

20 ODD SAYINGS OF SCARGILL



SCARGILL: Ex Communist

FORMER union leader Frank Chapple is convinced that Arthur Scargill is part of a Communist conspiracy against Britain.

He makes the claim in a preface to a sensational book published today* about the sayings of the ex-Communist mine-workers' leader.

Mr Chapple, former leader of the electricians' union, says:

"The overall picture of Scargill drawn from his numerous and extravagant remarks is that of a dangerous buffoon.

"Had he lived in the Soviet paradise he so longs for he would long ago have been clapped in a mental institution.

Views

"If any miner believes that Scargill is trying to protect their jobs and communities, his own words and actions recorded here should shatter those beliefs."

Here are 20 of the sayings of Chairman Arthur:

1 I believe that the only way you're going to get workers' control in the real

sense is to take into control society itself.

2 I was in the Young Communist League for about six or seven years and I became a member of its national executive committee, responsible for industrial work.

3 At the age of 15 I decided that the world was wrong and I wanted to put it right, virtually overnight if possible.

4 I want to take into common ownership everything in Britain.

5 One day there will be a revolution in this country.

6 I supported the Soviet Union over Hungary. The Hungarian revolution was joined by known fascists.

'We have got to control society'

By TOM CONDON, Industrial Editor

7 I disagree with the Russians not allowing dissidents to leave the country. I'd give all dissidents free passes to get out as quickly as they could.

8 If you're out on strike, you can have the moon.

9 (On why he left the Communist Party) I also objected to the moving of Stalin's body outside the mausoleum and changing the name of Stalingrad. It would be like us trying to pretend that Churchill never existed.

10 Miners don't want to see anybody going on to a platform and yelling "I'm a Marxist." They couldn't bloody care less. They could care about what's in their pay packets on a Friday.

11 The very fact of being able to achieve all that we have done with a Marxist Left-wing leadership strengthens our movement.

12 All power is with the people in Poland, Bolivia and Chile.

13 I am opposed to Solidarity because they are an anti-Socialist organisation who desire the overthrow of a Socialist state.

14 It's common sense to do what we have been asking.

15 I am not prepared to be party to these attacks on the Soviet Union, which has established a Socialist system and wants to improve the quality of life of its people.

16 Capitalism is an obscene system which deserves to be overthrown before it

disintegrates into fascist dictatorship.

17 I think it's as daft to suggest we talk to this Government, who are impervious to logic, as it would have been for people in the Second World War to talk to the Nazis who were steaming through Europe.

Wrong

18 I certainly think Jesus existed. And I remember this when they say I have unpopular views.

19 Now I'm a moderate and reasonable man.

20 A traveller told Scargill while on his way to Cuba, "Don't you dare call yourself an Englishman. You're a Communist." Scargill replied: "Bugger off."

*Scargill, The Stalinist? by Nicholas Hagger, Oak-Tree Books, £2.50.