

# A mother writes from Belle Vale

JUST A FEW LINES to ask if you can possibly help me.

On 3rd August 1974 I moved to Belle Vale. Since then my children are always ill.

The sewerage has been coming up through my bathroom for the past twelve months and all I get from the Corpy is that they can't see the problem.

My children have not long got over dermatitis. Then my eldest daughter was taken into hospital with rheumatic fever. She is only seven and she has been left with a weak heart.

And I am supposed to sit back and say nothing.

There have been four lives lost so far and I think it's about time the corpy were made to sit up and take

the responsibility for what is happening.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

—(Mrs) CHRISTINE MOORE  
48 Devizes Mews, Belle Vale, Liverpool 25.

● What can we say to Mrs Moore? A newspaper can do little more than tell people what's happening.

The authorities deal with newspapers in two ways: Either they ignore them. Or they put right an individual case in a blaze of publicity — and pretend the wider problem does not exist.

It's very easy to ignore an individual like Mrs Moore. But not so easy to ignore an organised group who are prepared to back up their complaints with action.

All we can suggest is that Belle Vale tenants who feel like Mrs Moore get together and decide what to do

Belle Vale deaths — the story in last month's Free Press.



Unison's George Young (right) protesting in Downing Street at the arrival of Kenya Asians in 1972. With him are Bee Carthew of the Powellite Association and Joy Page of the Immigration Control Association.

## Soccer like it really is

I AGREE with Andy Wiggins' article on football (Free Press No 23) on nearly every point.

I stopped watching football because of the bigotry and hate which is voiced every week on the terraces, not in the chanting which is on a different level, but the immediate surrounding people. Respectable bespectacled gents, angelic young children and matronly mothers all talking a load of crap, and acting like they would give the 'thumbs down' if one of the opposition broke his leg.

Another reason, related I think, was my loss of feeling of adoration for the teams, players etc. Until I was about 18 I had an irrational respect for them. It seems a lot of people don't grow out of it.

On the point of Scousers playing for 'foreign' teams and vice versa, I came across this in the Newcastle-Everton game a few seasons ago. T McDermott was playing for Newcastle, and the fact that he was a local lad really affected the surrounding attitude for the worse.

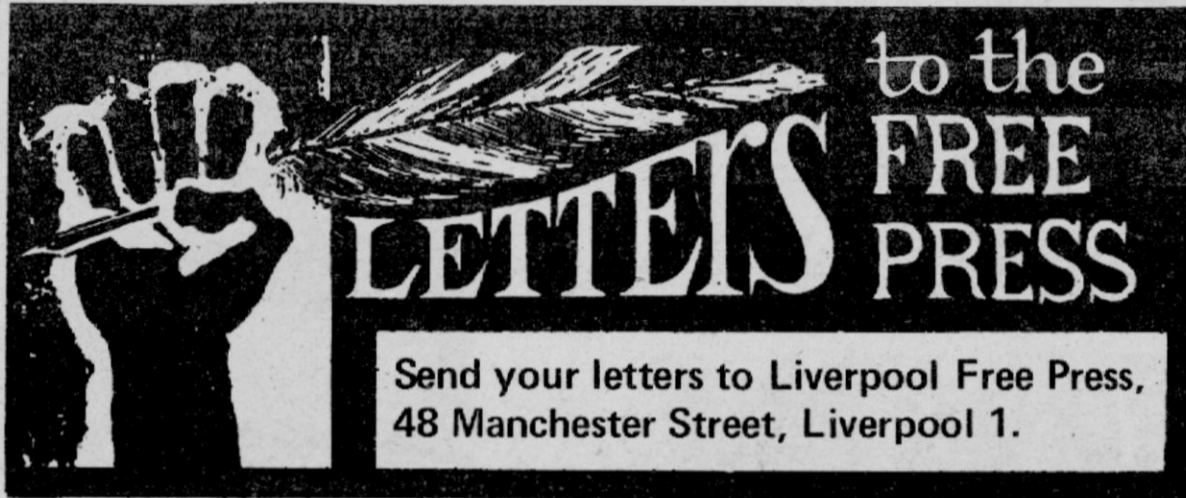
Where I beg to differ with Andy Wiggins is on his idyllic view of 'park' football. I play regularly at the weekend and have come across many forms of 'nationalism'. The most regular is people watching games, and they support the 'hard' team before the footballing side.

There are a lot of dirty and aggressive players knocking about, but it is only when they play for successful teams that they become heroes, the manliness of duffing an opposition player in the showers after the game is really appreciated by such people only when your team is top of the league. —G. HUGHES, 35 Rawcliffe Road, Liverpool 9. (P.S. I can't explain why I play if you're wondering.)

## Group supports black Africans

WE WISH to comment on one aspect of your article on Eric Ogden, since it raises the vital question of British imperialism in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe is the African name for the country called 'Rhodesia' by British settler colonialists. The British war being waged today will soon restore Zimbabwe and assure its true independence.

You are correct to point out Ogden's opposition to sanctions against the Smith regime in Zimbabwe. But the real question is not one of who is in favour of, or opposed to phoney "economic sanctions". It is this: Are the working class of Britain on the side of their brothers and sisters who are fighting for in-



dependence in Zimbabwe or are they on the side of their masters, who, through both Labour and Tory governments, have attempted to protect the economic and political interests of British imperialism in Zimbabwe.

Many people in Britain and in Africa had great illusions in the Wilson Government when Smith declared UDI for 'Rhodesia'. They quickly saw that the words of these self-styled "anti-colonialists" were mere confidence trickery. All they did was impose "sanctions" which did nothing to worry that extreme racist regime. The only war which has shaken white settler rule in those ten years is the war waged against it by the Zimbabwe people themselves.

The British policy is already one of the "investment and persuasion" of which Ogden talks. The investment is that of the 300 British companies, including state capitalist enterprises like British Steel and British Leyland, multi-national giants like Lever Bros and Plesseys. The British ruling class still needs the vast profits it makes out of the exploitation of the African people. The "persuasion" is that of the British state which supports these profits and aims to continue its political control in Zimbabwe, by making it a neo-colony. That is why Britain wants "constitutional settlements" and backs the traitor Joshua Nkomo, who is willing to sell out his people, against the true patriots like Sithole and Muzerewa, who see that true national liberation can only be won by defeating the white settlers and the imperialists through people's war.

The Zimbabwe Solidarity Committee is a national organisation with a Liverpool branch, which unconditionally supports the African peoples' just struggle for freedom in Zimbabwe. It recognises that for too long the British ruling class have been able to lead astray the majority of the working class, and to buy off their leaders by means of the super profits from exploitation of the oppressed peoples of the world. It recognises that the British working class and the peoples of Africa, Asia, and Latin America fighting imperialism have a common enemy. The certain victory of the Zimbabwe people can only help the British working class by weakening that enemy. It is only by building a true solidarity with the Zimbabwe people's struggle that the British workers will

understand the real imperialist nature of British governments — Labour or Tory — and be able to fight it!

—ZIMBABWE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, c/o R. Hardy, 6d Grosvenor Terrace, Liverpool, L8 3SH.

## Message for a sponsored MP

BOB BEAN, M.P., sponsored by the construction union, UCATT, has again put over his support for industrialised building in the union's paper, Viewpoint.

The tenants of high speed, high cost, low standard housing are best qualified to comment on this type of accommodation which is usually built to the political tune of saving land and quick construction to be sold to local authorities because none else would buy the rubbish.

The corporation tenants should not be expected to pay for this kind of nonsense through their rents and should insist the cost is borne by the community that controls the City Architects Department —G. ELLIS, 60 Moscow Drive, Liverpool 13.

## Good paper if you can get it

LAST WEEK I bought a copy of your excellent Liverpool Free Press from a paper stall in town.

When I took it home, my parents (who are now retired) liked it a lot but said they'd never seen or heard of it.

Well, as I don't live in Liverpool any more, I'd like to take out a subscription for them. But the point is, don't you sell it in the suburbs, or in the pubs? It's a great paper and deserves to do well, but if you can only get it in town you're surely not getting the circulation you, and the kind of news you uncover, deserve. Lots of luck anyway, keep up the good work. — WYNN McNALLY, c/o Daneville Road, Liverpool 4.

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## UNISON

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Operators must use the secret code-words, then a number. Each number represents a message. Officers have to memorise the meaning of each number. In case they forget, here is the code:

1. Occupation of factories spreading.
2. Occupations of public buildings.
3. Road blocks being set up.
4. Looting of shops.
5. Racial battles.
6. Police unable to guarantee order.
7. (followed by a list of names) indicates "the ringleaders".
8. Public transport suspended.
9. Distribution of newspapers stopped.
10. Communications cut off between towns.
11. Firearms being used.
12. Troops intervening.

What sort of people are these would-be James Bonds? And where do they plan to get their information?

General Sir Walter Walker has said much of his support comes from bankers, businessmen and barristers. And an SLU document says: "A reporting officer should have sufficient standing and access to be able to get information from police, town or district authority officials and local service commanders".

But there will be other sources. Officers are to be given contacts in "friendly organisations" such as the Economic League and Common Cause.

It should be emphasised that the general's spies are not only looking for reds under beds. Other targets for surveillance are the police, army and local councils. The general believes Britain is run by a bunch of "ditherers" and his agents are expected to report any signs of weakness.

"What Unison may well be concerned with is the Trigger Factor which could turn a local dispute or problem into a breakdown of law and

## WHO'S WHO IN UNISON

**FOUNDER:** General Sir Walter Walker, aged 63. Former Commander of the British Army of the Rhine and, until 1972, Nato's Commander in Chief for Northern Europe. Claims to be "non-political" but for several years has been a regular star turn at meetings of the right-wing Monday Club (often assisted by officers still serving in the forces). Believes Britain needs "a strong leader" and thinks Enoch Powell might be the man.

**CHAIRMAN:** Vice-Admiral Sir Ian Hogg, aged 64. A former Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff.

**SECRETARY:** George Kennedy Young, aged 64. No newcomer to the spying game. Served during war on "specially employed list", becoming expert on Italian Fascist police and German secret service. Later had various mysterious jobs with Her Majesty's Foreign Service, ending up as under-secretary at Ministry of Defence. Director of bankers Kleinwort Benson. President of Nuclear Fuel Finance (South Africa) Ltd. Failed in attempts to control Monday Club and become Tory MP. Has close links with Italian neo-fascist party, MSI.

order which the local authority was unable or unwilling to bring under control, i.e. violent picketing, looting, racial clashes, panic, bloodshed, terrorist acts."

What will Unison do with the information gathered by its spies? Organising Officer Russell Hanson, in a nicely ambiguous phrase, says it will be put "into the right hands."

We can only speculate what that means. But it is obvious that the information is not intended simply for the government of the day.

The authorities have ample resources of their own.

What Unison want is to ensure that government power is exercised in a certain way. The type of people involved make it perfectly clear which way.

Perhaps SLU's Intelligence will go to sympathetic members of the Establishment. Perhaps it will be used to put pressure on the civil service, police or armed forces.

Or perhaps it will be used for some form of direct action by Unison members themselves.

## Every penny counts . . .

THESE ARE hard times indeed for the Liverpool Echo.

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