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ACTION ON LONDON UNDERGROUND

TUBE WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE

In a resounding rejection of London Underground management's masterplan, members of the NUR (which unites all grades of railworkers), have voted by 8 to 1 for strike action.

This follows a similar 2 to 1 strike ballot by members of the Transport Salaried Staff Association (TSSA), which represents the majority of booking office staff.

Most of the media gave the NUR result as 7 to 1. For the record the exact figures were 88.1% in favour of the National Executive's call and just 11.9% against, on a 61% ballot return.

This was in fact a good turn-out. Bear in mind that even on London's relatively compact Underground, railworkers work extremely unsocial hours in isolated locations.

Increasing numbers come from places like Colchester, Southend, or Milton Keynes. Still others were sick or on holiday during the balloting.

In the end, over 400 ballots arrived too late to be included in the count, but the proportions for and against were exactly the same as in the final result.



PHOTO: Martine Stead

As we go to press, we hear that tube workers are preparing for an all-out strike. Take a last look at a crowded tube!

By K. C. JONES

All-out strike action against management's plans to destroy protective agreements in order to make way for all-powerful line managers and future privatisation is now inevitable.

April 20th saw train crews stage their second one-day stoppage in recent weeks. The stoppage was called by an unofficial rank and file committee of NUR and ASLEF members and was a much greater success than the first action on April 5th.

By 10am fewer than 100 trains were running on the entire network. At most one in five drivers turned up for work. At a similar point in the first strike twice as many trains were running. A total of 470 trains are normally in use during peak hours.

The improved response to the second strike call came from the crew-operated Central, Northern, and Bakerloo lines, which worked normally on April 5th, not least becuase the demand of the strikers at that time was for a restoration of a big differential for drivers operating trains without guards.

At two ASLEF District Council meetings held on April 10th it was decided that the claim should be extended to all train operators and that guards should have their previous differential in relation to drivers' rates restored.

A series of local meetings were held to explain that the claim had been broadened to include all train crews. This paid off. However the decision to name the second day of action was not made at mass meetings (as had been the case with the first).

A story in the London *Evening Standard* on the eve of the April 20th action claimed that one of the strike committee had said there would be one-day actions every week from now on.

But a recognised, full-time, elected train crew representative at a local meeting the day before had promised the 80 crew mem-

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LABOUR—TAKE THE POWER!

Local Government Rou

16-hour meeting paves way for Tory control

High Noon in Haringey

At 11:55 am on March 31st, Haringey Council finally agreed a budget and rate for 1989/90 — after a marathon 16 hour session.

This so-called Labour budget stipulated rate rises of some 60% and cuts of £5 million.

These cuts will be achieved by not filling vacancies (which will lead to further deterioation of services), by closing one community centre, by restricting opening hours at libraries and by a £350,000 cut in refuse collection.

As usual the most savage cuts are reserved for people on low incmes. A 60% Council rent rise has already been rushed through.

The Council is now imposing a £12 a week service charge on elderly and disabled people who live in sheltered housing.

This is an outrageous and blatant attack on the poorest and weakest people in Haringey. It will mean that a Labour Council will now be demanding an extra £27 a week from these people (when the service charge is added to rent and rate rises).

The Council also plans to charge the homeless much more for bed and breakfast accomodation and to increase short-life rents by one third. School dinner charges will also go up by more than 10%.

Eleven Labour Councillors stuck to their manifesto pledges and voted against this scndalous budget, denouncing both the cuts and the rent and rate rises.

The Tories also voted against the right wing Labour budget — because they wanted more cuts and a lower rate rise. The budget was thus defeated at around 1am.

By Scott Reeve Haringey Labour Briefing

Earlier, left Councillors Vince Gillespie and Pauline Crossan moved a resolution to withdraw the 60% rent rise.

The Council leadership acknowledged that it had received a summons declaring the rent rise unlawful (on the grounds of failure to carry out consultations with tenants required by the tenancy agreement) and said it would be contesting the summons in court.

The majority of Labour Councillors — who normally refuse to vote for anything that might remotely be construed as illegal — voted on this occassion with the Tories against the left motion.

All the other motions from the real Labour Councillors, including a motion moved by Steve King and Narendra Makanji against compulsory redundacies, were voted down by the combined forces of the Tories and the Labour right.

The left, by voting down the budget, forced the Tories to reveal their own alternative. What emerged was horrific.

The Tories want to evict all tenants who are in rent arrears, riase rents even higher, abolish adult education, destroy the youth service, stop school meals, close down under-fives provision, scrap Haringey College and five of the Borough's eight libraries, not to mention massive cuts in cleansing services.

If the Labour left had not voted down the official "Labour" budget, the Tories would have got through the meeting without having to show their true colours.

Ironically, the Borough's Chief Officers declared that the Tory proposals could not be implementd in a single year, would lead to a deficit budget, and were therefore illegal.

The Tories then withdrew a few of their proposed cuts and put their proposed rate rise up to 31%. At 9am this package was thrown out.

The Labour leadership then made a few minor amendments to its own budget, which was voted down yet again.

The Council was hung. In effect there were three groups none of which had a majority, and none of which would alter its position.

The Borough Solicitor repeatedly informed the Council that if it could not agree a rate by noon all the councillors could be surcharged.

The officers then announced that they would propose their own budget, which would probably have contained cuts of around £20 million and 45% rate rise.

With the threat of the dreaded surcharge hanging over them, neither the Labour right nor the Tories would have opposed the officers' budget, which would have entailed compulsory redundancies on a major scale.

Because of this, seven of the eleven left Councillors reluctantly decided that to prevent further cuts they would abstain on the Labour budget, in effect giving the Labour right a slim majority over the Tories.

Four Labour Councillors persisted in voting against the budget.

Their position was summed up by Kevin Hargreaves:

"I will vote against and I am going to tell you why. The Labour budget will hand Haringey Council over to the Tories. In just over a year's time, thanks to the Labour leadership, the Tories will be forcing through their cuts."

Haringey's Councillors Against the Cuts remain united. They have matured into an effective opposition on a hung Council dominated by Tories — whether of the open or the "Labour" variety.

For working people in Haringey, it is vital that there is a real Labour Group, a Group which resists and obstructs Tory policies.

Councillors Ron Blanchard, Craig Brewin, Pauline Crossan, Peter Doble, Vince Gillespie, Kevin Hargreaves, Roger Harris, Steve King, Narendra Makanji, John Moore, Dave McCulloch and Martha Osamnor fought for us throughout the 16 hours of betrayal by Labour's local leaders.

In the end, however, the Tory attacks cannot be defeated unless that fight is taken out into the streets, the estates, and the workplaces.

London Labour Councillors Against the Cuts

Sunday, May 7th, 2pm

Tolmer Square Community Centre
(corner of Drummond St & Hampstead Rd, NW1)

The meeting will deal with the budgets now set for 1989/90 and how they have further eroded Council services for the working class in London and the threats that have been made to anti-cuts Councillors by right wing Labour Groups.

There will also be discussion on Poll Tax registration, the Housing Act, Education, ILEA abolition, privatisation, and equal opportunities.

All anti-cuts Councillors from any London Borough should attend.

Contact: Adrian States, 01-431 2760

Letter

Dear *Briefing*,

When the German Social Democrats voted through war credits for the Kaisers imperialist enemies in 1914, thus providing the finance for German hostilities, Party discipline forced all to vote in favour even though many were opposed to war credits.

Later, a minority — some of whom where to form the German Communist Party — voted against Party discipline in December 1914 and eventually the Party split.

The position on March 31st at 11.50am after an all-night sitting for Haringey Labour Group was not quite of world significance but the principle was similar.

Do left Councillors break left ward mandates, publically stated priorities and the agreed *Briefing* position and abstain to allow a massive 57% rate increase and £6 million of cuts through?

A number of left Councillors had already gone over to the right and voted to increase the rents by £13.50p over the year.

Seven *Briefing* Councillors changed their position at the last minute and abstained on the crucial vote on the rates.

Had they persisted in voting against, a real crisis would have developed and the financial plight of Haringey would have asumed a national profile — as it should alongside Brent and other Councils.

In the end only four *Briefing* Councillors held out against the pressure.

And pressure there was. From the Labour Whips, from short sighted Trade Union officials and from the Labour Party bureaucracy threatening the ultimate sanction: expulsion.

Yet *Briefing* supporters have the right to know why 7 Councillors collapsed and why 4 did not.

The collapse of *Briefing* on the Council has weakened the ability of the Labour left to continue to oppose rent and rate increases and cuts in jobs and services.

It has also served to paralyse the fight back amongst the workforce and service users; workers know they have been given a respite if only for a few months as the £6 million cut and the budget spinning out of control means more redundancies, voluntary or otherwise in the future. Already over 3,000 jobs have gone.

The Labour Group rightwing and presumably the 7 abstaining Councillors felt it was easier to load the budget crisis on the backs of the rate payers (who cannot organise, except through the Tory Party, against this attack) than to try and sack over 1,500 organised workers — That would have forced the unions to fight.

Now Labour stands to loose the 1990 Council elections in Haringey so the Tory cuts have only been postponed for a year when the left will be even weaker.

The position working class communities are in is now serious in a number of inner city areas. Haringey *Briefing* is now unable to give a lead and four Councillors face disciplining including possible expulsion from the Labour Party.

The 7 councillors need to be called to account and *Briefing* caucuses need to be more effective if this form of organising is to retain credibility.

John Calderen
Haringey NALGO Shop Steward
(in a personal capacity)

***This letter has been printed in full. However, we wish to make clear that we disassociate ourselves from the writer's analogy that *Briefing* exercises a Party discipline over labour movement representatives. -Ed.**

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The hey-day of Camden workers fighting back: can these scenes

What tactics

We were sorry to find that one of the main points we wished to make on the present situation in Camden was cut out of our article in the last issue of *London Labour Briefing*.

In our assessment the budget adopted by Camden's ruling Labour Group in March will not provoke a militant response similar to last year's cuts.

The decision to bridge the present deficit of £27 million via a combination of £2.16 rent increase, cuts in departmental expenditure of £2.5 million, and a series of creative accountancy measures was specifically aimed at a conflict free run up to the 1990 election.

Whether this strategy will work is another matter.

In overestimating the attainable vacancy rate and underestimating the finance needed to implement the Poll Tax (just two of the financial manouevres being used) the Labour Group is storing up problems that are bound to break out in a future crisis.

In the present political climate that crisis could be upon us in weeks or months; it is hard to predict.

However, the point we made in our last article was that at *this* moment it is inappropriate for the left to base their anti-cuts work on the hope of an immediate, generalised class community struggle.

In this context many of the anti-cuts Councillors of the last year, organised in the Manifesto Group, felt that it would be tactically inept to risk expulsion from the Labour Group and the Party by voting against the Labour Whip in the Council chamber.

By Cllrs Caroline Holding, Sandra Plummer, Graham Shurety

The left are isolated in Holborn and St. Pancras CLP with some of the most right wing members of the LCC holding key positions and exerting a stranglehold on the LGC, GC and Executive Committee.

The *Briefing* Group has all but collapsed, doing little to

Housing strik

Over 100 NALGO workers in Camden's Housing Department have been on strike since Monday April 10th.

The dispute, now official, involves estate mangement staff at five local offices.

Workers took strike action following the suspension of five staff at the Kentish Town Office. All other officers walked out and overwhelmingly voted for indefinite strike action until the suspensions are lifted and the Council enters into negotiations for 14 extra staff.

By Padrig Jones Camden NALGO Housing Department shop steward

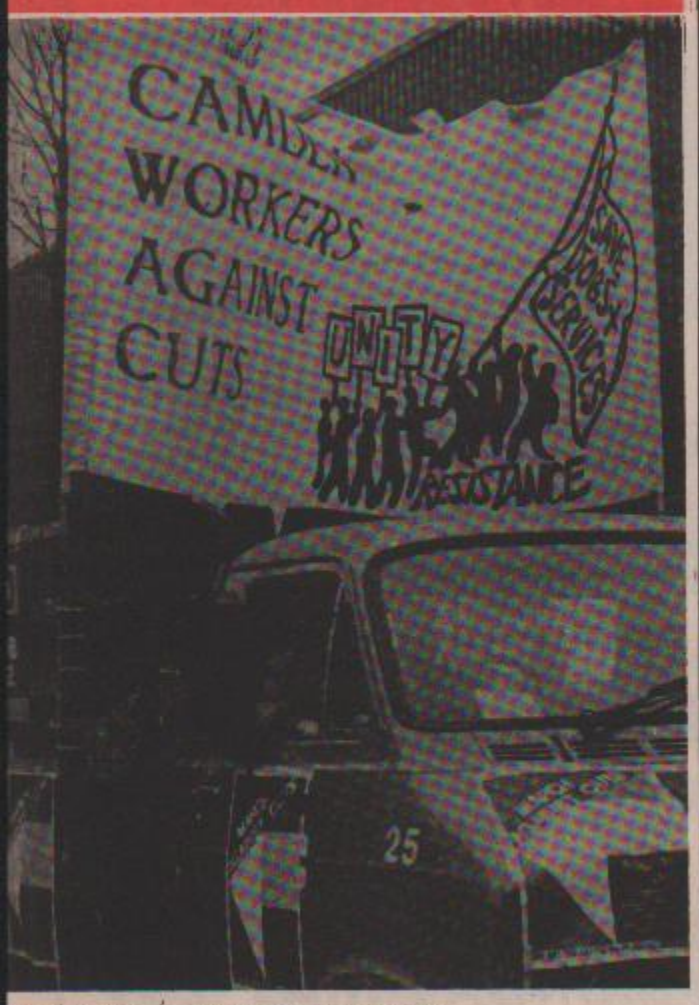
No real response has yet been forthcoming.

The strike is solid with two Social Services offices refusing to cross picket lines. Workers in the rest of the Housing Department have walked out and are now working to rule.

Support from tenants has been encouraging with hundreds signing a petition

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be repeated? PHOTO: Leesa Herbert

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protect those Councillors who voted against rent increases in February from disciplinary measures.

In these circumstances the chances of a successful defence against a witch-hunt seem slight.

Furthermore, all sections of the anti-cuts alliance that have fought the Labour Group over the last two years urged the Manifesto Group to *stay in* the Labour Group at this point.

Two other considerations loomed large for these Councillors.

The first was the fact that expulsion from the Group could destroy the alternative slate now being built for next year's elections.

The second was that major campaign against the closure of Wesley House Women's Centre and the withdrawal of grant from Camden Job Train (an organisation which trains in excess of 100 unemployed youngsters) are being led by two Councillors who felt it crucial in this situation to remain in the Labour Group.

For these Councillors the cost of defying the Whip was too high a price to pay for what appeared to be a propaganda gesture.

Although we disagreed with those Manifesto Councillors who voted with the whip (we voted against a rent increase and abstained on the budget vote), we do not believe that their actions represent a "sell out".

They remain courageous and tenacious in their opposition to the reactionary policies of the Labour Group majority.

In our view the sectarian sniping by some on the left in Camden is misguided and can only serve to weaken the anti-cuts alliance *built in struggle* over the past two years.

Finally, many of us involved in the local government struggle over the last few years have become aware of the many local variations and differences which often require different responses.

We would welcome a detailed analysis of the concrete situation within each inner London boroughs and the opening up of a discussion on how we can develop this work shorn of the sterility of propagandism that has characterised many of the positions of the "hard left" over the last ten years.

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in support of the strike and for a better service.

The District Housing Office strike is the largest facing Camden Council since 1984, with NALGO and NUPE members taking join action against privatisation on April 26th. The demoralisation affecting local government workers is far from complete.

Ken Hulme, Vice Chair of Housing and leading LCC member, has gone to the press arguing that the strike is dominated by the far left and insisting on management's fundamental human right to manage.

Temporary staff have been recruited in an effort to strike-break and emergency service offered by the strikers has been turned down.

Camden NALGO has already received support from several other branches.

The dispute will be an important step in improving Council housing, to make it worth defending against the Housing Act.

The Council leadership is insisting that priorities remain selling off housing, and collecting arrears — despite a £2 rent rise.

Messages of support should be sent to Camden NALGO, Town Hall Extension, Euston Road, NW1, tel. 01-860 5634.

Brent

Cuts start in DLO, as tenants win a round

While the next cuts package is never expected to be far away, since the Council drew up its budget on the absurd assumption that pay rises, inflation and interest rates would all stay down, one of the last decisions on cuts is now being put into practice.

Having decided to close half of the Capital Works section of the DLO, proposals are now being put forward about who should go and the levels of redundancy payments.

By Pete Firmin
Brent East CLP

With a UCATT convenor who even refused to tell his members that redundancies were involved, the Council obviously believes it can get away with anything and is proposing that the minimum statutory levels of voluntary redundancy payments should be made.

This means only a week's pay for every year worked, rather than the two weeks given to those who accepted redundancy in other departments last year.

They are also suggesting that the basis for "choosing" who is to go should be on sickness and work records, not the usual "last in, first out".

In a partial victory, Council tenants have at least won a commitment from the Council that if test cases against last year's £7 a week rent increase are won in court then this will apply to all tenants.

At issue is whether the first demand for the increased rent was legal because it did not give tenats the required minimum four week's notice. To cover themselves, the Council sent out new demands earlier this year.

A victory in the courts will mean the Council having to write off or pay back more than £2 million.

While far from the total victory of complete withdrawal of the increase it is still a significant gain won by the pressure of many tenants withholding the increase.

How low can they get?

In their latest attempt to show that there is no bottom line below which a Labour Council can sink as it goes down the long road of cuts and attacking its workforce, Brent Council has again excelled itself.

In its latest display of anti-trade unionism, the Council has refused to accept the ruling of an Industrial Tribunal that a teacher was unfairly dismissed and should be re-instated.

Robin Pumphrey, a maths teacher at Sladebrook High School (notorious in the gutter press) was suspended in September 1987 and then sacked for "being rude to" (!) the former headteacher.

An industrial tribunal decided in March that he should be re-instated by April 17th but the Council is refusing, saying that it will pay any compensation decided on by the tribunal instead.

Robin Pumphrey is known as a militant, and in using this method of getting rid of him the Council is following in the footsteps of employers like British Leyland and British Rail which are quite prepared to pay high levels of compensation to rid themselves of "troublesome elements".

Brent NUT, not known for its leadership's willingness to attack the Council, is now threatening strike action over the issue. National Union Officers have even written to every Councillor asking them to reverse the decision not to re-instate.

Teachers in the Borough have to make sure their union does not back away from taking the effective action necessary to force re-instatement.

Time and again in recent years the Council has sacked people without going through the "agreed" disciplinary procedures (as in this case).

Directors have been given massive pay-offs when they have outlived their usefulness, "lesser mortals" have simply been sacked.

Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom

Conference: Media in the 90s
April 29th, University of London Student Union, Malet St, London WC1
Topics include: Secrecy, Censorship, Media ownership & control, N. Ireland, Media Education.
Several banned films will be shown.
Day concludes with benefit starring *Eyes on Brazil*, a leading African-style band.
All day ticket: £10 (£4 unwaged)
Conference only: £6 (unwaged £2.50)
Benefit only: £6 (unwaged £2.50)
For further information contact Madeleine Barnett or Tom O'Malley, 01-437 2795

Southall

Thatcher's Nazis

The Elthorne branch of the Conservative Party in Southall has distributed a newsletter attacking Ealing Council's policy of dealing with all groups of people on an equal basis.

A few snippets from this masterpiece will suffice to give its general flavour:

"After three years of Labour lunacy at the Town Hall, destiny demands that the borough turns against the red rabble...

"Promoting the practice of homosexuality and lesbianism as normal, and in particular, presenting wickedness as good to children.

"Giving overt or covert support to murderous terrorist groups such as the IRA and the ANC.

"Not maintaining the Christian religion and tradition in our schools.

"Giving Ealing the job of housing the world and his wife, as long as they say they are homeless."

Local Labour Councillor Valerie Vaz condemned the newsletter:

"Thatcherism fosters hatred and fear. It survives by perpetuating divisions within our society. This most recent example reminds us of the Nazi strategy of turning religion against religion and race against race.

"I call upon the local and national leadership of the Conservative Party to publicly disassociate themselves from this outrageous incitement to hatred."

Labour Party fights BNP

No Fascists in Welling!

The British National Party (BNP) is a Nazi organisation.

They've opened a bookshop at Upper Wickham Lane, Welling, with the aim of "educating local people."

In reality, this means the whipping up of racial hatred. Already racial attacks in the South East have increased over recent months.

BNP's "education" means blaming all the problems working people face — unemployment, inflation, low wages, and crippling mortgage repayments — on black workers.

By preaching racial hatred they hope to weaken the ability of working people to fight together against the Tory attacks.

They will use their "shop" as a centre of local fascist activity, aimed in particular at recruiting local young people who face little future beyond slave labour YTS or low-paid jobs.

The BNP will stop at nothing; not only have members been imprisoned for vicious racial assaults but in one case a fascist attempted to bomb a workers organisation in South London.

Not one inch can be given to fascists. Like their Nazi heroes their aim is simple: the destruction of all democratic rights won by the labour movement and eventually the destruction of the trade unions themselves.

The local labour movement must link with the local community to stop BNP activity and close the shop. The Tories are to blame for unemployment and all the other problems we face.

The labour and trade union movement, armed with socialist policies, offers the only alternative. With our strength and unity we can fight for better living standards and the return of a Socialist Labour Government.

•Close down the BNP Shop!
•No access to Council facilities for fascists!
•Local labour movement to build a mass campaign and drive the fascists out!
•For a Socialist Labour Council to fight for jobs and services.

A statement by Sidcup & Old Bexley Labour Party

TUBE WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE

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bers present that no more strike dates would be called without properly convened mass meetings for each shift.

He had also said that it was imperative for the unions to hold a ballot as soon as possible to make the action official.

This confusion has been brushed aside as the strike movement has gathered momentum.

But it must be remembred that if management were to give in to the strikers' demands, it would mean a 46% pay increase. There is no way management will concede anything like that in response to a series of one-day strikes.

In conjunction with business, other transport authorities, and the police (backed up by the courts and the media) alternative plans will be swiftly put into place to thwart the train crews' guerilla action.

The NUR and ASLEF have just rejected out of hand a 7% annual pay offer and a 9% London weighting increase, but they are unlikely to take on board the full unofficial claim.

It has to be said that in this situation the most likely outcome is a deal cooked up between management, union officials, and the secret strike committee.

Management have made it clear what they want in return for any increase in pay: abolition of seniority, introduction of "continental rostering" (with the inclusion of Sunday in the working week), salaried status and an annual pay review, and the destruction of all existing train working agreements.

Money is not the problem for underground management. They're rolling in it. The tube is used by over 60% more passengers than in 1982.

For management the crunch issue is transforming conditions and shedding agreements — and they will exploit any opportunity to do this.

Because of this it is imperative that the secrecy and lack of accountability of the strike "co-ordinating" committee is replaced by mass meetings which directly elect a strike committee, call any future actions, and most importantly vote on any offer prior to any proposed return to work.

The Bennie Bunsee Case

On the run from anti-racism

Bennie Bunsee, a committed anti-racist and well-known campaigner for black rights in South Africa, has been sacked by Labour politicians in Hounslow.

As a Principal Race Adviser he refused to marginalise the fight against racism in both the Council and the local community.

The attack on him should be seen in the light of decisions by local Labour Authorities to dismantle or reduce Race Relations Units.

Bunsee's case arose because of his refusal to keep his mount shut and his insistence on pinpointing inadequacies and weaknesses in Council's policy.

He called for policies that integrated and unified anti-racist work in service delivery and stall recruitment.

Together with other race advisers he drew up a document calling for an integrated race structure which could build on the strengths of both black workers and local black groups.

By Rashid Mopla
Tottenham Black Sections

Black workers are increasingly subject to and threatened with disciplinary proceedings for challenging Local Authorities which abandon their commitments to black and poor communities.

Birmingham Council led the way in eradicating what little had been gained by black people in local government through its abolition of race units at the same time it also eliminated other equal opportunity units.

A more surreptitious attack is now underway in the guise of replacing integrated anti-racist policies with more generalised equal opportunity units, a strategy adopted by both Hackney and Lewisham Councils.

These changes highlight the political shifts of Labour Local Authorities in attempts to regain what is perceived as a lost white racist Labour vote.

By diluting their commitment to racial equality they hope to lose the "loony-left" tag hung on them by the gutter press.

At an administrative level the new policies strengthen the powers of Chief Executive departments as well as other senior management.

As Labour politicians become increasingly reliant on this level of bureaucracy to push through the spending cuts, central managers want their pound of flesh in return.

They demand the right to manage from above, without constraints or accountability, and without anti-racist inhibitions which never sat easily with traditional bureaucratic practices.

The recent National Black Sections Conference in Leicester discussed both Bunsee's sacking and the general retreat from anti-racist work by labour Local Authorities.

Black Sections agreed to campaign actively for Bunsee's reinstatement and to work towards an initiative within the black communities to resist the drift from challenging racism.

"Black people must demand that race issues be treated with due seriousness," says Bunsee.

He adds that black people must not allow Local Authorities to sweep us and the problems that confront us under the carpet.

National Justice for Mineworkers Campaign
South East Region
May Day and Fifth Anniversary of the Miners Strike Benefit night

Monday May 1st, 7.30pm-midnight
Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8

Artistes include:
Ian Saville (Socialist Conjuror)
Skint Video
Jacket Potato (Rock Band)
Simon Korner Experience (Hackney based band)
Billy Stevens (guitarist)
King Biscuit (band)
North Staffs Miners Wives Support Group
John Moore (comedian)

All proceeds in aid of the 198 victimised miners remaining from the 1984/5 strike.

Tickets (£5 waged, £2.50 unwaged) available from: Hackney Empire Box Office; Mick Poole, 555 7123; Terry French, 0304-364560; Ed Fredenburgh, 359 0258

Deptford & E. Lewisham Labour Parties
MAY DAY
99 years of International Workers Day celebrations in London
MONDAY MAY 1ST

3.30pm: March. Please dress in red. From SELTEC, Lewisham Way, including stunts & events at Conservative Party HQ and Lewisham Hospital. Bring banners & placards & balloons.

5.00: Rally. Lewisham Labour Club, Limes Grove. Speakers include Richard Balfe MEP, Joan Ruddock MP, local campaigns & international solidarity groups, and special guest European speaker to be announced.

5.30-8.00: Campaign Stalls at the Labour Club

6.00 onwards: Bar-b-que and Bar.

8.00: Music with Star Disco, Surprise guests and prize raffle (£1 waged, 50p unwaged, kids free)

Kids Videos will play at the Labour Club from 5pm

May Day March & Rally
Monday May 1st
Assemble 10.30am, Highbury Fields, N5
(nearest BR & tube Highbury Corner)
Rally starts 11am. Speakers include:
Ken Gill
General Secretary MSF
Margaret Prosser
Women's Officer TGWU
Stan Newens MEP
Margaret Hodge
Leader, Islington Council
Chair: Jeremy Corbyn MP

March at noon to:
May Day Festival
Organised by SERTUC
at the Barbican Centre,
Golden Lane, City of London
Official opening: 1pm, by Norman Willis
Stands, exhibitions, entertainment, children's activities
Rally with major labour movement speakers
For further details ring SERTUC May Day office: 01-636 4030, ext. 240

London Policy Review Conference
Saturday April 29th, 10.30-5pm
LSE, Houghton St, London WC2
10.30: Registration
11-12.30: Key Issues in the Policy Review
1.15-2.30: Workshops: key Policy Review issues
2.30-3.45: Workshops: modernising the Party

STOP THE WHITE PAPER!
HANDS OFF OUR HOSPITALS!
March from Guy's to St Thomas's
Wednesday May 10th, 6.15
Rally 7.45pm at Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park
Speakers: Guy's & St Thomas's workers, Harriet Harman MP, Stuart Holland MP, Simon Hughes MP
Bring your banners!

London Against the Poll Tax Demonstration
Sunday June 6th
Assemble 12.30, Central Hall, Westminster

Free the Guildford Four! Stop police brutality!
Meeting organised by Hackney Irish Year of Action Committee, with:
Lily Hill (wife of Paul Hill, jailed member of the Guildford Four)
Hackney Community Defence Association
Wednesday May 3rd, 12.30-1.30
Assembly Rooms, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St
Contact HIYAC at HTUSU, Liberty Hall, 489 Kingsland Road, London E8

ANC May Day Social
Saturday April 29th, from 8pm
Caxton Hall, St John's Way, N19
(nearest tube: Archway)
Disco, Light Buffet, Bar; Entrance £5
Support the South African Freedom Struggle!
For information contact:
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