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The British ruling class will appear strong for as long as we the people stay on our knees
Fight growing fascism now! Organise to win state political power!



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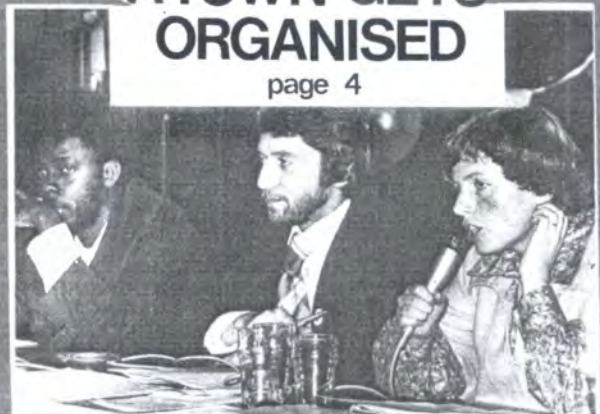
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OPINION



Just a few unacceptable faces of capitalism which millions are coming to despise as much as the Tories before them.

"We can borrow, that's where 13 years of Conservative rule have brought us. You can get into pawn, but don't talk about an independent foreign policy, or an independent defence policy."

"There is a warning here. If you borrow from some of the world's bankers you will quickly find you lose another kind of independence because of the deflationary policies and the cuts on social services that will be imposed on a government that has got itself into that position."

"I make no apology for stating these grim facts, either in this place, or at this time, for any party leader who insists, for whatever reason, on glossing over these facts, who fails to base his campaign on them, is unworthy to hold office."

Mr. Harold Wilson, speech to Trades Union Congress, September 1964.

The IMF recently granted Wilson a £975 million loan

tacle is disgusting.

In return for favours from the International Monetary Fund to the tune of over £900,000,000 (and that's just the latest loan) the Labourite leadership has promised the international bankers that it will control inflation by reducing domestic demand through massive unemployment ... the same old Tory anti-working class medicine. What greater measure could there be of Labourite treachery to the working class and loyalty to the capitalist class than the preparedness of Wilson and his gang to cut back on hospital and other basic welfare services in order to satisfy the demands of the international stock exchange dealers and money-lenders.

There are 7 million officially classified as poverty stricken in Britain. While tycoons and their senior stooges enjoy champagne breakfasts and the like at Claridges, cruise on the QE2 and take ego-trips in Concorde, millions of workers and their families scrat about to try and get by from week to week.

Millions of words could be set down on paper by way of an indictment of the capitalist Labour Party and the profit system it represents. But when all is said and done no sentiments expressed could exceed in relevance one inescapable fact: capitalism stinks and the only hope for the working class is to throw it off through revolution.

LABOURITE SCABS SING BOSSES' TUNE

IN THE POST-WAR ERA the Labour Party has been in government for longer than any other big capitalist party. The road it has travelled is amply exposed by the extracts from Wilson's speech from 1964, shown above. The record of the Labour Party is one of lies and hypocrisy. It is no more socialist than the Tory Party.

In the two years since Wilson and the rest of the Labourite leadership won from Heath the right to manage the capitalist system,

unemployment has risen from 600,000 to over 1,500,000 and the upward trend continues. The "left-wing" Michael Foot, Minister for Unemployment currently presides over this monstrous anti-people strategy, thus exposing once again that social-democracy represents the interests of the capitalist system. In industry after industry and area after area the capitalist Labour government is making the working class pay for capitalism's crisis while all the time pretending to be "socialist". The whole spec-

Concern with world situation is vital

MILLIONS OF WORKERS throughout Britain are feeling the pinch as the capitalist class forces them to pay for the crisis its system has created. Unemployment, rising food costs, hire purchase, mortgage, rent and other bills weigh heavily on the mind.

But as pressing as these worries are the working

class must concern itself at the same time with the international situation and its relevance for the people of this country. A failure to do this would, firstly, obscure the fact that many of the problems facing workers are produced by foreign imperialism, for example US Chrysler's recent responsibility for huge lay-offs. Second-

ly it would prevent a clear understanding of the threat to the British working class posed by the two superpowers, US imperialism and Soviet social imperialism. In global strategic terms it is probably true to argue that US imperialism has Britain within its sphere of influence through political, economic and military ties. But, according to its own international strategy of "occupying the empty seats" the once great Soviet Union, now degenerated into a social imperialist nation, would no doubt like to see Britain brought under its own sphere of influence. For the reasons specified in the last issue of this newspaper the working class must be conscious of the existence in Britain of agents of the two superpowers (see article on top of page 3 of this issue) both of which are, for example, trying to work their way into the trade union and left-wing movements. The central issue is that failure to combat the plots of the two superpowers will endanger the struggle for socialist revolution, will undermine the right of the working class ALONE to determine social change, and will endanger world peace by adding to the possibility of contention - for which "detente" is a code word - between the superpowers leading to a third world war. The workers' fight within Britain must take into account both internal and international facts of life if it is to build a socialist society and avoid the traps being set by the superpowers. To safeguard its overall interests the British working class badly needs what it has lacked for so very long: a genuine political Party to represent its highest aim - SOCIALIST REVOLUTION.



Torture, terror and aggression must stop!

BRITISH IMPERIALIST VIOLENCE in north-east occupied Ireland continues. The picture on the left is of a worker who was brutally beaten while being "questioned" by the "peace-keeping" army. No matter whether imperialism is represented at Westminster by Labourite or Tory administrations, the effects for the workers of Derry and Belfast remain the same. The policy of this paper remains one of firmly demanding the withdrawal of the army, including withdrawal of the SAS (Special Army Savages). The replacement of detention without trial by detention resulting from police/army lies, sanctioned by the courts is unacceptable. Violence, whether it is army violence or the dole queue will continue till Ireland wins her NATIONAL LIBERATION.

A PEOPLE'S DEFENCE ORGANISATION?

IN THE RECENT SPLIT between fascist elements the nazi National Front remains in the control of Tyndall and Webster and a new nazi organisation, the National Party has been set up by John Kingsley-Read. The Tyndall gang is backed financially by Fountaine, a wealthy Norfolk landowner. Kingsley-Read's mob is backed financially by wealthy South London landlord and property speculator, Gordon Brown.

There is no fundamental difference in policy terms between the two nazi groups; but when too many people insist on becoming Führer

trouble is bound to break out in the sewer.

The important thing for socialists and other progressive people is that in future they will have to combat these two nazi fronts together with a bundle of other lesser filth.

The struggle must be waged at various levels. Primarily the task is to politically expose and isolate the fascists and their lies, and especially to show workers that the way forward is class war for socialism and not a divisive race war for the bosses.

However, it must never be forgotten that we

are talking of fascists and we must bear in mind the historic experience of the fight against fascism. Perhaps the principle lesson to be learnt is that if not driven from the streets the fascist bully boys will try to storm their way to prominence and power by launching a campaign of disruption and physical violence against the working class and its organisations. Fascists have already attacked small meetings and individual black and white workers. Isn't the time ripe to form a people's defence organisation to teach them lesson after lesson?

Exposed! CIA London addresses and Labourite involvement

IN THE LAST ISSUE of this paper there appeared a long article exposing the existence of both CIA and KGB spies, acting respectively on behalf of the two superpowers, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social imperialism (socialist in words but imperialist in deeds).

Class conscious British and Irish workers know well that the CIA, on instruction from Nixon and Henry Kissinger, funded fascist elements in Chile and brought about the overthrow of the legally elected popular government of Allende, a social democratic reformer. Chilean fascists organised disruption and then mounted a right-wing coup which resulted in the murder of thousands of workers, students and other progressive people, the imprisonment and torture of tens of thousands and the installation of a terroristic dictatorship of capitalist rule. There are now no civil rights or democratic freedoms in Chile. This great tragedy was instigated by the U.S. in order for it to carry on exploiting the Chilean people and Chile's natural resources, and it feared the popular government's success right on its own doorstep.

IN BRITAIN

It is vital for workers in Britain and Ireland to grasp that the CIA operates in both of those countries. In last issue's article the names of many CIA officials in Britain were published. It is now possible to go one step further and publish the addresses of a few of these agents



Cord Meyer, head of CIA in London

of U.S. imperialism who are now living in Britain. They are as follows:
 CIA chief in London, CORD MEYER, of 24, Eaton Place, London, SW1.
 His leading assistants: WILLIAM M. McGHEE, of 11, Chester Square, London, SW1.
 GEORGE W. FORD, of 9, Kynance Place, London, SW7.
 ROBERT HOPFL, of 138, Albury Drive, Pinner, Middlesex.
 JOSEPH C.THEN, of 39, Montague Square, London, WI.

LABOUR PARTY

There is no doubt whatsoever that the capitalist Labour Party know that the CIA are here and approve of its work in this country. In case

some people cannot believe this - particularly people who have for years voted and worked for the Labour Party at constituency level - the evidence can be easily provided. At his recent farewell news conference in London the out-going US Ambassador, Elliot Richardson had this to say when asked about CIA activities: "Of the role of the CIA in the U.K. I can simply say this.... It is a role fully understood by the British Government... So far as I know there are no problems created by any CIA activity in the U.K. from the standpoint of the British Government." So there it is! The Labour Party leadership in Government is actively working with one of the two most murderous groups of political gangsters in the world. Two recent events add to an exposure of the absolute hypocrisy and dishonesty of the Labourite leaders. One is the fact that after Allende was murdered his widow was invited by the Labourite leadership to speak at the Labour Party Conference. It was none other than Wilson and Callaghan who rose with the rest of the sell-outs to join in a standing ovation after her speech. Yet as their hands were put together they must have been thinking of how they themselves were at that very moment allowing the same CIA that had slaughtered her husband to organise against the British working class. A second example which highlights Labourite dishonesty is the fact that Roy Jenkins, Labour Home Secretary lied to the House of Commons when he stated recently that the CIA was not active in Britain.

While it is vital to demand the immediate expulsion of CIA agents, workers here must not forget that the other superpower, Soviet social imperialism also has its agents acting in Britain. As we reported in the last issue, the Russian embassy is the base of many of these, but they also come in under the guise of tourists, delegations of one sort or another, "cultural exchanges" and the like. The whole operation is aided and abetted by the so-called "Communist Party of Great Britain", which toes the Moscow line to the last letter. The strategic aim of Soviet social imperialism is to try to create the conditions whereby Britain can be brought out of the sphere of influence of US imperialism and under the control of Moscow. Britain's strategic position, her manufacturing capacity as well as the opportunity to exploit the labour power of millions of British workers make the intrigue worthwhile. The working class must insist that it alone has the right to decide its country's future and all superpower agents must be ousted.

Stop sectarian slaughter

SECTARIAN WARFARE has claimed the lives of hundreds of people, men and women, young and old, mostly from the working class, in north-east occupied Ireland in recent times. Regardless of the "motives" of those responsible - be it the Provisionals, Loyalists or British army assassination squads - the hard fact is that sectarian slaughter plays directly into the hands of the British rul-



James Connolly

ing class, currently represented by the Wilson government which uses the deaths as a pretext for increasing the repression of the working class and the population at large. Religious bigotry and sectarian slaughter are diametrically opposed to the teachings of the executed James Connolly, Ireland's greatest revolutionary socialist, who stated "Socialism... is neither Freethinker nor Christian, Turk nor Jew, Buddhist nor Idolator, Mahomedan nor Parsee - is only human!" Connolly stood for class war against imperialism, not sectarian disunity.

THIS IS CAPITALISM

While workers are told "tighten your belts" the capitalist class lives in luxury, as depicted in recent newspaper reports.

- The daughter of Lord Roborough, Lord Lieutenant of Devon, was found guilty of stealing meat for her cat from a local co-op, and was fined £25 *Daily Express*. Lord Roborough owns 2,400 acres of land in Devon.
- An unemployed 18-year-old was found guilty of stealing a bag of potatoes from an allotment and fined £40. The youth lives with his mother who has another four younger children to maintain. He has been given a month to pay the fine, although his total income from benefits does not come anywhere near £40 for a month. *Scottish Daily News*
- The Earl of Carrick's Surrey mansion has been on the market for two months - in fact, ever since his countess wife ran off with the chauffeur. However a Kuwaiti businessman has now made a bid for the £150,000 house - which has eight bedrooms, five bathrooms and is set in 35 acres, containing a miniature golf course and a heated swimming pool. *Daily Mail*
- Although the end of the tied cottage system approaches, the number of evictions is increasing. Bert Webb, his wife and 16 year old daughter were evicted on September 29 from their cottage at Woodham Walter, Maldon, Essex, which they had occupied for 20 years. The bailiff arrived well before the 10 am deadline for the eviction. The family has been forced to move away from

people who had been their friends and neighbours since the 1940s. Mr Webb had worked for the same farmer since the war, but as the farm was being sold he was made both redundant and homeless. *Landworker*

- Hoorah chaps! The Savoy Grill is open again. How could we have survived the last 17 months without it! Amongst the first clients after its re-opening were Sir Bernard Delfont, merchant banker David Montagu, Rank boss, Sir John Davis and Centrepoint owner, Harold Hyams *Daily Mail*. The Savoy Group claims that it is keeping prices in the Grill "at a realistic level. Lunch or dinner for two may cost little more than £14 or £15." *Daily Express*
- Lord and Lady Beaumont have at last managed to sell their Hampstead home. It had been on the market for a year at the price of £800,000. Because of the obviously tough times we live in, the Beaumonts finally settled for the £205,000 offered for the house by a Middle East art dealer. Lord Beaumont, a Liberal peer, bought the property for £100,000 in 1963. As it was his principal residence, there is no Capital Gains Tax liable. The house stands in nearly three acres and has 21 rooms including nine bedrooms and five bathrooms, plus a staff flat. *Daily Telegraph*
- A family with four children and a mentally handicapped

in-law are feeling the strains of living in a one-bedroom flat in North London. There is no bath or running hot water in the flat, which contains two rooms for the seven of them. The mother fears that the stress and anxiety of chronic overcrowding are driving her to a nervous breakdown. *Hackney Gazette*

- The 24-year-old Viscount Astor has found a new home. His old Chelsea residence - now on the market for £50,000 - has a mere three bedrooms, "hardly room for an Astor to put up a couple of overnight guests, let alone a family". The new home, in Kensington, has six bedrooms and cost twice the price. *Daily Express*
- Mr Anson Payne, ousted from the chairmanship of FMC, Britain's biggest meat wholesalers, after a boardroom dispute is to receive £205,000 compensation - £170,000 in cash and a £35,000 payment into a pension fund. Mr Payne has only been chairman for 17 months. *Daily Telegraph*
- "I wish to express my grateful thanks to NUAAW for helping me to get my redundancy money, £212.10, in March 1975." *Letter in Landworker*

"FASCISTS AND RACISTS GET OUT OF OUR TOWN!"

How a Community – Black and White, English and Irish, Young and Old – is getting organised! A Lead to all



Three of the four platform speakers...their message loud and clear and supported by the audience was "Fascists and racists out of Reading! Black and White unite and fight racism and fascism! No freedom of speech for National Front nazis! The chairman of Reading People Against Racism and Fascism (RPARAF), Martin Kaufman has written the article below.

IN MANY PARTS OF THIS COUNTRY workers and other progressive people are starting to see the need to organise against the twin threats of racism and fascism. There is a growing consciousness that especially in times of economic crisis the bosses and their State are increasingly looking around for ways to solve their problems by putting the whole burden of the crisis onto working people. More and more right-wing politicians and employers are reviving ideas first popularised by Mussolini and Hitler. One only has to read between the lines of articles in many newspapers and magazines to see evidence of mounting talk of one type or another of a police state; "Law and order", blaming the "blacks", the need for "a strong leader", and similar such notions are common currency in the media. There is talk of the weakness of Parliament, and the implication is that "strong government" should replace elected M.P.'s and the House of Commons. To anybody who knows anything about politics all this can mean only one thing: powerful and privileged elements within the British capitalist establishment are seriously considering the possibility of bringing into being a fascist police state which would speedily stamp out the few democratic liberties possessed by the working class.

Racism

They could only achieve this if they were able to successfully con, confuse and divert a sufficiently large section of society, not only working people but members of the middle class, particularly those who are at present frustrated with their lot as they try in vain to make ends meet and find security. And racism is the principal means by which this fraudulent diversion is to be perpetrated. A LARGE NUMBER OF READING PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO PREVENT THIS AND HAVE LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO DO SO. The last thing that fascists want is a united working class allied with other progressive people and so they use racism to split the working class, as did Hitler in Germany. Racists like Enoch Powell and those in the

National Front are well aware that if they can get white workers to place the blame for unemployment, housing shortage and other social problems on black or Irish workmates and neighbours, instead of on the bosses and their capitalist State which is the real cause of these problems, then workers will be well and truly divided... and with a divided working class the reactionaries can do just as they please.

In Britain today, racists and fascists are getting organised. The "Voice of the People" has published many examples of how these enemies of the people are spreading their hate and lies. But they are not the only ones getting organised. Anti-racist and anti-fascist groups are winning support for a militant struggle against the growing danger. One such organisation is READING PEOPLE AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM (RPARAF) which wishes to share its experiences with people in other parts of the country, because it believes that this is one way of building a strong, nation-wide anti-fascist movement.

Campaign

Reading is a town of about 130,000 people. It has large Asian, Caribbean, Irish and other national minority communities. There are not many signs of open racist and fascist activities. On the surface the atmosphere seems calm. But in fact in this town, as in towns like Reading throughout the country, the rats are coming out of the sewers and are sharpening their teeth. The nazi National Front has stood candidates at parliamentary and council elections. The local press splashes "news" stories of fights involving black youth across the front page in order to whip up racial hatred. Unemployment is double what it was a year ago, and the racists are testing their ideas in our town to take advantage of this situation.

The people who started our campaign could see the spread of racist and fascist ideas in Reading. We decided not to wait to get organised until after the fascists had won a base of support through their lies. We believe that it is right to GET ORGANISED NOW, before the fascists are a great danger. We want to see

the people of Reading prepared to deal with them, learning what organisations like the National Front really stand for, and not allowing such organisations to grow.

Unity

Fascism and racism attack the working class more viciously than any other section of the people. BUT THEY ALSO ATTACK THE INTERESTS AND RIGHTS OF OTHER CLASSES AND SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION WHO HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN FROM A POLICE STATE IN BRITAIN... that is, everyone except the big monopoly capitalists and their closest supporters. We believe it would be wrong for RPARAF to mobilize only the working class in Reading. THIS WOULD GIVE THE FASCISTS A FREE HAND TO ORGANISE EVERYONE ELSE. So one feature of our campaign has been to try to unite everyone who can possibly be united against racism and fascism, whether they be industrial workers, both in and outside trade unions, office and shop workers, teachers and professional people, clergymen, shopkeepers, and even anti-racist capitalists. Only the working class can provide the stable foundation and leadership for an anti-fascist movement, but many people can and must be won to the side of the working class in this fight. This can be achieved if they are approached in an honest and principled way. In order to do this we have set our sights on producing an ACTION PROGRAMME which will really unite all who can be united.

Programme

With an Action Programme, which clearly sets out what we stand for, what are our demands, and how we are going to achieve our aims, our campaign will grow, not by fits and starts, but in a planned way; not by drifting from issue to issue or jumping on passing bandwagons, but step-by-step, taking all things into account; not by imagining that we already know all the problems on peoples' minds, but by carefully investigating peoples' views and their social conditions. We completely rejected the idea of a small committee just sitting down and dreaming up a "programme". It would not be worth the paper it was written on. To produce a real Action Programme that deals with the real problems caused by fascism and racism in Reading, and will really win people to supporting the campaign, we need to mix with people, find out what are the real problems and conditions, and then produce a programme and put it into action. Such a programme can only be given a proper and effective orientation if it takes into account in a living way the historical experience and the lessons currently being learned by progressive people fighting racism and fascism in other parts of the world. For example, we got much from studying a book called "For The Unity Of The Working Class Against Fascism" by Georgi Dimitrov. These are the things we have been doing since the campaign began.

National Front

Our campaign began when the National Front sold their newspaper "Britain First" in Reading Town Centre for the first time in April 1975. The Reading "Voice of the People" group invited various organisations and individuals to a meeting. This meeting agreed on three slogans around which we have organised, these are: "Fascists and Racists Out of Reading!", "Black and White Unite and Fight Racism and Fascism!", "No Freedom of Speech for the National Front Nazis!". A working committee was set up and a symbol agreed upon – one black and one white clenched fist. We also printed stickers with our slogans, and badges with our symbol. Large numbers of these have been sold.

RPARAF has been working in several ways. We arranged to contact and visit about thirty organisations and groups of the national minor-

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'them and us'

Most, if not all of the wealthy chairmen and directors cited below have many other fees and salaries from a multitude of directorships and shareholdings. It is of great comfort to them to see Chancellor Healey making such efforts on their behalf, for instance by postponing the proposed wealth tax for one year. But a day will come when the hundreds of thousands of workers who are daily exploited by them will be able publicly to confront

them with their anti-people crimes both past and present. A day when workers who are now on the dole, when families who have nowhere to live, when children who are going without decent school meals and education, a day when these and many other oppressed sections of society will destroy the system which maintains these parasites and wipe history clean of that human core of exploitation - the capitalist ruling class.

Company	Chairman	Pay (£)	Year to
Bass Charrington	Sir Alan Walker	48,803	30.9.75.
Lucas Industries	B.F.W. Scott	45,000	31.7.75.
Pontin's	Fred Pontin	45,000	31.3.75.
EMI	John Emms Read	40,000	30.6.75.
Trafalgar House Investments	Nigel Broackes	40,000	30.9.75.
Trafalgar House Investments	Victor Matthews**	40,000	30.9.75.
Comet Radiovision Services	M.J. Hollingbery	38,000	30.8.75.
Barclays Bank International	A.F. Tuke	37,000	30.9.75.
Wellcome Foundation	A.A. Gray	36,779	30.8.75.
United City Merchants	E.C. Sosnow	35,756	30.6.75.
Rank Hovis McDougall	Joseph Rank	35,197	30.8.75.
Mitchell Cotts Group	J.K. Dick	35,096	30.9.75.
Barratt Developments	L.A. Barratt	34,000	30.6.75.
Hanson Trust	James Hanson	32,000	30.9.75.
Asprey & Company	E.A.R. Asprey	30,574	31.3.75.
National & Commercial Banking Group	J. Ogilvy Blair-Cunynghame	30,000	30.9.75.

**Managing Director

● BELOW: Mountjoy Prison is notorious throughout Ireland. It houses many patriotic working people condemned under fascist type legislation of the puppet regime in Dublin, headed by arch lackey of British imperialism, Cosgrave. Fresh repressive economic measures have been drawn up by the Dublin government and are aimed directly at the workers, small farmers and businessmen of the south. At present 80% of all industry, and all of the south's oil and gas reserves are owned by foreign companies. It is primarily in their interest that these measures are being taken. Both north and south workers and small farmers are being hit hard and thousands are either on the dole or facing imminent lay-offs. Imperialism is to blame for all the people's problems.



A view of Mountjoy Prison: the women's section is in the far right wing.

● In a recent letter to the Chairman of the Communist Party of China, Comrade Mao Tsetung, the Communist Workers League of Britain (M-L) extended its profound condolences upon the death of Comrade Chou En lai, Vice-Chairman of the Communist Party of China and Premier of the People's Republic of China.

CWL(BM-L) STATEMENT

This statement commences on page 9 ed' and then 'given' to the working class. Genuine Parties are built, not simply declared and must have a scientific basis - a class analysis - and must possess from that analysis the main instrument for actually mobilising the working class in large numbers on a revolutionary basis - a genuine Marxist-Leninist programme. Neither as yet exist, and neither will they until far more industrial workers play an active and creative part in the Party building process". . . .

Cell work and recruitment

"However, without one special type of organisation none of it will be possible to sustain. That organisation, the main motor and organiser of the work in factories and elsewhere is a disciplined hardworking revolutionary communist centre or cell. It is the primary organising and leading force, made up normally of at least three people, of a revolutionary level of class consciousness, who have been tried and tested in practice and who are relatively experienced organisers and agitators. On their shoulders falls the task of leading workers along the path of socialist struggle. These centres must be set up in every workplace where we revolutionary communists have a base or are intent on building one." . . . "The Marxist-Leninist movement would welcome into its centres any and every working man and woman who showed themselves to be serious revolutionaries, and the centre would act as a recruiting ground for bringing new people into the ranks of organised communism. This would be the one major method of creating the right calibre of working class people who will surely constitute the backbone of a real communist Party and mass movement."

Towards programmes

Some time back the CWLB(ML) after much discussion decided that there existed objectively a number of KEY PROBLEM AREAS, KEY QUESTIONS

which would have to be confronted in order for the working class to be moved in the direction of socialist revolution. First, the organisation defined those key areas and spelt out clearly the need for: 1. A scientific brief statement analysing in class terms the main features of the present international situation. 2. A class analysis of Britain. 3. The need for a straightforward statement of the general line of what communists are against, for, and how their goals are going to be achieved. 4. A plan for effectively combating racism and fascism. 5. A strategy for building bases at the place of work. 6. A solution to the problem involved in building a genuine Marxist-Leninist Party. 7. A scientific analysis of the national question in Britain. 8. A brief but substantial history of the development of capitalism and the British working class. 9. A plan for mobilising half of society, millions of women. 10. A plan for the mobilisation of young people. 11. A scientific understanding of the struggle in Ireland and its relationship to the struggle here. 12. A strategy for a revolutionary Press encompassing everything from popular newspapers to theoretical texts, posters, leaflets stickers etc. 13. The need for a political education plan linked directly to problem-solving and an all round cadre training policy. 14. A creative approach to the role of revolutionary culture - music, theatre, art, and literature, films, and the like - in the class struggle. 15. A systematic analysis of deviations such as revisionism and trotskyism, and diversions which are used to head off the working class from revolution, such as religious mysticism and other forms of prejudice. 16. An explanation of the importance of honesty in political work. These key questions are not necessarily put in order of priority.

Next the organisation brought into being LIBRARIES OF INFORMATION. These libraries conducted the systematic organisation of fact-finding, and the investigation teams tackled in depth each key question. The aim has been to bring into being comprehensive bibliographies on each question and DRAFT STRUCTURES to act as the basis for the production of detailed programmatic statements. An enormous amount of material on each question has been collected. The organisation has

insisted at all stages that work be carried out in a creative and down to earth manner and that the tried and tested theory of Marxism-Leninism be applied to the CONCRETE CONDITIONS relating to each problem area. An academic approach and "book knowledge" has been avoided. The DRAFT STRUCTURES are based on the practice of the British and international workers' movements and scientific theory. The DRAFT STRUCTURES represent an unavoidable stage in the development of all-round fighting programmes for all of the key areas.

The organisation's next step, which it is now undertaking, is to decide which key questions should take priority in its work, dissolve the LIBRARIES OF INFORMATION that have been working on those questions and simultaneously bring into being sub-committees which will concentrate available forces and proceed to the next higher stage of producing detailed DRAFT PROGRAMMES, similar in depth to the organisation's draft industrial programme "Building Revolutionary Communist Bases at the Place of Work".

A specific tendency

The CWLB(ML) states its desire to work with other serious organisations and individuals on any or all of these key questions and believes that such unity of effort could help to break down some of the suspicions and isolation being experienced by the M-L movement. Those interested should contact the organisation through the address at the foot of the back page (typing the envelope exactly as written there).

The education programme of the organisation is PROBLEM SOLVING and is based on a desire for unity.

The building of another industrial cell and the completion of widespread investigation work and the drawing up of DRAFT STRUCTURES which will lead to detailed programmatic drafts in the key areas decided, all mark a definite stage in the development of the organisation's all-round line. All in all, then, these factors establish the CWLB(ML) as being a specific tendency within the M-L movement as a whole.

**Opposing anti-people
terror. . . .**

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It has been said that the war in Ireland will be extended to British cities. It has also been denied that this will happen. At present whether it will or will not happen is not known. What is known is that the idea of such a campaign is being tossed about. This in itself imposes a responsibility on all true friends of the Irish people to clarify exactly what is at stake.

There is talk flying around that the war in Ireland should be brought to the cities of Britain. The implication is that a new campaign should be instigated in this country that would be based upon individual actions involving the use of explosives. Let there be no mistake about it: such a campaign, if it is commenced, will not serve the correct struggle of the people of Ireland to smash British imperialist rule. No matter that those who argue for the initiation of such a campaign may well do so out of a genuine belief, the truth is that British imperialism, not the Irish people, would gain.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR WINNING OVER THE BRITISH WORKING PEOPLE
Such a campaign would certainly not result in the overthrow of the British ruling class. Nor would it win support among the ordinary people of Britain. Individual terrorism has never brought about a revolution. In practice, throughout long stretches of historic struggle against exploitation and oppression the abysmal failure of this form of struggle has had its barren core laid bare. There exists not one single example of a group of individuals having successfully substituted themselves for the masses of the people who must be roused. Such a plan is romantic, idealistic and harmful to the progress of the working class revolutionary movement. And the fact that the current situation the ideas may emanate amongst those who have displayed very great courage within Ireland, who have been with those in the forefront of the fighting on the streets of Belfast and Derry, who have had several of their comrades murdered at the hands of British aggressor troops, still in no manner of speaking makes the type of campaign that is being spoken of a correct one.

A DESERTION OF THE NEEDS OF THE HEROIC IRISH PEOPLE
Such a campaign would in reality amount to a desertion of the great need of the Irish people at this time. Its advocates are false friends of the Irish people. They argue not from a sense of logic, but from a sense of frustration, from a sense of defeatism and impotence at ever being able to win the masses of the British workers to support their Irish counterparts. At this moment, the Irish people need every ally they can win across the globe. This is not to say that the battle will be won by the friends of the Irish people across the world. The battle for Irish national liberation will be fought and won within Ireland and nowhere else. But international working class solidarity will be an important bulwark of support in the coming acute years. To in any way isolate the Irish people from their allies would be to play into the hands of British imperialism. And whether or not this mistake were to be made consciously or unconsciously, the result would be the same. The Irish people's cause would be ill-served.

RULING CLASS PROPAGANDISTS READY FOR THE OFF
The British ruling class and its experienced propaganda machine of newspapers, television and radio are waiting to get started. In fact they have already begun with the announcement that such a campaign is even being considered. The four-inch heavy black headlines are not difficult to imagine, as they use such actions to whip-up their own carefully worked out anti-Irish slander campaign aimed at turning British and Irish workers at each other's throats and crushing the real chance of building up real solidarity in this country for the people of Ireland: 'THE IRISH START BOMB WAR AGAINST BRITISH PEOPLE'. 'BOMB THE BRITISH HATE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY IRISH IN BRITAIN', and so on to eternity.
WOULD AID 'DIVIDE AND RULE'
Such a campaign, if commenced would cause divisions within the working population of this country that would extend onto every factory floor and construction site, into every hospital and into every pub. Millions of potential allies of the people of Ireland would be lost for years. The masses of the people in this country would be alienated. And the British ruling class would gain a badly needed breathing space.

HOLD IN YOUR REINS. NOW. BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
To those who have taken it upon themselves to bandy about talk of planning this type of campaign in Britain the reply of all true friends of the courageous Irish liberation fighters must be: who do you think you're kidding? There is not one shred of concrete argument or evidence to show that such a campaign is in the interest of the fight for Irish freedom. There is an overpowering weight of evidence to show that the enemy of the Irish people alone would gain. The bravery that you have shown in facing up to the khaki savages of British imperialism on the streets of Belfast and Derry should immediately and honestly be drawn upon to enable you to face up squarely to the illogical and utterly harmful plan to start a campaign of this type in Britain. Come to your senses. If you can't do the job that is required of mobilising real support with the Irish people, then leave that to those who are determined to make a success of it. Those who insist on pursuing a course of action which must inevitably harm the cause of freeing Ireland will one day have to answer for their deeds. Hold in your reins. Now. Before it's too late.

**Mobilising against
police thuggery. . . .**



The march through the working class community organised by the McCarthy family and friends and the Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front and the Irish Liberation Press.

The following statements are extracts from a speech made on Saturday 29th January this year by Margaret McCarthy at the end of a march of workers and other progressive people through Islington which was organised by the Irish Liberation Solidarity Front to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Stephen McCarthy, Margaret's young brother, at the hands of two policemen.

"It is almost one year to the day since Stephen McCarthy died. On 16th November, 1970 he was brutally attacked by two police pigs at a bus stop in Upper St., Islington, not far from where we are standing now. On 26th January, 1971 the damage done to his brain by the police attack took its final toll and life departed from his young body . . .

"As the struggle to expose the truth developed, we started to get a glimpse of the muck that lives under the stone called 'British justice', for in reality there is no justice, no real freedom, no real democracy left in this country. The experience we have been through forces us to conclude that we are living in a society that is day by day moving towards a police state.

"This is not, we are certain, simply an issue that effects the McCarthy family personally. What happened to Stephen could happen any day to any family of working people. How many Stephen McCarthys have there been? How many have been beaten up in police stations? How many people, if the truth were really known have been murdered by the police? The precise answer to that question we may never know because of the secrecy with which the system operates, but we feel sure that Stephen cannot have been the only victim and Upper Street police station cannot be the only place where these goings on take place. Police brutality is a national question and this means that a national campaign against this and all other types of increasingly acute state repression must be mounted. Remember, it could be you or a member of your family who gets it next.

"There are two approaches to this question. One is to try and get justice through the courts, the other is to rely on the people and try to mobilize them. At times the campaign may involve both aspects, but we have learned through bitter experience that the agencies of the

state, the police, courts, prisons and Home Office do not work in the interest of working people and that the only language the ruling class understands is the language of working class action. The struggle must have, as its centre of gravity the places where people work, the communities where people live and must be taken onto the streets. Unless this is done there can be no justice.

"In March last year we decided, together with our supporters to organise a People's Court, a mass meeting where the truth would be told. On 15th March Islington Town Hall was filled with about six hundred workers who listened to all the evidence, including witnesses to the assault at the bus stop, and concluded after thorough examination that the police were guilty of murdering Stephen, that the Coroners Court returned a false verdict on the causes of his death to cover up the police, that police from Upper Street police station had committed perjury, that the Governor of Wormwood Scrubs prison had lied and failed to provide Stephen with proper medical treatment, and that Maudling, the Home Secretary, was guilty of conspiring to cover up the murderers. For the first time the truth came out in front of the people who matter, working class people, for they alone have the power to bring an end to the present police state development in this country . . .

Educating the people . . .



"Capitalism contains the seeds of its own destruction" is a phrase meaning that as capitalism developed it necessarily brought into being the modern working class which it exploits for profit. As capitalism grew so did the working class it had to have to work its machines and run its businesses. The bosses cannot prosper without millions of workers working for them. Thus the ruling capitalist class (sometimes called "bourgeoisie") prepares its own grave diggers, the working class (sometimes called the "proletariat"), and all the time forces of the new, socialist society are ripening at its core. When the class struggle between the handful of bosses, represented by their State machine of police, courts, prisons, civil service, Tory and Labour parties, and ultimately their army, on the one hand, and millions of workers on the other reaches its climax, socialist revolution becomes the order of the day and capitalism is overthrown by armed workers led by their political party. Hence the force that will overthrow capitalism has its seeds in capitalism.

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Organising against fascism

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**SOCIALISM OR FASCISM
FREEDOM OR TYRANNY**

The British ruling class, led by millionaire industrialists, financiers, trade and commerce bosses, land and property wealthy farmers, and other rich elements, is in a state of crisis. This is part and parcel of an international crisis experienced in every capitalist and imperialist nation in the world: Their international monetary system is in a world which is no longer a place where they can roam at will exploiting and murdering the peoples of the colonies. Now they seek desperately to shove the burden of their declining existence onto the shoulders of the working class. Declining existence in a country are forcing more and more workers to demand social change. Dockers, railwaymen, car-workers, miners, teachers, gas workers and even the normally servile have either been on strike or are planning a form of militant action.

All in all there is massive and ever increasing disillusion and hostility towards the system of British capitalism. Unaffordable rocketing food prices and rents, inadequate housing, totally inadequate social welfare and security services, many other acute social problems, are driving people against the system, which is the source of their many hardships. The fascist Industrial Relations Act is but one example of repression and the tendency towards fascism development. Hysterical attempts are being made to split the working class by whipping up racialism in order to get workers to fight instead of uniting as a class against their real enemies, their problems, the capitalist system.

A few miles away in Ireland a most vicious campaign of oppression, ranging from assassination to the political camp, combined with slander and distortion of the people is in full flight. What is happening in Ireland now is a warning of what will happen here in Britain if the working class and other progressive sections of society fail to organise properly against the ruling class attack.

The fork in the road of the British peoples' path draws. Change there will be, but change for the better or for the worse? Two possibilities and only two lie in front of us: fascism. Freedom or tyranny. In order to save itself the working class is definitely resorting to the fascist corporate state. This country, right now, fascists from the Monday Club social democrats in the leadership of the capitalist class from the National Front thugs to the "respectable" capitalist Conservative Party opinion, whether they be Heath or Powell, are all agreed in essence that the parasitically live off is in jeopardy and that that system costs be saved from the growing anger of working class socialist revolution. *Either a socialist revolution will win, or fascism or fascism will rise to power in Britain, not only at some future date, after it has taken its terrible toll of workers.*

Those who are setting about turning Britain into a huge camp in which to house the working class have no right of speech, no right to the freedom to organise! In the thirties one of the principal anti fascist slogans was "NOT PASS!" That slogan is as applicable now as it was then. It is written in the blood and tears of working class children. Knowledge of that history bestows upon us in Britain, and upon our struggling class comrades in other countries, a solemn responsibility to take warning and organise to defend our class interests. Growing fascism cannot be defeated by debating with the Monday Club or any other fascist organisation. Fascism must not be toyed with, nor tolerated to even a degree; it must be smashed, smashed thoroughly, at a point where the fascist rats can no longer muster the courage to think about crawling out of the gutter.

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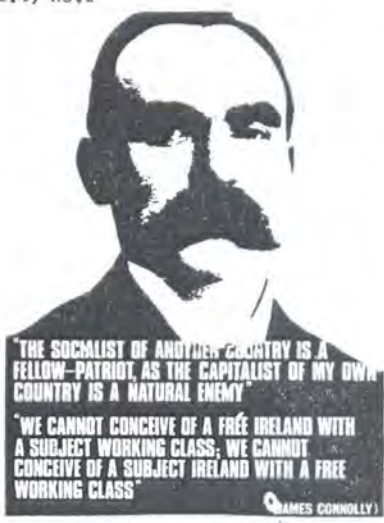
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Popularising songs of struggle...
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Many years have gone by since that Irish Revolution,
The guns of Britannia they loudly did speak,
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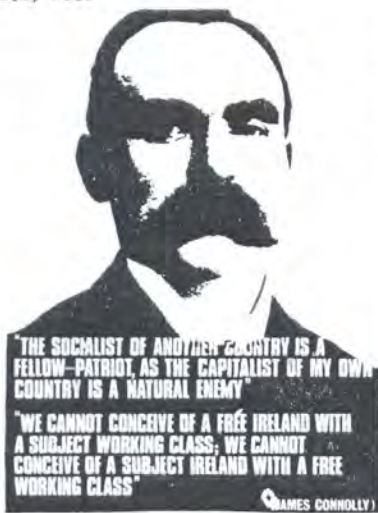
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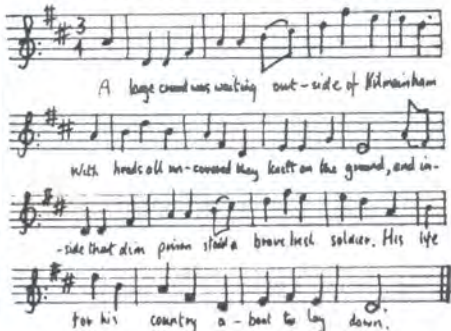
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Denouncing superpower intrigue . . .

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The political agents of both superpowers are involving themselves quite illegitimately and for reactionary ends in the internal affairs of the people of Britain.

In response the British working class must lead the fight for the immediate expulsion of both CIA and KGB elements. The working class ALONE has the right, the responsibility and the historic mission to organise for basic social change in this country. The working class must intensify its vigilance against the two superpowers as part and parcel of struggling to replace the dictatorship of capital by the democratic dictatorship of the working class, the overwhelming majority of society. Failure to combat the plots of the two superpowers will endanger that struggle for socialism and will add to the possibility of the contention between the superpowers leading to a third world war.

ALL FOREIGN AGENTS OF THE TWO SUPER-
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Ireland - exposing army spying and aggression . . .

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The following exposure of British imperialism's "big brother" spy tactics is made all the more important by the fact that the information and photographs have been provided by a man who until a short time ago was a 2nd corporal, acting sergeant attached to Army Intelligence as a spy photographer in north-east occupied Ireland. The material came to this paper unsolicited and from the private resources of the man concerned, who has now left the British aggressor army in disgust. His identity is not being divulged for obvious reasons, though he has stated that he is prepared to testify publicly as to the validity.

QUESTION: What were you doing in north-east occupied Ireland?

ANSWER: Until a few months back I was a second corporal, acting sergeant in the British army. My specific job was that of a spy photographer attached to Military Intelligence . . .

QUESTION: What did your work involve and how were the photographs you took used?

ANSWER: First and foremost it was



"I took this shot in Armagh in July 1970. It was a propaganda 'set-up' for use in British papers and other reaction-

ary media across the world. I did not like this at various times".

our job (there were about half a dozen that I knew of doing the same thing) to photograph all those people, men, women and children, who were thought to be "involved." These photos were sifted by Intelligence officers and wanted lists drawn up which were then passed on to army raiding squads who would, in dawn raids reminiscent of what I have been told about the darkest days of Nazi Germany, raid the ghetto areas of Belfast, Armagh, Newry and Derry. Officers of Army Intelligence always led such raids.

QUESTION: How were the people treated during these spy raids?

ANSWER: During one period of three days I constantly accompanied the raiders. This was so that I could photograph any "incriminating" objects found in the homes of those wanted by Intelligence. Incidentally, the most harmless leaflet or poster was photographed and later used as evidence of "subversive" activities. Many people have gone to prison for long sentences because of this sort of "evidence." Those raided were treated in a brutal and callous manner. Often their homes were just torn apart, while the British press praised the

"security forces" for their efficiency and Army Intelligence for their "fine work." In reality I saw with my own eyes how they treated the people as if they were cattle. It was disgusting how the bullies pushed people around in their own homes.

QUESTION: How long has this systematic camera spying been going on?

ANSWER: Since the first days of large scale military intervention in the north but really for years, though not on the present scale. Army Intelligence, since 1969, has been building up dossiers on card index systems on known activists and there are thousands. Anybody who was even merely suspected of being politically involved in struggle is photographed by Army Intelligence photographers. They are followed and their names, addresses and photographs are marked on "tribal maps" in various rooms throughout the six counties.

QUESTION: Have any of these photographs been sent to London?

ANSWER: Hundreds of copies of photographs and miles of film are circulated

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Attacking Labourite fraud and deception . . .

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THE GENERAL ELECTION IN FEBRUARY RETURNED THE LABOUR PARTY TO GOVERNMENT FOR THE SEVENTH TIME. THE EVENT IS OBJECTIVELY NO CAUSE FOR REJOICING WITHIN THE WORKING CLASS. THE PLAIN TRUTH IS THAT ALL THREE PARTIES WISH TO PRESERVE THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM, WHICH, BECAUSE IT PUTS PROFITS BEFORE THE REAL NEEDS OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE, IS INHERENTLY ANTI-SOCIAL AND THE ROOT CAUSE OF PROBLEMS SUCH AS POVERTY, INSECURITY, UNEMPLOYMENT, ROCKETING FOOD PRICES, RENTS, MORTGAGES, EXPLOITATION AND INJUSTICE.

During that election this newspaper put it to workers and other progressive people in this country that a general election is in essence a competition between the Tory, Labour and Liberal Parties to manage the affairs of the ruling capitalist class, primarily to organise the exploitation of the labour power of working people and the poorer sections of the middle class.

It was also pointed out that whichever of the three parties won the election, the working class would lose. And that whichever Party became the government, capitalism would remain in power. Other publications took a different position on the question of the Labour Party, attacking it verbally then doing a political somersault by asking workers to actually vote for it!

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throughout the police stations and barracks of northern Ireland and Britain. QUESTION: How did you manage to get the photographs?

ANSWER: Army Intelligence provided us with cover. They got us accredited as journalists and we mixed with the press corps for cover. Of course, we wore civilian clothes. We were simply spying on the people. We were given the latest spy camera equipment, special lenses that would allow us to take shots from long distances and others that could take photos during the dark.

QUESTION: But weren't the people ever suspicious of you?

ANSWER: On occasions, yes. But if I ever got into a tight corner I would produce a forged card provided of course by Army Intelligence, which said that I was from a Welsh-language newspaper sympathetic to the Free Wales Army. The idea was that this would make people feel friendly towards me and get me out of the jam.

QUESTION: Were your photographs used for any other purposes?

ANSWER: Yes, one other important use was made of certain pictures. These were ones that were "set-up" for propaganda use in British papers and reactionary publications throughout the world. We used to be ordered by Army Intelligence to kid a group of children into sitting with a soldier. Intelligence would give them sweets and promise them all sorts of presents which their parents could never have afforded with so much unemployment. The kids didn't know what was going on. They thought it was just a game. But it was no game as far as Intelligence was concerned. It was an important part of their job of trying to ensure that people in Britain and elsewhere were subjected to dose after planned dose of poisonous lies about what is happening in the northern part of Ireland.

QUESTION: Who masterminded this aspect of Army Intelligence work?

ANSWER: Men like Major Kennedy, Military Intelligence Liaison Officer between Special Branch and the R.U.C.

QUESTION: Why are you volunteering this statement?

ANSWER: Because what I've seen and what I've done has sickened me. I'm not trying to make any excuses. But the least I feel in my conscience that I must do is to make this thing public. You may be suspicious of me coming to you people. But anyway, this is what I have to tell you. I really believed that Britain was a democratic, free country. Now I see that this is not so. The British establishment has created a police state in northern Ireland and seems intent on doing the same thing here in Britain. I'm told that militants are being photographed here in Britain for doing nothing more than taking part in strikes. They always told me at school that it was socialists and communists who supported terrorism and "big brother" techniques. But it's not the Irish people who are the terrorists. I know. I've seen it from the other side. I've started to read about socialism now. The "Irish Liberation Press" I bought in a pub one night really made me think.

QUESTION: Is there much demoralization in the British army in Ireland?

ANSWER: Yes. A lot of men are confused and more and more are feeling

guilty about being in what they realize is someone else's country. There's no enthusiasm, apart from the real pigs who get a great kick out of beating people up. Yes, there are quite a few who are demoralized and simply want it all to end. They know they can't win in the long run. QUESTION: Has the spying and the brutality frightened the Irish people?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Now that you're out of the army, what are you doing?

ANSWER: I'm not sure. I've tried to get work as a photographer, but things seem tight as far as jobs go. I've walked miles. I've been unemployed since I came out. Funny, most of the people in northern Ireland I was instructed to photograph were protesting about being unemployed. Now here I am in the same position as they are. No money, no job, and I can't see what future there is until things are changed completely. That's what attracts me to socialism.



Joe Hughes

ARMY USE CRIPPLE AS PUNCHBAG

If you are unemployed and think you can see your way through the worst of the recession by joining up for a short period then take a look at the job you'll be expected to do. 32 year old Joe Hughes is spastic and cripple, confined to a wheelchair, who can only move his left hand and foot. He was recently beaten up by troops at Fort Pegasus, a British army camp in Belfast, where he went to enquire after his 16 year old brother, who had earlier been taken away from his home by soldier Joe was punched, abused and thrown out of his wheelchair and left in the pouring rain on the ground. Don't join the British Army!

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All that has taken place since that election fully establishes this paper's analysis of the true role of the Labour Party.

LABOUR'S RECORD

During the many years this century when the Labour Party constituted the government at no time did there take place anything even mildly approaching a substantial re-distribution of the wealth of the country, which is produced by the working class. The Labour Party cannot even be accurately described as a party of real reforms, let alone a party of fundamental change and progress.

The Labour Party remains today a party of compromise, collaboration with capitalism, rank opportunism and deception, a party of minor reforms, and its "reformism" rests upon the central notion of the continuation of the capitalist system.

"In Place of Strife", racist immigration acts, the despatch of thousands of British soldiers to the northern part of Ireland in 1969, general support for US imperialism's aggression in Vietnam.... all these Labour Party policies were merely forerunners of Tory policies.

In the Queen's Speech, which outlined Wilson's post-election legislative programme, the same old opportunism was manifest; a few sopas are thrown in the direction of the working class in order to win votes at the next general election, such as some selective food subsidies, temporary restrictions on rent rises, pension increases etc. But as far as capitalists exploiting workers goes, as far as troops and concentration camps in north-east occupied Ireland go, as far as racist immigration acts are concerned, and as far as a corporate-type incomes policy goes ("securing the orderly growth of incomes" as the Speech put it) IN OTHER WORDS AS FAR AS THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM ITSELF GOES IT IS "BUSINESS AS USUAL".

The support that the racist and violently anti-working class fascist/Tory politician, Enoch Powell, gave the Labour Party is surely one of the most blatant reminders of the anti-working class essence of the Labour Party itself.

THE CENTRAL TASK REMAINS THE SAME

The grip of reformism, i.e. social democracy, and the hold the Labour Party retains, weakening though it is, over sections of the working class must be broken to pave the way for socialist revolution in Britain, for there is not one single example currently or historically of the transition from capitalism to socialism being made in any way other than by a workers' socialist revolution. The working class has no Party to represent its interest in overthrowing capitalism. It must build its own revolutionary Party.

That - not relying on capitalist general elections, diversionary frauds - remains the central task, whatever happens next

NF NAZIS MANIPULATING RADIO



NORMAN HOWARD

is Chairman of the GLC Planning Committee and Assistant Secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union.

One of the most interesting developments in the mass media in recent years has been the introduction of local radio. Starved of resources these community stations depend to a large extent on that relatively cheap programme - the phone in - the time when your actual man in the street can broadcast his views to all who are prepared to listen. As Chairman of the GLC Planning Committee I frequently get involved in this type of programme and find them particularly useful to explain in detail the various implications of our policies.

In recent months in the London area there appears to be a sinister campaign to abuse this freedom of the air by members of the National Front. Of course they are quite subtle in their approach. There is no direct reference to the National Front by the questioners merely the innocent question posed in all naivety but distinctly racial in outlook.

The BBC has much greater control over their national phone-ins because the listener must first phone the question into a studio. The producer decides the question he wants and phones back to the listeners. Other radio stations that operate in the London area have a different system - the listener merely phones in and is plugged into the live programme.

It is quite obvious that someone is masterminding the mass phone-in by organising National Front supporters to phone-in and dominate the question time. These fanatics with their fascist views take every opportunity to pervey their obnoxious policies. Any listener to George Gale on London's LBC every morning will readily confirm that hardly a programme goes by without the National Front rearing its ugly head.

The kind of questions I get are usually associated with some allegation about coloured people jumping the housing queue or wouldn't it be a good idea to ease the unemployment problem if we started sending all the coloured people home.

London is faced with many serious social, industrial and economic problems that will only be solved by patiently arguing our case for more resources. The action of the National Front in manipulating the radio waves to fan the flames of racialism is to be deplored and only makes the problems even more difficult to solve. The answer to the National Front is simple - just pick up the phone and put your searching questions to the studio team and beat the National Front at their own game. *This article is reprinted from 'Searchlight' as being of considerable interest to our readers.*

WORKERS' REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION REPORTS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS



~ another industrial cell created ... solid advances in struggle for programmes

IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED that the Communist Workers League of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) has brought into being another revolutionary industrial cell. This new cell is in a factory and its work is guided by the CWLB(M-L)'s general line contained in its pamphlet called "Building Revolutionary Communist Bases at the Place of Work".

The CWLB(M-L) applies definite political criteria in selecting workplaces to concentrate on.

The organisation has a standing Industrial Committee which links the work in factories directly to its provisional political leadership.

The question of a democratic constitution concerning the relationship between the cells, the Industrial Committee, the leadership and all members of the organisation has been settled and is working well in practice.

Work is well advanced towards the completion of REVOLUTIONARY FACTORY FLOOR PROGRAMMES OF A NEW TYPE. THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROGRAMMES MARKS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD FOR MARXIST-LENINISTS IN BRITAIN. Work on these programmes has involved many months of investigation, integration and detailed discussion and planning organised by the standing Industrial Committee.

The CWLB(M-L) is a WORK-PLACE BASED ORGANISATION determined to build cell after cell in work place after work place.

An important meeting

In the next issue of this newspaper the organisation will announce details of an important meeting which it hopes will be attended by Marxist-Leninist organisations and individuals and serious workers and all concerned with developing an effective capacity for fighting for socialism.

The CWLB(M-L) is the only M-L organisation in Britain to have published a specific draft programme for industrial work. This, the organisation stresses, is not self-praise but simply a fact. Some organisations calling themselves "Marxist-Leninist" seem to believe that a genuine revolutionary Party of the working class can come

about without workers having very much to do with the event. The CWLB(M-L) totally rejects that view and puts forward its line on industrial work as the vitally necessary orientation that the M-L movement must have in order to overcome its smallness, fragmentation, isolation from systematic and daily contact with the working class, and its present over-influence by comrades from the middle class and other somewhat privileged strata. The following sections of the base-building document are reproduced to provide those who have not yet read it with a partial idea of the organisation's position. Its general slogan on the industrial front is "EVERY WORKPLACE A STRONGHOLD OF SOCIALISM!" Its specific slogan to guide the work of its factory cells is "INTEGRATE, INVESTIGATE AND PROPAGATE!" The CWLB(M-L) takes the view that to turn one's back on the leading force for socialist revolution - the industrial proletariat - and the need to politically educate and organise it while learning from it, is in effect to turn one's back on socialist revolution itself.

Party building

The document states that "The truth is that the working class in Britain has no Party to advance and defend its interest. And no such Party can come into being if it does not have a base within the industrial proletariat. In this connection we in the CWLB(M-L) are convinced that the place to start building the house is with strong foundations, not by first putting up the name plaque, and expecting by virtue of that act that the rest of the house will somehow or other get put together at sometime in the future. The title of 'vanguard of the working class' must be earned, not assumed. It is the most advanced workers that must be won, both to build a genuine Party and to fill its ranks in increasing numbers. Conditions must be created before a Party can come about, and the CWLB(M-L) considers that an important, if not determining part of the task is to make a plan for winning industrial workers to the theory and practice of revolutionary communism, Marxism-Leninism. A genuine Party is not 'creat-

In many parts of the country people like these Chrysler workers in Coventry are growing more and more concerned with developments in Britain. Massive unemployment, insecurity, falling existence standards, big housing and accommodation problems and so on are creating in the minds of many - men and women, black and white and especially young people - the feeling that a new system is needed, one based on the needs of people as opposed to profit. Sick of the false promises from capitalist politicians such as Wilson and Thatcher and the TUC sell-outs they are open to honest, militant and scientific ideas and leadership. They can definitely be mobilised to fight for socialist revolution and the attempts of fascist organisations to divert them into a race war can be exposed and defeated. Britain is an industrial country with a large working class, the leading force of which is the industrial proletariat bound day in day out to the most advanced forms of capitalist production. The proletariat is the main force in the fight to overthrow capitalism and build a socialist society. But it can do this only when armed with Marxism-Leninism. Through its industrial work and its struggle for programmes the Communist Workers League of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) is actively and systematically striving to formulate planned approaches aimed at involving workers and other progressive people in the fight for a new Britain. It understands in particular that the class which ideologically and politically dominates the thinking of the industrial proletariat also dominates society and controls state political power. Hence the essence of the task for serious socialists is to replace capitalist ideological and political ideas which at present have a definite hold on large sections of the proletariat with the militant, honest and scientific views of Marxism-Leninism, the ideology of scientific socialism. Only by struggling in practice to do this can the conditions be created for the working class to overthrow capitalism and build a new society with a great future.

The CWLB(M-L) claims no monopoly in the areas of work raised on the left and as was stated in volume 4 number 4 of the VOP is prepared to work with other serious organisations and individuals and requests that publication of progress being made be regarded as a formal appeal for others to become involved. Contact can be made with the organisation by writing to "D. Morrell, 31 Belgrade Rd., London N.16." (Please address the envelope thus)

EVERY WORKPLACE
A STRONGHOLD
OF SOCIALISM !



ANTI-RACIST CAMPAIGN

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ities, such as black youth clubs, the Sikh temple, the Mosque and about thirty native English bodies, such as trade unions, social welfare organisations, churches and so on. In most cases we had difficulties in contacting the people involved apart from the leading members. However, when we have managed to meet large numbers of people, there has been a good response. We note down everything that people tell us about the problems that racism and fascism cause them, or of which they are aware, how they think these threats can be fought, and what they think of the campaign. There were quite a lot of problems inside the committee building the confidence and enthusiasm necessary for this work. But once people started to make these visits they saw that there was nothing to be afraid of; in fact they were enjoyable, and we are all convinced that the direct approach like this is the best way to contact such organisations.

Leaflets

We have also been involved in mass publicity. On two occasions in Reading town centre on a Saturday, we gave out thousands of leaflets, one exposing the nazi leaders of the National Front and the lies behind their race policies; the other was our statement of aims explaining why the above three slogans should be supported by the people of our town. For our public meeting and social, we produced four leaflets. The first was for general distribution, mainly in the town centre; there was one aimed at factory workers which we gave out before work and in the dinner break, and one aimed at school children and other young people, and finally we produced a leaflet aimed at Irish people, which we gave out outside several churches and in pubs where we know many Irish people go. We were surprised at the good response we got when handing out these leaflets, in fact most people were pleased to take them, and there were few hostile comments. We also produced three different posters, each with one of our slogans, together with a poster in Hindi, Punjabi and one in Urdu. Finally, we delivered by hand hundreds of letters to organisations and individuals enclosing our statement of aims.

Meeting

More than a hundred people came to our first public meeting held in the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers hall in Reading on Friday 5th December. This was probably the first mass anti-fascist meeting to be held in our town since the 1930's, and the numbers present were very encouraging taking into account the fact that previously there had been little militant and progressive political activity. Local reactionaries certainly took the campaign seriously as evidenced by a front page splash article published on the day of the public meeting in the "Reading Chronicle" which aimed at stopping people attending by slandering the organisers and distorting the campaign's objectives. The article also tried to use Mr De Pass, the local Community Relations Officer against the campaign by publishing his uninformed comments. In fact, RPARAF is affiliated to the local Community Relations Council. But more on this later.

Security at the meeting was handled by stewards, and in my opening remarks as chairman I made it quite clear that no disruption would be allowed. In the event the racists did not attend the meeting and so detailed plans for protecting our right to speak out did not have to be put into practice. RPARAF is determined that it will defend that right by any means necessary and will not allow its meetings to be disrupted by nazi elements.

It was necessary in my opening remarks to spell out the type of Reading we could see in the

future if a campaign like this failed - a divided community possibly existing in a police state. The first invited speaker on the platform was a Caribbean worker representing the "Voice of the People" newspaper. He made it clear which class wants a fascist state - the big capitalists - and he described the type of terrorist regime that fascism installs. He also explained how this is linked to the spread of racism. His speech was very well received. The second speaker, also from the Caribbean, had lived in Reading for several years, and he spoke of why he supported the campaign and its three slogans, especially the one opposing freedom of speech for the fascists. The last speaker, a white Englishwoman and RPARAF committee member, gave examples of how racist and fascist ideas are put across by the mass media of press, TV and radio. She then read out our Draft Programme of which everyone in the audience had a copy. It has three sections: what we stand for, what we demand, and action to be taken to support the line of the three main campaign slogans. Included with the programme was distributed a form to be sent to us with criticisms and comments.

Errors

There then followed a discussion from the floor; all speakers from the audience expressed their support for the campaign. Naturally there were some differences of emphasis on this or that point and some disagreement. This full and frank discussion was welcomed by the platform as the only way to sort out differences and gain clarity. The committee, from its experience, anticipated the possibility of an attack from the Right (which did not materialise) and an attack from the "left". The latter did materialise. A small group of people, their spokesman a member of International Socialism, a Trotskyite organisation, attacked the concept of mobilising "the people". The gist of his point was that only working class people, especially those from the trade union movement, should be organised to fight racism and fascism. Of course, workers in and out of the trade union movement must be mobilised because the racist and fascist offensive is directed mainly against the working class and we emphasise the leading role that workers must give. However, other classes and strata are objectively in contradiction with fascism - such as progressive middle class people, many students and the like - and it would be criminal to fail to actively enlist the support of such people in the campaign. The International Socialist position amounts to a left sectarian error as it would in practice deny to the working class allies in the anti-fascist fight and would leave these allies, many of them politically confused and presently at a low level of consciousness, at the mercy of racist and fascist propaganda. Another speaker made similar "leftist" points, for example implying that only socialists could fight fascism. This may sound very "left" but in fact is just a variation of the above mentioned theme. In the hall that night, probably the majority of people present were not socialists in the sense of being active militants, certainly not revolutionaries. Nevertheless they were anti-racist and must be found a place in the class struggle. This question is one hotly debated and we will return to this in greater detail in future campaign activities. But what is absolutely sure in the opinion of the working committee is that workers and anybody else who is prepared to support the campaign must be united and left sectarianism defeated. Interestingly, the same speaker went on to make a right opportunist error when he opposed the slogan "No Freedom of Speech for the National Front Nazis" because, he argued, it would not be supported by trades councils and other official trade union bodies. It is the committee's view that whilst it is necessary to go all out to win rank and file worker trade unionists to the campaign it is simultaneously necessary to use the above slogan to politically educate people and give the struggle a militant and correct

orientation; the fight for this correct orientation will, the committee well understands, necessitate a creative approach based on unity and struggle with organisations ideologically and politically limited by their reformist, social-democratic policies, such as many trades councils. A serious and scientific campaign will certainly degenerate politically if it lowers its demands and leading slogans to the point at which it abandons principles and its responsibility to give militant political leadership. The above combination of "left" and "right" opportunist errors will of course require further discussion but the committee stresses its desire to work with even those who hold those views while struggling against them.

Social

The social that followed the meeting was an important cultural/political event in its own right. It is rare to see a large number of people, black and white, workers and others, young and old, getting together in a relaxed atmosphere on the basis of anti-fascist unity. The bar, food and raffle all contributed to the evening but the high spots came with performances from "The Asian Musical Group" from Reading, and the "Voice of the People" Folk Group which sang six anti-fascist songs, some of them new. The words of "They Shall Not Pass", an anti-fascist anthem especially written for the occasion, were distributed, and people enthusiastically joined in the singing.

Events such as the one I have described, were they to take place up and down the country, would produce the type of unity that will be capable of giving a real, militant lead to the fight to smash the racist and fascist offensive. Also, such broad front activities will introduce a large number of people to the socialist movement and these can be helped with scientific political education and will be able to take their place in the ranks of revolutionaries who want basic social change, a socialist society where the working class has state political power. This is what reactionaries everywhere fear right down to their rotten guts. . . . the unity of the people under working class leadership scares them stiff. The "Reading Chronicle" provides yet more truth of this, as after the successful public meeting it published a distortion of events and even went to the length of publishing a picture of the house in Reading where a prominent local anti-fascist lives with his wife and family. The message to the fascists was clear: here is where he lives, why not do something about it?

Future

But the campaign will go, we hope, from strength to strength. WE HAVE LAUNCHED INTO 1976 AS A YEAR OF ANTI-RACIST, ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE IN READING. We are working hard towards a second public meeting at which our democratic constitution will be put forward and a finished ACTION PROGRAMME will be discussed after everybody's views have been studied. Meanwhile we are carrying on popularising the draft programme, investigating and meeting new people. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO BUILD. We reject the idea of just fighting fascism in our town and would like to hear from other people who want a nation-wide campaign. The start we have made must now be built upon. Finally, our committee wishes to express a lot of thanks to the "Voice of the People" newspaper and the workers who produce it for having helped us in a number of ways: we know the VOP has its own problems; we also know that it will solve them and that it is a real asset to the working class and other progressive people in this country.

One last note: anyone wanting to contact us can do it either through your address (see back page, VOP) or direct by writing to RPARAF, c/o 6, Foundry Street, Reading, Berkshire, enclosing a stamp.

PLEASE NOTE: VOP will be reporting on the campaign in future issues

World Struggles

INDEPENDENCE FOR THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE ~ END SUPERPOWER INTERFERENCE !

SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM IS MAIN CAUSE OF BLOODY CIVIL WAR! CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT!

"The socialist of another country is a fellow-patriot, as the capitalist of my own country is a natural enemy."
JAMES CONNOLLY



An Angolan liberation fighter

China's position

IT IS NECESSARY to be clear about the situation concerning Angola and in particular to expose the disgusting distortions being circulated by opportunist elements in Britain regarding the position of the People's Republic of China. On the right, is reproduced direct from "Peking Review", number 50, 1975, China's view, which represents the objective interests of the people of Angola.

Blatant lies

The article makes crystal clear China's position. Those who write for the trotskyite press in Britain (such as "Workers Press", "Socialist Worker" and "Red Weekly") presumably have studied China's policy - and if they haven't they have no business writing about it - and have systematically distorted it. In doing so they expose themselves as political liars. In essence the same can be said for the hacks who write and produce the revisionist "Morning Star", which is a mouthpiece of Soviet social imperialism.

Superpowers

Indeed, the only logical conclusion of their support for Soviet aggression in Angola would be to invite Soviet social imperialism to commit aggression against the British people.

China's policy exposes how the Soviet Union bears main responsibility for inciting the break-up of the former joint agreement between the three liberation movements, the MPLA, FNLA, and UNITA and thus the present bloody civil war. It also attacks US imperialism and its fascist South African stooges.

Any support for the intervention by either of the two imperialist superpowers or their supporters is based upon the profoundly erroneous notion that one is in essence different from the other. Workers and progressive people throughout the world will place the independence of the Angolan people above all else.



CHINESE Representative Lai Ya-li made a speech on November 24 at the plenary meeting of the U.N. General Assembly on the question of anti-colonialism, exposing the acts of interference in Angola and hegemonism in Africa committed by the superpowers, particularly the Soviet Union.

Lai Ya-li pointed out: "The development of national-liberation struggle in Africa is by no means all plain sailing. On the one hand, the old colonialists are not reconciled to their defeat and are resorting to all kinds of intrigues and plots in a desperate struggle to preserve their vicious colonial system. On the other hand, the superpowers contending for world hegemony are stepping up their infiltration. Over a long period, one superpower has been doing its utmost to help sustain the racist regimes in southern Africa, while the other superpower which flaunts the banner of 'socialism' has been sowing dissension within the national-liberation movements, undermining their unity and inciting civil war with a view to replacing the old colonialists in exercising control over this region. A conspicuous case in point is the recent deplorable and distressing situation emerging in Angola."

He continued: "After valiant struggles with the support of the African people and the people of the rest of the world, the Angolan people have finally terminated the prolonged Portuguese colonial rule in Angola, which has become an independent sovereign state.

"However, despite the termination of the Portuguese colonial rule, it has not been possible to form a government of national unity, and an unfortunate situation of division and civil war has emerged in Angola after independence. This is entirely the result of the contention between the two superpowers, and particularly the undisguised expansion and crude interference by that superpower which flaunts the signboard of 'socialism.'"

He pointed out that with the common goal of fighting against Portuguese colonialism and achieving national independence, all the three Angolan liberation organizations waged armed struggles over a long period in the past, and have made contributions to the cause of national liberation of Angola. "The Organization of African Unity has recognized and supported all the three liberation organizations that carried on armed struggles. In order to promote the co-operation among the three Angolan liberation organizations and avoid a civil war, the O.A.U. urged them to sign an agreement on strengthening their unity, renouncing the use of force as a means to solve the problem and achieving independence on a joint basis. The three liberation organizations together reached agreement with the Portuguese Government on the independence of Angola and on the joint establishment of a transitional government. However, in total disregard of the O.A.U. position and the agreement reached among the three organizations on unity against the enemy, the Soviet Union has gone so far as to identify one organization as revolutionary and censure the other two as reactionary in a deliberate attempt to sow discord and create division. Furthermore, it has sent large quantities of arms, even including such heavy arms as the Angolan people have never obtained during their fight against Portuguese rule, to support one of the Angolan organizations and thus provoked the civil war in Angola. It is also ceaselessly sowing discord and creating differences among the African countries. The overall situation of African unity is in unprecedentedly grave jeopardy. The other superpower has not lagged behind and is actively instigating intervention by the South African authorities. The conflicts among the three Angolan organizations have speedily expanded into a nationwide civil war. The situation in Angola is becoming more and more complicated."

Motives Behind Soviet Sabotage

"The O.A.U. and many African countries have done a lot of work to promote unity among the Angolan liberation organizations and stop the armed conflicts and have put forward a series of positive proposals on the

immediate cessation of the civil war among the three Angolan liberation organizations and the formation of a government of national unity. Such a just position on their part is in full accord with the interests of the Angolan people and the people of all Africa. We highly appreciate and firmly support it. It is intolerable that the Soviet Union has carried out sabotage by every conceivable means and has even come out undisguisedly with repeated efforts to intimidate and exert pressure on some African countries. Obviously, the spearhead of the Soviet Union is directed not only against individual African countries but against the O.A.U. and the African people as a whole. Such acts on the part of the Soviet Union have evoked the antipathy and indignation of many African countries and the broad masses of the African people. We resolutely condemn Soviet social-imperialism for its hegemonic acts of hostility towards Africa."

He pointed out: "The Soviet Union harbours ulterior motives in its wanton sabotage of the liberation cause of the Angolan people. Situated in the southern part of Africa, bordering on the southern Atlantic and having excellent ports along its coast line of over a thousand kilometres, Angola is a place of great strategic importance. In an attempt to establish its spheres of influence in southern Africa, the Soviet Union has set its mind on placing Angola under its control and turning it into an important stronghold in its rivalry with the other superpower over southern Africa and for command of the south Atlantic. Moreover, it has long cast a covetous eye on the abundant resources of Angola, anxious to have a hand in their plunder. By splitting the Angolan liberation organizations, it plots further to divide the African countries so as to fish in troubled waters, thereby quickening its pace of aggression and expansion in the whole of Africa and strengthening its position of rivalry with the other superpower for world hegemony."

China's Attitude

Lai Ya-li declared: "The Chinese Government and people have always firmly supported the African peoples in their revolutionary struggle against imperialism and colonialism and firmly supported the Angolan people in their just struggle against colonial domination and for national independence. We have always treated the three Angolan liberation organizations on the same basis and in a friendly way, and we provided them with various kinds of assistance, including military assistance, in their struggle against Portuguese colonialism. In our opinion, the three Angolan liberation organizations are fraternal organizations, who were comrades-in-arms in the days of arduous anti-colonialist armed struggle. They have every reason to restore their unity and no reason whatsoever for confrontation, division and war. That is why we have been trying to persuade them to seek common ground while putting aside their differences and to unite against the enemy. After they reached agreement with the Portuguese Government on achieving independence at a scheduled date, we stopped giving new military aid to the three liberation organizations. The Soviet slander about Chinese 'interference' in the internal affairs of Angola' is the despicable trick of a thief crying 'catch the thief!' Nothing can cover up the countless crimes committed by social-imperialism in Angola."

"It is our sincere hope that the three Angolan liberation organizations, taking to heart the national interest of Angola and bearing in mind the overall situation will eliminate their differences and unite themselves against the common enemy, root out the superpower meddling and intervention and work together for the establishment of a truly independent Angola of national harmony, solidarity and unity," he stressed in conclusion.

(The above statement is abbreviated.)

Remember the Derry Dead! Demand Withdrawal of Army!

Will British workers be warned?

ON "BLOODY SUNDAY" four years ago thirteen men and boys were slaughtered in cold blood on the streets of their city, Derry in north-east occupied Ireland. Their pictures appear on this page. And though they have long been cold in their graves THEIR SAVAGE SLAUGHTER MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN by the workers of both Ireland and Britain.

Many have died since then. Many before them were murdered, tortured and victimised by British armies during eight centuries of colonial rule in Ireland. And so it will be for as long as the British ruling class, together with other imperialist exploiters continue to have political hold over the Irish people which they use to exploit their labour power and Ireland's natural resources and agricultural produce. As the men of the 1916 rising stated: "IRELAND UN-FREE SHALL NEVER BE AT PEACE".

WARNING FOR BRITISH WORKERS

The slaughter was a direct result of the colonial policies of Britain. It established beyond doubt that the British ruling class is as willing as before to go to any lengths to maintain its hold over its Irish colony. It also establishes beyond any doubt that the same British ruling class of financiers, industrialists, property speculators and other rich elements would be just as prepared to do the same thing to workers here in Britain were they to organise and struggle for basic social change. British workers must make no mistake about it: what is being done to the working people of north-east occupied Ireland is but training for the armed repression of the British working class. The only way for workers here to effectively prevent such a thing happening is for them to grasp that the reactionary violence of the capitalist class can only be defeated by the revolutionary violence of an organised working class armed with a clear revolutionary political strategy and, eventually, adequate weapons when the time is ripe.

The people of Ireland and Britain were told when thousands of soldiers were rushed to the north in August 1969 that they were being sent there to protect life and to separate different sections of the community and prevent a religious war. Religious bigotry there is in the north, but how sickening it is to have to listen to the political mouthpieces - the Wilsons, Thatchers and Heaths, etc - of the very root of that bigotry, the British ruling class, crying crocodile tears when for decades that same class has consciously whipped up religious bigotry in order to divide and keep down workers of all religions and none so as to make profit. The army is there to protect big business. All else is lies. British workers must oppose the army and side with their Irish brothers and sisters. The only solution is IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION.

MILLIONS OF WORKERS ROBBED EVERY WEEK

EACH WEEK MILLIONS OF WORKERS are systematically robbed of millions of pounds from their wage packets. During the last twenty years the scale of this robbery has increased dramatically. On the other hand the rich, in particular the capitalist owners of manufacturing industries, are being virtually left alone by the thief. The form this theft takes is, of course, taxation. The identity of the thief, the capitalist State which at present is run by the Labour Government. In the last twenty-five years both Tory and Labour Parties have been responsible for conning literally billions of pounds from the working class which has no real control over the way its cash is spent.

EVIDENCE

There is plenty of evidence to prove the point. The percentage of income the average worker pays in income tax and national insurance has risen rapidly in the last twenty years or so. A married man with two children receiving average earnings paid 0.4 per cent of his income in tax and 2.9 per cent in national insurance contributions in 1955/56. Hence his total deductions were 3.3 per cent of his wage packet. By 1975/76 his total deductions had jumped to a huge 25.3 per cent made up of 19.9 per cent income tax and 5.4 per cent national insurance. In the last ten years the amount paid in income tax by the average worker has risen particularly sharply - from 5.9 per cent to 19.9 per cent.

YOUTH

Single people, many of them young workers, have always paid more tax. In 1955/56 a single man with average earnings paid 12.7 per cent of his income in tax and 3.0 per cent in national insurance - total deductions of 15.7 per cent. By 1975/76 total deductions for a single man with average earnings have shot up to 33.0 per cent - 27.5 per cent income tax and 5.5 per cent national insurance. (VOP Note: the above statistics are taken from a reply to a question in Parliament on 16. 12. '75)

So all workers, whether single or married, are having to pay increasingly high percentages of their wages to the capitalist State.

INDUSTRIALISTS

"Manufacturing companies are paying virtually no taxes on profits at all this year". This remarkable statement of fact was made by Malcolm Crawford, Economics Editor of the "Sunday Times" on 14. 12. '75. Hence the poorest section of society, the working class consisting of millions of families are paying the major part of the tax bill while the rich, the capitalists who employ and exploit the very same workers are paying "virtually no taxes on profits". This proves beyond doubt that all the current talk about workers needing to "tighten their belts" is just a big propaganda lie because in reality the wealthiest are coining it in and not even paying taxes.

NO SAY

Workers paying these huge sums have no real control of how they are spent. They get less and less themselves out of it because, for example, less money is being allocated by the capitalist State for the health service, education and the like. But the tax robbery does ensure that anti-working class politicians like Wilson and Thatcher get big salaries, that Concorde exists to fly the rich around the world, that the Royal family continues to get its massive slice of unearned income, and that troops stay in Ireland, harassing working people.

