

# THE LABOUR-TORY-LIBERAL ANTI-PEOPLE ALLIANCE MUST BE SMASHED — THE VOP POLICY FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

The current Lib-Lab Westminster alliance is now the parliamentary base for Labour's crisis poverty programme. But behind this temporary pact lies an alliance between the three main political parties of capitalism — Labour, Tory and Liberal.

The political agreement, that Labour must for the time being remain in the driving seat of capitalist policies, is a cynical tribute to the role that Labour has played over the years in deceiving the genuine aspirations of millions of people for a decent existence and a socialist future for themselves and their children. It is also a bitter reflection on the activity of those self-styled revolutionary socialists — notably the revisionist "Communist" Party of Great Britain, complemented by the main Trotskyite organisations (the International Marxist Group, the International Socialists — now the Socialist Workers' Party — and the Socialist Labour League, now the Workers' Revolutionary Party), plus a host of other "leftist" factions clinging onto the skirts of the Labour Party. For years these opportunists have fought to preserve the

credibility of Labour and the notion that it might implement socialist policies. In successive elections they have urged workers to vote Labour in opposition to Tory, when in practice the basic policies of both these parties have been the same in periods of capitalist boom and today of capitalist crisis.

## Talk

There has been a great deal of talk recently about the need for a National Government. In fact a National Government in practice already exists. The alliance of Tory, Liberal and Labour can no longer be concealed by the fraudulent parliamentary show-downs and 'cliff-hanger' votes at Westminster. These manoeuvrings are no more than a device to protect the image of democracy with which Westminster coats itself like some stale icing. This form of National Government in no way serves the interests of the people of

this country. It serves only the ambitions of the millionaire monopoly capitalist class to impose its solutions to the crisis that their system has brought about, nationally and internationally.

The development of this parliamentary dictatorship is coupled, outside Westminster, with the tightening of state control over every sphere of the economic and political life of this country, via the open collaboration of trade union bureaucracies with the government agencies and bosses organisations (such as the CBI). It is accompanied by the persistent by-passing of parliamentary discussion of important economic, social and political measures. It is also to be linked to the rise of neo-fascist, neo-Nazi organisations, like the National Front, Civil Assistance etc etc as yet outside of Parliament, part of whose support stems from disillusion with the established capitalist parties' monopoly of power.

## Fascism

These developments



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Blueprints, such as the above one, aimed at solving capitalism's economic crisis are always against the interest of working class people

could herald the coming of fascism to Britain. As yet, the precise form in which fascism will present the greatest menace to the working people of this country is not clear, nor is it understood. In essence, however, what we have to fear in this eventuality, is the

unrestricted terroristic dictatorship of the most powerful and reactionary sections of the capitalist class in Britain. The tightening of parliamentary dictatorship is part of a step by step, all-sided development in the direction of fascism.

If the immediate plans to retain Labour in power are thwarted by some parliamentary mishap, or incompetence or mini-crisis, or the personal ego and ambitions of individuals at Westminster, then we can expect once again that the bourgeois opportunists surrounding the Labour party will once again try to promote these careerist hacks for the purposes of yet again electing them to office. The "Voice of the People" has a policy to put before the working people of this country concerning the nature of elections as we know them. This is set out below. Our eleven point statement shows that whether Labour, Liberal, Tory or National Front, the policies

are capitalist policies opposed to the interests of working people, and that that five year electoral sham is the means whereby we are robbed of our freedom to determine our own and our kids' future. There is only one avenue to reverse the rule of capital — that of organising to smash capitalism, and its state power, and to bring about a genuine socialist society where those who do the work have political power to work out their own future.

## Eleven Concrete Reasons For Supporting this "VOP" Policy

1. For Millions of working class families existence in capitalist Britain amounts to a life sentence where poverty is rarely more than one wage packet away — if you have a job. Some workers earn more than others but all are exploited.
2. The Tory, Labour and Liberal parties are in essence all the same, because each plays the capitalist game.
3. A General Election is a competition between the Tory, Labour and Liberal parties, to manage the affairs of the ruling capitalist class, and its exploitation of working people and the poorer sections of the middle class.
4. Whichever of these parties wins a General Election, the working class loses. Whichever of the present parties is in government, capitalism remains in power.
5. The so-called "national interest" is really the class interest of the capitalist bosses. Capitalist "law and order" is the slogan of the rich.
6. Minor reforms here and there are no real solution. The few extra crumbs now and then forced from the ruling class still leaves the class in power to carry on its exploitation of working labour power.
7. There is not one single



The deception of capitalist politicians, such as the Labourite Shirley Williams, leaves workers cold — only when they

build a new political party that really represents them will they make progress in the class struggle.

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example currently or historically of the transition from capitalism to socialism being made in any way other than by a Workers' Socialist Revolution.

8. The ruling class of bosses, millionaire industrialists, financiers, bankers, stock-exchange gamblers, property speculators and land owners, commerce and trade monopolists, and other exploiters, will never

give up peacefully or voluntarily their profits paradise. Their parliamentary circus, their army, police force, courts, laws, and prison system all exist to protect their state political power and privilege.

9. The capitalist system is in deep crisis and the ruling class of employers is currently creating the conditions for a fascist, boss-dominated, corporate state. Either a socialist revolution

will smash capitalism and its birth-child of growing fascism, or fascism will rise to power in Britain only to be overthrown later by revolution, after it has taken its terrible toll against the working class and other progressive people.

10. So that a socialist revolution can be made in Britain there must be built a genuine revolutionary party of the working class and all who are prepared to active-

ly join the struggle for a socialist society where those who do the work have political power.

11. Therefore, the task now in capitalist Britain is not to change the Camp Commandant, but to organise now to break down the prison that is capitalism, destroy that unjust system forever and replace it with the real freedom and democracy of a socialist workers' state.

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