



Arm surgeon turns scalpel against Tory cash cuts

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THE surgeon who last month sowed the severed arm of a farm worker yesterday accused politicians of deluding the public on the future of the Health Service.

Mr. Baily, the senior consultant plastic surgeon at Stoke Newington Hospital, said on the radio: "Broadly speaking, people are being misled by a lot of lies."

Mr. Baily, and his team, who replanted the severed arm of Roy Tapping, a farm worker from Henton in Oxfordshire, received great praise and publicity after the operation.

But Mr. Baily warned in a letter to the Guardian newspaper last week that this "must not give the impression that all is well in the health service. This is far from the truth," he said.

His view that "the public should know that we are no longer able to offer proper medical care, and those who cannot afford private care will be cheated of their rights to treatment," was supported by two consultant contributors to the programme.

Andrew Porter, a consultant paediatrician in the South East area, said that because this and other governments had, correctly, accepted the need to build up the mental health and geriatric services, money for the acute medical services was declining.

The shortages were being used as a reason to encourage people to private health insurance, Mr. Porter said.

He said the erosion of services probably "suits the thinking of the present administration, they can say if these services are not good enough you know what you can do—take out private insurance."

The health union COHSE has stepped up its defence of the NHS Campaign with an urgent warning to each of its 230,000 members that desperate health authorities will be looking at ways of "implementing whole-sale cuts."

Margaret Clark, an anaesthetist from Barnet agreed with Mr. Porter and said the "undermining of the NHS was driving people to private schemes. A cut of £2½ million in Barnet will mean among other things, the loss of 37 chest surgery beds and that the patients will have to go elsewhere in London and locally there will be the loss of much needed services," Ms. Clark said.

Communists assess setbacks

Millions must be involved in resistance

RESISTANCE to Tory policies can develop over the coming months, the Communist Party's executive committee said this weekend.

The "great task of the labour movement" is to draw in millions of people from all sections of the electorate, it said.

"The Tory election campaign and the measures announced since by the government show the seriousness of the attacks being made on living standards, democratic rights and on the trade unions," said the executive in a major statement analysing the general election.

"As shown in the £500 million cuts just announced, there will be more attacks on social employment, privatisation of public assets is to be pushed ahead, women's opportunities further undermined, and local government democracy severely curtailed."

UNITY PLEDGE

"Britain will be tied tighter to the EEC. In foreign policy Britain continues to be lined-up with Reagan against disarmament and opposed to the needs and aspirations of the third world and national liberation. A new spending is being increased to £16 billion."

But the executive added, "already the fight back is under way." And it pledged the Communist Party to "do all in its power in unity with others on the road to an authoritarian Tory Britain."

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used as a weapon of harassment against the Irish community. In Northern Ireland it is a primary part of the daily armoury of the RUC on the streets.

Without the Prevention of Terrorism Act, there are plenty of adequate laws on the statute books to be used against terrorists and the people of violence. The whole history of the Prevention of Terrorism Act is one of harassment on a gross scale of people arbitrarily branded, mostly by virtue of birth, as likely terrorists.

It has done nothing to build trust, instead it has been used to compound such myths that to be Irish is to be a terrorist. That myth could be extended to cover other nationalities — like exiled black South Africans.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act is always there to be used to its full force — but it is also one of the government's weapons of intimidation used to create an atmosphere in which Tory calls for the hang 'em and bash 'em style of law and order can grow.

Much of the Act was also embodied in the Tory Police Bill which fell because of the general election.

Such laws help divide the community, creating suspicion and mistrust leaving us, in Tory eyes, easier to rule.

Along with other legislation such as a new Police Bill, the Prevention of Terrorism Act further extends police powers giving to arbitrary policing against the community and ordinary people. It is a repressive measure of a repressive government.

seats. Once again the case is made for the introduction of proportional representation, as has been argued over many years by our party.

The executive noted that Labour has lost votes among its traditional supporters — manual workers — as well as in many areas and that its total vote was only slightly ahead of that cast for the SDP/Liberal Alliance which, though it won only 23 seats, gained 7,776,061 votes and forced Labour into third place in 292 others.

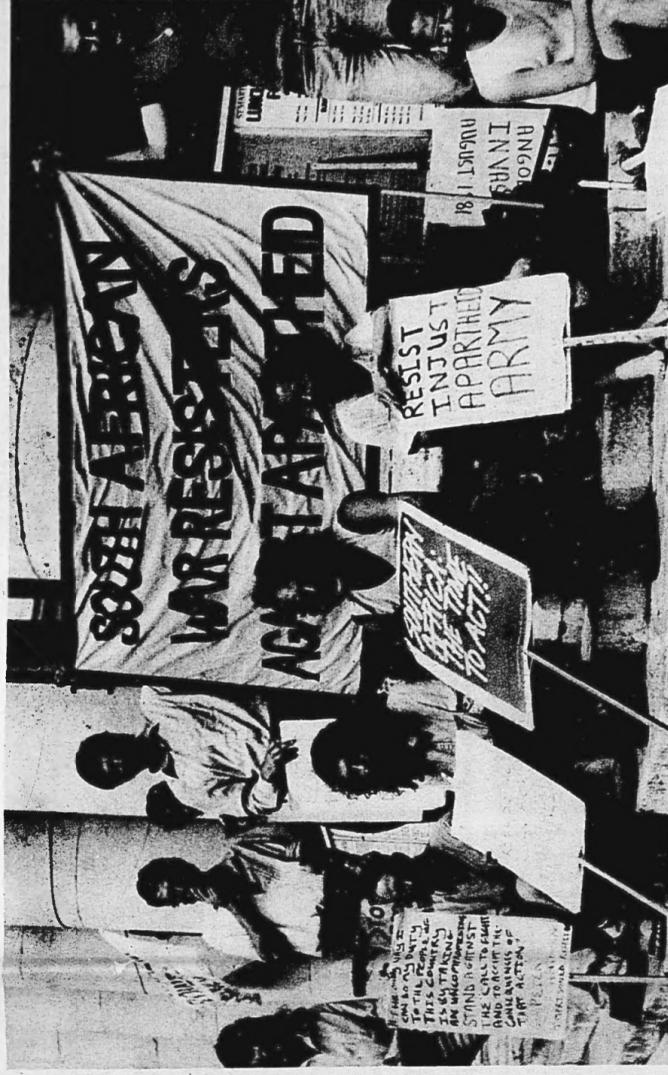
There are no grounds for believing that this vote will melt away, to be automatically regained by Labour, it argued.

NO LANDSLIDE

"The total result represents a major setback for Labour; it is vital for the future that there be the fullest analysis of the result and the reasons for it, and the lessons learned. The Communist Party will contribute to this discussion, including serious consideration of the reasons for the executive's defeat."

"An important factor in the Tory victory was the failure of the Labour leadership to fight for the policies of the manifesto. On crucial issues there was deliberate fudging and attempts to rewrite policy."

"This undermined support for Labour and its ability to challenge the Tories. Real alternative policies on the major issues, overwhelmingly supported at labour movement conferences, ★ continued on p. 3



South African draft resisters highlighted defiance of compulsory military service by a vigil on the steps of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, opposite the racist regime's London embassy yesterday.

The vigil focused particularly on the cases of two young white South Africans, Billy Paddock and Peter Hathorn, who were jailed for a year last month for refusal to report for conscription.

Bill Anderson, spokesman for the Committee on South African War Resistance, revealed that there have been up to 300 cases in recent years of war resisters applying for political asylum in Britain.

Reliable estimates show that up to 5,000 whites a year are not reporting for conscription. This has prompted new stringent laws providing for up to six years' jail for offenders.

"A small but growing minority of whites are opposing the draft," said Bill Anderson, "and increasingly opposition is based not on individualistic religious pacifism, but on political condemnation of apartheid."

Mr. Anderson linked this opposition, which is widely supported in churches and colleges, with the participation of democratic whites in the Release Mandela and anti-Republic Day campaigns.

New round of cuts expected

Opinion was hardening over the weekend that Chancellor Nigel Lawson will have to introduce a new package of spending cuts in the autumn to placate the City.

Mr. Lawson's spending cuts announced on Thursday brought a very sceptical response from the money markets and did not create the confidence that interest rates would not rise again.

Leading City brokers Phillips and Drew have been predicting that cuts in the autumn would have to be in the region of £500,000 to £1 billion for the current fiscal year and more from the plans set out for subsequent fiscal years.

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Bobby Sands tribute at Mounthatten village

ABOUT 1,200 Republican sympathisers yesterday attended a rally in memory of the IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands in the village of Mounthatten on Sligo Bay where Lord Mounthatten and three other people were killed by an IRA bomb four years ago.

The rally, organised by a local Republican committee, caused resentment in the village, where people ignored it.

As the khaki-clad life and drum band leading the parade passed the gates of the castle where Lord Mounthatten spent his summers and where he had been staying when he was killed, they halted, marked time and shouted IRA slogans.

Speakers paid tribute to the struggle of the hunger strikers, while on the platform with them stood the mothers of two of the dead men—of Bobby Sands and Patsy O'Hara.

Former Westminster MP Owen Carron, elected for Fermanagh and South Tyrone but who never took his seat, called for a radical new solution to the Irish problem.

"The criterion of whether it will be a violent one or a peaceful one lies clearly with the British government at Westminster. It is they who have introduced violence to this struggle because we want peace," he said.

"It is our people who are suffering. It is our children who have their heads blown off with plastic bullets in the streets of Derry and Belfast."

Earlier, the Irish Prime Minister, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald appealed to people not to go to the rally. Speaking

Fireman dies after heroic rescue bid

A FIREMAN who was dragged from a blazing house as he tried to rescue a 10-year-old girl died yesterday, three months later.

Fireman Jeff Naylor, a 32-year-old father of two, died in a hospital knowing that the girl, Sylvia Smith, was herself dead despite his efforts.

Now Mr. Naylor is being considered for a posthumous bravery award for his heroic actions at the black in Broomhill Walk, Kells, West Yorkshire, in April.

"He was the bravest man I have ever seen," said Sylvia's mother, Mrs. Smith, who lost two of her three children in the fire, said she had new homes in Elmwood Road, Keighley. "When he went into the house he was determined to save the children. I was astounded he did not even have time to stop before he was in through the door. He just went straight in, regardless of the flames lashing out of the front room."

Psychiatrists' plea

The World Psychiatric Association meeting in Vienna yesterday urged the Soviet Union to end its alleged political abuse of psychiatry and called on it to reject the organisation which it quit earlier this year.

The Soviet Union has repeatedly denied allegations of psychiatric abuse.

Protester arrested

A woman peace protester was arrested yesterday after about 20 had laid down and began singing in front of the arena in a Navy display at Rosyth.

Backing for Heffer

Liverpool divisional Labour Party is to back Eric Heffer for the party leadership and Michael Mescher for the post of deputy leader.



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"Now she wants a return to the Victorian way of death!"

Another step on authoritarian road

GOVERNMENT intentions to make the Prevention of Terrorism Act a more permanent part of the statute book as well as extending its powers are yet a further step along the road to an authoritarian Tory Britain.

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