

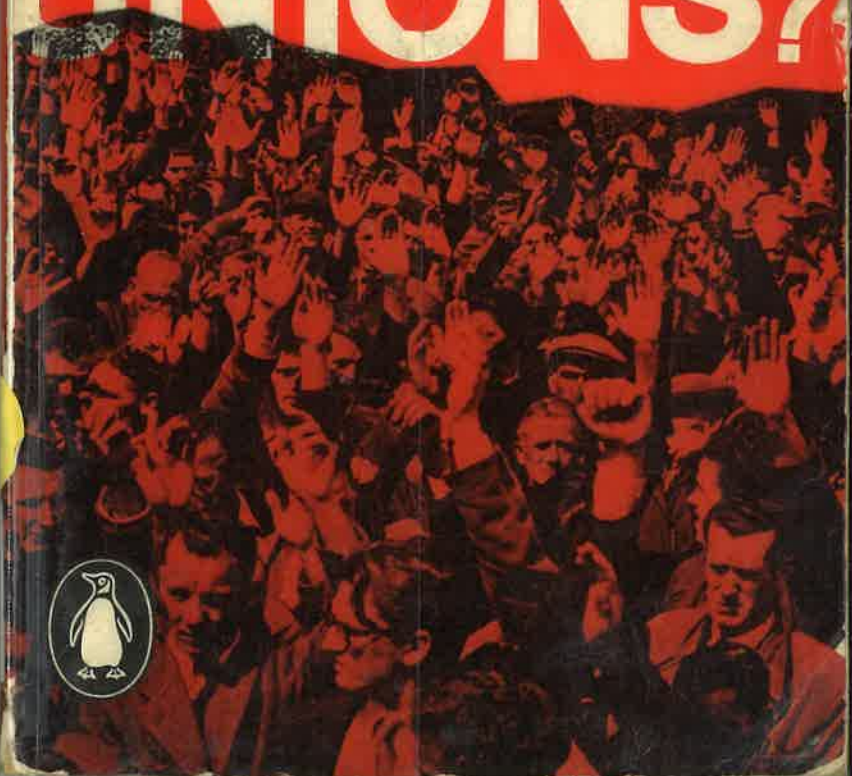
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Should money be automatically levied for the Labour Party from a union member unless he formally contracts out of it?

Should our exports be jeopardized because a couple of trade unions are pursuing a vendetta over demarcation or poaching?

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