



# The Modern Records Centre

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# The MRC

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- Established 1973
- Our collections
  - Trade Unions
  - Trade Associations
  - University of Warwick archive
  - Grassroots campaign/pressure groups
  - Far-left (and some far-right) politics
  - National Cycle Archive
  - Theatre/Arts
  - Library Special Collections
- Physical and digital resources
- [Exhibition space](#) and seminar room



# Using the MRC

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- Visit us in person, Monday-Friday
  - No appointment necessary
  - Request documents by email in advance
  - Photography encouraged
- Browse our [archive catalogue](#)
- Use our [digitised collections](#)
- Archives digitised for UG/PGT modules:
  - [Archive Vault](#)
  - [Guide to sources for History students](#) ; [Sociology students](#) ; [PAIS students](#) ; [by research area](#)
  - [Archives digitized for University of Warwick modules](#)

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Coventry, CV4 7AL.

## RULES FOR RESEARCHERS WORKING IN THE MODERN RECORDS CENTRE

1. A Research Record form is to be completed on a researcher's first visit.
2. A Document requisition form is to be filled in for each request for material.
3. No smoking.
4. Pencil only to be used : no ink or ballpoint pens.
5. No documents may be marked.
6. Documents are not to be leaned on or have working materials or other items laid on them.
7. Documents are to be returned to staff in the condition and order in which they are received by the researcher.

August 1974.

# Trade Unions

- National level records for major British trade unions
- Mainly c19/c20, some c18
- Trades Union Congress (TUC)
- Unite and Unison
- RMT and ASLEF

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## THEY TRIED PUTTING A COLOUR BAN ON HARVESTS

This is Amelia King. She was refused work on the land because of her *our*.

Colour doesn't prevent her father and brother fighting in the Merchant Navy.



Press and public clamour exposed this shameful treatment of a Stepney-born girl.

THAT IS ONE CASE, HERE IS ANOTHER.

Leary Constantine, well-known broadcaster and sportsman, was turned out of the Imperial Hotel.

Why? Because of his colour.

Coloured folk can die fighting for us, can help destroy Fascism, can help preserve our freedom, but they are not allowed to gather in the harvest or stay at certain hotels.

How long is this vicious discrimination to continue?

That depends on YOU. Depends on whether you are prepared to add YOUR protest to the growing demand that racial discrimination be ended for ever.

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NOVEMBER 1973

# NOW IS THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

Labour TUC INFORMATION BROADSHEET 1p

Time is running out for Ted Heath and Co. As winter draws in they can expect to be assailed on a growing scale by the angry criticisms of working people.

If trade unions, working people generally, and pensioners face a long, hard winter with prices still soaring and incomes held resolutely down, then the Government faces a winter just as hard, and not as long.

They will have to contend with the growing distaste of millions. Doubled in the transport story that inflation is being beaten—without the barbs hanging like a millstone around the necks of ordinary workers, the low-paid, the pensioners.

No-one believes any more the myth that wages are to blame for inflation. Soaring prices during last year's wage freeze removed that little tale from the Government's repertoire. What levels are exceeded of more and more in their prices have got to be controlled, and that includes food prices—world increases or no world increases. And at the same time, they will be sitting back and leader for an end to the maze of regulations under Stage Three and for a swing right back to the basic right to negotiate freely with employers.

The TUC's team has been down in Downing Street to tell the Government that Stage Three, which started on November 7, is simply not on as a fair way of handling inflation.

After that meeting TUC general secretary Lionel Sherwin put the situation in a nutshell: "The Government are going badly wrong if they believe that either workable or housewives will accept as fair and reasonable a further period of uncontrolled price rises with right control on wage increases."

And all further food increases have to be halted, he warned. "There is a growing feeling of desperation in many homes, particularly amongst old people and low-paid families. Struggle on the way out."

It is not only workpeople who are paying for a control in a trade war of selling wages. Employers, who are beginning to join the ranks of the Government as winter comes on, and after for a way out of the bind after the Government has driven them into.

The general employer shortage in London's essential services—the result of unrealistic wages—in bedeviling London Transport, London schools, the Police and other services.

Employers in local government and both public and private industry, are regressing their own growing uneasiness. As the days go by they must be saying increasingly that it is the Government who are responsible in a dramatic instance on denying the need for greater bargaining.

And if workers and employers are not enough to contend with, the Government will soon have to face up to the pensioners, to a rising campaign of rallies and demonstrations—starting before Christmas and quickening pace as winter draws in—they will be standing with the Trades Councils to demand more earnestly than ever before the right to demand justice.

The days are indeed drawing in fast for the Government and its policies of uncontrolled inflation.

For the TUC's answer to the Government's plan for a price and income policy—and the Pay Board's report on anomalies—See Page 2.

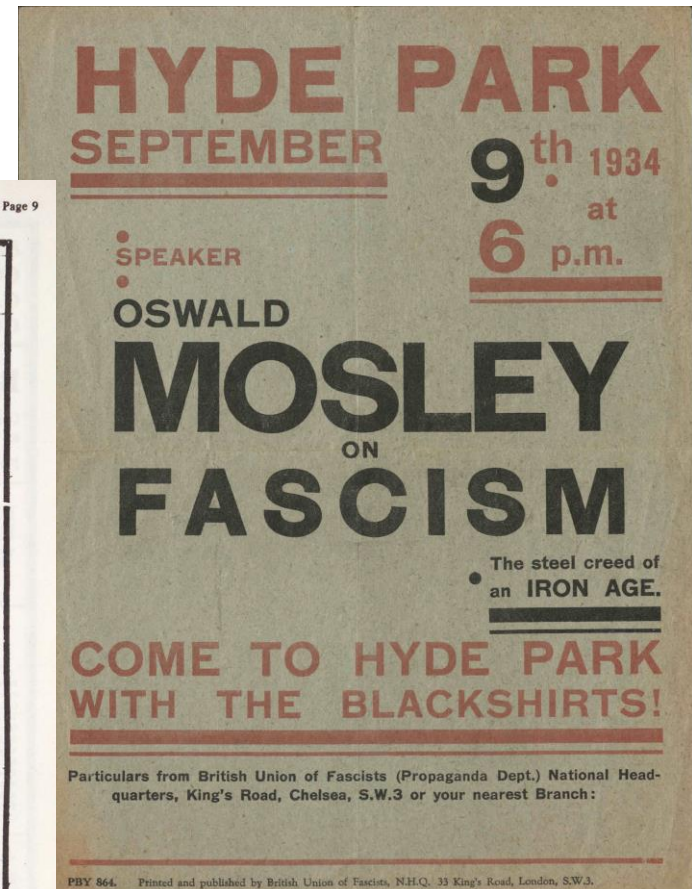
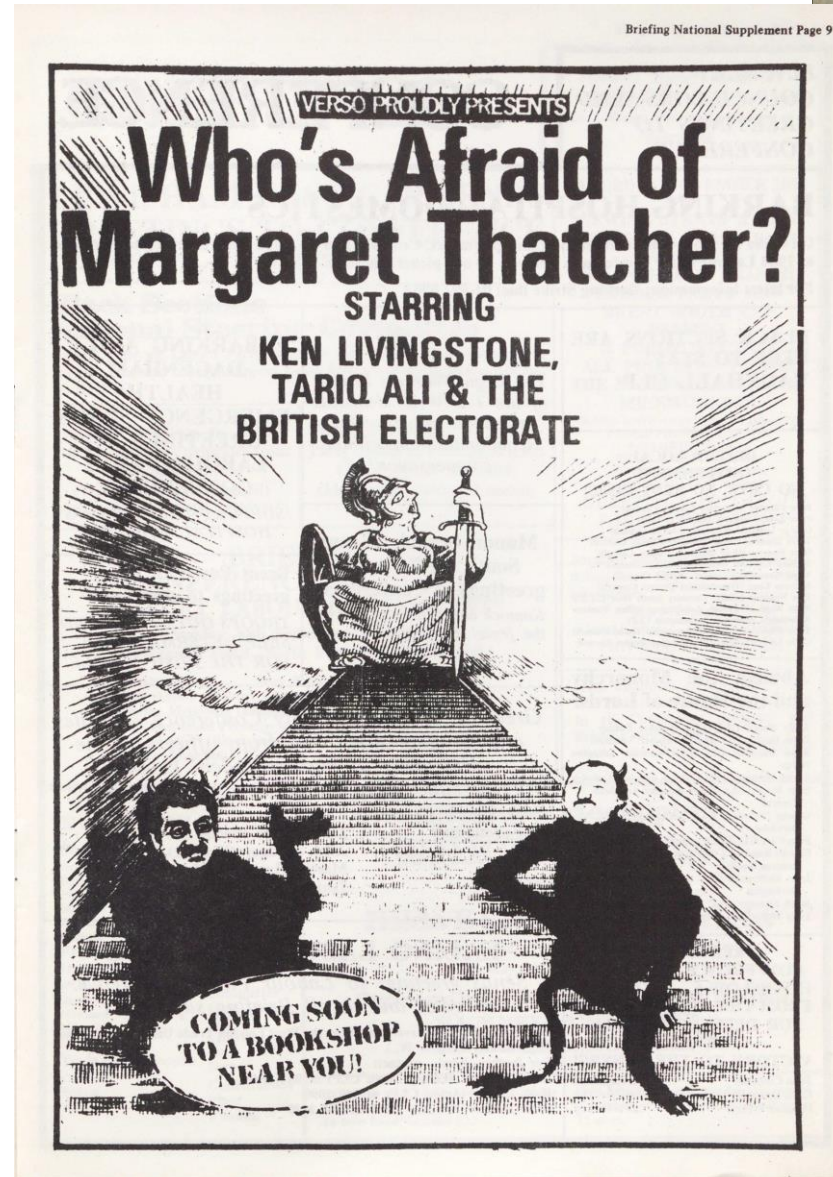
For the action on pensioners, See Back Page.

Is someone going to die under this one?

no work in the dangerous section of the industry, so that almost every ten ion workers gets at least one. More about the horrifying news are given on page 10.

# Politics

- British politics
  - Fringe parties (far-left, far-right, anarchism, libertarianism, Trotskyism)
  - Environmentalism/Green Party
  - Feminism/suffragettes
  - British politics and Europe
- Local politics
  - Coventry Borough Labour Party 1892-1967
  - Coventry East Divisional Labour Party
  - Coventry North Constituency Labour Party
  - Papers of: Richard Crossman, Maurice Edelman, Sidney Stringer, William Wilson
- International political events (Spanish Civil War, French Resistance, decolonisation, Chilean coup d'état)



# Campaign Groups

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- Anti-racism
- Anti-fascism
- Anti-nuclear
- Howard League (penal reform)
- Campaign for Real Ale
- Local interest, e.g. Leamington Anti-Racist Anti-Fascist Committee



**PLEASE**

**ARE ARRESTED**

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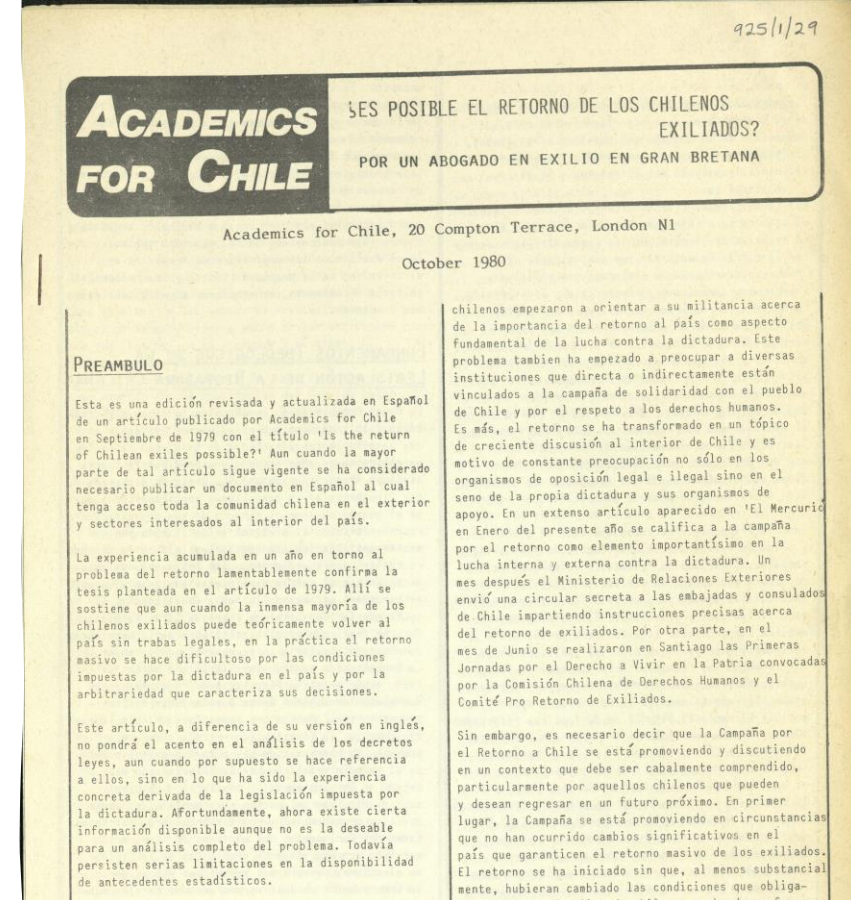
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**603-8654**

Facts arising out of

**JUDGES' RULES AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIONS  
TO THE POLICE** (Jan. '64)

1. You are entitled to telephone your friends or your solicitor. (7(a))
2. You need never make any statement unless you wish to do so. (11)
3. You should not be harassed by the police to make a statement. (e)
4. Reasonable arrangements should be made for your comfort and refreshment. (3)



# Higher Education

- University of Warwick
- Coventry College of Education
- World University Service
- National Union of Students

# National Cycle Archive

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- Books, journals, objects, official race magazines, photographs, research notes deposited by cycling bodies/individuals
- Amateur and professional cycling
- Activism, e.g. Coventry Cycling Campaign
- Personal papers, club papers





Menabilly. August 16.52.

Darling Victor.

A note from Sheila asking if I ever received a parcel of books sent off a fortnight ago, sent me rushing upstairs to examine two un-opened packages, that I thought were both from Curtis Browns, and were Japanese editions that I always pass on to some Mission or other.

At once I saw my mistake; one parcel bore your label. Imagine my delight, and my contrition - how abominably rude you must have thought me never to have written to thank you. They are quite lovely, and I am so terribly pleased to have them; what a lovely thought. Thank you very, very much.

And please forgive my fearful carelessness in not having opened the parcel before. I tremble now to think that with this same carelessness I might have sent the parcel off to a Japanese mission, not realising the difference in label, and they would have been lost to me forever, what an appalling thought.

Darling Victor, I feel quite dreadful about this.

I hope there have been no more notices to outrage you. The Star one was nice, and Lionel Hale in the Observer, but that is all I have seen, which is probably just as well.

Please, I want one of the earliest of the Timothy's, if I am allowed

Boooooooooo  
MY THOUGHT  
Horrid Victor  
Don't love you  
Joke + RETURN  
LIBRARY

# Theatre/Arts

- Marandet Collection (French Revolution era plays)
- Hall Collection (19<sup>th</sup> century amateur theatre)
- Minority Arts Archive (late 20<sup>th</sup> century)
- Shakespeare Memorial Theatre
- Writers' Guild
- Papers related to people in the arts

DU DANUBE,

MÉLODRAME

EN TROIS ACTES, EN PROSE,

ET A GRAND SPECTACLE;

Par R. C. GUILBERT-PIXERÉCOURT,

*Représenté, pour la première fois à Paris, sur  
le théâtre de la Porte St.-Martin, le 13 nivose  
an XIII. (3 janvier 1805.)*

La Musique est del signor BIANCHI,

# Questions?

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- [archives@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:archives@warwick.ac.uk)
- @MRCWarwick
- Behind the Library, 09.00-17.00  
Mon-Thurs & 09.00-16.00 Fri

Put your research  
ahead of the field



Fig.2: Beryl Burton on her way to becoming World Champion (1960),  
or Your research streaking ahead of the competition

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