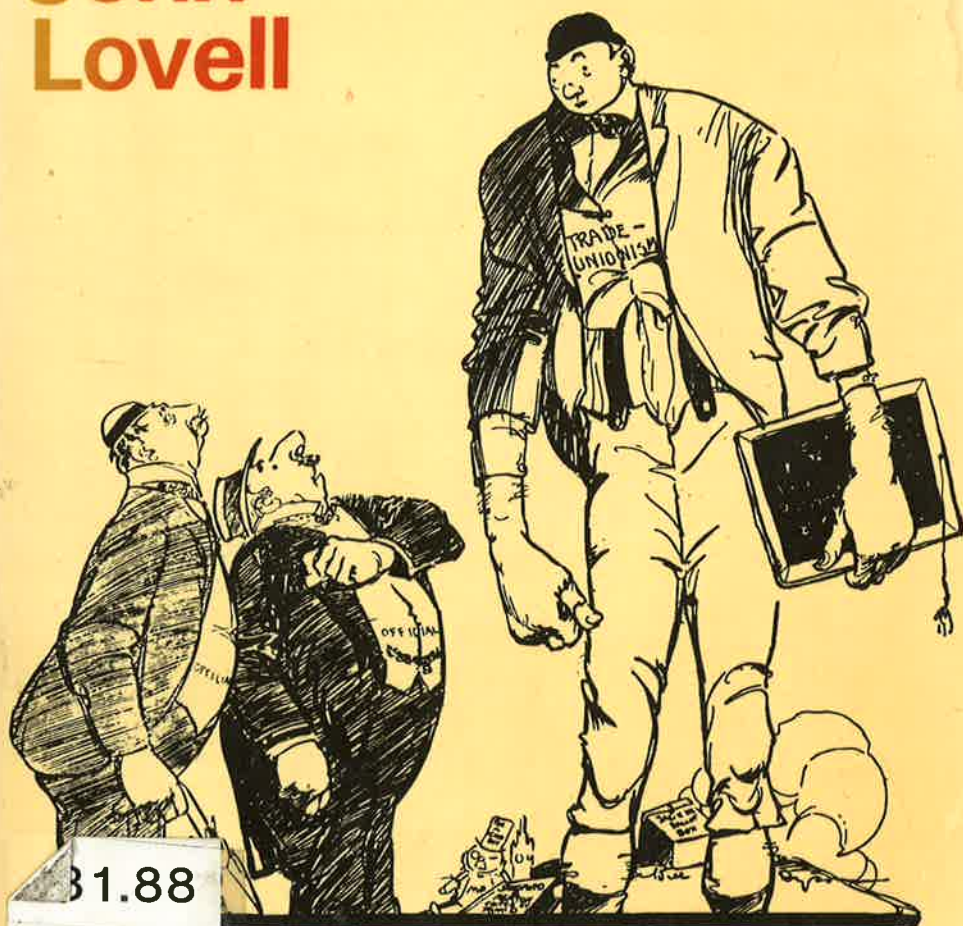


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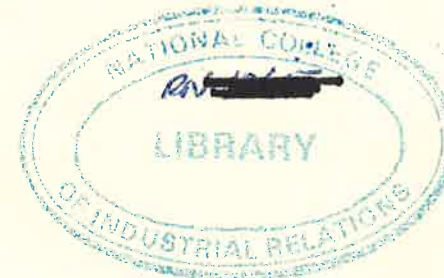
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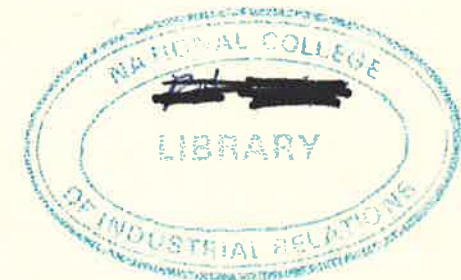
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Trades Union Officials (to the Boy-Who-Would-Grow-Up):
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