

Special Report

18th day of November 1980

SUBJECT

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "The Central Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, under the guise of the 'Right to Work Campaign', has organised a 'Right to Work March' which will leave Didsbury, Manchester on the morning of Tuesday 25th November, 1980 and arrive in Liverpool on Saturday 29th November, 1980, where those taking part will join the 'Mass Rally Against Unemployment' in Sefton Park, Sefton, Liverpool - an event being co-ordinated by the Labour Party.

Socialist Workers Party

3. The main aim of the march is to create political propaganda for the Socialist Workers Party, by ensuring that the 'Right to Work' marchers are in the forefront of the mass rally and also to glean financial and political support from the working class for workers occupying the Gardners Diesels factory in Eccles, Manchester. In respect of the latter, the Central Committee members of the Socialist Workers Party responsible for industrial matters (i.e. John DEASON, Phil MARFLEET) have been instrumental in organising much of the Gardners Diesels occupation, and have seized upon the possibility of organising an 'initiative' around the Labour Party rally in order to raise much needed funds for the workers involved in the dispute, thus preventing the occupation from collapsing due to a sense of despondency arising from a cash shortage. (In fact, John DEASON recently had a frantic discussion with Tony CLIFF explaining that the dispute was in a dangerous situation and likely to collapse as a result of the proximity of the Christmas period, a lack of financial support and the poor response from the 'official' side of the A.U.E.W. They agreed that it was therefore essential to concentrate the efforts of the entire Socialist Workers Party towards averting such a situation and, in addition, attempting to escalate the dispute by suggesting that all trade unionists 'black' any vehicles using Gardners equipment, e.g. buses, and prevent the use of new engines and spare parts).

Reference to Papers

400/80/141

TO: [redacted] 24 NOV 1980 P.A. IN

4. The provisional itinerary for the Manchester to Liverpool 'Right to Work March' is as follows, although it is likely to change at the last moment:-

Monday 24th November, 1980

marchers to assemble at Didsbury College, Manchester

- Tuesday 25th November, 1980 - march to route through centre of Manchester, Old Trafford area and to Eccles
- Wednesday 26th November, 1980 - march to route through factory areas to Warrington
- Thursday 27th November, 1980 - march to route via St. Helens to Kirkby
- Friday 28th November, 1980 - march to route through the centre and industrial areas of Liverpool to Halewood
- Saturday 29th November, 1980 - march to route direct to Sefton Park, Sefton, Liverpool where it will join the Labour Party 'Mass Rally Against Unemployment'

5. It is envisaged by the organisers, John DEASON, Privacy (Full-time Socialist Workers Party Organiser for Manchester) and Privacy (Right to Work Organiser for Reading), that the main aim of the marchers will be to visit as many factory premises as possible along the route and collect money for the workers involved in the Gardners factory occupation, whilst at the same time gathering support for the demonstration in Liverpool on Saturday 29th November, 1980. It is hoped by those concerned that approximately two hundred marchers will take part, the hard core being provided by many of those who took part in the recent 'Right to Work March' from Port Talbot to the Conservative Party Conference in Brighton, together with new contacts who have been recruited from the unemployed in the Manchester and Liverpool areas.

6. The majority of the younger marchers will be very high-spirited but it is unlikely that any planned serious public disorder will be perpetrated by the marchers, as those orchestrating the event are unlikely to take the risk of 'irreparable political damage' that such a tactic could invoke, especially at a time when such vital support is required from the working class in the area. In the light of this, every evening the marchers will be occupied on a domestic basis, in the form of meetings and 'discos' at premises where sleeping accommodation has been arranged.

7. With regard to the 'Mass Rally Against Unemployment' organised by the Labour Party many persons within the higher echelons of the Socialist Workers Party believe that at least 35,000 persons will attend and in view of this a 'national mobilisation' has been called for the event. To this extent, Paul HOLBOROW has already arranged reserved seating for 150 persons on



the train leaving Euston Station for Liverpool at 08.50 hours on Saturday 29th November, 1980, those availing themselves of this facility being able to make the return journey to London on trains leaving Liverpool at 18.05 hours (80 persons) and 19.05 hours (70 persons) the same day. In addition to this, districts have been instructed to book coaches for party members, contacts and local trade unionists who wish to make the journey to the demonstration.

8. It has already become evident that the 'Militant' faction within the Labour Party has been extremely active in canvassing support for the mass rally in Liverpool, to such an extent that the local Socialist Workers Party organisers in the Midlands are worried that they are being outmanoeuvred in respect of 'flyposting' and other local propaganda. Thus, the National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, Pete CLARK, has decreed that all available members should concentrate on gleaning every conceivable micron of support from local contacts and trade unionists, to re-establish the Party into the forefront of this latest campaign.

9. In view of the massive numbers attending the rally in Liverpool, the Socialist Workers Party will concentrate its activities on building support for the Gardners workers, collecting money to ensure the existence of the occupation on a long-term basis and selling 'Socialist Worker' and similar party publications. Unlike the rally in Brighton, there will not be an antagonistic target for the Socialist Workers Party to attack and therefore, it is likely that the organisers within the party will concentrate on ensuring that the membership gives an excellent 'united front' political image and thus enhance the credibility of the Socialist Workers Party amongst the rank and file workers present."

10. Submitted with this report are copies of the weekly information sheets (and enclosures), dated 28th October, 1980, 4th November, 1980 and 10th November, 1980, which were circulated on a restricted basis to all Branch/District Secretaries, National Committee members and full-time party workers by the Central Committee of the Socialist Workers Party.

11. References of the persons and organisations mentioned:-

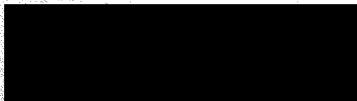
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Dear comrades,

FIREMEN AND THE 6 PER CENT

We must visit all fire stations as rapidly as possible. Each branch should

1. Take the enclosed copies of Rank and File Firemen into the local fire stations. Make sure you cover each shift. There are just a few copies for each branch so they need to be taken in to the station not handed out -you can use them for artwork to print more. Explain to the firemen that the bulletin is being distributed by the Right to Work Campaign.
2. Sell SW to all firemen.
3. Arrange with the firemen to visit (with local unemployed, RTWC etc) local public sector workers, particularly sewage and water workers, to discuss joint action against the 6%. Other public sector workers should be asked to pledge not to cross any picket lines set up by the firemen, in the event of their Conference calling more extensive action.
4. Sell SW to all public sector workers. Every branch should discuss ways of setting up regular outside sales to public sector workers -at depots, at Town Halls etc.
5. Make sure all Gardners workers in your area visit local fire stations. Make sure all firemen are asked to support the 29th demo in Liverpool.

GARDNERS AND THE RIGHT TO WORK

1. Delegations of Gardners workers are now touring all areas. To fix a delegation for your area ring 01 986 5491 and we will put you in contact with the shop stewards. Regular, repeated collections are still the key to winning support for the occupation. If you've already held a collection and won an official donation, you must repeat it and repeat it.

2. Copies of a special ENGINEERS CHARTER LETTER to all AUEW branches are enclosed (all 15.5 supporters etc are being mailed as well). The letter argues the need for levies in all districts. We must ensure that this is pushed. It is an excellent opportunity to revisit all AUEW contacts. And remember everyone, not just AUEW members, can do this to argue for Gardners.

3. The RIGHT TO WORK MARCH from Manchester to Liverpool is leaving in under two weeks. The RTWC needs

a. MONEY -every SWP branch must send in some money for the march -hold a collection, organise a social, go to workplaces and branches that have supported previous marches and ask for money. Don't leave it to other branches -everyone must make a contribution to get the march on the road.

b. MARCHERS - ring names of marchers into the RTW office to 01 986 5491. Marchers should be in Manchester on Monday 24th by early evening. Any problems about transport to Manchester please ring.

c. VOLUNTEERS WITH CARS/VANS Can you take one or two or even four days off work to help drive marchers and Gardners workers on delegations from the march to local factories. The more cars we have the more places we can visit. Please ring 01 986 5491 if you can help. Please make sure all members with cars are asked if they can give one or more days.

FUND RAISING -Because of Gardners it's obviously difficult to get money from tu bodies -quite rightly the main effort for official donations must go on money for Gardners. Therefore we are asking all branches to hold small fund raising socials eg in someone's house as soon as possible. This involves almost no outlay and with a small admission charge can raise £25 or even more. COLLECTION SHEETS for all members to take round at work are enclosed. SPONSORED RUNS etc should also be tried.

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NOVEMBER 29th DEMO IN LIVERPOOL AGAIN T UNEMPLOYMENT

This now promises to be huge. Michael Foot's first statement on becoming leader of the Labour Party was that he would be leading the march through Liverpool. Every branch must push hard well beyond our own ranks for the march. In particular we must push among local tu bodies and local LABOUR PARTY BODIES -with Foot's victory it will become increasingly easy to approach these with suggestions of joint work for specific initiatives against the Tories.

Make sure you bring a Right to Work banner as well as an SWP banner.

Make sure doles are leafletted with offers of free places for the unemployed and details of local transport -the national leaflet sent out last week provides the basis for a local leaflet -obviously details will be different everywhere.

This demo will almost certainly be the biggest national demo against the Tories so far -with the firemen and the 6% limit, with Gardners, with the continuing rise in unemployment, it will also be the most militant. EVERY SWP MEMBER MUST BE THERE SO THAT WE HAVE AN EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION.

We are aiming to have all our coaches and transport into Liverpool by 1030 wherever possible. Full details of ass embly points next week.

Posters and leaflets from 01 986 5491.

London Train -£9 return. Assemble 7.30 Euston. Tickets from the RTWC 01 986 5491 .

IRELAND Separate leaflet is enclosed together with a special circular. Please make sure this is discussed in your branch.

ANTI NAZI LEAGUE

NSIRA BEGUM DEMO Rochdale Saturday 15 November at 12.00. All Lancs branches to support.

NOVEMBER 23rd ANTI B M DEMO LONDON. There will be an ANL demo before harassing the BM march. Assemble 11.30 Ladbroke Grove Tube. All LONDON and SOUTH EAST brnches to support. Note the date is the 23rd not 22nd.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY December 8th. Make sure all ANL supporters past and present are visited with tickets (out end of week) and asked to come.

RAFFLE Separate letter for branch treasurers enclosed.

SKEGNESS We apologise for you still not receiving pr the cards and letters. This is because of printing delays caused by the 29th/Gardners/RTW/Ireland etc etc. We'll get the material out as soon as possible.

circumstances continued.....

Irish Hunger Strike Activity

1. This Saturday 15th Nov. Irish/Prisoners Demo Troops Out Now. Support the Hunger Strikers. Assemble 1 pm prompt Embankment Tube, followed by indoor rally.

Nora Connoily (Connoily's daughter) Bernadette Deivin MacAisley Paul Foot MP's etc.

It is vital given the critical condition of the hunger strikers that the party is well represented. All branches in the Home Counties/ London Area to ensure mass turnout with SWP Banners. Placards, leaflets, SW's available at Embankment behind the Troops Out contingent.

2. Emergency National Irish Day School. Sunday 16th Nov. at PCI Marylebone Rd opp Baker St Tube 10am to 4pm Agenda: The Hunger Strike and Action: Speakers B. Deivin-MacAisley Tony Cliff Hunger Striker Representative. This day school follows the Troops Out /Prisoners Demo on Sat 15th Nov. but every district or branch should nationally be represented. Bring finance and a BIG BAG. There will be the special SWP Prisoners pamphlet available in bulk. (50 each) Also SWP leaflets £3 a 100. Charter 80 leaflets £3 a 100 Charter 80 posters for Dec 7th Prisoners demo £3 a 100. Cash Sales Only! There will be a Charter 80 disco on Sat 15th Nov 7pm at PCI. Student Union Bolsover Sy near Warren St Tube 50p.

3. Hunger Strike

The seven hunger strikers in H Block are entering their fourth week. Their physical condition is deteriorating rapidly. The Tories are determined not to concede their 5 demands. As SWP we stand for Political Status but we need to build a mass campaign based on Charter 80 approach 5 demands. Public Meetings, picket protests, spray painting "H Block" activity. We have also to push nationally for broad based Ad Hoc Hunger Strike Committees in every locality. The Ad Hoc Hunger Strike Committee in London chaired by Ernie Roberts (supported by MPs, trade unionists etc) is calling for a national mass demo in support of the prisoners demands on the theme of "Don't let Irish Prisoners Die" on Sunday Dec 7th. Assemble 1pm Speakers Corner. The Demo is NATIONAL PRIORITY at this time prisoners will be starting to die. Raise emergency motions in workplaces etc for support. For details on posters leaflets

4. Information

Speakers, leaflets, posters etc ring

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5. Nov 29th

There will be an intervention on this demo.

FOUR SWP PUBLICATIONS YOUR BRANCH SHOULD ORDER NOW:

*1) Why we say TROOPS OUT OF IRELAND

Pamphlet. Cover price 30p. To SWP branches £2.25 for 10

*2) MISSILES MADNESS. The new weapons systems and how they threaten your life.

Pamphlet. Cover price 40p. To SWP branches £3.25 for 10

Order the above on this form. Prepaid orders only.

Branch / District

Send us _____ copies of TROOPS OUT pamphlet

_____ copies of MISSILES MADNESS pamphlet

we enclose £ _____

Return to Socialists Unlimited, 265 Seven Sisters Rd, London N4

*3) INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM No 10

Just out and featuring articles on New Left Review, the CP and the rank and file, the English Civil War, World economic crisis and more on Cuba.

Cover price £1.25 . Prepaid price to branches £1.

Order on this form

Branch/District

Send us _____ copies of IS Journal no 10. We enclose £ _____.

Return to IS Journal, PO Box 82, London E2.

*4) NEXT INTERNAL BULLETIN

The second preconference bulletin will be issued shortly.

Prepaid orders only at 20p. Cheques payable to SWP.

Order on this form.

Send us _____ copies of pre conference bulletin no 2 we enclose £ _____

Return to Privacy PO Box 82, London E2.

To : Branch / District Treasurers

12 Nov 1980

RAFFLE

Raffle ticket sales are going extremely well. Unfortunately all the tickets have now been distributed from the National Office.

If you need more phone in and extras will be printed. Start getting your counterfoils in to the National Office now, along with the centre's share of the loot which was allocated to your branch.

CASH SUBS

There are a considerable number of branches that have not yet sent in their cash subs for October.

It is probably not generally known that the cash subs are used to pay the organisers wages etc. in the last week of the month when the bankers orders subs have run out.

If your branch has not sent them in please do so this week. If you are sending a largish amount (£50+) ring 01 986-8354 so we can borrow on the strength of it.

CONFERENCE FEES

As the SWP Conference has been shifted to Dec 13th Treasurers now have an extra week or so to send in their delegates fees. However because the room and facilities charges have to be paid in full, 3 weeks in advance i.e. by 22 Nov. those branches/districts that have not already sent in their fees must do so this week. If your delegate is not yet elected their name. can be forwarded later.

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Dear comrades,

NOVEMBER 29th DEMO IN LIVERPOOL

Time is now very short. By now we should have transport arranged from all areas -either jointly with the Labour Party or independently. We should offer free places for the unemployed and get trade union bodies to donate money for the free places.

-approach all local Labour Pty organisations to suggest joint work for the demo.

-leaflet doles with the offer of free places.

-bring a local RIGHT TO WORK BANNER as well as an SWP banner on the demo. If you haven't got one there is still time to make one.

RIGHT TO WORK MARCH NOV 24 -29

We have under three weeks to pull the whole march together. We need

1. MONEY Every branch must collect some money for the march. Any amount, however small, will help. Small socials and parties in someone's house for example can easily raise £50. Ask all trade union bodies to give a donation, but remember we must push to get larger sums for Gardners and we must push Gardners first. As long as we collect sums of money from everyone who supported the big march, we can afford to run this march, even if the sums collected aren't that big. The key to success is that every branch contributes something quickly.

2. MARCHERS Everyone that went on the last march or was interested but never made it should be approached about coming -it's only for a few days so it should be easy to get marchers from all areas as long as we visit people personally About it.

Names of marchers should be sent to Privacy

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3. VOLUNTEERS with cars and vans to help on the march are urgently needed. Ring Privacy Petrol will be paid.

LEAFLETS AND POSTERS FOR the 29th are out. Copies are with the SWs. More from Privacy

Gardners: If you need speakers phone the industrial department on 01. 986 5491. All branches should hold meetings and invite speakers. Also hold public RTV meetings.

British Leyland With the recent developments in British Leyland it is important that all branches with Leyland factories should sell and put in bulletins or leaflets. The paper is leading on the back page and there will be artwork sent out from the centre.

Real Steel New There will be a lobby of the ISTC Conference in London 11.30 onwards on Sat 22 Nov. at Congress House, Gt Russell Street. At 1.00 there will be a RSN meeting. Please ensure that all steelworkers (including non ISTC members) come- the meeting will be of interest to everyone.

King Henry's this recognition dispute is now entering its 4th month. To help us win support for the strike there is a 30 min video film which is available from 08 [Privacy] or [Privacy] and ring for details.

Anti BM Mobilisation Nov 23rd Comrade should assemble at 11.30 at Ladbroke Ladbroke Grove for a counter demo which will precede the BM's first national demonstration. Bring banners Comrades from the south of E England should support this demonstration. (see page 3)

Nasira Begum March There will be a march on Nov 15th in Rochdale. Lancashire branches should support this demo.

SWP Womens Aggregate Sat 15th Nov 10 am to 5pm Kingsway Princeton School Sidmouth Street London WC1 (near Kings X tube). Open to all SWP women. Agenda includes workshops on a variety of topics and there will be sessions on general perspectives and unemployment. Course bookable in advance. Please travel as cheaply as possible. The aggregate is unfortunately on the same day as the demo for Withdrawal from Ireland. Many people will obviously want to attend both. Workshops will be timetabled so that anyone who wants to demonstrate can attend the main sessions. We are sorry about the clash but there were no free sats before conference.

Meeting for SWP Anti Missiles Activists There will be a meeting for SWP and SWSO members active in the anti missile campaign on Sunday Nov 9th 12.30-5.30 at Hackney Trades and Labour Club Dalston Lane London E3 All districts should try to get one or two comrades to come.

Skegness 80 A lot of districts have already sent in their Organisers and we will send out the cards, forms etc in a couple of weeks. Please note that it is not possible to increase the free child allocation. The camp charges us for children and the cost is carefully worked out to allow as many free places as possible and these are allocated to branches in as fair a way as we can. This year we have given more notice and it is possible for more children to go if paid for (ie we can 'buy' more places from the camp) Full details will be given to the Skegness Organisers.

Republican Faction Meeting Please note that the date has been changed to the 22nd November. For more details phone [Privacy]

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SWP members and the Anti-Nazi League

The ANL is circulating a new statement. It concludes: 'The Nazis are growing again in Britain. In particular the poison of fascist ideas and the menace of their violence is beginning to affect young people. We must mount a massive campaign in opposition to this resurgence.' In many areas of the country we are now coming under pressure from the extreme right. If we are to deal with this pressure and assist the development of a 'massive campaign' the following practical tasks should be given urgent consideration.

1) Youth. The ANL is producing a leaflet for use in schools jointly with the NUSS. Other leaflets will be available shortly, but the schools leaflet is being printed now and should be ordered. Where no NUSS branch exists we should use this activity to develop one, although in the first instance it may be better to hold a SKA meeting.

To focus our work among youth we intend holding an ANL Youth conference in the new year. We shall be inviting a number of personalities to address the gathering and we expect that it will be sponsored by a wide range of organisations.

Leafleting and fund-raising for the leaflets and the conference transport should not be left to our school-student members. This is an excellent opportunity to raise money from trade union bodies, teachers etc.

2) Counter-demonstrations. Counter-mobilisations remain important for us. They will become more successful as comrades begin to take advantage of them for involving new people in street activity against the Nazis. It is part of rebuilding the ANL, not distinct from it.

Specifically, comrades should make use of the Nov. 23rd demonstration to mobilise students from schools and colleges. This is an important demonstration, because it is the first attempt by the BM to hold a national mobilisation. We will be supporting a counter-demo., which will include bands and go through the 'black' areas of Notting Hill and Paddington. This will be before the BM march, which starts at Hyde Park.

We will also be holding a small but effective protest on Remembrance Sunday. However, comrades should concentrate on mobising against the BM march.

3) International Rally. We intend to hold an International rally against fascism in order to harness the widespread revulsion with the atrocities in Europe and publicise the links with organisations in Britain. There will be speakers from Italy, Germany and France (a spokesman for the anti-racist Police union) and Benn has agreed to speak. We hope that the rally will be held before Christmas.

We are also producing posters highlighting the violence of international fascism and its links with Britain.

4) We shall be launching a drive for affiliations and membership for the ANL. The basic cost will be about £10. It will include a monthly ANL bulletin and may include a sub to Searchlight. This is clearly an excellent means of reestablishing support for the ANL, as it will involve us in arguing with non-SWP members about what the Nazis are doing and how we are responding. There will be an ANL conference, probably in March.

5) ANL groups and committees. Establishing a local group/committee

is important for consolidating local organisation. Some groups have already organised successful meetings on 'Britain and the International fascist movement', 'The EM and school-students' or simply meetings aimed at relaunching the ANL or AGMs. Probably the best meetings have related to local campaigns, with calls for action. If meetings/committees are organised it is crucial that the CP, Labour Party, ethnic minority organisations etc are properly involved. It is no good ANL groups being the SWP under a different name. This may mean making concessions to, for instance, the slower pace of their meetings.

In any case, in every area, at least one comrade should be given responsibility for ANL work. They will need a network of contacts.

If you have difficulty contacting the ANL, on **Privacy** try **Privacy** and ask for **Privacy**

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Return to ANL, PO Box 353, London NW5.

- Please send ANL/NUSS leaflets (£10 per 1,000)
- Please send International anti-fascist posters (£5 per 50)
- Please send ANL badges (50 for £10) Please state which types you would like.

We would also like posters/leaflets for the Nov 23rd EM demo.

I enclose a cheque/P.O. Order for £.....

Send to: Name
 Address

Our ANL convenor is Telephone.....

PADDINGTON CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM

Anti Nazi League

KEEP THE NAZIS OFF OUR STREETS

The British Movement have announced plans to march through Paddington.

They are an openly Nazi organisation who peddle the idea to their small band of followers that the extermination of 6 million Jews in Nazi Germany is a myth, and that the extermination camps were a hoax.

Up till now it has been possible to dismiss the BM as a sick joke. After all, the Nazi ideas it preaches, led to a fall in living standards, the smashing of trade unions and the 2nd World War.

In other countries, groups with similar views to the BM have engaged in bombings, such as those in Italy, France and Germany which have killed and maimed dozens of people.



ASSEMBLE : 
LADBROKE GROVE
11.30 SUNDAY 23RD. NOV.

PO Box 353 London NW5

STOP THE BRITISH MOVEMENT NAZIS

The Nazis threaten you black or white, old or young They stand for:

* NO FIGHT AGAINST CUTS & UNEMPLOYMENT; their racist policies divide working people. Locally black & white are fighting to save jobs & services at St. Marys Hospital. If the BMs ideas take hold the fight will be lost.

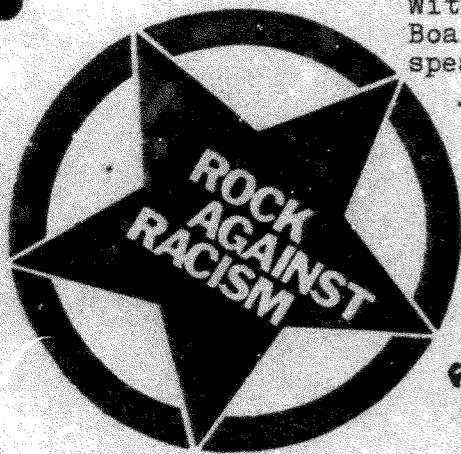
*VIOLENT ATTACKS ON BLACK PEOPLE

*VICIOUS ANTI SEMITISM

FIGHT FOR A FUTURE
JOIN THE COUNTER DEMONSTRATION

Nazi groups like the BM feed on the dissatisfaction caused by cuts & unemployment. They have no answer to it. We all need to stand up on 23 Nov. & show that we are proud to live in a multi-racial community like Paddington & prepared to fight for our future.

Monday 17th Nov. 7.30pm.
Meeting at 510 Harrow Rd.
FIGHTING RACISM
With Arthur Latham, Paul Boateng & other invited speakers.



RAR GIG
WITH DISTRACTIONS
+ THE ARAWAKS
FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER
PADDINGTON COLLEGE
25 PADDINGTON GREEN W2

DON'T LET IRISH PRISONERS DIE!

Prisoners in the H Blocks of Long Kesh Prison in Northern Ireland on Monday 27 October embarked on a hunger strike "to the bitter climax of death if necessary".

In their weakened condition, they will not be able to survive more than a few weeks.

Urgent action is vital if a major tragedy is to be averted.

The *Guardian* pointed out recently that the H Block protest is part of a long history of Irish efforts to gain independence, and this alone places the protesting prisoners in a 'special category'.

The dramatic increase in the population of Northern Ireland's prisons—which used to be the lowest in Europe—is a direct result of the renewal of conflict a decade ago.

The prisoners are asking for the right to wear their own clothes, to abstain from prison work, to free association with other prisoners, to organise their education and recreation, and to full remission of their sentences as granted to other prisoners.

By enduring more than four years in appalling conditions, deprived of basic human necessities, the prisoners have demonstrated the strength of their determination.

If the Government continues to be intransigent, prisoners will certainly die in the very near future. This will cause untold suffering to their relatives and communities. It will also mean, as the *Guardian* said, that 'there is little hope of preventing the undying conflict from taking an even more bitter form now or in another generation.'

WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.

WE BEG YOU TO TAKE ACTION NOW



WHAT YOU CAN DO

■ Press your MP to raise the issue in the House of Commons.

■ Ask your trade union branch, political party or other organisation to take immediate action.

■ Write to the national and local papers and phone your local radio station.

■ Support 15th November British Withdrawal demo which will have prisoners there Assemble 1pm Embankment.

If the Government remains intransigent, and the hunger-strike goes ahead, there will be a national demonstration in London on December 7th. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS DEMONSTRATION.

■ Financial donations required urgently.
Rush donations to: CHARTER 80, PO Box
353, London NW5

Support mass 48 hour hunger fast
Friday 7th November 6pm to Sunday 9th
November 6pm outside Downing Street.

■ For details of further activities, phone 01-267 2004.
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To all branch/district secretaries
organisers and NC members.

28.10.80

Dear comrades,

29th NOVEMBER LABOUR PARTY DEMO IN LIVERPOOL AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

The date for this official Labour Party demonstration is now close. All SWP members should be there on the day. We need to ensure that the Right to Work Campaign in each locality pushes hard for the demo. We must

1. Approach all local Labour Pty organisations and tu bodies to suggest joint transport and free places for the unemployed. If the local Labour Pty already has transport take a block booking and sell the tickets to trade union contacts, Right to Work supporters etc.
2. Where we can't get joint transport, if the local Labour Pty has done nothing, we should book transport ourselves and offer them tickets. Where the local Labour Party has transport we must ensure that we travel with them to sell SW etc even if we also have our own transport.
3. Leaflets doles with offers of free places for the unemployed -this worked very well for the 10th October where it was done.
4. Make sure we bring local Right to Work as well as SWP banners on the demo -if you don't have a banner make one.
5. Make sure the local CP is also approached and pushed to help us on all the above activities.

GARDNERS OCCUPATION

Money raising is vital to support the occupation. If your area still does not have a delegation of Gardner workers coming you can ring the Right to Work Campaign to Privacy or Privacy (Gardners Occupation Delegations Ctee)-make it clear to Privacy that you are speaking from the Right to Work -his number in the factory is Privacy

While in the areas Gardner workers will speak at Right to Work meetings, but don't treat such meetings as big public events. They are more likely to be small working meetings, discussing how to support Gardners locally, raising money for the Right to Work march or transport to Liverpool on November 29th.

MANCHESTER TO L'POOL RIGHT TO WORK MARCH -arrives Liverpool November 29th.
Nov 24 to Nov 29 Sponsored by Gardners Shop Stewards Ctee. We have just three weeks to pull off this march. The Right to Work urgently needs now

1. Names and addresses of marchers. We must know numbers in advance
2. CASH -We need to raise £25 per marcher. Enclosed with the mailing are copies of the official Right to Work appeal. EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE LAST MARCH MUST BE SEEN QUICK. Remember getting money for the march must not cut across raising money for Gardners -it must be on top of that. ie we move £5 for the RTWC and £50 for Gardners, or £25 for the RTW and £250 for Gardners etc.

Get cash in now -small amounts, fund raising parties in cdes' houses etc. We need any sums of money as fast as we can get it in.

3. Send in names and addresses and phone numbers of comrades with cars and vans who will take time off work Nov 24 to Nov 29 to drive delegations of marchers and Gardners workers to factories on the march route.

4. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL. IF YOU CAN GO AND HELP CONTACT THE NATIONAL OFFICE 01 986 3672 STRAIGHT AWAY, not M/c or Lpool.

5. The RTW needs vans for the march itself for carrying catering equipment etc.

6. The Right to Work Campaign still needs to know the names and addresses of local RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN secretaries for some areas. Send in the details plus phone number now.

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The Fight Against the Missiles

The size of the two demonstrations this weekend shows that large numbers of people are active around this issue and most important for us many tens of thousands are moving into politics for the first time through this issue.

Immediately every branch must

1. Ensure several comrades are regularly involved in your local CND/Anti Missiles Group etc.
2. We must push our literature (SW, SR and the pamphlet) at all local meetings, activities etc.
3. Include material on factory bulletins, cuts leaflets etc.
4. Local stunts, occupations etc are key to building up the campaign in the areas -picket local Defence buildings, occupy colleges researching into missiles
5. Hold SW public meetings around the issue- as well as straightforward anti missile meetings, try 'Neither Washington Nor Moscow etc' and 'Labour Party and the Bomb.
6. Leaflet schools and anywhere else there are young people on the issue.
7. Make sure we approach local CP and Labour Pty to discuss working together for all specific activities as they arise.

NATIONAL SWP MEETING FOR SWP ACTIVISTS AROUND MISSILES -Sunday 9 November
-each district must make sure at least one member attends. Full details next week.

H BLOCK HUNGER STRIKE

The hunger strike has begun with enormous publicity. We must now raise the question of Northern Ireland as widely as possible. In particular we need to push resolutions along the lines outlined last week through tu branches/ workplaces etc.

FOR SPEAKERS FOR MEETINGS

ring Privacy

SUPPORT WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS NATIONAL DEMO London 15 November. Assemble 1.00pm Embankment Tube central London. All branches should support.

MASS DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRISONERS 7th December -Assemble 1.00pm Speakers Corner, London. All branches must support.

SWP Irish Day School -Sunday 16 November. 10.30 at Central London Poly in New Cavendish Street, central London.

BRITISH MOVEMENT NATIONAL MARCH in London 22 November -they are planning to try and march from Hyde Park to Paddington. ANL COUNTER DEMO ASSEMBLES AT 12 NOON AT LADBROKE GROVE TUBE. All branches that still haven't started to revitalise their ANL groups should use this demo to do so. All London and SE branches must support the counter demo.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE AGAINST THE CUTS NOVEMBER 1st -starts 10.30 Camden Town Hall, Easton Rd, London. Credentials from room 103, Lambeth Town Hall, London SW 2. SWP PRE MEETING BULL AND MOUTH, BLOOMSBURY WAY.
BUILDING WORKERS FRACTION MEETING Sat 8 Nov, Prince Albert, Wharfedale Rd nr Kings Cross. Starts midday.

SWP WOMENS AGGREGATE SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 10.00am-5.00pm in Kingsway Princeton College, Sidmouth Street, Grays Inn Rd, London WC1. (Kings Cross Tube)
Discussions on the crisis, unemployment and the right to work, building WV etc. Open to all SWP women. Try to travel as cheaply as possible. Creche. Accomodation Registration in advance at £1 to Womens Aggregate, PO Box 82, London E2.

REPUBLICAN FACTION NATIONAL MEETING Saturday 1 November at 12.00 in Greenbank Labour Club, Trafford Road, Eccles near Manchester. All SWP members are welcome to attend. For more details of the faction phone Privacy

SWP CONFERENCE DATE -please see enclosed letter for details of change because of 29th November demo.

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Dear Comraeds,

SWP NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Because of the Labour Party demonstration on the 29th November (the starting date of the SWP Conf.) we are postponing our conference for two weeks. Conference will now be from Saturday 13 December to Tuesday 16 December inclusive.

Ideally we would have held the Conference one week later rather than two. But at this sort of notice it proved impossible to book anything suitable.

The final date for resolutions etc. shifts back to December 1st. IB dates shift back by about 10 days as well.

All the other options for Conference have strong arguments against them. So although the change of date will cause some problems we think other possibilities (shorter Conference, shifting to January etc.) would all have caused more difficulties for everyone.

Yours fraternally,

Peter Clark
National Secretary



THE RIGHT TO WORK

Fighting the sack at Gardners

Factory Occupation To Save Jobs
Gardners Diesels, Eccles, Manchester

ON Thursday, 2 October, the 2,000 workforce at L. Gardner and Sons diesel engine factory in Eccles, Manchester, voted to take action in defence of their jobs.

The company, now part of the giant Hawker-Siddeley group, had demanded nearly 700 redundancies in the plant, together with the imposition of a new bonus scheme, a 5% wage increase and restrictions on shop stewards activities.

Following the mass meeting, a delegation of shop stewards and full-time officials made one last unsuccessful attempt to find an agreement. The following day the factory was taken over by the workers who are now involved in a 24-hour occupation of the premises.

Already in Manchester it is clear that there is widespread support for the struggle. Gardners workers have a fine record of support for other workers.

But the Gardners workers struggle is also important nationally. As opinion polls published this week show, unemployment is the single biggest embarrassment to Thatchers Government. A victory for the Gardners workforce would be an inspiration to all workers who detest this Governments policies.

The solidarity which ordinary trade unionists and unemployed workers show for the Gardners workers in all parts of the country will be the single most important element in ensuring that the Gardners struggle is successful.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Send telegrams of support to the factory, immediately.
- Organise factory collections or even better, a levy.
- Invite Gardners workers to speak to your factory or shop stewards committee.
- Call a Right to Work meeting in your area next week specifically to organise support for Gardners.

Send all messages of support, donations and telegrams to: Tom McAfee, Works Convenor, L. Gardners and Son, Patricroft, Eccles, Manchester.

