

HAVERHILL AT WORK

Militant Haverhill

While most firms had employees who were members of Trade Unions, there were very few disputes, except perhaps, at Haverhill Meat Products which seemed to have quite a militant record.



In 1987 BT tried to introduce compulsory overtime. Strike action followed but ultimately BT backed down.

"We were out for 3-4 weeks. It probably backfired on BT as it did more for team building than any training course that the company arranged."

STRIKE CLOSES MEAT FACTORY

Production at the largest factory in the Haverhill area has been at a standstill since Monday because of an unofficial strike by between 500 and 600 production workers of Haverhill Meat Products, Little Wratting.

"Support for strike action in Haverhill was total. As far as I was concerned I was locked out rather than refusing to work as I refused to sign the paper which was an agreement to do compulsory overtime. As I refused they (BT) took away my keys and passcard."

HMP strike

NEARLY 120 workers in the meat plant butchery section at Haverhill Meat Products were on strike yesterday after stopping work on Tuesday.

Talks were going on yesterday afternoon between union and management representatives to try and settle the dispute.



Engineers wrap up well to stand on picket duty outside Haverhill Meat Products.

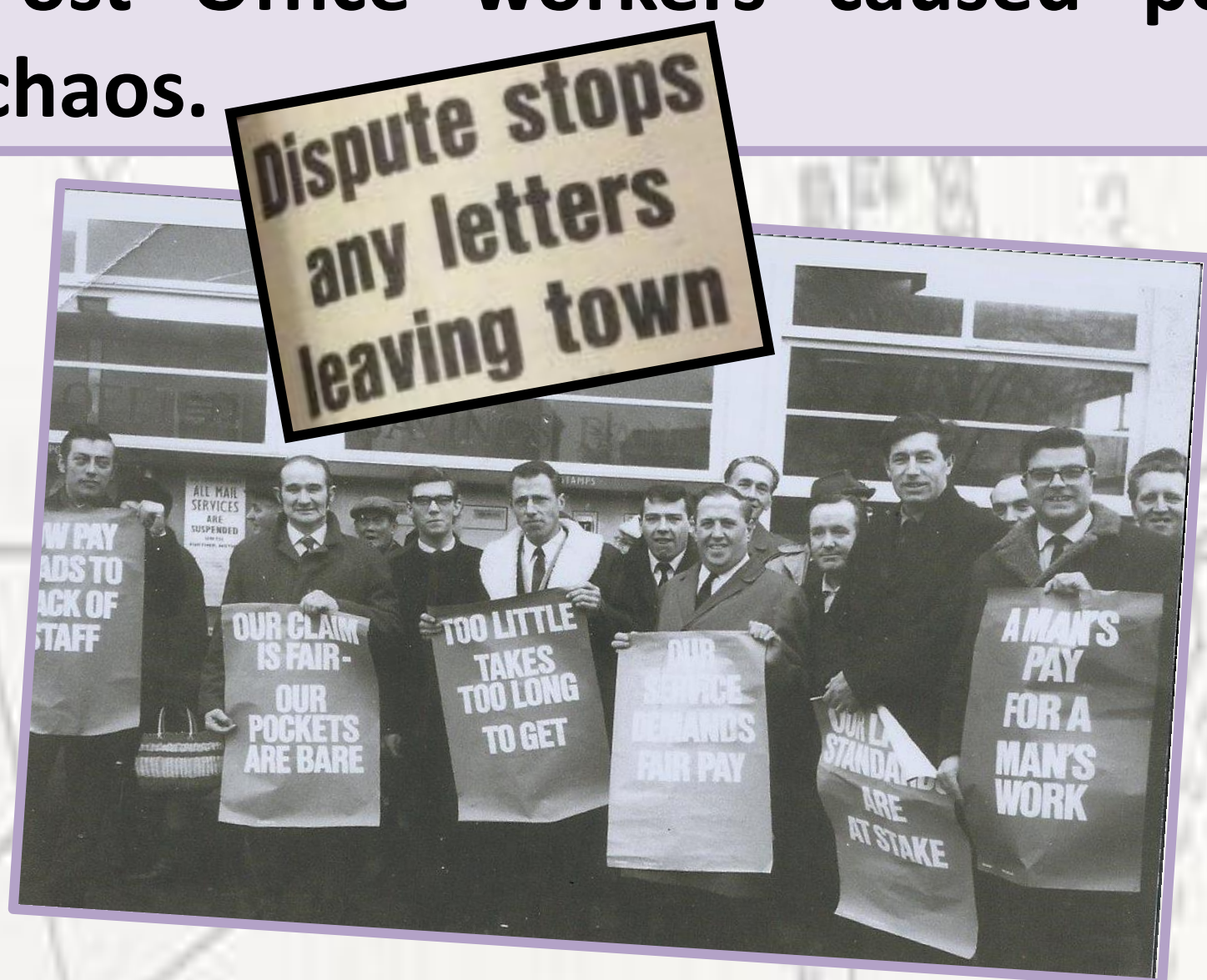
WORKERS' representatives at Haverhill Meat Products will be taking part in an away-from-it-all conference with management and various supervisory staff in mid-October in a bid to secure more peaceful industrial relations.

Addis: "If the workers weren't happy I was in there stating the case. I never won though!"



HMP ULTIMATUM TO 300 WORKERS

THE JOBS of 300 workers at Haverhill Meat Products could be in jeopardy unless negotiations between union officials and management stop unofficial strikes which have disrupted production for the last month.



STRIKERS PUT BAN ON DARTS

A DARTS night had to be switched last week because of a block put on the use of the clubroom at Delta RA, Haverhill, by striking engineers.

Ten teams were due to play at the factory canteen in the Summer Darts League knockout competition.

THE strike over "blackleg" workers at the Haverhill Delta RA factory showed no signs of ending yesterday as the 65 engineering members stepped up picketing.

The strike, which has the official backing of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, started last week when the majority of members refused to work with a minority of union colleagues who had defied the national two-day stoppage in the battle for an £80-a-week wage.

HMP: "I wouldn't say the Union was running the company because that was never the intention, nor should it have been, but it did give us some influence over the way people were treated."



*Delta RA: "While on strike I did a couple of days potato picking. It b***** well killed me!"*

