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The Newsletter of the London transport Regional Council

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News & Views from RMT's London Transport Regional Council Jan (2) 2014

Fit for Future Trains meeting proves that Cuts will Hit Every Grade

We now know that management have held a meeting of train managers where they were told that a Fit for the Future Trains programme will be ready to roll out before they have even finished implementing the plan for stations.

With Engineering facing 500 job cuts and attacks on the pension scheme being outlined in TfL and Engineering no-one is safe from Fit for the Future.

It is more important than ever that we stand together and fight these cuts.

UNITED STRIKE ACTION CAN STOP LU IN THEIR TRACKS

Local managers have gone around threatening probationers and supervisors that if they strike they may lose their job or will not be considered for promotion. We are a Union and that means strength through unity standing together to defend every member in every grade. We have always defended every member who takes action. No probationer has ever lost their job on LU for striking.

Can you afford to lose 4 days pay? The question is can you afford to lose thousands of pounds a year in lost wages and thousands of pounds in reduced pensions. Even if you are not taking a pay cut this time your turn will come!

These cuts represent only just over 6% of total cuts if we do not get of our knees and fight these attacks on our wages and conditions our bosses will come back for more.

It is estimated that every day we are on strike costs the City of London £48m. We have enormous economic power. If we use this and stand together we can stop these cuts.

John Reid, LTRC Secretary

Yes! The Two 48hr Strikes ARE in different Pay Periods

See the printout below that shows admin staff when the payday cut-offs are.

The blue date is the cut-off for Feb and is 8th Feb. Any deductions after that date come out of the March pay packet.

| January | | | | | | | February | | | | | | | March | | | | | | |
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Revised instructions for Strike Action

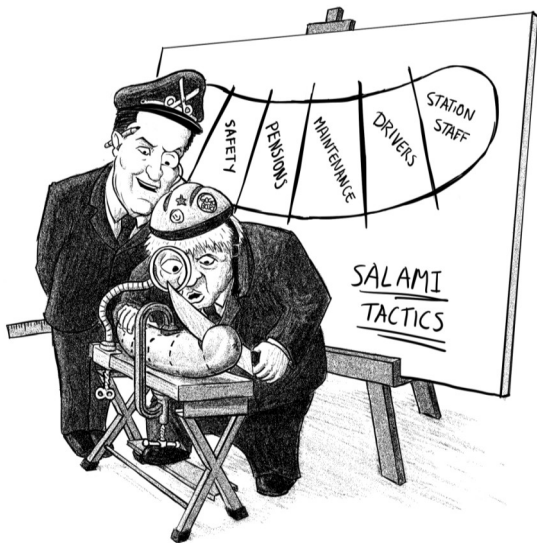
All London Underground members are instructed not to book on for any shifts that commence between:-

- 21:00 hours on Tuesday 4th February 2014 until 20:59 hours on Thursday 6th February 2014.
- 21:00 hours on Tuesday 11th February 2014 until 20:59 hours on Thursday 13th February 2014.

In action short of a strike, station grades not to carry out revenue duties on 7th, 10th and 14th February between 09.30 and 11.30 hours and 18.30 and 20.30 hours.

Look out for Further details about how this action will work from your Functional Reps or at www.rmt.org.uk





There is Public Support for RMT Strikes

We can Win

On the day that our strike ballot result was announced bbc London interviewed passengers coming out of a central London station. Two out of the three people they spoke to said they thought we are right to take strike action. As one passenger put it; "What alternative have they got?"

The Hands Off London Transport Rally also showed tremendous support for our strike action from other trade unionists, passengers and community groups. Civil servants in PCS, teachers in NUT, local government workers in Unison and many others spoke in support of our strike. So too did representatives from groups including DPAC (Disabled People Against Cuts), The National Pensioners Convention and Transport for All.

The Trade Unionists & Socialists Coalition, which RMT has supported in many local and National elections in recent years is planning to stand candidates in the London Borough elections in May who will all support RMT's aims and our strike action. Jenny Jones, Transport spokesperson for the Greens on the London Assembly also spoke at our rally as did Jeremy Corbyn MP. John McDonald, Labour MP and convener of RMT's parliamentary group secured a debate in parliament where several London MPs spoke against Boris's cuts.



John McDonald MP

We all know that come strike day the bosses papers and the major TV channels will close ranks against the anarchy of workers fighting for secure jobs and fair pay. The usual rubbish will be trotted out about how the country can no longer afford to subsidise public transport or other services while the government continues to hand over our cash by the billion to millionaire bankers in The City.

But other working people in London and across Britain will recognise what is really going on. They will know because they are experiencing it. No doubt some will ask why London Underground workers should be exempt from the pay freezes, pension attacks and job cuts that have been forced onto other workers. But many others will say good on the RMT for resisting it. Those in non-unionised workplaces will wish they had a union to organise and defend them.

The idea that cuts to the tube's budget will allow the government to avoid more cuts in schools and hospitals is entirely false and many working people know it. They understand that any money the government can take from public sector workers or benefit claimants will go straight to the bankers. Even the Metro is reporting this. An article recently showed that the government subsidised the big four banks in Britain by £37bn last year alone. The public will agree with us that the half a billion needed to stop all cuts on the tube should be taken from them.

Jared Wood, LTRC Political Officer

Do Not Familiarise ICSAs, ISSs or Travel Ambassadors

Remember that the RMT Council of Executives has issued the following addition to our existing action over ICSAs.

We instruct our London Underground Ltd members to take further industrial action as follows:

From 00:01 on Thursday 26 December 2013 until further notice, to only familiarise members of staff who are employed directly by London Underground Ltd and are taking up a substantive post in the location and grades concerned

ie. to refuse to familiarise anyone who does not fulfil these criteria, such as TfL Ambassadors or managers who would not normally work at that location carrying out the duties concerned.

Many RMT members have already refused to carry out these familiarisations. LU cannot discipline you for taking part in this lawful industrial action. Stand together. Unity is strength.

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