

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES: HOW IT WILL BE WRITTEN: OBJECTIVES

- Chapter 1 **Setting the Scene**
- Transport and general workers: occupations, conditions and origins in generation before 1920
 - Unionisation **1880s to 1920**
 - Key individuals and places
 - The emergence of a **radical** mass trade union movement
- Chapter 2 **Context for Unity: war and labour movement militancy 1920-21**
- Strategies of the British state: imperialism triumphant but vulnerable
 - Bevin, Robert Williams, the ITF, the Triple Alliance and Black Friday
 - A divided labour movement: Left, Right and Centre perspectives
- Chapter 3 **Creating the T&G 1922**
- A movement under siege: mass unemployment; lockouts
 - Component unions **and trade** groups
 - Bevin's organisational strategy
 - Enforcing compliance: clash with London dockers
- Chapter 4 **The T&G and labour movement resurgent 1923-24**
- Revival of militancy: agric labourers, dockers, tramway workers, NE trams
 - The T&G and Labour's electoral advance
 - Bevin and the first Labour government: clash over strategy
- Chapter 5 **The T&G, Bevin and the General Strike**
- Bevin and the right-wing realignment of the TUC after Red Friday
 - The T&G and the General Strike: clash of assessments
 - Regional studies of the strike
- Chapter 6 **Responses to Defeat: collaboration or responsible damage limitation ?**
- Bevin and the Weir Mond discussions
 - Clash with the London dockers
 - Consolidation and Workers Union merger: industrial workplace unionism Local studies
- Chapter 7 **TGW, Bevin and the Second Labour Government**
- Labour and the economic crisis
 - Bevin's Keynesian imperialism against Snowden's free trade liberalism
 - TGW and the Labour Party: the Daily Herald
 - Disputes: Glasgow dockers; Lucas strike (female workers)

Regional studies

All regions: identifying archives

All: what was the regional strength of the T&G in 1922

All: general strike: how strong was the local response ?

London: dockers, tramway workers

North East: tramway 1923

Eastern: farm labourers Norfolk 1823

Wales: Connah's Quay galvanisers 1923

Scotland: Glasgow dockers breakaway

Strategic issues/debates

- Was Bevin correct, from 1920-21 onwards, in steering the TU movement to the centre right and isolating the Left ?
- Was there a real opportunity of inflicting a strategic defeat on the Conservative government/ruling class in 1925-26 ? Parallel between Mond talks and current 'Fair Work'
- How far did Bevin and the T&G leadership determine the constitutionalist and parliamentary character of the Labour Party – creating the basis for the 1931 debacle?