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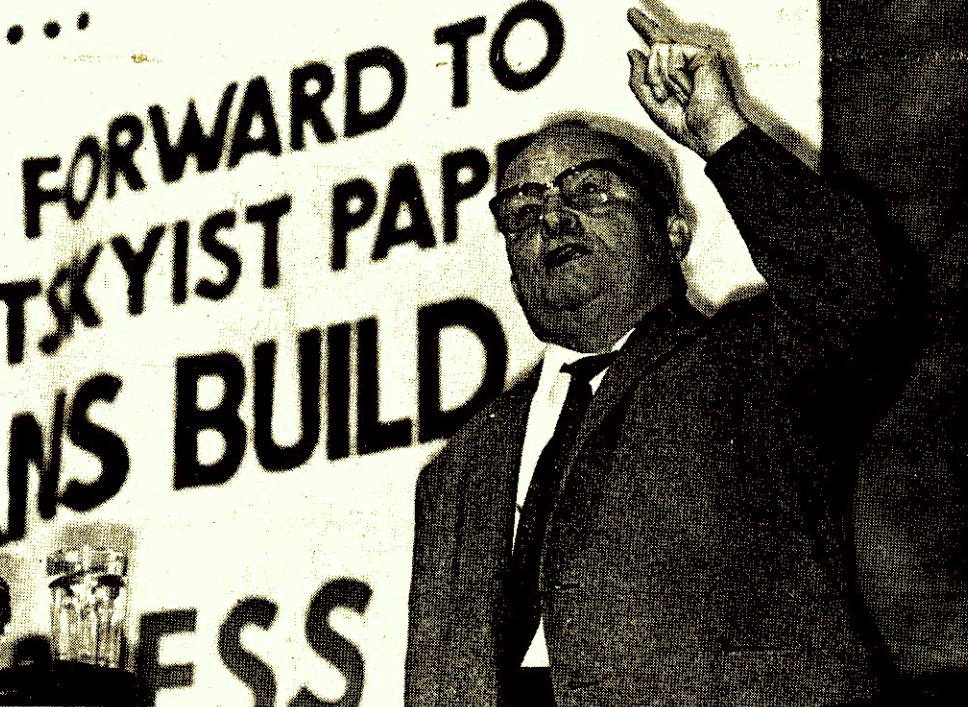
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'There is no room for retreat' he said. The Israeli government must first announce its readiness to release Arab guerrillas, and only then would the Front 'take the necessary steps for the exchange'.

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'Trotsky's fight against revisionism'

BEAVER HALL GARLICK HILL Near Mansion House tube

Starts 8 p.m. Admission 2s



Lecture given by G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)

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WE START the fund this month at £45 6s 8d. This gives us a total £954 13s 4d to raise by September 30.

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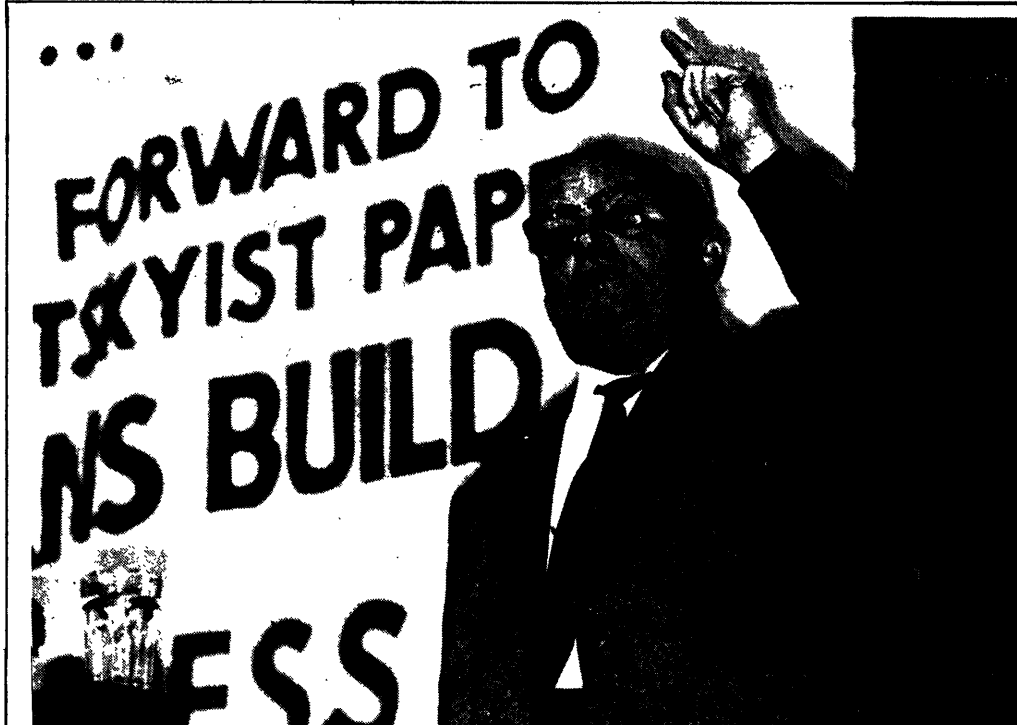
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Hussein's army and police force were hounded out and the guerrillas are now in complete control of the town and 30 miles of the road leading from Irbid to Amman, 50 miles to the South.

In the Palestinian refugee camp at Hussuna, six miles outside Irbid, the camp police surrendered their guns to the guerrillas.

In Amman, a PFLP spokesman announced yesterday that the 54 hi-jack hostages being held for exchange with guerrillas in Zionist and imperialist prisons would not be released.

### NO RETREAT

'There is no room for retreat' he said. The Israeli government must first announce its readiness to release Arab guerrillas, and only then would the Front 'take the necessary steps for the exchange'.

Earlier the Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban declared that the release of Miss Leila Khaled (still held by the Tories in Ealing police station) and the six other Arab guerrillas in Swiss and W German prisons would be a 'sentence of death and mutilation of unknown Israel victims in the future'.

Far from being 'mutilated', the hi-jacked hostages — Jew and non-Jew alike — have been treated with the utmost courtesy.

Joseph Swinkel, purser of the Trans-World Airline jet blown up at Dawson's Field, told reporters:

'There was a rabbi who carried on with his prayers all the time so there was no

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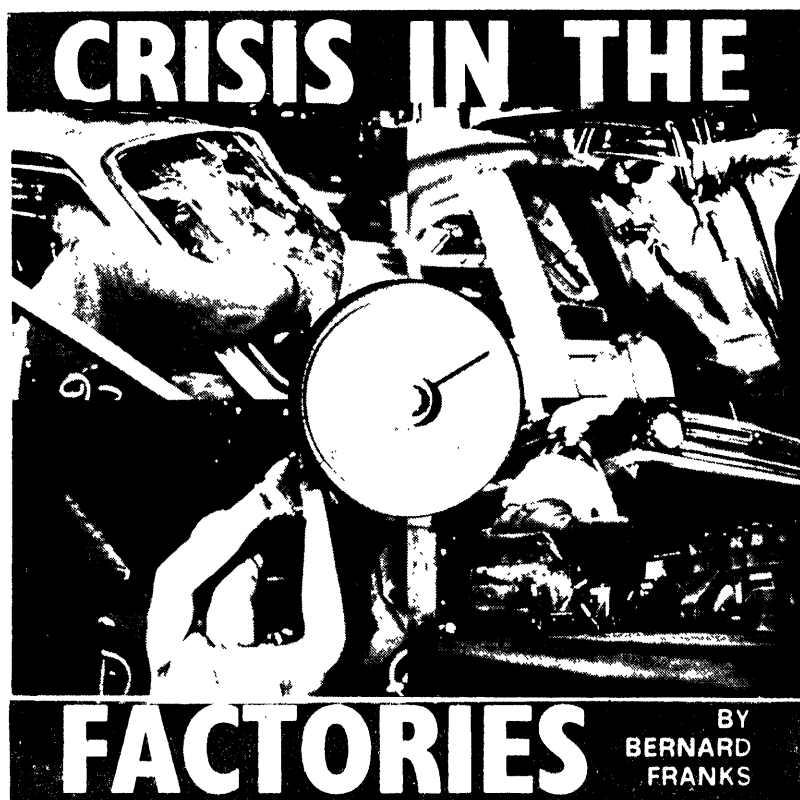
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Institute of Road Transport Engineers.



THE AIM of modern industrial production is to turn all work processes from individual or 'batch' methods into a continuous flow process incorporating automated systems and under computer control.

Research and development is being directed towards this end in most industries.

In steel production research is going on into a continuous flow process which enables raw materials to be passed into a system from various hoppers at one end, while steel continually streams from the other.

Attempts are also being made to regulate beer production along these lines.

One of the most vicious and dangerous departments which workers are now facing is that of mechanical spying and controlling systems. The two most widely used, the tachograph and telecontrol, should be examined in detail.

#### TACHOGRAPH

The 'Black Box', or as road haulage workers call it 'the spy-in-the-cab', is a recording instrument designed to give management information on every aspect of the operation of a vehicle by its driver.

In particular, it records distances covered, stops made and speed at which the vehicle has travelled.

Originally developed by the Kienzle Apparate Factory in the Black Forest area of Germany more than 40 years ago, its use was extended to a considerable degree by the Nazi regime from 1939 onwards, when it became compulsory on some vehicles.

After the war it was dropped from use, but was revived in Germany and other countries during the early 1950s, when it became compulsory on specified vehicles.

Essentially, the tachograph incorporates a clock mechanism which rotates a disc graph on which a number of stylus pens record information. Some of this material is transmitted by a cable from an adaptor on the vehicle gearbox in the same way as a normal speedometer drive.

Other information links may be made which can indicate use of a tipping mechanism, discharge pumps, or even of warning lights and sirens on

fire appliances and ambulances.

Some models can record for 24 hours only, but others run for seven or eight days.

Some types are able to indicate which of a number of drivers has been operating the vehicle at any particular time, as initial starting of the device before moving off must be made with a key. Each driver holds a different key and each key leaves a different imprint on the graph when used.

An extremely revealing article in the Journal and proceedings of the Institute of Road Transport Engineers (December 1969) explains the use of the instrument:

'Tachographs are primarily productivity devices, so as such they are of more immediate importance to the operational and organizational sides of a fleet in that they can assist transport managers in accurately scheduling their vehicle journeys, enable them to pin-point undue delays and hold-ups, keep track of their drivers' movements and methods of working, provide indisputable evidence of the number of hours worked and how those hours were divided between actual driving and stationary time, and — when necessary — provide positive evidence which should be acceptable in the courts as to the location and speed of a vehicle any time during its journey.'

But it also explains that a fleet engineer can be trained to read many more facts from the graph.

Why some vehicles are more heavy on fuel than others.

Why some vehicles get through tyres and brakes more quickly than others.

Whether a driver has been descending hills in the wrong gear.

If the driver has taken the engine straight up to maximum speed from a cold start. And so on.

But further: 'By use of a twin-eyepiece stereoscopic microscope, a diagram chart can be enlarged by up to 80 times, although usually a magnification of 16 or 25 is sufficient to give accurate assessment of speed, time and distance. Much of the process used for such highly-detailed analysis is a closely-guarded secret, but in

# Automation, the tachograph and tele-control

Kienzle's case a special patented microscope table has been developed which enables a diagram chart to be rotated by the observer to the accuracy of a single second.'

The article adds that information obtained by these methods 'can be plotted on a graph to give a foot-by-foot and second-by-second account of the vehicles progress.'

On this basis: 'It is even possible to tell if a vehicle's driving wheels lock during a braking stop, and at what speed braking occurred.'

The article is at great pains to point out that the device is fool-proof and 'fiddle-free'.

Only demagnetized materials are used in its construction. Also, an indication is left on the chart every time the cover

is not new; it is a variation on telemetering, where the working of an unmanned pump, valve or meter is relayed via telephone cables to a central point so that action can be decided and taken.

This system is used in nuclear reactor control, power stations and sewage stations operation. The difference here is that it is the workers who are constantly under observation.

The magazine 'The Automobile Engineer' has outlined an example of one such system which has been introduced in the CAV factory at Sudbury.

The management set out to rationalize the production of fuel-injector systems, which they produce in millions each year, by bringing some newly-

adopted manufacturing techniques and handling equipment under computer control.

The aim in particular was to rationalize the work of indirect operators — supervisors, production controllers, wages clerks, machine maintenance workers, whose productivity would otherwise have 'remained at normal level'.

The new system called tele-control is an electric complex which, says the article, 'gives real time-control of machines,

ations of coloured lights, indicates the production status of the machine. By means of what is termed a help switch and a telephone point, the operator and chargehand respectively can communicate with the tele-control centre.

The status of a machine can be changed only by the chargehand in conjunction with the controller.

'For example, the chargehand may switch the machine to down-time after specifying the help required for the machine or operator.'

'In the tele-control centre a controller and one assistant sit in front of display boards, each of which covers so many machines. Coloured lights on these panels correspond to the "status" of each machine at any time, i.e.:

takes place. The control room, of course, does not have to wait for requests from operators for assistance.

On examination of the sensor information, the controller may decide that a machine is not running at full capacity and can send a chargehand along to check up.

At the end of each shift, a report on each operator/machine performance is available, giving such details as machine and operator's number, productive time, non-productive time, and the number of pieces produced.

It can also give a detailed run-down on the non-productive time, number of stoppages etc.

The computer associated with this system analyses the performance of each machine, each department, each operation, and also the performances of the entire factory, reporting the results to the management.

It also lays out a maintenance schedule, so putting maintenance personnel on the same 'jump-to-it' basis as other staff.

Further, it makes up the pay-roll and has facilitated the introduction of incentive schemes for workpeople based on the level of efficiency of the machine they operate.'

Basing payments on the efficiency of the machine means that a high production level can be put down to a highly efficient machine and

not to the work of the operator. On this basis, high production does not mean high bonus levels.

Under bonus conditions the computer would translate the different status times per operator into waiting time, standard performance, etc. It may be wondered how the status of a machine can only be changed if the chargehand says so. Surely if a hitch occurs the machine will have to slow down or stop?

On this, the report says: 'The operator is trained to anticipate difficulties and call for assistance before it is necessary to stop his machine.'

This system is now in operation at Sudbury, and the article adds:

'Payroll activity has nearly doubled and the inherent disciplines of a fully-mechanized manufacturing unit are being reflected in a much higher quality standard of the product.'

A more recent report: 'CAV Fazakerly, An Introduction to Telecontrol, April 1969' states that:

'A time mechanism in the control room records elapsed time throughout the shift at intervals of 1/100th hour (36 seconds). A switch on the machine control box determines whether the elapsed time is recorded as "productive" or "downtime", for each machine, on the CMU (count memory unit).'

Other definitions are given as follows:

'Downtime is initiated by the operation of the downtime switch on the machine control box by production supervision. A machine will be put on to downtime when it is not in a position to be run, e.g. waiting operator, machine breakdown, etc.

'A downtime "incident" ends when the machine is returned to a productive state (by pressing the re-set button on the machine control box), or when the reason for downtime alters, e.g. was "machine breakdown" now "waiting operator".'

'Total downtime is the sum of all downtime "incidents" recorded against a machine within the shift.'

'Productive time is recorded when a machine, having work and an operator available, is

considered to be in a "running" condition. It does not indicate that a machine is actually producing. Piece counts will only be recorded on the CMU when the machine's status is "productive".'

'Piece counts are generated at each machine by sensing devices, which record the production of a component. Methods of sensing vary depending on the machine type, its environment and the parts it is making. Examples of sensors are: micro-switches, probes, proximity coils on air-veyors and simple "palm push" switches.'

'The piece count is transmitted to the CMU via the machine control box.'

The 'advantage' of this set-up to the operator is that not only is it unnecessary for him to leave his machine, but that he does not even have to stop or slow it down for any reason.

He not only need not, but cannot.

This system is the most monstrous method of enslaving workers to the processes of production yet devised.

Each chargehand and supervisor will have the full, irrefutable weight of the analysed production figures of his department strapped to his back at the end of each shift and he will have to act accordingly if his own position is not to fall into question.

There will be no excuses for slowing production. Machines will run until they fail mechanically, workers will run until the shift ends.

The still machine will be the biggest crime in the book and it will cause commotion until it is running again.

No excuses from any quarter can stand against the micro-switches' probing and the computer's final analysis.

As for lost time, this would have to be made up, not written off. The computer would store it and put it forward at a later date to be made up.

The supervisor's 'back-to-normal' report would come, not when the fault was rectified, but only when the lost time is made up and production is once more on schedule.

Nor is this the limit to this system.

It is quite feasible that at a later date the computer will not only monitor and analyse, but will also control and direct production.

The chargehand will eventually end up reporting to the computer. One bonus or incentive is involved, the tele-control system, in effect, becomes a permanent work-study spy, far more efficient than the man with the stopwatch.

And, of course, the next logical step for the employers, and one they will be scheming out how to put across, will be the introduction of closed-circuit television into the system. This would put real meaning into tele-control.

Under capitalism, the invention of new machines and equipment brings an even greater intensity of labour for those still left with jobs, instead of the easier, safer and more interesting working life for the worker.

The falling rate of profit and ever larger quantities of commodities brought on to the market by the new methods brings further crisis and bankruptcy.

Only nationalization of the major industries, banks and finance houses, without compensation, with the books to be opened by the workers to see where the money has gone and what deals are being operated can ensure that modern techniques are developed for the well-being and not to the detriment of the working class.

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is opened and the microscope reveals the difference between the stylus scribing and any other marks that might be made on the chart.

Another article, this time in 'Commercial Motor' explains one 'productivity' advantage of the device as follows:

'It is more economical to study vehicle performance mechanically by tachograph charts than by employing work-study officers.'

From 1975, all new vehicles carrying dangerous goods and engaging in international haulage in the Common Market must be fitted with tachographs and by 1978 all vehicles in the EEC area covered by the regulations will have to carry them.

In Britain, provision was made for their introduction by the Transport Act, though the then Minister of Transport, Richard Marsh, said in 1969 that they will not yet be made compulsory.

The latest development of this instrument rests again with the Kienzle Company, which is shortly to introduce an £18,000 computer which can analyse tachograph records and in particular, 'reveal inadequate drivers'.

Lorry drivers have reacted violently to any attempt to impose this all-round spy, and many have told employers in no uncertain terms that its use is 'just not on'.

#### TELECONTROL

The latest method of asserting control over workers is to set up an electronic spying system by which every machine in a factory is linked to a central control point.

Small switches attached to various parts of each machine relay information back to a central panel. The number of components produced and the time taken for production on each machine is recorded and transferred to a graph.

Each machine carries a control unit which is also linked to the central control, so that its on/off state can be monitored at any time. The prin-

tooling, materials and labour' and which 'contributes significantly to the pace of production'. The speed is possible 'through economy of effort and elimination of wasted time'.

The report describes the set-up as follows:

'At the beginning of each shift, details of the components being manufactured are issued by the controller to the shop-floor supervisor; then all operations are controlled from the tele-control centre. Attached to each machine is a sensing device which counts components as they are produced.'

'Each machine also has a control box which, by combin-

dicating what sort of help he wants. The controller uses a public address system to call up the required aid.

'If a chargehand is wanted, say, he will visit the machine and, if necessary, will switch it to authorized down-time in conjunction with the controller.'

The chargehand carries round a portable telephone in a holster which he can plug into the machine control box to discuss points with the controller.

The sensors on the machine continue to pass information back along the phone line, even when the conversation

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A recent mass meeting at CAV Acton where stewards moved the acceptance of Tele-control systems in the factory. They have since been installed but are not yet functional.

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Stalin with his daughter Svetlana at his country villa.

IN HER book 'Only One Year', Svetlana Alliluyeva, Stalin's daughter, mentions the dacha, the country villa, she lived in at Zhukovka near Moscow.

The government had built several of these two-storey, heated, wooden, buildings as rewards for Russian scientists. 'After a while, widows began selling dachas to other categories of Soviet rich, so that among physicists, chemists and mathematicians now appeared the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich and the composer Dmitri Shostakovich.'

'At last, with the passing of 1953, after much talk about curtailing the ever-distending government apparatus, it transpired that the apparatus had distended even more and there were not enough summer dachas to go round. So three more settlements were built.'

Last Wednesday's 'Times' carried a report from Lithuania that indicates that the dacha business is still thriving among Soviet bureaucrats. The Vilnius correspondent of the newspaper 'Country Life' had been to see the dacha of a local co-op chief.

It was built on concrete pillars beside a waterfall and was lavishly appointed.

When the news-hawk interviewed the owner of a neighbouring dacha, the manager of a farm machinery depot, he responded by offering the journalist a new car.

'Don't write anything about how I got building materials for my cottage, and I won't mention providing you with the car,' said this very kind Soviet citizen. The newsman reported this conversation to the first deputy mayor of Vilnius.

But this gentleman had just moved into a public recreation zone, claiming compensation for being 'forced' to make the move, and building a swimming pool with the proceeds.

Such 'exposures' frequently crop up in Soviet papers. Getting at the smaller fry helps to keep the Soviet workers off the backs of the really big bureaucrats. However, it does give a glimpse into life in Brezhnev's 'socialist' state, worthily continuing the Stalin tradition.

# Bureaucrats will be Bureaucrats



## ...Then I'm a Dutchman

ITS THE same the whole world over. In Holland, as in Britain, the employers and their agents are always 'discovering' plots by agitators behind every movement of the working-class.

The mayor of Rotterdam — a member of the Dutch Labour Party called Thomassen — revealed in a TV interview a week ago Tuesday that he knew the real leaders of the dock strike.

He had it from 'two definite sources' that the movement was directed by 'Maoists', trained in Paris and getting their instructions from Albania. The Dutch parliament held a different—but just as definite—story.

A Calvinist MP called Schakel said he knew for certain that the trouble in Amsterdam was the work of the Mafia. Their aim was to make the port the centre of the European drug trade.

The Minister of Justice said he had heard about this also, but had been unable to verify it. As with all such 'explanations' of strikes, the revelations of Mylheeren Schakel and Thomassen leave us wondering just how thousands of workers can be persuaded to stop work by people who keep their identity a closely-guarded secret.

However, judged as fiction, the Dutch stories mark a big advance. Introducing elements from the exotic orient and the world of crime, they make Harold Wilson's revelation that the 1966 seamen's strike was the work of a 'tightly-knit group of politically motivated men' look a bit tame.

# CINEMA

Guest reviewer BEN JONES

'The event was a three-day rock-and-pop music festival greeted almost with ecstasy by the guardians of the American way of life.'

'WOODSTOCK' is a documentary.

It is the film of an event which has been given considerable attention, and a good deal of approval by the news media.

An event which is referred to in the publicity material for the film, with that touching modesty of assertion so well known in American film distributors, as being 'the emergence of a new nation in America'.

Unsuspecting readers may feel that the emergence of such a nation might involve something of an upheaval, birth pangs of considerable dimensions, even a struggle — but no.

The event was a three-day rock-and-pop music festival greeted almost with ecstasy by the guardians of the American way of life.

### 'Love'

No lovers of pop music and long hair they, so it is important that we should understand what they are so pleased about.

The festival took place in New York State in August 1969, and the myth-makers now refer to it as 'three days of peace music... and love'.

It is estimated that at least 400,000 people—mostly under the age of 30—came to it, and more would have come if the access roads had not been blocked off.

They listened to performances by most of the big names in pop music, and camped out by night.

More people came than were expected, and the facilities were inadequate. Food ran short, businessmen from the surrounding areas prospered ('For those of you who believe that capitalism isn't that weird, you can still buy hamburgers', said the announcer at one point), and the festival site turned into mud under heavy rain.

# Rock Bottom



The whole place was eventually declared a disaster area by the authorities.

Not the kind of location you would expect to find the American establishment sitting in, and indeed they were not. But they did take much heart from what was going on.

What so warmed them, was that the festival engendered a great feeling of 'togetherness' amongst the people who were there, and that this feeling became an end in itself, as though just the feeling was enough.

What we would call head in the sand—or in this case mud—has come to be believed in by the news media and the participants themselves as the emergence of that 'new nation'.

Of course, it was nothing of the sort.

There certainly was a sense of community, more important than the performances, and undeterred by the mud and the garbage.

People felt they were doing their own thing in freedom, openly deviating from the standards of their society.

Drugs were smoked openly, and people shared their food with each other.

There seems to have been no physical violence. But however satisfying that seemed to those who were there during those three days, it did not and could not—with all its peace and love—threaten the establishment one jot.

The film had an extended interview with a young couple on their way to the Festival.

'I don't want mass change,' said the boy, 'it leads to mass insanity—I just want to be myself.'

And, even given that the filmmakers presented us with the interview they wanted us to hear, and showed us what they wanted us to see, it seems clear that this was the level on which the festival functioned.

Not just with a disinclination to become involved in the inevitability of the class struggle, but also with a refusal to engage in political thought at all. No wonder the establishment rejoices.

### Elevated

In that way, the feeling of togetherness, and the music were elevated into seeming to be some achievement in themselves, and had thrust on them a significance which they cannot sustain.

Some of the music was interesting and enjoyable. Some loud, angry and destructive (one performer ending his act by smashing his guitar on the stage, symbolizing the alienation and frustration of his audience in relation to the society in which they find themselves, but symbolizing also a total negative attitude to the possibilities of assisting in recreating it), and some soft and beautiful, reflecting decent human aspirations.

But aspirations alone are nothing, and to reject theory is to render yourself powerless.

'Just hold up your hands in the peace sign,' shouted one performer. 'It'll do you no harm.'

It will do you no good, either! So what it was, after all, was entertainment in uncomfortable surroundings.

Music is no weapon. A sense of community is no revolution, and everything we saw in the film made that message clear.

A satirical song was sung about the Vietnam war. Everyone laughed and clapped. It was good entertainment.

Joan Baez sang 'I dreamed I saw Joe Hill'. It meant nothing to the audience. It was just a song.

When it started to rain, the announcer suggested that if the

whole crowd thought together, they might be able to stop it.

'No rain,' they chanted, 'no rain, no rain.'

It poured and poured. Even the army joined in the fun, sending in helicopters and doctors.

'They're with us, not against us,' shouted the announcer. 'The army's done a good job.'

### Approval

And that is why Warner Brothers can happily continue making their profits from 'three days of peace music... and love', and can say in their publicity—almost audibly sighing with relief:

'It became the emergence... of the nation of the peaceful young. Not as the frightening opponents of the social order, as they had been regarded. But as benign and beautiful human beings with their own kind of code, almost a religion, which enables life and helps others to live.'

That is why the establishment gives the festival its seal of approval. It feels a little more secure.

But it is mistaken. It cannot buy off the working class with three days of music. It will find it cannot buy it off at all.



Mrs Gandhi

## Straight and narrow

THE SUMMIT conference of 'non-aligned' powers in Lusaka, Zambia, last week had a difficult opening season. Here were the representatives of the 'third world', so beloved by the New Left, faced with the question: which of the two Cambodian governments was more non-aligned?

Twenty-one countries, including Cuba, Syria, Libya and Algeria, wanted to allow Sarin Chhak, foreign minister in Prince Sihanouk's government, to be the Cambodian representative. Seven states, led by Swaziland, Malaysia and Laos, thought the Lon Nol CIA-installed regime should have that position.

Twelve nations took the more cautious line that the seat should

remain vacant. Mrs Gandhi announced India's support for this view.

Fifteen other countries, however, were so non-aligned, that they didn't tell anyone what they thought.

The result? After spending Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning debating the matter, it was decided that Cambodia should not be represented, because the conference 'could not pronounce on the internal affairs of a member country'.

So, to these 'non-aligned' statesmen, CIA coups followed by invasion by the US army and bombings by the US airforce are 'internal'.

This is what 'non-alignment' is all about. Pretending to form a 'third camp' between the Soviet Union and imperialism, Tito and Mrs Gandhi et al act as a buffer, protecting the imperialists and the Soviet bureaucracy from the working class.

## TV

### BBC 1

12.25 p.m. Nai Zindagi-Naya Jeevan. 1.00 Iris. 1.25 Interval. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 4.20 Play School. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Snow White. 5.15 Tom Tom. 5.44 Babar. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London. 6.45 THE DOCTORS. 7.10 TOM AND JERRY CARTOON. 7.20 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE. 8.10 SOFTLY, SOFTLY — TASK FORCE. 'Baptism'. 9.00 NEWS and weather. 9.20 SIX WEDNESDAY PLAYS. 5. 'The Mark-Two Wife'. Anna (Faith Brook) is a mysterious uninvited guest at a fashionable party.

10.30 ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. 11.15 24 HOURS. 11.50 Weather.

### REGIONAL BBC

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Midlands today. Look East, weather. 6.45-7.00 News, weather. 7.00-7.15 News, weather. 7.15-7.30 News, weather. 7.30-7.45 News, weather. 7.45-8.10 Ble Carech Chi Fyndt: a journey from Swansea to Mumbles. Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. Nationwide: 10.30-11.15 Sportsreel. 11.52 News, weather. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Points West. South today. Spotlight South West, weather. Nationwide: 11.52 News, weather.

### BBC 2

11.00 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 7.30 p.m. NEWSROOM, weather. 8.00 TIMES REMEMBERED. Gladys Britton. 8.10 WHAT SORT OF WORLD DO WE WANT? Part 2. Learning to live. 9.00 FANNY AND JOHNNIE CRADDOCK. Saturday dinner. 9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK. Scott on industry. 10.05 FACE THE MUSIC. Quiz. 10.45 NEWS, weather. 10.50 LINE-UP.

### ITV

3.00 p.m. European Junior Athletics Championships. 4.00 Journey of a lifetime. 4.17 Tingha and Tucker. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Secrets of the Deep. 5.20 Ace of Wands 5.50 News. 6.02 TODAY. 6.30 THE SAINT. 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 THE CHAMPIONS. 'The Fanatics'. 9.00 SPECIAL BRANCH. 'The Pleasure of Your Company'. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 MAX. With guests Vincent Price and Geoff Love. 11.00 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. From De Montfort Hall. 11.45 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. 12 midnight WHY IT MATTERS.

### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Wind in the Willows. 4.25 Beverly Hillsbillies. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 African Patrol. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure Hunt. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London. 11.45 Epilogue, weather. SOUTHERN: 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Wind in the willows. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. Crime desk. 6.30 F Troop. 7.00 Jokers Wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Saint. 9.00 London. 10.30 Southern scene: on the Isle of Wight Pop Festival. 11.00 London. 11.45 News. 11.55 Weather. Action '70. HARLECH: 4.25 Women Today. 4.40 Once upon a time. 4.55 London. 6.01

Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers Wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Bold ones: 'Rebellion of the Red'. 8.00 London. 8.30 Living and growing. 11.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

HTV (West) Colour channel 61 as above except: 4.23-4.25, 6.01-6.35 Report West.

HTV (Wales) Colour channel 41. HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y Dydd.

ANGLIA: 4.25 Newsroom. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 7.30 London. 8.00 Saint. 9.00 London. 11.45 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Branded. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO Identified. 9.00 London.

ULSTER: 4.30 Romper Room. 4.55 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers Wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO Identified. 9.00 London. 10.30 An Evening with... James Young. 11.00 London.

YORKSHIRE: 4.15 London. 4.30 Machines. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30 Wally Whiston style. 7.00 Jokers Wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 9.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.10 This is your right. 6.15 Laurel and Hardy. 6.30 Big valley. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London.

TYNE TEES: 4.10 Newsroom. 4.15 My three sons. 4.40 Paulus. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 7.00 Jokers Wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO Identified. 9.00 London. 11.45 News. 12 midnight We travel hopefully.

BORDER: 4.10 News. 4.12 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers Wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO Identified. 9.00 London. 11.45 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 6.00 News. 6.15 Police call. 6.20 Cartoon. 6.30 Wally Whiston style. 7.00 Jokers Wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Bonanza. 9.00 London. 10.30 Scotsport. 11.15 Sea-way. 12.10 Late call.

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## BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

# Chemical training board boosts speed-up schemes

INDUSTRIAL training schemes are being recommended for chemical industry managements and workers preparing to operate productivity and Measured-Day Work deals.

Most of the Chemical and Allied Products Industry Training Board's latest report deals with what it terms 'work-force attitude training'.

At a time of closures and mass sackings in the industry, implementation of the report—'Training implications of manpower productivity agreement'—could only mean more unemployment.

Straight job-training plays only a small part of the process and even this is to be carried out by other operatives on the firm and not by the Training Board's schools.

### PRODUCTIVITY

The report divides the introduction of a productivity agreement into sections and outlines training for each one.

'Step one—diagnose the existing situation' includes finding out what new technical innovations can be introduced, what manning reductions to make, how much more to pay in wages for acceptance, and so on.

The training advised for this section is a seminar for senior management.

At the same time an information course is recommended for shop stewards 'to show the scope and range of productivity agreements'.

Step 3 determines the means of achieving the implementation of the deal. The report advises a one-week shop-steward training course on productivity bargaining 'organized and administered by the General and Municipal Workers' Union'.

### FLEXIBILITY

For the training required to promote intercraft flexibility, elimination of unproductive work and increased geographical mobility, the Board advises operators train each other in aspects of their jobs that the new scheme requires them to know.

Under the heading 'Improvement of Performance', the Board wants to see job-evaluation and work-study courses in operation.

This, it is said, may lead to changes in normal work day hours and the extension of shift work.

Special training is recommended for plant managers and supervisors on how to organize discussion groups as a means of 'obtaining the most effective co-operation from the shop floor'.

This is expected to help in 'removal of artificial restrictions on work performance' which are said to

include creation of unnecessary overtime working and group output norms.

Following eventual negotiation of the agreement, the report concludes that a continuing forum can develop for management-shop floor co-operation in the improvement of productivity.

Training in 'communications', activity sampling and synthetic work-study systems are all advocated at this stage.

There can be no objection to education schemes providing proper training in extra skills and in operating modern equipment.

But schemes which, under pretence of improving the worker's situation, lead to speed-up and eventually to fewer jobs, cannot be tolerated.

### CONFIDENCE TRICK

With the emphasis on productivity methods appreciation, this training becomes no more than a confidence trick to get workers to act against their own interests.

Training in communications for management is to help them keep the illusion going as long as possible.

Only when training boards and schools are run completely by 'workers' organizations and not by employers and government representatives—as at present—can it be insured that job training is not used for eventually cutting jobs and increasing productivity of the remaining workers.

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