

REVOLUTION—

THE ONLY

WAY FORWARD!



NOTTINGHAM COMMUNIST GROUP

Forward - Rev. Ed.

- correct part mistaken
on basis of practice.

HOW WE LIVE NOW AND THE CHOICE WE FACE

Britain in the 1970s is a capitalist society in decline and decay. Mass unemployment has returned, living standards are falling, the social services are being run down, slum housing and poverty are still an everyday reality. Back in the early 1960s the Tory and Labour politicians told us that we were now living in an "affluent" society in which all of these persistent evils of capitalism were a thing of the past, never to return. Our present social and economic condition is living proof of the enormity of this capitalist lie.

Once again we working people in Britain are faced with a choice. Either we knuckle under to the capitalist class and passively accept a dark and dreary future of stagnation. Or we fight, we fight to overthrow the capitalist order and build a society in which there is neither rich nor poor, neither employer nor employee, neither unemployed nor overworked, neither exploiter nor exploited, in which all men and women would co-operate rather than compete, in which production would be for human needs and not capitalist profits - in a word, the true realisation at last of SOCIALISM.

The choice is ours, and ours alone.

The NOTTINGHAM COMMUNIST GROUP is an organisation of Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries drawn from the working class.

The NCG asserts that the only way the working class in Britain can fundamentally improve its conditions of life is by making socialist revolution. We take our stand in the one and only successful tradition of mass revolutionary thought and action led by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse-tung. (Our group consists of workers who realise that) the working class cannot radically change its situation in society by gradual parliamentary methods but only by the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist ruling class who exploit and oppress us.

ML Clarify - expand - diff. classes - proletarian

We completely reject the capitalist myth that there is a large "middle class" of white-collar workers in Britain with interests objectively different from and opposed to those of 'manual' workers. The vast majority of us, regardless of whether we work in factories, offices, shops, the public services or wherever, have in common the fact that we are exploited by the capitalist ruling class who pay us less in our wages and salaries than the value of the goods and services we produce. The NCG draws its members from and seeks to unite all sections of the working class.

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The NCG is not something separate from the working class but is an integral part of it. We do not see ourselves as grand "theorists" telling our fellow class members what to do but as organisers of our class in its struggle so that in future this struggle can be brought to a victorious conclusion.

The NOTTINGHAM COMMUNIST GROUP works towards the establishment of a truly revolutionary party which will enable workers in Britain to overthrow the present capitalist system of mass exploitation and begin the task of building a socialist society.

For over two hundred years in Britain the struggle between the working class and the capitalist class has gone on remorselessly. The interests of workers and capitalists are diametrically opposed. The capitalist class can only increase its profits by cutting back on our wages and salaries. We, the working class, can only defend and improve our living conditions by attempting to seize back the profits the capitalists make out of our labour. Our class has developed the trade unions so as to fight this class struggle. But trade unions, necessary as they are, have a purely defensive role and are not revolutionary in nature. The working class will only finally be able to get rid of its capitalist masters if it is led by a revolutionary party of its own making. Without the organisational framework provided by an authentic revolutionary party our class will not be able to make revolution. The formation of such a party is an urgent priority.

Working class power has never been achieved by gradual, peaceful means. The world-wide experience of our class shows that whenever working class parties have gained majorities in parliamentary elections they have been ruthlessly put down by force of arms. For example, in Chile. The capitalist class will wholeheartedly support social democratic regimes like labour governments in Britain because they know that they have nothing to fear from parties which pretend to represent the working class but in reality serve capitalist interests.

a long struggle

NIP

Continuation of contrasts. under socialism

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The U.S.S.R. and its East European satellites are not socialist societies. It is true that the heroic attempt of Russian workers and peasants to build the first socialist society eventually failed and that the U.S.S.R. has temporarily reverted to a form of capitalism. But we in the NCG say look at the examples of China and Albania where the people are rapidly and successfully building socialism. And they are doing so in conditions far less favourable than those which face us in Britain. Despite the running down of British industry by the capitalist class in recent years we are still the most industrialised country in the world. With our skills and with determination and organisation we could introduce socialism at unprecedented speed. Only then will we be able to abolish exploitation, poverty, unemployment, slum housing and all the other evils of capitalism.

The NOTTINGHAM COMMUNIST GROUP attacks and exposes the oppression of the working class by the capitalist class and takes an active role in the class struggle (in workplaces).

Power in society comes from ownership and control of the means of producing wealth. It is at the point of production where the working class can most effectively fight for its rights. That is why we take an active part in trade union struggles. But it is not sufficient to take a purely defensive stance. The NCG claims that the best means of defence is attack. We, the working class, must set ourselves the task of achieving final victory over our capitalist oppressors. In the long struggle ahead of us we must plan our strategy and tactics carefully. We must attack the enemy where they are weak, avoid them where they are strong, harry them when forced to retreat, press home our advantage where we score a success.

ML struggle for socialism in Britain

Fight on many fronts - RL

The NOTTINGHAM COMMUNIST GROUP asserts that the working class in Britain can only fundamentally change its condition when it has thrown off the illusions of Labour Party social democracy and embraces its true revolutionary heritage.

Many members of our class still believe that socialism can be brought about through the ballot box by electing Labour Party governments. We in the NCG say look at what Labour governments actually do to our class and not at what they say they want to do. Under recent Labour governments the gap between rich and poor has widened, unemployment has risen and the living standards of working people have fallen. It is quite clear just whose interests the Labour Party defends and advances: those of the capitalist class. Our class cannot abolish exploitation and build socialism by means of the capitalist class's parliamentary "democracy". The only road we can take is that of revolution. The capitalists will never voluntarily give up exploiting us. The only way open to us is for the working class to seize power. And in preparing for this coming revolution we look to and learn from the experiences of our fellow workers in other countries, especially China and Albania, who have successfully deposed the capitalist class and are now building socialism.

The NOTTINGHAM COMMUNIST GROUP is aware that workers in Britain will only be able to make revolution when more of us take an active and leading role in the struggle against capitalism.

to build a new movement & party.

ML
Worse than Tories

Modify - solidarity with anti-imperialist struggle

to build a new

② Caps. divide & rule - we must stand together against their united front

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You probably agree with a lot of the things we say. No doubt you hate exploitation and unemployment as much as we do. You may well agree that it is the capitalist system which is the cause of these evils. But you also probably think that no real changes, revolutionary changes, can be brought about in Britain. And in a way you could be right for as long as you, and others who think like you, just stand back from the class struggle and take what comes nothing will change, except for the worse. So it's up to you. Get involved in determining the destiny of yourself and your class. Don't let the capitalists run your life for their benefit. Fight back! A century ago Friedrich Engels said: "There is no power in the world which could for a day resist the British working class organised as a body". His words are even more true today than they were then. And you, if you join in the struggle with us have the power to turn these words into a living reality.

The revolution begins here, and now, with YOU!

PREPARE FOR REVOLUTION! *Organise for rev.*

SMASH CAPITALISM AND BUILD SOCIALISM! *Build the rev. party & smash capitalism.*

If you agree with what we say here then you should get in touch with us for further information. You can do this by filling in the form below and sending it to us at the address given.

To: NCG, c/o Flat 2, 10 Villa Road, Nottingham NG3 4GG

I would like to find out more about the Nottingham Communist Group.

NAME
ADDRESS
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Know thy enemy.

**He does not care what colour you are
provided you work for him;**

**he does not care how much you earn
provided you earn more for him;**

**he does not care who lives in the room at the top
provided he owns the building;**

**he will let you say whatever you like against him
provided you do not act against him;**

he sings the praises of humanity

but knows machines cost more than men;

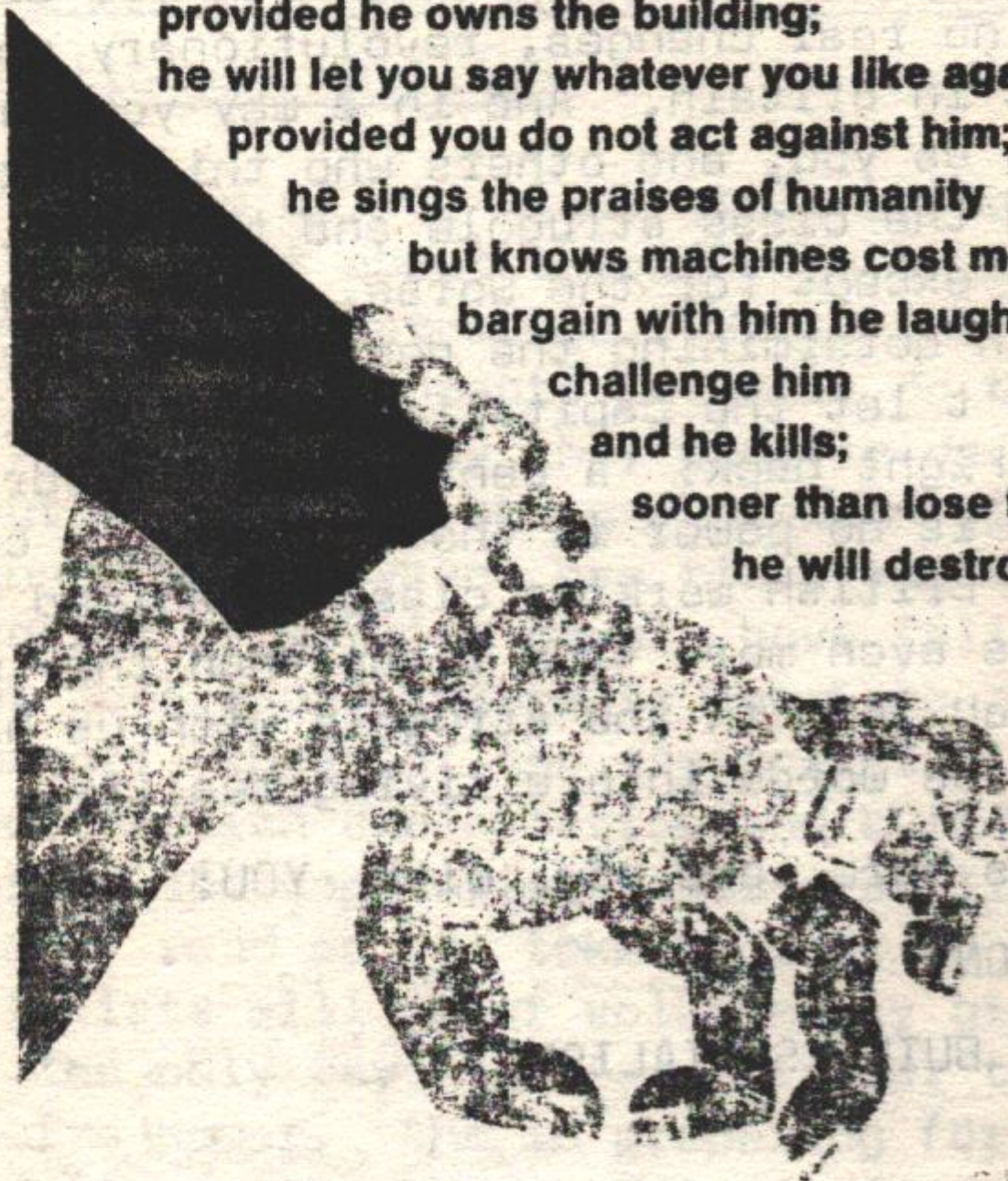
bargain with him he laughs and beats you at it;

challenge him

and he kills;

sooner than lose the things he owns

he will destroy the world.



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