorkshire

11.00 a.m.-2.30 p.m. Schools. 4.11, News Headlines. 4.13, The Tingha and Tucker Club. 4.25, Katie Stewart Cooks. 4.55, Junior Showtime. 5.20, Magpie. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar, Weather. 6.30, Castle Haven. 6.55, House Of Numbers. 8.30, The Dustbinmen. 9.00, Hadleigh. 10.00, News At Ten. 10.30, Report. 11.20, A Centenary Tribute to Gandhi. 12.20 a.m., Late Weather.

## Westward

11.00 a.m.-12 noon, Schools. 1.45-2.53 p.m. Schools. 3.40, Katie Stewart Cooks. 4.01, Hubble Bubble. 4.13, Westward News Headlines. 4.15, Castle Haven. 4.41, The Gus Honeybun Show. 4.55, Junior Showtime. 5.20, Magpie. 5.50, National News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Star Movie: 'Dallas' starring Gary Cooper, Ruth Toman, Steve Cochran. 8.30, The Dustbinmen. 9.00, Who-Dun-It. 10.00, News At Ten and Border Weather. 10.30, Report. 'It's Like This, Doctor'. 11.20, A Centenary Tribute to Gandhi. 12.20 a.m., Faith For Life. 12.26, Weather.

## BBC

10.58 a.m.-2.53 p.m. Schools. 4.10, Castle Haven. 4.35, Anglia Newsroom. 4.40, Paulus. 4.55, Junior Showtime. 5.20, Magpie. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Star Western Movie: 'Masterson of Kansas' starring George Montgomery and Nancy Gates. 8.30, The Dustbinmen. 9.00, Who-Dun-It. 10.00, News At Ten, Weather. 10.30, Report. 11.20, A Centenary Tribute to Gandhi. 12.29 a.m., The Living Word.

11.00 a.m.-2.55 p.m. Schools. 4.09, North East Newsroom. 4.11, News Headlines. 4.13, Paulus. 4.25, Mad Movies. 4.53, North East Newsroom. 4.55, Junior Showtime. 5.20, Magpie. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today At Six. 6.30, Where The Jobs Are. 6.35, Castle Haven. 7.00, The Tuesday Film: 'The Ghost Of St. Michaels' starring Will Hay and Claude Hulbert. 8.30, The Dustbinmen. 9.00, Who-Dun-It. 10.00, News At Ten. 10.30, Report. A Doctor's Eye View. 11.20, Late News Extra. 11.37, Our Brothers' Keepers.

## BBC

1.45-2.55 p.m. Schools. 3.35, How About You? 4.00, Border News Headlines. 4.02, Houseparty. 4.15, Castle Haven. 4.40, Diane's Magic Theatre. 4.55, Junior Showtime. 5.20, Magpie. 5.50, National News. 6.00, Border News and Lookaround. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Feature Film: 'Carry On Nurse'. 8.30, The Dustbinmen. 9.00, Who-Dun-It. 10.00, News At Ten and Border Weather. 10.30, Report. 'It's Like This, Doctor'. 11.20, A Centenary Tribute to Gandhi. 12.20 a.m., Border News Summary and Weather.

# Class collaboration on the screen

BY BERNARD

FRANKS

## 'REPRESENTING THE UNION'

Broadcast weekly on BBC-1 on Sundays from 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Started October 5, 1969 (repeat on following Wednesday at 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.)

WITH THE Association of Broadcasting Staffs, representing a third of BBC workers, recently striking for a basic increase in pay and against non-payment of productivity increases, the BBC's enthusiasm over its own special series of programmes to sell productivity deals falls somewhat flat.

In the first of the ten programmes which are being produced in conjunction with the trade unions, all of which are aimed specifically at shop stewards, productivity bargaining was examined.

It was clear from the start that this series is to take the usual 'reasonable' and 'impartial' approach as used by management consultants in the early days of any productivity deal.

## 'Nagging' members

The programme began with a film of a convenor in a Midlands engineering firm 'nagging' his members for higher production on the shop floor.

'Is he doing the management's dirty work?', 'Has he been conned?' are the questions asked.

It turns out that he hasn't (surprise!)—'He is just speaking a new language.'

The managing director of the firm in question appears on the screen to explain that at the time when the scheme was introduced three years ago:

'We'd got a climate developed by the government over the preceding 18 months where folk pretty well generally understood that there was no longer to be something for nothing and we wanted to make ourselves competitive in a very real sense with people from abroad, and to do this we'd got to produce more from the people we'd got.'

The management then went on to offer the 'olive branch' to the shop stewards who were reluctant to take it.

Why this sudden friendly attitude on the part of management? We were told:

'The management there

wanted to make a total approach to the problem of raising productivity, but the changes that were necessary had to be agreed with the unions and could only be achieved by their full participation.'

Then the agreement, with its increased pay tied to new methods of working, was brought in over the next three-year period. During that time the shop stewards had taken to having regular meetings with the management to 'discuss the efficiency of their departments'.

## Round the table

One shot in the film shows management, work-study men and shop stewards sitting round a table together. The convenor leans forward:

'We're a bit concerned about one or two of the performances being low.'

With this joint committee meeting regularly, things are different, claims the convenor, and he adds:

'The decision is made jointly. They don't come and say "ten men are going to be made redundant because of pay and productivity," here's a list of ten men", what they say now is "We've got ten men surplus to requirement, what shall we do with them?"'

After this film of a productivity scheme in action, the programme continued with a discussion with a management consultant from the firm in the film together with Derek Whittaker, head of the Production Studies Department of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundryworkers (AEF), a department that was 'set up to advise on productivity bargaining and its associated techniques'.

## Cannot tell

Is it a con-man stunt?

'How can you tell—early days,' says Whittaker, adding 'I would like to sit here with Alan (the convenor) in two years' time and say, "were you right, and how many members have you now got, how many people went down the road as a result of bad forecasting or bad manpower planning by the management?"'

However, the management man doesn't need to wait and see.

He is quite clear about what is happening:

'We have to be prepared to bring the unions fully into the management role. They have to be able to help organize the shops so that the management can operate them successfully.'

Whittaker listens to this, but only remarks, 'I'm cautious, not suspicious.'

The programme ends with some advice from Whittaker:

'Get a no-redundancy guarantee... examine long-term proposals of the management... and above all, get good communications.'

The situation shown in this first programme is typical of phase one of the introduction of many productivity deals, where the management is very friendly, where supervision is moved out of the way while the shop stewards bring in and operate the new measures.

It is always possible in this situation to find workers who are satisfied, who have received increases in pay and somewhat improved conditions, without having the full force of work-study and Measured-Day Work, as yet, thrust upon them.

## Stewards 'dumped'

Later on, once the scheme is in, the stewards can be promoted or 'dumped' and management can take over once more.

Many workers watching this series, who have reached phase two or three of a deal, or who have been told 'accept Measured-Day Work or get out' (car industry), or who face large-scale redundancies and closures (docks), can see from this programme how their stewards were originally 'conned' on the basis of improving 'communications'.

With the present strength of the working class at shop-floor level, employers find it impossible to simply enforce new measures.

They must get 'participation' and 'class-collaboration' at all levels and must also develop a 'big-sell' technique—hence this programme.

The accompanying booklet, drawn up jointly by the BBC and the TUC, makes it quite clear that the main emphasis of the series will be on work-measurement techniques, including coverage of pre-determined motion-time systems (PMTS) and Measured-Day Work.

While science provides the means to 'patch up' many of the maimed G.I.s home from Vietnam, it also develops new and more powerful forms of napalm.



# STUDENTS GREET THE DAILY

THE FOLLOWING resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Young Socialist Student Society at West Ham College, London: 'We welcome the daily Workers' Press and congratulate the leadership of the Socialist Labour League for the principled struggle taken up in this paper and fought out before all workers and

students. We support the daily struggle against all reactionary tendencies within the working class and the petty bourgeoisie and also the fight to keep out the Tories and their agents within the working class.'

F. Vanderman, R. Babbra, M. Sakaan, J. S. Al-Shami, M. Heron, S. Hammond,

# Kent miners want old score settled

Workers' Press reporter

SOME 4,000 Kent miners were to strike yesterday in support of an eight-hour day for surface workers.

At a pit-head meeting outside Tilmanstone, Colliery, on Thursday, a number of miners said they should come out immediately and not wait until Monday as the area executive had recommended.

There is great distrust in Kent for the area executive. Some miners from the recently-closed Chislet colliery recently demanded a political reckoning with the prominent Communist Party member on the area executive, Jack Dunn.

Dunn had followed in former general secretary Paynter's footsteps and said Chislet would be saved if the miners produced more coal.

As the men said: 'The NCB got the coal and shut the pit'.

Dave King, Communist Party member and a face-worker at Betschanger pit, said he opposed the government's whole fuel policy and agreed with the All Trades Unions Alliance programme.

## Boiling over

He emphasized that the dispute was the boiling over of discontent with the whole National Power-Loading Agreement.

An underground worker from Snowdown pit, who took part in the 1926 General Strike, summed it up when he said the strike was settling a score with the employers and the government that should have been settled 43 years ago.

# Phoney Tory abstentions on Rhodesia sanctions

Workers' Press reporter

BY A VOTE of 222 to 26 the House of Commons has decided to continue its economic sanctions against the Rhodesia's Smith regime.

The voting figures, however, say little about the rapid development of class forces that is now taking place.

Since the first discussion between Wilson and Smith, the white Rhodesian minority has proceeded to build up its organs of repression against the Rhodesian working class.

Smith moved to a unilateral declaration of independence position (UDI) and then to the new constitution, confident that the Labour government was as much opposed to working-class power in Rhodesia (and Britain) as they were.

The policy of sanctions, as the Tories pointed out in the debate, has failed.

Sir Alec Douglas Home, their main spokesman, stated: 'It was predictable, indeed certain, that with South Africa exempt from the sanctions net they could not achieve the political result the Prime Minister required.'

## Willing

While the Labour MPs rambled on about 'equal citizenship' and the 'honour of the country', the Tories made

## Tube strike

MOST lines on London's underground were hit yesterday by a guards' strike. The guards want mileage bonus payments similar to those paid to drivers. They have gone ahead despite the advice of their union, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

# Vauxhall's, Luton OFFICIALS STOP UNITED STAND AGAINST DEAL

By David Maude

ANGRY VEHICLE builders from Vauxhall's Luton plant slated union officials as they crowded out of their mass meeting at a local cinema at mid-day last Friday.

Most of the comments were unprintable as they told waiting members of other unions how their officials had prevented them voting down the company's latest productivity proposals.

One of the milder descriptions was 'they're just a waste of time'.

Inside the meeting, National Union of Vehicle Builders' (NUVB) convenor Peter Ashworth claimed that the deal had been watered down since members threw it out four months previously.

But the version he read to the meeting did not include the all-important 'exchange of letters' appendix drafted at York 12 days ago.

Ellesmere Port stewards lobby NUVB members entering the Odeon cinema, Luton, last Friday for a meeting which ended in confusion.



## Letters

This stated that the notorious June 'penal clauses' would be replaced by letters between district union officers and plant personnel managers—agreeing that the unions would discourage unofficial disputes while recognizing management's right to take such remedial action as the situation warrants in the case of employees who violate the undertaking'.

During the brief period allowed for discussion, the platform denied workers the use of a microphone to address the 1,000-strong meeting.

They turned a blind eye to men demanding a vote on the deal and a deaf ear to the continual shouts of 'Back Ellesmere Port!'.

As more and more workers insisted that a vote be taken, Ashworth declared that there was complete chaos in the meeting and 'I for one won't accept a decision taken here this morning'.

## Confusion

Then the chairman suddenly announced his resignation and district secretary Jim Thomas took over.

In the confusion, his question as to whether the meeting wanted a ballot was taken by many workers to mean did they want a vote.

After a rather ragged vote in favour, Thomas said that the meeting was closed.

Earlier, a 12-man contingent of Ellesmere Port stewards had lobbied those entering the meeting and received big support for their call for a united stand against the company's proposals.

But the officials denied them the right to enter the meeting themselves.

## Wilson

FROM PAGE ONE always maintained—there is no difference of principle on anti-union measures between the Tories and the Labour and TUC leaders.

Their disagreements are about how to tackle the problem that confronts them all: a resurgent working class fighting all along the line against their plans.

# U.S. management consultants for Yugoslavia

By a foreign correspondent

IMPERIALIST penetration of East Europe has now reached a dangerous new stage.

McKinsey, the top-line US management consultants firm, currently advising the Bank of England and the BBC, has now moved into Yugoslavia.

Last month a team of McKinsey consultants visited Sarajevo, where it advised the Energoinvest plant management, the largest manufacturers of electrical equipment in the country.

The first job of the team will not be to teach the Yugoslav managers anything. They will study the workings of the economy, the budgeting policy of the government, and examine the investment, pricing and wage-fixing methods employed by the Tito regime.

## Limited

In his fight against Stalin after 1948, Tito leaned on the working class to a considerable extent, granting limited powers to workers' councils in running factories.

Calling in US management advisers must mean that the bureaucracy is now going to crack the whip in the factories and tie the working class down through market methods of wage and price determination.

The property relations remained unchanged, but the methods of distribution as opposed to production move closer to capitalism, creating great tension between the two.

# Czech purge will go on —Premier

THE STALINIST purge in Czechoslovakia is to go on.

That was the message of Prime Minister Cernik's speech to a joint session of parliament on Thursday.

After outlining plans for the greater centralization of the economy, Cernik gave the following warning to opponents of the regime:

'It is in the interests of fast consolidation and progress that we must at all costs bring to a successful end the struggle with these advocates of right-wing opportunism and thus create conditions for active and positive work for socialism.'

## Hardly begun

Coupled with Cernik's warnings in the same speech of speed-up and longer hours in the factories, these words reveal that the struggle has hardly yet begun in Czechoslovakia.

When Cernik refers to 'right-wing opportunism', he means, of course, primarily the working class and not merely the remnants of the Dubcek 'liberals' who still hold Party and state posts.

It is one thing to expel individuals from the Party. Cernik faces a different proposition in the Czech working class.

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# U.S. adopts defensive Vietnam strategy

By a foreign correspondent

FAR-REACHING changes in military strategy lie behind the recent drop in US Vietnam casualties.

'Search and destroy' missions have been officially abandoned, with all US troops now taking up defensive positions.

This is a reversion to the 'enclave' strategy first advocated as long ago as 1966 by General Gavin.

'Offensive' operations are now to be undertaken by troops of the Saigon regime.

The success of these can be measured by the rapid rise in the 'puppet' government's troop casualties since this new strategy began.

## 'Vietnamization'

This so-called 'Vietnamization' of the war is US imperialism's last card.

After four years or more of bearing the main brunt of the fighting, the US army remains trapped in the same bases that it occupied in 1965.

The vast bulk of the country and the population remains as hostile to imperialism and Saigon rule as ever.

After the vast demonstrations of 'Moratorium Day' US imperialism finds itself faced, as the revolt in the army itself develops, with a war on three fronts.

The role of the liberals, the Stalinists and the revisionists in containing the anti-war movement at a protest level is a real aid to imperialism at this juncture and must be exposed as such.

# Students' trial sets dangerous precedent

By a foreign correspondent

THE TRIAL began in Frankfurt on Friday of three leading members of the West German Socialist Students' League.

The three students, Gunther Amendt, Hans-Jürgen Krahl and Karl-Dietrich Wolf are charged with organizing demonstrations against the presentation of the Frankfurt Publishers' peace prize to President Senghor of Senegal in September 1968.

The students opposed the presentation of a 'peace prize' to a man they considered to be a dictator.

President Senghor had closed his country's only university because of student opposition to his regime.

These student leaders were arrested and charged for demonstrating their solidarity with African workers, peasants and students.

The West German labour movement must insist that the case is dismissed at once.

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# Veteran's expulsion splits C.P. in Austria

VETERAN leader Ernst Fischer's expulsion from the Austrian Communist Party last week has created a split in the party's 87-member Central Committee.

Fischer is a firm opponent of the Soviet invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia and his refusal to retract statements made against it led to his expulsion.

Now 27 members of the Central Committee have signed a statement condemning the expulsion, claiming it to be a blow against 'democracy' and 'autonomy'.

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# NEW JUNIOR MINISTERS SINK 'LEFT' PASTS

Workers' Press reporter

THE NEWLY appointed members of the Labour government are quickly ridding themselves of their radical pasts.

Nine of the Labour backbenchers promoted a week ago have withdrawn their names from 46 motions tabled for the coming session.

They do not wish to be embarrassed by them in their new jobs. The nine have been active in signing motions critical

of the government or urging action on various issues.

Dr John Dunwoody, new parliamentary secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, withdrew his name from a critical motion on health service charges.

Mr Evan Luard, now with a job at the Foreign Office, has severed his connections with motions concerning international action over the Nigerian civil war and negotiations with the International Monetary Fund.

The others withdrawing their names are Ben Whitaker, Miss Joan Lester, Albert Murray, Ivor Richard, Terence Boston, James Hamilton and Ray Dobson.

Having voted for Wilson's anti-working class policies for five years, these MPs probably did not find it hard to withdraw their minor criticisms.