

# Bakerloo News

strike special



National Union of Rail, Maritime & Transport Workers'

## Ignore the lies - join the strike

The lies confronting underground workers over our fight for improved terms and conditions are to be expected. On the one hand we have the employers telling us that their offer is the best in the industry. On the other we have the usual suspects in the media baying for our blood. But Ken Livingstone's intervention in our dispute marks a new low on the hostility facing the RMT.

His attack on London Underground workers, calling our fight for improved terms and conditions "inexplicable" and encouraging workers to scab is a complete act of treachery. This could be explained by saying that his own managers are not keeping him fully informed of the actual offer; but in any event Livingstone's resort to scab herding is inexcusable.

When the RMT ballots its members for action it is not a decision taken lightly.

Management and the Mayor are spinning the press with the 'good news' that their offer is for a 6.5% pay rise and a reduction in the working week to 35 hours over two years. But the fact of the matter is that inflation is expected to be 3.1% for the first year of the

deal, so LUL are only offering a pay increase of 0.15%. And their offer for year two of 0.5% above inflation is conditional on improved attendance across the job. So no pay increases if we don't drag ourselves out of our sick beds. The reduction in hours is only available for station staff and is tied to an attack on terms, conditions and the wholesale loss of up to 1000 station staff jobs. Drivers see no real improvements to pay, or the demands for increased quality time away from work and also see an attack on working conditions.

Forget the lies from LUL and the Mayor, rather than making improvements to our terms and conditions, management are attacking them. The real story is that management are not offering pay rises but are out to smash our terms and conditions and are beginning by a real attempt to decimate the station grade. What grade will be next?

All workers on the tube have to unite - all grades together to defend our job and to keep pace with the cost of living in the nation's capital city. We have the strength and the industrial muscle to defeat management's plans and to

make real improvements in our working lives. The reason for this is simple: we are the people who keep London moving. Our members facilitate the travel of 3 million people a day around the nation's capital city. When we take strike action London stops and politicians scream for our blood.

It is our right to strike to fight for our jobs and better pay and conditions. It is now essential that we do just that starting Tuesday June 29 at 18:30 for 24 hours.

All Bakerloo train and station staff - All grades together - join the strike - join the picket line.

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