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There is bitter irony, in particular for Germans, in the reflection that the recent behaviour of the Soviet Union in Europe is modelled almost exactly on Nazi conduct thirty years ago; just as Hitler imitated, and carried to unheard-of extremes, the methods of Stalinism. Back come the secret police, the "knock on the door" anti-Semitism – the resemblances are too sickeningly familiar to need recapitulating. The Soviets' purposes in

Czechoslovakia as declared in *Pravda* are beginning to look like Nazi proceedings in Poland: the extinction of the national culture by eliminating writers, artists, scholars, scientists, trade-union and religious leaders under the accusation of "counter-revolutionaries". There is one difference, as a Czech speaker interviewed on the radio sadly pointed out a few days ago – Czechoslovakia in 1938 was attacked by a sworn enemy, today it is attacked by fellow-Communists...

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London was last week endangered by a police strike, which broke out with unexpected suddenness. The men had, it appears, been long dissatisfied with their rates of pay and had been unable to obtain redress. Their demand was for an increase of the present war bonus of 12s. a week to £1 which was to be converted into a permanent wage and made pensionable, and above this a war bonus of 12 per cent on all wages and allowances; a constable, the provincial

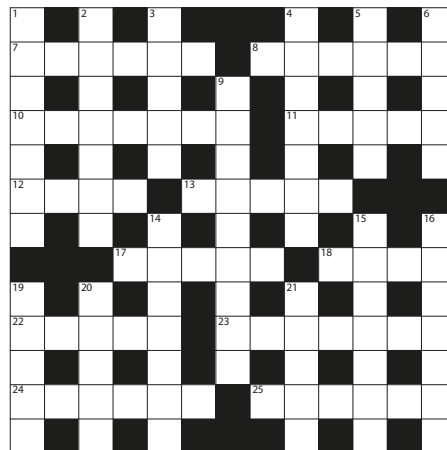
organiser of their union, who had been dismissed for breach of discipline, was to be reinstated, and the men's union was to be recognised. These demands not having been complied with, the men came out in the early hours of Friday morning ... on Friday night there were several shops broken into ... General opinion seems to be that, whilst the men deserved better remuneration ... the strikers were under such obligations of oath and honour that their leaving work was little short of desertion.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 624 | Alanus

Across

- 7 Pope (II) who preceded Pope Valentine (6)
- 8 Author of *Faust*, fictional character who sold his soul to the devil (6)
- 10 French painter, baptised October 1684, created genre of fêtes galantes bucolic scenes (7)
- 11 Town in France associated with works of painter Van Gogh and composer Bizet (5)
- 12 River flowing from Belgium into the Seine north of Notre Dame cathedral (4)
- 13 Entrance halls of ancient Roman houses (5)
- 17 Percentage tax for church purposes (5)
- 18 Prophet and Book of the Old Testament (4)
- 22 See 24 Across
- 23 Philibert, architect to Pope Paul III and King Henry II of France, built the Tuileries (7)
- 24 & 22 Acr: Meaning of the surname of St John, whose feast day is 13 September (6,5)



25 St ----- de Vialar, founder of the St Joseph of the Apparition Sisters, born 12 September 1797 (6)

Down

- 1 John -----, Catholic composer and poet at courts of Henry VIII and Mary, related to More and Donne (7)
- 2 One thinking too much of his or her self (7)
- 3 Not having received the sacrament of Matrimony (5)
- 4 Most easterly country of the Holy Roman Empire (7)

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- 5 Seat in the choir section of the sanctuary (5)
- 6 Hermann, influential German author of *Steppenwolf* and *The Glass Bead Game* (5)
- 9 Dieterich, Baroque composer whose organ works regularly played in church services (9)
- 14 Dr Charles -----, inventor of the seismological scale bearing his name (7)
- 15 "Isle" recently visited by Pope Francis (7)
- 16 First-century Judaic sect credited with producing the Dead Sea Scrolls (7)
- 19 "I am the Alpha and the ----" Revelation 1 (5)
- 20 Lead seal traditionally appended to papal decrees or charters (5)
- 21 Gustav -----, Austrian Symbolist painter, works include *Judith* and *The Head of Holofernes* (5)

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Crossword Competition 8 September

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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 29 September issue.

Solution to the 18 August crossword No. 621

Across: 7 Ulnae; 8 Rookies; 10 Omicron; 11 Swami; 12 Rocamadour; 16 Diocletian; 20 Synch; 21 Ximenes; 23 Assumed; 24 Naive.

Down: 1 Out of; 2 Anvil; 3 Seer; 4 Brenda; 5 Botswana; 6 Picador; 9 Skiers; 13 Oklahoma; 14 Odessa; 15 Donnish; 17 Tuxedo; 18 Ennis; 19 Asher; 22 Manx.

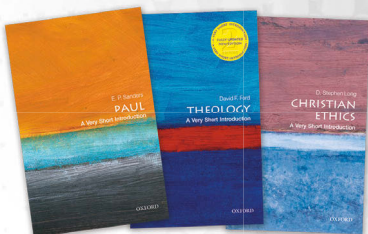
Winners: M. Taylor and T. Taylor, of Waterthorpe, Sheffield.

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