

BLSP STRIKE

YOUR TURN NEXT?

THE ISSUES.

For the last 6 weeks one thousand men employed at British Light Steel Pressings (Acton) have been in dispute.

The strike started because the management refused to discuss a proposal by the BLSP stewards that available work be shared as an alternative to mass sackings. The management were planning to dismiss more than 300 men.

The employers decided to use the big stick, 'reduce production costs' and 'tighten discipline'. They are preparing to enter the Common Market, where they will meet increased competition from automated plants.

BLSP RECORD.

Over a period of years the BLSP stewards had built up a strong shop organization. They have obtained rates of pay above the average in the industry. The men work as a team and both skilled and semi-skilled enjoy the same rates. Despite this, profits have increased (from 3.6 million in 1958 to 5.5 million in 1959). What do they want? Blood?

The men at BLSP have a record second to none for the support of other workers in dispute. In their turn they now need your help. Their fight is your fight.

BOSSSES AND UNION LEADERS LINE UP AGAINST MEN.

The management have refused to discuss the stewards proposal for a return to work. They have tried intimidation by sacking the whole labour force. This vicious measure has failed to break the strike.

The men are fighting against sackings. This is in line with official AEU policy. Despite this, the AEU Executive has stabbed them in the back and has even threatened to expel them from the union.

The National Union of Sheet Metal Workers and Coppersmiths has declared the strike official. The London (North) District Committee of the AEU has endorsed the dispute and there is strong support from local shop stewards committees and factories.

THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THE MEN THEMSELVES, WHATEVER THEIR UNION, ARE ABSOLUTELY UNITED AND DETERMINED TO WIN. AS LONG AS THEY RUN THE STRIKE, THEY CANNOT BE DEFEATED.

SUPPORT THE DISPUTE (All donations to Bro. F. Cole, 160 East Acton Lane, W.3.)

DON'T SCAB.

NO SACKINGS - SHARE THE WORK.

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