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DWARF DIARY

This appalling missive was sent to us by a comrade in the factory below:

TO ALL BSR EMPLOYEES AT OLD HILL, STOURBRIDGE AND WATERFALL LANE FACTORIES

As you are aware, a Trade Union is attempting to secure a foothold in the Stourbridge factory. As we have recently seen at East Kilbride, the Trade Union there is feeding those who care to listen to them with untruths and half-truths, especially with regard to pay.

INSTANCE: You are being told that the earnings level is £11.10.0 per 40 hours and if you join the Union they will

earnings level is now £11.10.0 and on the basis of this you could be in a position to seek as from the management sheets of the factory in the

THE LATEST NEWS

The latest news from our East Kilbride factory is that one night at 10.30 p.m. there was a knock at the front door of a member of our Transport Department. When he opened the door, one of three men threw pepper in his face; he was then knocked to the ground, kicked and his face razor slashed. Is this how Trade Unionists seek to impose their will ...?

However, this man believes in his rights to live and work as he chooses and is back at work this morning. Who can but admire his courage?

ISAAC DEUTSCHER MEMORIAL PRIZE

The first Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize was awarded this year to Martin Nicolaus, a young American Marxist intellectual. He has played a leading role in the struggles on the West Coast, particularly at San Francisco State, and has done important theoretical work on Marx (see "The Unknown Marx" in *New Left Review* 48). The committee intended the award as an encouragement to a young Marxist.

MURDER AND THE FAMILY

The new Home Office report on murder has been treated in various ways by the bourgeois press. The Guardian gave it standard mystified liberal treatment, showing how the latest statistics related to the debate on capital punish-

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