

PEACE AND WAR:

Central Committee statement.

As the world crisis of capitalism deepens and accelerates, so does the danger of a capitalist world war. Because this is so, it is important to be communist not pacifist.

Thatcher poses as an 'Iron Lady' and exhorts Carter to dump his missiles here since Europe is rightly chary. Note that there have now been three false alarms of nuclear attack from USSR due to 'computer error' in the U.S.A. We communists must beware of the 'hate USSR' campaign ceaselessly waged in Britain, as evinced over Afganistan and the Olympics. So we do not succumb to war indoctrination. But neither are we to be diverted into a CND series of 'Demos', which seeks to deal piecemeal with the dangers of war, does not deal with the problem endemic, and takes on a pacifist stance.

It is right to campaign against increasing of missiles from the USA in one part of Britain, but it is not a question of 'somewhere else'. There should be no missiles here in Britain from the USA or any other country. There should be no NATO, or foreign forces here, USA or others. This was always so.

To react in fit and start as they put more missiles here inevitably will degenerate into pacifist gestures, which will be and always have been ineffectual.

For a communist the first question is: Where is the war? The war is here in Britain. The war is waged on the British working class by capitalism. We the communists to achieve peace, to prevent world war three, must make war on capitalism here in Britain. Make war on the warmongers- Thatcher, the Tories and all their ilk.

This is not, as has been suggested, a question of supporting the Russians. Analyse the theme, thought and utterances made in the hymn of hate about Russia; equate these statements with the utterances from the same mouths about workers and trade unions. It is the same hymn of hate.

Comrades, the war is here. No missiles! No Yanks!
No Thatcher! No capitalism!

Socialism! That is the war to wage with vigour,
conviction, courage, clarity, and not passively.

Then there can be no Third World War.