Fifteen hundred of us strikers and supporters began a march to Wapping starting near the Old Times building. Here the march filled Gray's Inn Rd for quite a while to yell at the strike-breakers. The demonstration proceeded to Holborn and then passed the Law Courts to Fleet St to remind other printworkers of the strike. A number came out to chant the march back proceeding along Fleet St towards three and a half hours after starting.

Later, in the evening, about 50 pickets gathered ad-hoc to march from Wapping to Tower Hill for the evening march. Being hassled by the bosses hired thugs all the way trying to get the marchers off the street. Arrived to cheers of those assembled.

Wednesday evening, 30th July

Five to six hundred marched from Tower Hill to Wapping. About 10.30pm the marchers split into two groups. One group made its way to Virginia St to voice its distaste at the pickets inside the newspaper shops. The other group of approximately 500 pickets started to march back along The Highway towards Tower Hill. They then turned right into the Mincies then right again into F/secott St and left into Mansell St. The march stopped here content at delaying the traffic and a double-decker bus. However, it was then decided that more worthwhile targets passed through Aldgate, a mere 300 yards away.

The march again moved off. About 100 marchers were left by the time it reached Aldgate with approximately 50 pickets arriving on the planks trying to push the marchers onto the footpath in Bragan St. The time was now 11pm. Within seconds a cab lorry appeared and was held up in the traffic. The marchers lost no time in swarming into the road to communicate properly with the cab driver. The cab lorry kept inching forward being encouraged by the police. "Don't stop, drive straight through them" with much waving of their arms (as copper often do.) Despite the marchers' efforts and with the help of Murdoch's infantry the scabs made good their escape. The police were proud of what they had done, and whilst relaxing and palming each other's cigarettes, the marchers were fully shaking the window grill of a cab coach 20 yards further on.

This really upset the law and they waded into us quite hard. However the scabs remained our captives for a good 2 minutes, and frightened scab faces could be seen covering through the windows, before drawing their curtains for the night. Again, the police spoke the same words, "Don't stop, drive straight through them" and with their help the scabs hurried away along their wall worn lat run. Two arrests had been made, with the large police presence the marchers left at 11.10pm, content in what they felt was a reasonable night's work.

Thursday, 1st August, Bethnal Green

From Friday's Evening Standard, a newspaper distribution base handling Rupert Murdoch's papers was attacked early today by a crowd of more than 200 ... threw bricks and stones, causing more than £10,000 of damage to the base in Stratford, Essex. A dozen workers' cars and 15 delivery vans were damaged during an hour of mayhem in which attackers lit fires outside the depot and aimed flares at an office block. The crowd fled by car and by foot, arriving but not before breaching the gates around the depot in two places. Inside the grounds attackers damaged vans and set fire to bundles of papers. No arrests were made.

Saturday, 2nd August, Wapping

Six thousand attended including the big women's march. As the march passed Wapping it was halted about 150 yards away from a double police line with horse backup blocking The Highway. Several hundred pickets moved up to the line ready to continue the march despite the cốntrols. In the event guess who moved in to drive away picketers with a speech. Speeches were given in The Highway so the Socialists could fill the columns of their newspapers. Very well controlled. A large section of the demo reversed itself and marched back towards Dock St. Further down The Highway a good number of picketers had made their way to various exit routes used by scabs. Numbers were up on this march but picketers are left to themselves if they want to picket not protest. Later some made it to Commercial Rd and Cable Rd where a juggernaut was filmed. In Murdoch's police transit off the road trying to escape. We must have had a cold drive to somewhere all his windows were missing. The small crowd that challenged the fifth when they arrived in force made them retreat this time.

Sunday, 3rd August, Tower St

In the early hours of Sunday a white mouse cruises slowly past the Mail building to deliver scab papers to Clun House 2nd Floor. The only challenge they got was one lone supporter. Apparently this is a regular drop but times do vary. Honest Mail workers band together. If you allow ill on your doorstep it is inside too.

Tuesday, 5th August, march

The 600th march to Wapping. We arrived at Gray's Inn Road around 12.45. The crowd was impressive. Picket was assembled outside the Times building and during this time managed to get a few scabs off their lunch to say the least. Also one scab who had only been there a day and a half decided to pack it in and joined the picket line.

We were eventually moved to the other side of the road. The crowds were growing by the minute, both pickets and spectators. Word was passed around that we were marching to Wapping at 2.00 a flagal banner was pulled to loud music and traffic came to a standstill. Police scaled the banner but returned it. They were going crazy radiating for assistance as pickets blocked the road and pavements. One picket spotted a scab mingling amongst us trying desperately to work his way back into his hole.

Within seconds he was surrounded and boy did we give it to him! We marched from Gray's
Inn Rd through Holborn chanting and singing. Children lined the pavements handing out leaflets. We had a warm welcome along Fleet St as onlookers and supporters applauded us on our way. A cheer to our colleagues on Bouvierie St was in order. All in all a good day, and now 3-500 marched out to Wapping, where else.

Wednesday evening, 6th August, Wapping

The 196th day of the strike. About 6-700 pickets marched and rallied. The constitude, perseverance, bravery, stubbornness, patience and will to win of the strikers was in evidence. Pickets have excellent morale despite the large police presence and other problems.

Letter from a picket

You really are not doing much standing in Welling, organize a march, stay peacefully if you must, but at least do something other than stand in one spot. The police love that, easy to contain.

Notes:

- Special sub awards to Kinross and Livingston for having articles in the Sunday Times.
- August 16th, Branch batch, there is a Sun Free Notes Race Day.
- The PT does not and has never done Bemrose propaganda. That leases the Express and Mail.
- The London Machine Branch has called off the picket of Bemrose, even though they say it is only temporary, while tactics are reviewed. The truth is plain to see, having missed the opportunity to expand the blocking campaign, they do not have the courage to carry it through and blanket all Bemrose products being used in Fleet St. From the outset of this lock-out the need to enforce the blocking campaign has been one of the major failures. Murdoch could not get a paper out without the support and connivence of Fleet St and that is the throttle that they are not prepared to grasp. For the last eight weeks members of the Casual Chap have carried out most of this picket. Three principle workers were sacked for refusing to cross.
- Excerpt from a letter, "last night (23rd) ... the 10-or-so of us from Bristol made a detour to the Old Sodbury THP depot on the way back to see if there was anything going on there, which there wasn't; no picket of any kind and no lorries came our way."
- Wears two stab vests worn seen picking up at the Express.
- Stuffers doing two of the words noted by the scabs in blue when mortally offended or picketing.
- Some were told that they were deeply offended and intimidated by these honest and accurate descriptions given by pickets at Wapping this week.
- Recipe for picketing: Add 99% boredom to 1% Russian Roulette, mix and stir well.
- Rumours are the work of the Company. Rumours are not fact.
- The courts are used to get the trade union leaders to police the ranks.
- The shops at Smidoland are refusing to take papers from Murdoch due to picketing.

Southampton scabs: Mick Neil, Paul, Bill & Anne Scanlon, 244 Bridge Rd, Bursledon; Nigel Nich- dden, 377 Suit Rd, Sholing; Zelma & Tony Grecian, 34 Lilac Rd, Fawleythling; G. Morgan, 34 Han- nes Ct, Wollams, 733876; Nigel Alderslade, 55 Admirals Rd, Lock's Heath; Stephen Bingley, 261 Bridge Rd, Lwr Swanwick; Stephen Cole, 40 Pishead's Rd, Rilling; Alan McCann, 35 Swan- vic Rd, Bursledon; Steven Gowan, 40 Cheviot Rd, Hillbrook, 770888; Robert Paul, 25 Tregwell Rd, Dr. Barnwell Ct, Calbourne, 866556; Tony Atkins, 19 Thorn- hill Pk Rd, Thornhill, 463969; Roger, 3 Terrence Rd, Halesowen, 413656; Arthur Gabbobourn, 17 Croxley Rd, Lwr Swanwick, 46 Burghchale Rd, Westham, 449290; Maurice Newman, 47 Cheeks Ave, Bitterne; Barry Burton, 85 Swift Rd, Woolston, 427733; Stanley Rogers, 3 Broadway Pl, Stevenson's Ct, Wimborne, 83399; Ian Roberts, 30 Methuen Rd, Bournemouth, 020242475; Peter Grif- fiths, 79 Ashton Rd, Titchfield, Hants, 485828; Gary Bockett, 11 Birch Ct, Shirley Warren; Nick Henshaw, 49 Gordon Rd, 0075337; Gary Swart, 40 Terrence Rd, Lock's Heath, 733827; Alan Tessa, 23 Nantes Ct, Wollams, 733876; Roy "Squeaky" Swainson, Lwr Swanwick, Lock's Heath 5936; Rob Blackwood, 2 Valerian Rd, Hedge End, Botley 4910; Jack Brown, 101 Bramley Ct, Sholing; Bill Cruse, 40 Churchview Ct, Southampton; Stuart Buchanan, 32 Mil- bury Ct, Bitterne, 44977; Neil Johnstone, 217 Kingsclere Rd, Westham, 425800; Barry Rogers, 40 Altham Ct, Sholing; Mick Loneman, 11 Havenspost Way, Fawleythling 58107; Tony Cutler, Houseboat, Woody's Boulyard, Bursledon; Michael Stanmore, 346 Bitterne Rd, Southamption, 441062; John Ehcon, 4 Crawford Rd, Royal Oak Rd, 3 Longmore Ct, Sholing, 439029; Kenny Nathare, 29 Bridge Rd, Lwr Swanwick, Lock's Heath 3596; Nick Henshaw, 40 Terrence Rd, Lock's Heath 733827; Alan Bovas, 55 Winders Pk, Bursledon, Lock's Heath 1364; Gary Morgan, 6 Westbrook Way, Swa- lingham; David Pask, 22 Osborne Rd, Warsash; David McIntosh, 47 Armhein Rd, Lock's Heath, 76903; Robert Avery 25; Woodpecker Way, Eastleigh; Colin Smith, 64 Diamond Rd, Bitterne Pk; David Collings, 9 Outcro Road, Oxford; Stephen Midleton, 4 Rosemary Rd, Sholing; Ricardo Wooder, 99 Hare Towner, International Way, Westham; Graham Eason, Wyndham Ct, near Southampton Sta- tion; K. Eichman, 29 Nightingale Grove, Shirley; Noel Barrett, Clothing & Bookclothe, 46 Sandringham Rd, Bitterne 563272.

Residents March, All pickets welcome from Gloucester Rd, Saturday, 9th August.

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