

# Practical Anarchy

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# IT'S NO FARE!

HERE WE GO AGAIN! Winter ahead, and even LESS buses on the road, with two more Bus Garages for the chop. More "cost-cutting" economies, courtesy of a costly Labour controlled bureaucracy.

The workers at "doomed" Langside Garage have a record of co-operation with management, and were the first to introduce One Man Operated buses. It just goes to show that this means nothing when THEY WHO DECIDE make up their minds. The garages who failed to back up the fight to save Partick Garage in 1977 have co-operated in their own extinction.

## JUST THE TICKET

In '77, the Partick busmen, together with the Fair Fares Campaign advocated the "Good Work Strike". This means refusing to collect high fares, or better still, refusing to collect ANY fares at all. In this way the passengers will support the strike, while hitting the bosses where it hurts.

This is surely a more effective way of fighting back. Withdrawing labour only hits the poor punter, like us, who can't afford cars. And "token" one-day stoppages are union recipes for defeat.

But defending the bus service isn't enough. When we're working we spend unpaid hours waiting for transport to and from work, and when we're made unemployed, the extortionate fares and withdrawal of services means we're marooned at home.

It's time for both busworkers and bus-travellers to fight for a transport service that REALLY reflects our needs and is under OUR control.

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THE END OF THE LINE FOR SYD WEIGHELL..

## the yawning heights

THE RACE IS ON!...Who'll be the Lucky Bureaucrat to win the Labour nomination for the Queen's Park By-Election?

Will it be Peter McCann, veteran of the Big Sleep at the City Chambers?

Will it be Michael 'Flying down to Reo's' Kelly, friend of R. Stakis, and renowned Big Game Hunter?

Or will the Labour Party dig up another comic-singer from its copious supply of careerists?

As we go to press, the answer is known only by the stars, and by Glasgow's Labour Barons.

But whoever the hell it is they'll have some cheek going anywhere near the area.

It's the site of one of Labour's greatest Follies—the Pine Place flats; acres of substandard abandoned flats. Built ten years ago, tenants fled from them, scunnered with swimming in dampness.

The District Council have just sold the prime building land close to the City Centre, for a knock down price that would beat anything at the Barrows. The chuffed capitalists are Barretts, the people who brought you Spam Valley.

Provost Kelly avoids the place like the plague. On the

recent Health Workers march, he appeared at the gates of the Park, rather than trek through the area. But like all politicians with their eye on the Main Chance, he made sure the cameras caught him leading the march into the Park.

Many local people will be giving a bodyswerve to Labour and all the other political parties. They've realised that the whole bunch are Traitors, Fakers and Frauds. And when it comes to the By-Election, they'll be saying 'Thanks, but No Thanks!'



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# FORGE AHEAD!

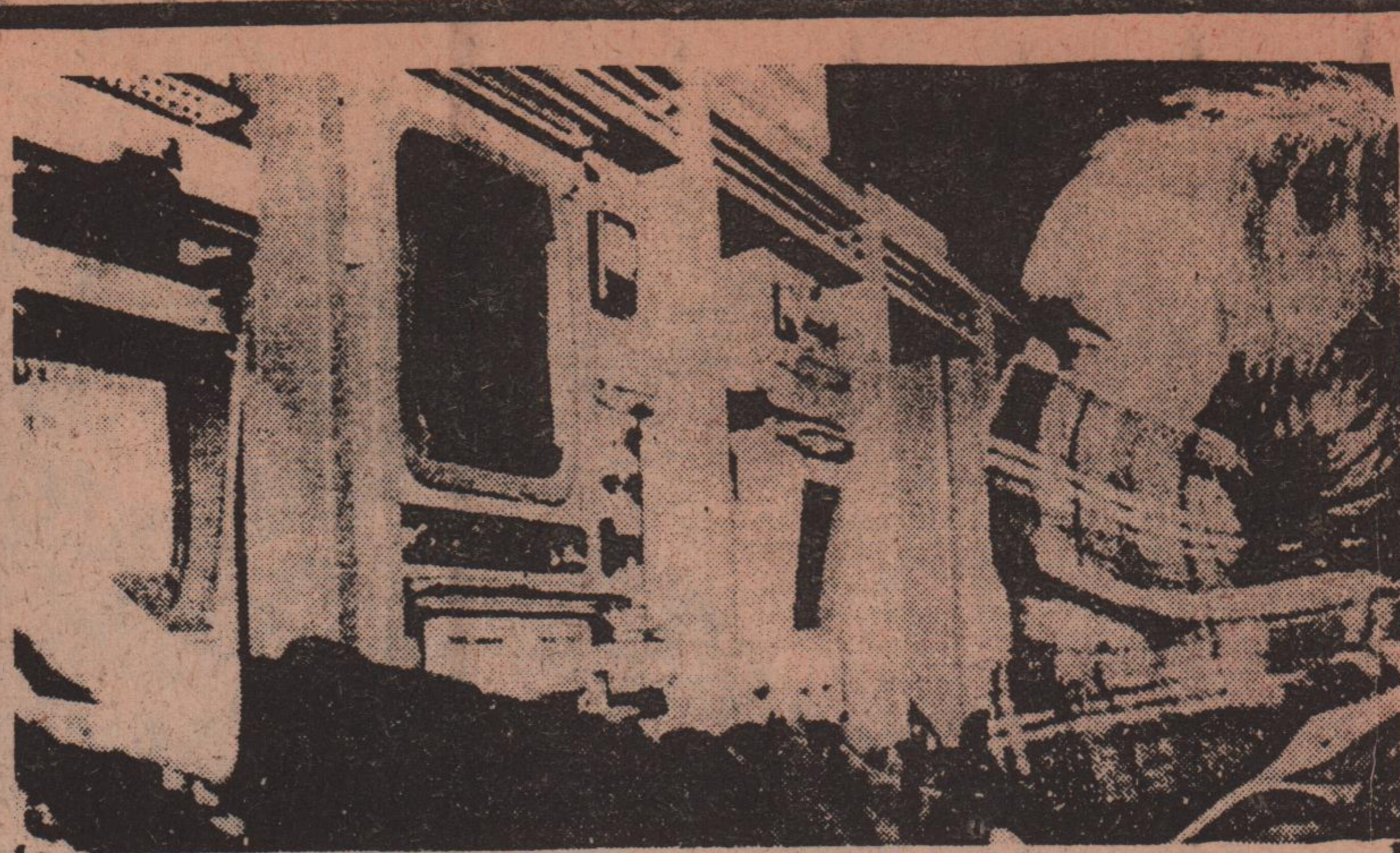
TA TA, RAVENSCRAIG...That's what you can say if it's left to union bureaucrats to save Motherwell's steelworks. All that the Dynamic Duo of Bill Sirs and Gavin Laird can come up with is meetings with businessmen, lobbies of Parliament and forelock-tugging petitions.

But it doesn't need to be like that. In the winter of 1978/79, at the same time as the lorrydrivers were on strike against the Labour government's "austerity" programme, the steelworkers in Northern France were taking on their own ruling class.

The press reported on February 17th—"The Lorraine steel belt was taken over by the trade unions yesterday, as the

one day strike against large redundancies closed factories, mines and shops, and blocked roads and railways. Yesterday's protest was supported by the population"

"In Longwy, a commando of the CGT, France's biggest union, 'borrowed' an eight-ton steel smelting tower from a factory hauled it into town on a lorry, and placed it in the main square, daubed with



BREAKER, BREAKER... FRENCH STEELWORKER DISRUPTS TV

the slogan 'Longwy will win through'."

### SIT-INS

"Roadblocks sealed off all 13 local border posts linking France with Belgium and Luxembourg. The sit-ins which have become routine here continued at the post office, the railway station and the unemployment exchange. Lorries parked on the pavement outside supermarkets and banks, and other shopkeepers

took the hint and closed".

Other imaginative tactics adopted in the protest against the plan to lay-off 20,000 steelworkers included sitting down on railway tracks to block rail traffic, and staging a 'commando-style' raid on a television relay station, stopping broadcasts. It is actions like these coming from the workers, not some union office in London, that could decide the future of Ravenscraig.

# poland

THE MILITARISATION OF EVERYDAY LIFE...

YET AGAIN, against all odds the Polish workers have demonstrated their capacity to resist the dictates of their "socialist" military junta.

The strike action in Gdansk and other Baltic ports was taken up in street protests in the southern cities of Wroclaw and Krakow, and the police tactics in Berlin, Amsterdam and other Western cities of spraying protestors with dye, and ruthless suppression were re-enacted in Poland.

### BITTERNESS

The formula first made popular by Trotsky in his "militarisation of labour" and the destruction of the factory committees after 1917 has been taken up ever since by totalitarian rulers from Hitler to Jaruzelski.

Anger at the placing of the Lenin shipyards under military rule was only matched by bitterness towards the failure of the underground "Solidarity leadership" to immediately act to spread the shipyard workers action. Instead, like all leaderships they delayed and helped cause a piece meal reaction by other workers: faced as they are with a blackout of information and restrictions on telephone and postal communication.

### OBSTACLES

The other restraining force is the Catholic Church: while the Church symbolises the independent cultural identity of Polish life faced with the Soviet-imposed rule, it is obvious that Bishop Glemp and such like are an obstacle to the swift and decisive action necessary.

The other leeches who make capital out of the situation are the rulers of the Western societies, the two-faced Reagans and Thatchers who limit workers resistance at home while applauding it abroad.

### RUTHLESS

The message has been brought home to combative Polish workers: the next explosion of dissent cannot depend on the restrained habits associated with the Solidarity era of 1980. The reaction of the regime will be assuredly brutal, and the means of communication will have to be perfected so that the action of the workers in one city become the action of workers throughout their society.

The regime can shoot hundreds, intern thousands but it cannot stifle millions!

# who dares wins

OCTOBER 1972...

A THIRTY MAN British Army recruiting team set up a display of "The Army at Work and Play" on the playing field of Lochend School, Lochend Road, Easterhouse, and the local youth showed great interest, turning up in considerable numbers.

A cookhouse erected to dispense modern army food (*forget what your Dad told you about Army grub!*) was soon smashed to match wood. Soldiers enjoying a peaceful cup of tea were hurriedly evacuated when flames from a bonfire lit beneath their caravan started licking through

the floor.

When the other caravan lost its windows, the Army decided it was time to pack up and leave... Two Land Rovers drove off; leaving their exhaust systems beaming. Young saboteurs had tied their exhaust silencers to nearby trees...

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Cut out 'n' Keep

FREE!!



## POUND of FLESH!

WE'RE LAYING OUR BODIES ON THE LINE!

We are so convinced that the Labour Party won't stick to its promises, we're willing to stick our necks out... If any future Labour Government (a) reduces unemployment by one million (b) leaves the Common Market, or (c) disarms Britain's nuclear weapons, send this coupon to us, indicating which choice cut you would prefer... and we'll send your favourite dismembered limb by return of post ABSOLUTELY FREE!

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## Patriots on Parade

BRAVE MACHO PATRIOTS, black boots shining, the glorious flag of the homeland unfurled. The pride of a great nation; the spectators look on and cheer as the hordes of military men march past...

Women and children watch their brave men—heroes, who would fight and die for them; the crippled and the mutilated are hidden—only the strong are seen here. Is this Nuremberg? Or is it the Victory Parade in London? Who is responsible for this military madness: is it the generals who give the orders or the privates who take them? Or is it just the outcome of the workings of capitalism and the state? Both Britain and Argentina need this show of strength.

They are very clever, these men of steel; they know the best way to forget the war at home is to have one abroad. Internal

The REAL Face of Militarism

conflict is covered with a blanket of nationalism; the Victory Parade is just another of this society's sick jokes. It aims at making us look like one united country, when we all know it is scarred with injustice and inequality.

Rule Britannia, Britannia waives the rules. Obedience to the flag and obedience to the boss in the factory and school; obedience to the bureaucracy at the Broo, and obedience to the parents at home...A nation of patriots is a nation of obedience—and a nation of NO obedience means a free and equal people.