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MAY DAY is the time for the workers of Britain to take stock. They have a glorious history of militancy in struggle going right back to the earliest days of capitalist oppression and exploitation.

How then is it possible for the Wilson Government, acting on behalf of their monopoly-capitalist imperialist masters, even to think that they can shackle the workers of Britain with punitive legislation? How can the leaders of the Labour and Tory parties, both serving the interests of the boss class, suppose for a moment that the workers of Britain can be split along chauvinist or racialist lines?

The answer is that British workers have never been led by a vanguard workers' party with a revolutionary perspective. The will to struggle was there; the leadership was missing.

The Labour Party was reformist from its inception and always influenced by bourgeois ideas. The so-called 'Communist' Party of Great Britain pretended to be an alternative with its talk of revolution, talk which it has long since abandoned.

Today the Soviet revisionist leadership has betrayed the October Revolution and restored capitalism. In collusion with U.S. imperialism it has become the enemy of the world's people, betraying their anti-imperialist struggles in Vietnam, in the Middle-East and any place else where it can still trade on the popular respect won by Lenin and Stalin. It has imposed military occupation on Czechoslovakia to keep that country firmly within its own economic empire. And now, as part of its bargain with the U.S. for world hegemony, it dares attack the Peoples' Republic of China—the main bastion of socialism and anti-imperialist resistance.

In Western Europe there is a new upsurge of working class militancy, challenging the monopoly-capitalists who are already under attack by the liberation fighters in the colonial and semi-colonial territories. The revisionist 'communist' parties, taking their lead from Moscow, play the same treacherous game of pretending to lead the working class in order to betray it. The French 'Communist' Party working through the revisionist-led General Federation of Workers sold out the May-June struggle of workers and students last year and was openly hailed as the main bulwark of the bourgeois state.

Revisionism cannot be regarded by workers as a lesser danger than the imperialist class enemy. It works hand in glove with the class enemy—just as the Soviet revisionist leadership is hand in glove with U.S. imperialism.

It would be a grave political blunder to underestimate the damage done by the so-called 'Communist' Party of Great Britain simply because of its small size and lack of any wide influence. The working class cadres it has attracted over the years in order to mislead, thwart and disillusion them are the very forces from which a truly proletarian revolutionary Marxist-Leninist party could have been formed long ago.

On this May Day, 1969, revisionism stands exposed in its true character as never before. The militant workers of Britain have as their model today the workers of China who, under Mao Tse-tung's leadership, have re-invigorated the Communist Party of China and are taking the lead in every field—cultural and educational as well as agricultural and industrial. They have the example of the Party of Labour of Albania which has demonstrated that even a small country with the right Marxist-Leninist leadership can develop socialism in self-reliance. They are encouraged by their working class brothers in the three Continents who have dared defy imperialism.

Surely they will rally around the revolutionary banner of Marxism-Leninism to realise the promise of early struggles and carry class conflict through to the end.

KEEP BRITISH TROOPS OUT OF IRELAND NO BLACK AND TANS IN 1969



In Battle kit, rifle carrying troops of the 2nd Battalion Queen's Regiment sprint from a barrack block at Palace Barracks, Holywood, near Belfast, to board waiting trucks. They were leaving for guard duty at an undisclosed destination.

ULSTER'S FIGHT — THE NEXT STAGE

WITH the elections in Ulster over, a new stage has been reached with the acceptance by all progressive sections that the formation of a Citizens Army to defend and protect the people of Ulster is now an immediate priority. If the quislings and the lackeys of British imperialism are to be prevented from crucifying the people of Ulster yet again.

This realisation has come remarkably swiftly when one considers it is only a matter of weeks ago that leaders of the Civil Rights movement were saying that the changes they sought could be achieved by peaceful methods. What has brought about this political awakening? Could it be that having got two Civil Rights people elected to Stormont Parliament they have realised that being elected to the seats of power is no guarantee against physical attack? Miss Bernadette Devlin, just elected an MP to Westminster, was one who in Derry earlier this year said, "... no cause is worth the loss of one life ..." but within hours of her election she was urging demonstrators to build barricades to defend themselves from the savage attacks of the police.

The battles that have taken place in the streets of Ulster since her election are significant on two points: first, many of them have been spontaneous demonstrations against savage police attacks; second, the police have been beaten back into their barracks for the first time. Three mobile police riot squads from Belfast, for instance, had high casualties. Only three out of twentyseven from Glenravel Street Barracks were fit for duty and only five out of twentyseven from the Castlereagh squad. From Musgrave Street of 28 men in three riot vehicles only 8 were fit for duty. This explains why when 4000 people evacuated the Bogside area of Derry and gave the police two hours to get out of the area or they would return and drive them out by force, the police slunk away.

To offset this the Stormont Government decided to call up more B-Specials. To release still more men they called upon the British Army to take over the guarding of essential installations.

The direct involvement of British troops means that sooner or later they will be used

against demonstrators as they have been used in every other country they have occupied. To withstand these attacks it is now urgent that a Citizen Army should be brought into existence as soon as possible. It would not be the first time that this has happened in Ireland. James Connolly, who realised that unless workers were armed both to defend themselves and to attack the forces of imperialism, formed the Irish Citizen Army which played such a valiant role in the Easter Rising of 1916.

In the 1930s Northern Ireland had a series of pogroms when the most bigoted and sectarian sections of the Protestant population attacked the nationalist ghettos with bombs and bullets. A Catholic Defence Force was created which usually consisted of 3 or 4 CDF men with a member of the IRA operating in patrols to beat off these attacks. The nationalist population was thus saved from annihilation until the British Army was forced to step in and declare martial law. The gallant role of the IRA has never been fully realised except by those directly involved. And now, in 1969, they have stated that if the people of Northern Ireland come under attack they will take the field in their defence.

It is essential that a campaign be launched to mobilise the workers of Britain against the use in Ireland of British troops. Pressure must be put on the social democrat Harold Wilson to withdraw all troops from the Tory-fascist state of Northern Ireland. Workers of Britain must use all available means to make it impossible for any British troops to be used in Ulster against Irish workers and peasants.

The fight is now on to free Ireland once and for all and to get rid of British imperialism. But to do this demands for reform must be discarded and replaced by revolutionary demands. With the formation of a Citizens Army there must also be the formation of a Marxist-Leninist Party.

The people of Northern Ireland can rest assured of the support of the CPB(M-L) and of Marxist-Leninist Parties throughout the world in their fight to smash capitalism in Ireland—North and South.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN (MARXIST-LENINIST)
SENDS MAY DAY GREETINGS TO THE WORKERS OF
BRITAIN AND MOST ESPECIALLY TO ALL WORKERS IN
STRUGGLE. MAY YOUR IMMEDIATE VICTORIES BRING
CLOSER THE FINAL EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKING
CLASS!

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LABOUR
GOVT
WORKERS'
ENEMY

THE Labour Government, the labour lieutenants of capital, have decided to introduce legislation against the Trade Unions without further delay.

The way this was announced by Jenkins in his budget speech adds to the infamy. By linking this announcement with more tax burdens which must all fall on the backs of the workers, he charges the workers with the guilt for the present economic mess. The workers are the victims, not the guilty; and the resistance of the workers to Labour schemes to pile ever increasing burdens on their backs is now to be countered by laws to restrict workers' resistance to attack.

Like the confidence tricksters they are the Government try to sell their villainy as virtue. Castle protests that the Bill is aimed at strengthening the unions and not weakening them. Wilson protests that the Bill is to "bring the right to work". Castle's claims are echoed by others who say that there are some good things for the Unions in the White Paper. Let's get it clear. There is nothing in the White Paper or the Bill that can help workers. It is all bad.

But what about the legal right to Trade Union recognition? This is for the birds! Every active Trade Unionist knows from experience of struggles for recognition that recognition means nothing in itself. It is only part of the struggle with the employers. If any body of workers has not the strength to enforce recognition, it has not the strength to win anything else. It is a means to an end not an end in itself. In any case recognition of a Trade Union emasculated by legal sanctions is a doubtful advantage.

The right to work

Wilson's protestations about the right to work are as hollow as the "pound in your pocket". While factories are closing down nineteen to the dozen with the blessing of the Labour Government, he should talk about the right to work.

Of course the "unofficial strike" bogey is played up. Unofficial strikes now are the cause of all our troubles! The Seamen's strike and the Ford strike were official; but no strikes were condemned by Wilson with such venom.

The very title of the White Paper is a dead giveaway — "In Place of Strife". What have workers ever gained without strife? When the Engineers last held a ballot on strike action to enforce a wages and hours demand they opted for peace, not strife, and what did they get? — the 1964 Package Deal. They got as part of this deal a lousy 5/- a week rise which the Government pinched and handed back to the employers. This money is lost to the workers for ever, while the employers are becoming like banks, gorged with undistributed dividends, waiting for the OK from this or another government to use them as they choose.

The plight of the working class is not due to too much strife. Quite the reverse. Apologists for strikes compare the number of days lost in strikes to the days lost due to industrial injuries, sickness, unemployment etc.,. We make no apology for strikes. On the contrary, if there has been too much strife why are we so poor? Why are we so tax-burdened? Why are women workers still not getting equal pay? Why do

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Delegates from all over China enter the meeting hall of the Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party

NINTH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

Spring 1956: the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Spring 1969: the 9th Congress of the Communist Party of China. Within those thirteen years are encompassed an entire epoch in the history of the international communist movement.

The 20th Party Congress revealed for the first time the treachery of Khrushchev and his partners. His attempts to slander the role of Stalin, the great leader of the world's first socialist state for more than two decades, were the first glimpse the outside world had of the great betrayal of the Bolshevik Revolution that we have since been witnessing. The right opportunism of Bernstein and Kautsky, like the left opportunism of Trotsky, caused a great deal of perverted thinking on the part of those professing to be upholders of scientific socialism - Marxism-Leninism. But, since none of these had the control of state power, the damage inflicted by their anti-Marxism could not equal that produced by the new revisionists who have usurped power in the Soviet Union. Khrushchev and, now, the Brezhnev-Kosygin clique, are rulers of a mighty state where, thanks to the great Bolshevik Revolution and the work of Lenin and Stalin and the heroism of the Soviet masses, there was established the first dictatorship of the proletariat. However, these traitors have deliberately and systematically overturned the socialist base and restored capitalism inside the Soviet Union. They have, since 1959, embarked on an increasingly naked policy of collusion with US imperialism, because in order to develop capitalism inside the Soviet Union it is vital to have an empire. The new Tsars of the Kremlin are new imperialists exploiting East Europe and reducing Czechoslovakia to the status of an outright colony through military occupation. Their revisionist ideology, peddled through their puppets inside and outside phoney "communist" parties, has tried to sabotage all revolutionary struggles waged by peoples in capitalist and colonial countries. Through their nuclear monopoly they have joined forces with US imperialism to blackmail the peoples of the world.

However, in all their treachery and wholesale betrayal of the peoples of the Soviet Union and the world, they have been resolutely opposed by the Communist Party of China, under the leadership of Mao Tsetung whose development of Marxism-Leninism

has become the strongest weapon of revolution for all of us. Ever since 1962 and 1963 when the polemics against Soviet revisionism were launched by the CPC the Chinese Party has become the bastion for all revolutionary parties and movements throughout the world. At a time when revisionisms would have engulfed the world movement they, together with the Albanian Party of Labour, stood solid for the correct revolutionary line of Marxism-Leninism. Ever since 1949 when the Chinese people established the dictatorship of the proletariat, the Chinese revolution has proceeded from strength to strength not only in material advancement but in proletarian internationalism and revolutionary fervour.

Menace of revisionism

However, in the midst of the tremendous victories being scored by socialism was the menace of revisionism. The Chinese Party had its own Khrushchev - Liu Shao-chi and his clique, men and women who had wormed their way inside the Party organisation, and their allies in the remnants of the old reactionary class as well as in new petty-bourgeois elements. That the revisionists in China did not manage to usurp state power was due to the vigilance of the Chinese Party under the leadership of Mao Tsetung. It was Mao's masterful understanding of continuing the "revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat through the correct handling of contradictions and through the mobilisation of the masses that culminated in the unfolding of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. This tremendous revolution unleashed the power of the people - the workers and the poorest sections of the peasantry, so that they could expose and repudiate the revisionists in their midst as well as the entire revisionist group headed by Liu. When Mao gave the call, Bombard the Headquarters, it was to mobilise the ordinary men and women as well as young people to undertake the big task of consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat.

For more than two years a tremendous struggle was launched throughout the 29 provinces of China (excluding Taiwan) and involving hundreds of millions of peoples. Not a single field of activity was left untouched in the repudiation of revisionist tendencies and policies: agriculture, industry, art and literature; education and

the sciences as well as the very style of living. In all these spheres the two lines: the proletarian-revolutionary and the bourgeois-counter-revolutionary were exposed by the masses, guided by the teachings of Chairman Mao. Sharp and bitter struggles developed in the course of which the correct line was fought for and established not from on high but from below, by the people, by the Red Guards, by revolutionary committees.

It was in October of last year that the 12th Plenary Session of the Central Committee of the Chinese Party felt that "through the storms of the great proletarian cultural revolution, ample ideological, political and organisational conditions have been prepared for convening the Ninth National Congress of the Party." The question of whether the leadership of the Party would be in the hands of Marxists or anti-Marxists had been decided. The working class had begun to exercise its leadership in everything: government departments, schools, colleges, factories, communes etc.

Party re-invigorated

The Party organisation was re-invigorated. Mao's directive that the Party should be composed "of the advanced elements of the proletariat" and that "stale elements" should be replaced by fresh ones has been truly implemented. When on April 1, 1969, the Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China was opened in Peking, out of the total of 4,512 delegates were many veterans of the Revolution, many leaders of the Peoples Liberation Army and Party but, more significantly, for the first time there were a great many delegates from among "industrial workers in factories, mines and other enterprises and from among the poor and lower-middle peasants in people's communes." women, who were illiterate till very recently but whose revolutionary zeal is very sharp, and young people for whom this is their very first Congress are also well represented at this Ninth Congress.

The actual speeches and documents of the Congress have not yet been released. But the reason for the great enthusiasm shown by revolutionary peoples, throughout the world in the convening of the Ninth Congress, is because it comes after the defeat of revisionism inside China and after the dastardly attack on China by the Soviet revisionists whose imperialist designs are by now crystal clear. China's revolutionary road, the leadership of Mao Tsetung, are dangerous for the plans of world domination of US and Soviet imperialism. They plot and scheme using all kinds of stratagems. But the seven hundred million people of China are well aware of their intentions. The Ninth Congress is a historic landmark for the entire world communist movement and for all those fighting for freedom from the oppressive imperialist system. From all five continents people are sending their greetings to the Ninth Congress. We, in Britain, join the mighty chorus. "Long Live the Ninth National Congress of the Great Communist Party of China!" "Long Live Comrade Mao Tsetung!" "Long Live Marxism-Leninism!"

Soviet Ships help U.S.

WERE you shocked to read a couple of months ago that the Soviet Union was flirting with Chiang Kai-shek in Taiwan and that only last month Soviet troops attacked Chinese territory - Chenpao Island? Well prepare yourselves for another shocking story of the depths to which the Soviet traitors have sunk. It was reported on April 15 that North Korea had shot down a US spy plane which had violated its airspace. It is a well known fact that the US has not been able to accept its defeat at the hands of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Chinese volunteers who came to help their Korean brothers. Ever since 1953 when the armistice was signed US planes and ships have tried to intrude into North Korea for espionage and sabotage. Only last year the Koreans captured the US spy ship - Pueblo. This time they were successful in destroying a reconnaissance plane of the US airforce. One would have supposed this would give joy and comfort to all those who are fighting US imperialism. But not to the renegades who have usurped power in Russia. Although they talk at great length, and their stooges in revisionist parties repeat the same talk that they Soviet Union is a friend of all those fighting US imperialism they act quite differently. One knows all kinds of ways in which the Soviet revisionist clique has betrayed national liberation struggles over the last few years but nothing has been quite as naked as what took place in the Sea of Japan on April 16. The US appealed to the Soviet Union for help in locating the wreckage of the plane and the Soviet Union complied. Ships of the Soviet Union in the area helped US aircraft to locate and pick up pieces of the missing aircraft. The joint search by US and Soviet ships for a US spy plane which had been conducting espionage against a socialist republic has been called "unprecedented" by most western correspondents. We could perhaps use some other word to describe such an act by a country that is still called "socialist" by some.

We reproduce below part of an account of the joint search as given by the New York Times.

"Soviet destroyer 429, red banner, Pacific fleet, sends condolences in connection with the loss of your aircraft."

In heavily accented but distinct English, the message crackled through from a warship flying the hammer and sickle to an American C-130 Hercules circling overhead.

The message was repeated several times, as the Soviet destroyer steamed down the Sea of Japan some 150 miles from its home port of Vladivostok toward a rendezvous with a US destroyer, the Henry Tucker.

Thus closed an extraordinary three days of Soviet-American cooperation in searching for the remains of the EC-121 electronic surveillance plane shot down last Tuesday by the North Koreans with 31 men aboard.

Revisionism is one form of bourgeois ideology. The revisionists deny the differences between socialism and capitalism, between the dictatorship of the proletariat and the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. What they advocate is in fact not the socialist line but the capitalist line. In present circumstances, revisionism is more pernicious than dogmatism. One of our current important tasks on the ideological front is to unfold criticism of revisionism.

— MAO TSETUNG

TWO industrial comrades of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) have been invited by the Albanian Party of Labour and the Albanian Trade Unions to attend the May Day celebrations in Albania. They take with them warm fraternal greetings from their comrades here.



Mao Tsetung and Lin Biao

MAY DAY

A BRIEF HISTORY

"WE must strive to unite all those who can be united. The proletariat must emancipate not only itself but also mankind as a whole. Without emancipating mankind as a whole, the proletariat cannot achieve final emancipation." - Mao Tse-tung.

All over the world workers will be celebrating May Day by marching in the name of international working class solidarity. To understand the international character of this day it is necessary to review briefly its history as a proletarian celebration. In many countries, including Britain, the leadership of the labour movement has been usurped by social democratic reformists like the Labour Party or by revisionist "communist" parties like the CPGB, neither serving the real revolutionary interests of the working class which they have betrayed. But the workers themselves cannot but remember as they march that they are in step with their proletarian brothers throughout the world. They will surely respond to a Marxist-Leninist leadership which has no other interests but those of the working class.

On May 1st, 1886, strikers from the McCormack Reaper Works in Chicago were brutally attacked by the police. In the ensuing struggle, 10 workers and seven police were killed. Four of the workers' leaders were later arrested and hanged.

July 4th, 1889, is an important date in the history of May Day. It was on this day that the International Association of Working Men met in Paris and adopted the following resolution:

"Congress decides to organise a great international demonstration so that in all countries and all cities on one appointed day, the toiling masses shall demand of the State Authorities the legal reduction of the working day to eight hours."

May 1st was the day chosen in honour of the American workers' struggle.

In 1890, the first organised May Day marches took place in Paris, Berlin and Chicago, as well as in other cities. The demonstration in London was held on May 4th in Hyde Park. A massive turnout was recorded with all sections of the working class represented.

Three years later, the International, in keeping with the rising tide of revolutionary feeling, passed a resolution calling on all workers to celebrate May 1st not only in connection with the eight hour day campaign but also as an expression of determination to change the old order of things.

The 1890's saw the Russian workers rising and beginning to assert themselves. All forms of working class activity and organisation were illegal; but in spite of killings, tortures and deportations by the Tsarist police, workers were becoming organised, and often expressed their solidarity in massive May Day marches in the principal cities.

May Day in Britain

London's May Day celebration in 1900 took place at the Crystal Palace, and speeches denouncing the imperialist aims of the British Government in South Africa were in stark contrast to the Boer War jingoism of the time.

The twentieth century came in on the tide of working class activity throughout the world. In 1905 the Russian workers, with the aid of sections of the Tsarist navy, who mutinied, attempted to overthrow the reactionary regime and transfer power into their own hands. The attempt failed but the lessons paved the way for future success.

With the First World War of the imperialist powers came the world-shattering breakthrough of the great October Russian Revolution of 1917. Throughout the period of the war the Clydeside workers had struggled against the imperialist war and the attack on their living standards. The first Sunday in May, 1917, saw a big demonstration in Glasgow. Between 70-80,000 people marched to Glasgow Green where they passed resolutions expressing solidarity with the Soviet Workers', Peasants' and Soldiers' Committees, which were to lead

the people of the Soviet Union to power later that same year.

By 1920, the rallying call was "Hands Off Russia". The May Day demonstrations in London not only included a thousand strong contingent of ex-servicemen but also sacked members of the Metropolitan Police who had been on strike for better wages and conditions!

On the first Sunday in May, 1926, at the very time the demonstrations were being held, the TUC Executive was meeting in Kingsway Hall to discuss the General Strike which began at midnight.

The first great hunger march was in 1930. On May 1st, a thousand marchers representing the unemployed in various parts of the country arrived in London. They marched to Fulham Work House where they were refused entry by a large force of police. The whole of the London May Day gathering of workers then marched to the Work House in support. In the face of this show of strength, the hunger marchers were allowed in, and promptly hoisted the red flag over the building.

The 1930's witnessed the rise of fascism and the struggle against Franco in Spain. The main theme of the 1937 May Day march in London was support for the Spanish Republicans and the International Brigade.

In 1945, the fascist axis powers were defeated. The Labour Party refused to participate in the traditional May Day celebration because Julie Jacobs, Secretary of the London Trades Council and a member of the CPGB, was to be one of the speakers. This was the beginning of separate May Day marches by 'Labour' and 'Communist' parties, which was also to become traditional.

Oswald Mosley, the British fascist who had been in prison during the war, announced his intention of marching on May Day, 1949. The Labour Government was forced by public protest to ban the march. They then banned the May Day march of the labour movement as well! Workers needed no urging from the CPGB to march to Trafalgar Square for the usual rally. Thousands of demonstrators converged on the Square, in spite of mounted police charges and dozens of arrests. The following year, when the Government again banned the march, workers demonstrated with the same militancy.

The perspective today

In a Chinese "People's Daily" editorial honouring May Day, the revolutionary role of the working class is described as follows:

"The proletariat is the most progressive and the most severely oppressed class in world history. Its historic task is most definitely not to strive only for its own emancipation, but to strive for the thorough emancipation of the people of the world from the oppression of the exploiting classes, from the mental bonds which the exploiting classes have imposed on them for thousands of years. While transforming the objective world, the proletariat should constantly transform its own subjective world. Only by so doing will the proletariat finally be able to emancipate itself..."

"We are now in a great new era of world revolution. At present the situation is excellent in the struggle waged by the revolutionary people of the world against imperialism, modern revisionism and the reactionaries of all countries. China's great proletarian cultural revolution, the Vietnamese people's war of resistance against US aggression and for national liberation, the revolutionary storms in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the revolutionary struggles of the people in different countries, including the popular upsurge in Western Europe and North America are dealing fatal blows to the entire old world. Imperialism headed by the US, modern revisionism with the Soviet revisionist leading clique as its centre and all other pests have already created their own grave-diggers. The day when they will be completely buried is not far off." This is the perspective of the workers of the world as they celebrate May Day, 1969.

THE DEMOCRATIC MYTH

"OUR democratic traditions." How many times have we had this phrase forced down our throats by capitalist politicians! A magic phrase which unfolds a rosy panorama before our eyes, of peasant and lord, worker and employer, clasping hands in a man to man bargain, down through the ages. Nothing could be further from the truth. The ruling class has used whatever devices it required to keep itself in power. From torture and murder down to so-called "democracy". That the British people are incapable of revolutionary struggle is also a fallacy.

Folk Tradition

Folk tradition tells us of the struggle and ideas of our ancestors; such as the ancient rhyme: "When Adam delved And Eve span Who was then the gentleman?"

Or the song from the time of the Peasant's revolt, "The Cutty Wren", That was a call to the peasants to divide up the "cutty wren" or landowner, amongst the poor. It was John Ball, the preacher, who said, "Things cannot go well in England, nor ever will, until everything shall be in common." 1381 was the Peasant's revolt, when serfs from all over Eastern England marched on London and were allowed in through the gates by the Journeymen and apprentices of London.



There are innumerable examples in our history where the masses have taken up arms, either to defend their standards, or to try to overthrow the system. On the face of it the ruling class have successfully quelled these attempts up to the present.

But let us remember a verse from the "Death Song", written to commemorate the death of Alfred Linnell, killed by the police in Trafalgar Square 1887: "Here lies the sign that we shall break our prison; 'Amidst the storm he won a prisoner's rest; 'But on the cloudy dawn the sun arisen 'Brings us our day of work to win the best. 'Not one, not one, nor thousands must they slay, 'But one and all, if they would dusk the day'".

By the Common Law of House of Correction, and THRU... CALENDAR MONY...
CONVICTED OF FELONY,
And Transported for SEVEN YEARS
 C. B. WOLLASTON, JAMES FRAWPTON, WILLIAM ENGLAND, THOS. DABE, JNO. MORTON COLSON.
 HENRY FRAMPTON, RICHD. TUCKER STEWART, WILLIAM R. CHURCHILL, AUGUSTUS FOSTER.
 COUNTY OF DORSET, Dorchester Division, February 29th, 1861.

Public Notice of Conviction of Tolpuddle Martyrs

Watt Tyler, the serfs' leader, was murdered by a king's man (it is also said, by the Lord Mayor of London) while under a flag of truce. There followed the bloody suppression of the serfs. As long as there was feudalism there were small uprisings.

Civil War

During the Civil War it was not Cromwell, but the broad masses, who served in the New Model Army and supported Parliament, that smashed the forces of feudalism. Towards the end of the Civil War peasants in the West of England formed armed Defence Forces in order to protect their families against both sides... They were called "clubmen". They joined the Parliamentary forces in the final phase of the Civil War. The bourgeois revolution unchained the masses. Needless to say they were not happy to have the chains put back on by Cromwell's Regiments of the Army mutinied in favour of a 'Leveller' Commonwealth (Democratic). The leaders were court-martialed and shot.

In the following century capitalism became a fact. In order to counteract the consequences of bringing thousands of people together in industry, the Combination Acts of 1799 and 1800 were passed, banning Trade Unions. The yeomanry, (reliable terrorists from the upper class) was formed to keep the restless workers in check. This was the machine breaking period. Breaking machinery carried the death penalty.

Suppression

An early example of the ugly face of capitalism was the Peterloo massacre. In 1819 a peaceful crowd of 80,000, listening to speeches in St Peter's Fields, Manchester, were suddenly attacked by the mounted yeomanry, with sabres. Eleven people were killed and four hundred wounded.

This period, right up to the 1830's, saw many revolts in the countryside, mainly due to wage reductions. Hundreds were transported and dozens hanged. In 1834 the Tolpuddle Martyrs were transported to Australia for forming a Trade Union.

The ruling class have kept power through brutality and cunning. Spies, for instance, are not a new thing. The ruling class has employed spies and agents provocateurs in the Labour Movement for the last 150 years.

We do not have to look too far into the past either to find manifestations of open capitalist suppression. There is the example of the South Wales miners strike in 1912, with machine guns set up at pit heads. And the 1916 Easter Uprising in Ireland that was brutally put down and the leaders, including the great working class leader, James Connolly, executed. Then there was the intervention of the military in 1919 against the Clyde workers who were on strike. And of course the General Strike. And at this very moment we have the penal clauses in the Government's White Paper "In Place of Strife".

THE WORKER READERS' DISCUSSION MEETING

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"COMMUNIST INTERNATIONALE"

Arise, ye starvings, from your slumbers!
 Arise, ye criminals of want!
 For reason in revolt now thunders
 And at last ends the age of cant.
 Now away with all your superstitions,
 Servile masses, arise, arise!
 We'll change forthwith the old conditions
 And spurn the dust to win the prize!

CHORUS

Then Comrades, come rally!
 And the last fight let us face.
 The Internationale unites the human race!
 Then Comrades come rally!
 And the last fight let us face!
 The Internationale unites the human race!

We peasants, artisans and others,
 Enrolled among the sons of toil,
 Let's claim the earth once more for
 brothers,
 Drive the indolent from the soil.
 On our flesh too long has fed the raven,
 We've too long been the culture's prey;
 But now farewell the spirit craven,
 The dawn brings in a brighter day!

CHORUS

On this May Day the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) sends its warmest revolutionary greetings to fellow-workers fighting to overthrow imperialism and its puppets. To those who share with us the same class enemy - British imperialism in collaboration with US imperialism - we send our special greetings, the freedom fighters of:

- ANSUILLA AND THE CARRIBEAN
- BURMA
- INDIA
- MALAYA
- PAKISTAN
- MONG KONG
- IRELAND
- PALESTINE
- ZIMBABWE

BATTIPAGLIA - THE WAY TO FIGHT CLOSURES

TYPICAL of the almost semi-colonial economy that characterises so much of southern Italy, the small country town of Battipaglia, near Salerno, has some 3,000 out of its total population of 26,000 employed. A few small industries were established after the war, but in competition with the big monopolies, these have been a failure. The growth of monopoly capitalism has been stepped up since the formation of the Common Market. Thus the Government, which exercises a monopoly over the manufacture of tobacco, has begun to buy a great deal of foreign tobacco, especially from West Germany, to the detriment of Italian tobacco growers. Had the state used only Italian tobacco, the people of Battipaglia might have had employment for some 10 months in the year, instead of the normal five months.

Depressed economy

In such a depressed economy the news that the Government was planning to close down the tobacco factory and that a sugar refinery would also be shut down was met with firm opposition by the workers. Rather than accept the dismissal of some 1,700 people, the workers occupied the tobacco factory on April 2 and called for a general strike a week later on April 9. Early on the morning of the general strike, thousands of workers came out on the streets of Battipaglia, supported by thousands of students, peasants and local residents. It was a massive demonstration but entirely peaceful. The local authorities panicked; the police were called out and a peaceful demonstration was turned into a pitched battle.

Attack by the police

The Italian police retains its fascist traditions and protects the Italian ruling class well. Only last December, two agricultural workers on strike in Avola in Sicily were shot dead by the police. In Battipaglia the police, fully armed, charged into the crowd with water cannons, tear gas and bullets. Battipaglia had been turned into a battlefield and its victims were two bystanders: a schoolteacher and a youth, both of whom were killed by police bullets. The demonstrators retaliated and gave the police a taste of their own medicine. Stones were thrown as the police charged into the crowd. Breaking into small groups, the demonstrators took over the railway station and halted all traffic. Others went to the town hall and set fire to it. A police station was attacked and hundreds of police cars destroyed, policemen injured and their weapons confiscated. Roadblocks were set up and the main highway running south from Naples was out of action. So heavy was the damage inflicted on the police that they had to retreat. Then reinforcements were sent from Naples and the national militia — the carabinieri — took over.

When members of Parliament came down to Battipaglia to explain to the angry people that the Government would take measure to ease unemployment, the crowds refused to let them talk. The speakers' platform was set on fire and their cars attacked. "Enough of talk," the people shouted, "We want action".

Support from all over Italy

Throughout Italy the news of the murders and police brutality swept like wildfire. Solidarity strikes, demonstrations and a three-hour general strike throughout the country were held on Friday. Thousands of students marched in Rome pledging their support with the Battipaglia workers, the same militants who only last month had given Nixon a rough reception. The funeral of the two victims of police violence brought out the entire town of Battipaglia who have been united in their common struggle for their very livelihood against the fall might of the bourgeois state machine.

The Italian Government has been stunned by the strength of the workers of Battipaglia and the amount of support they have received throughout the land. This was no "communist-inspired" plot — the Italian Party, corrupted by reformism, long ago sold out the workers and peasants — but a truly popular uprising. The closure orders have been rescinded. A victory for the workers even though their basic problems have not been solved and cannot be solved without a full-scale revolution. But the lesson of Battipaglia is very clear. The violence of the capitalist class, using the might of the state, can only be met by the strength of the working class and its allies. To wait patiently and hope that MPs will plead for them in Parliament, or that commissions of enquiry will produce the necessary relief are only delusions. To fight closures, whether in Woolwich or Calabria requires the determined opposition of the working class against their enemy. Dare to struggle, dare to win.



Striking tobacco workers sit on the railway track at Battipaglia April 9, blocking Italy's main north-south line

THE FOE IS IMPERIALISM

Statement by el-Fatah Information Officer

IN Amman, at the Jordanian headquarters of el-Fatah, the Palestine liberation force, an information officer who goes simply by the name of "Ahmed" made a statement about the aims and methods of the liberation forces, part of which is reproduced below.

On the background to the present situation he said: "The aggressions of the Zionist State of Occupation were not made in the interests of the Jews. The two major wars of 1956 and 1967 were not to defend the interests of the Jewish people in Palestine. The war of 1956 was a war for the interests of the international colonialists. As for 1967, everyone in the whole world knows that Egypt had no intention of attacking Israel, The United States and the Soviet Union were well aware of that. And Syria had no plan to attack.

"But because of the internal situation in the Middle East, because Egypt and Syria were anti-American due to the ending of wheat shipments and because West Germany began to deliver weapons to Israel — in which the US was involved — the US took the opportunity to launch an attack to get rid of the anti-American regimes.

More and more refugees

"The other side of the fence is the story of the Palestinians themselves, whose homeland was occupied and from which 1,500,000 people were expelled. Ever since 1948, they have been looking for a political and peaceful

means for a solution, through the UN, the Security Council resolutions, mediation, and so forth. But all of this led to nothing but more and more refugees and more and more expansion.

"But byones are byones. Now there is no other solution but guns.

"We are not professional fighters, but freedom fighters. We are not anti-Jewish revolutionaries, because our enemies are not the Jews. We are not anti-Semitic, because we are ourselves Semites. We are a military liberation movement, in the whole form and context of the expression.

Permanent occupation

"A political solution which restores to us our Palestine, we could never refuse. But a political solution which guarantees the permanent occupation of Palestine by Israel is not a solution, but a fraud.

"Our strategy is to continue the armed struggle to weaken the Zionist State of Occupation economically and militarily, and to expose the political realities of the Arab revolution and of the enemy. This will certainly lead to a contact between the Jews in Palestine and us.

"By this contact we mean political discussions leading to mutual understanding between us. We are not fighting against them. On the contrary, we consider them also victims of the international imperialists."

ALBANIA PREPARES TO CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE HOMELAND

TIRANA. The whole country is being swept by revolutionary enthusiasm to celebrate, with successes in every field, the Jubilee Year of Albania's liberation. The efforts of the working people for the further revolutionisation of the whole national life is regarded as one of the most brilliant victories of the policy of Albanian Party of Labour.

The Ministry of Education and Culture has reported on the excellent work which school youth are doing in the context of the 25th anniversary of liberation to study the history of the country's development under the guidance of the Party of Labour and to revolutionise education.

Agricultural co-operatives have greatly increased output by collective work in spreading advanced experience, applying scientific experimentation and extending the principles of co-operation.

In industry, technical and scientific sessions organised by workers are raising the production of various branches of the economy.

Albanian writers, painters, sculptors and composers, like the country's working masses, are making preparations for the Jubilee of the Liberation of the homeland and the victory of peoples' revolution with

new achievements in their creative work.

Drawing inspiration from the correctness of the line of the Party of Labour of Albania and the revolutionary force of the masses which has burst forth with a new vigour in these last few years, they have mobilised all their energies so that art and culture will advance at the pace of the revolutionary masses, at the pace of the working class.

In these last two years, 1967 and 1968, the state publishing house has more than doubled the works published during any of years of the 1960-66 period. The number of new authors has increased considerably, and in the last two years alone more than 50 young authors have brought out their first books.

The exhibition of the figurative arts will be the biggest and the most important during all the post-liberation years. In the field of music, also, many new works are being created of every kind, from songs to ballet and opera.

Members of the Writers and Artists Union have described the efforts being made to create new works with a deep ideological content and good artistic quality. Writers, painters and composers all pledged themselves to create works in the service of the people.

Communist Party of Poland (ML)

WARSAW, March 29. The Communist Party of Poland (ML), in a document of March 15th, severely condemned the fresh crime of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, their armed adventure on the frontier with the Peoples' Republic of China. The invasion of Czechoslovakia, the aggression on Chinese territory in the Ussuri River area, the billions of rouble credits that the Soviets grant to the Indian bourgeoisie to arm itself all testify to the embarking of the clique of Soviet renegades on the road of counter-revolutionary plots, of great power chauvinism, of economic plunder of military provocations and imperialist wars.

After pointing out that a defeat as shameful as the one suffered by the reactionary rulers of India in their attack on the Peoples' Republic of China lies in store for the Soviet revisionists, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland emphasises, that the Chinese people, armed with the science of Marxism-Leninism and the ideas of Mao Tse-tung, will allow nobody to touch unpunished their sovereign rights and their revolutionary gains, the Communist Party of Poland, the Polish working class and the whole of the Polish people condemn the policy of war adventures and of imperialist plunder pursued by the Soviet renegades.

The fascist invasion of Czechoslovakia and the armed bandit-like attack on the territory of the Peoples' Republic of China are a great warning also to the Polish people. They cannot view with passivity these fascist acts of Soviet imperialism. They see how the foolish propagandists of the policy of "peaceful co-existence" direct their tanks, airplanes and rifles against their neighbours, against the Chinese people and the Czechoslovak people. Secret agreements and plots, military provocations and atomic blackmail are useless because even so the collaboration of Soviet imperialism with U.S. imperialism will suffer a deserved and shameful final defeat. The Peoples' Republic of China is a great socialist power, the mainstay of world revolution and socialism. On the side of the seven-hundred million armed Chinese people are today all the revolutionary and progressive forces throughout the world, on the side of the heroic Chinese people stand also the heroic people of Poland...

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Poland, on behalf of the Party, of the working class and of the entire heroic people of Poland, addresses itself to the heroic working masses of the Soviet Union, to all Bolsheviks, heirs of Lenin's and Stalin's testament, to intensify the joint revolutionary struggle against the traitors to the dictatorship of the proletariat in Poland and the Soviet Union.

At the same time it greets the heroic Chinese people in their just struggle for the destruction of the traces of revisionism and for the consolidation of the dictatorship of the proletariat under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and of the great Marxist-Leninist, Comrade Mao Tse-tung.

Capitalism, Socialism and workers' control

IN present conditions of the Prices and Incomes Policy and the attempt of the bosses to castrate the trade unions and shackle them firmly under the control of their state, it is hardly surprising that more and more workers are concerning themselves with ways of developing a counter-attack. Over the last few years the slogan "workers control" has been clothed with what is, in effect, a political programme, and if it is not yet a political party it is at least a co-ordinated political movement. This co-ordination was made formal in March, 1968, when various Workers' Control groups set up the Institute for Workers' Control.

In the early days of industrial capitalism, workers at one stage expressed their anger against their conditions by smashing the machines. The positive way forward for the working class was shown when Marx and Engels, as a result of bringing the understanding of all historical development onto a scientific basis for the first time, explained that any ruling class inevitably produces another class which eventually overthrows it.

The significance of capitalism was that it was the forerunner to a socialist society in which the working masses themselves became controllers of their own destiny. But to achieve this and to control the machines and the distribution of goods the workers must themselves become the ruling class and control the state. One hundred years ago the essence of workers' control was set forth on a scientific basis by Marx and Engels as the forcible overthrow of the existing capitalist state machinery.

The history of the labour movement since that time has been the struggle between this revolutionary programme, which has been proved in social practice, and the reformist theory that workers' control can arrive eventually as the result of the gradual erosion of capitalist forms of production through increased participation of workers in planning and administration within factories and the state machine.

Reformism was twisted and distorted by certain labour movement "theorists" in an attempt to attach the prestige of Marx's scientific analysis of history to their own programmes of socialism through reforms. Under Lenin's leadership genuine Marxists refused to be diverted by false theories based on the belief that by industrial actions alone, or by political reforms alone, organised workers could succeed in transforming society from capitalism to socialism.

Workers control with a reformist content

The first pamphlet produced by the Institute for Workers' Control (IWC) sets out the whole of the theoretical basis on which the workers' control movement puts forward its demands.

It is made very clear right from the



beginning that the term "workers' control" is to be understood entirely as a reflection of the history of the actual development of the trade union movement within capitalism, a development based on union aggression in times of the expansion of industry and defensive struggle in times of depression. It is assumed that the "gains" made up to the present can be gradually extended to give us finally a genuine socialist society.

What stage are we at today? The pamphlet argues that there already exists, particularly in fully unionised industrial concerns, a considerable degree of workers' control if "workers' control" is defined as effective control by organised workers over the arbitrary powers of management. This is described as the "seeds of the new society inside the old".

The role of the shop stewards is given as the main support for this assertion. But in practice the shop stewards movement has simply been the workers' reply to the bosses who tried to extract for themselves the whole of the extra-profit resulting from increased mechanisation and the workers' adaptation of the trade union movement at shop floor level to resist direct state attacks on the working class. Without the shop stewards movement workers would have fared even worse; but it has not increased workers' proportionate share of wealth nor given them any measure of control.

The workers of the old Tsarist empire, under the leadership of Lenin and the Communist Party, applied Marx's analysis of society and achieved real workers' control by smashing the state machinery of the old ruling class and setting up a dictatorship of the proletariat under which socialism could be built. For reasons we need not go into here control in the Soviet Union has slipped from the workers' grasp and capitalism is being restored; but in China the dictatorship of the proletariat has been strengthened and the working masses are going on from victory to victory in the building of a socialist society.



Open the books and hey presto!

The role of the IWC, when looked at in the context of our own society today, is nothing more than a futile attempt to adapt the theory of the "fair share of the cake" in the age of automation and computerisation. Having admitted that so-called "nationalisation" is a farce the IWC still finds the solution to the problem of workers' control in bringing into "public ownership" the "commanding heights" of the economy - in other words, more 'nationalisation'. The slogan "open the books" is put forward to allow accredited workers' representatives to inspect the financial ramifications of the vast combines as a first step toward the development of social responsibility. But as THE WORKER commented in the February issue on the White Paper In Place of Strife, "It is highly unlikely that accountants who can fool the Dept. of Inland Revenue could not bamboozle the workers' representatives".

The fact that the same proposal advanced by the IWC is put forward by Barbara Castle as a bribe to get trade unionists to accept penalty clauses says all that is necessary about "opening the books".

We are not suggesting that many of those connected with the IWC are anything but sincere people genuinely seeking a socialist society; but the political content of the declared programme is simply reformism under a revolutionary-sounding slogan. The real nature of the capitalist state, of capitalist control, is not understood at all.

The pamphlet mentions the need to study the experience of countries that have made a start toward socialism; but in every case this has been by the forcible overthrow of existing state power, not by "opening the books" or any other form of giving workers the mere illusion of having a say in their own destiny.

Although we entirely disagree with the

'political programme' developed by the IWC around the slogan "workers' control", there is the positive aspect that there is a growing feeling among workers that the time has come when they must take over the whole of the means of production. This feeling must be given a correct political direction on proved Marxist-Leninist lines and not diverted into fruitless ways which can only end in disaster.

Bosses welcome 'up to date' Socialism

The ultra-right wing organisation Common Cause has recently published a pamphlet setting out the findings of an investigation they held into what they call the "new left" in Britain. The significant tone running through this pamphlet is the smug satisfaction, indeed pleasure, with which these boss's theoreticians greet the "new left". It is clear that these boss's men see no real threat coming from the "new left".

"The new left analysis of capitalism in general and of British society in particular," the pamphlet states, "has broken away from Fabianism and from rigid Leninist theorising; but has not yet attained a theoretical level commensurate with the declared aim of providing the labour movement with an 'up-to-date' socialist doctrine."

In Lenin's time too there were those who had "broken away" from Marxism by arguing that "modern conditions" made possible a transition to socialism through parliamentary means, when in fact every development of society had proved the opposite. These "new lefters" of yesterday were greeted warmly, by the ruling class as having "broken with rigid Marxist theorising"; but it was Lenin's "theorising" (!) which wiped the smiles off the faces of the Tsarist ruling class.

In brief the "new left" is seen by the bosses as the means by which the working class can be diverted from taking the revolutionary path and overthrowing the whole capitalist imperialist system.

The discussion and dialogue elaborated in the IWC series of pamphlets is precisely the kind of diversion which the bosses need while they themselves move ruthlessly forward in using their state machinery to shackle wonky class organisations. If we are serious about workers' control, we will study it in the only form in which it is a reality and not an illusion - the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will strive to understand how real workers' control, the dictatorship of the proletariat, was actually established by Russian workers under Lenin; revolutionary leadership and also, as a grim warning, how it has been wrested away from them again. We will study how the workers of China under Mao Tse-tung's leadership have greatly strengthened the dictatorship of the proletariat through the proletarian cultural revolution and are now taking the lead in every field.

Things are the only lessons which will enable the workers of Britain to obtain by revolutionary means the substance rather than the shadow of workers' control.

TWO LINES IN CHINA'S TRADE UNIONS

All revisionists, from Bernstein and Kautsky down to Tito and Khrushchev, advocate "production first" and "technique first". They are opposed to class struggle. They regard social development solely as the development of the instruments of production and technique, and deny that class struggle is the motive force in social development. Before the working class seizes political power, the revisionists always oppose the struggle to seize power under the pretext that "production is undeveloped." When the working class has seized political power, the revisionists exert themselves to spread the fallacies of "production first" and "technique first," and oppose the carrying of the socialist revolution through to the end.

Politics or welfare

What should be put in command, politics or welfare? This is another focus of the struggle between the two lines in the workers' movement under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Chairman Mao teaches us: Politics is the commander, the soul in everything. "Political work is the life-blood of all economic work."

The historical experience of the workers' movement proves that scabs of all kinds invariably sell out the interests of the working class under the pretext of "care for the workers' welfare." The Chinese working class has learnt from their own experience in the revolutionary struggle that only when the dictatorship of the proletariat is in the hands of the working class can its class interests be truly secured.

As Comrade Lin Biao puts it: "With political power, the proletariat and other labouring people have everything. Without political power, they lose everything." "To forget political power is tantamount

to forgetting politics and the fundamental concepts of Marxism and degenerating into economism, anarchism and utopianism."

Firm class Trade Unions

Trade unions are instruments of class struggle. In the workers' movement, though there are trade unions belonging to different factions, there are basically only two types: proletarian trade unions and bourgeois trade unions. So long as classes exist, there cannot be trade unions that transcend classes and are of the entire people.

Chairman Mao long ago taught us to establish "firm class trade unions" and "beware of political pick-pockets, guard against reactionary secret agents sneaking into the trade unions."

T.U.s and party leadership

Whether or not the trade unions accept the leadership of the proletarian political party is a question that involves a serious struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie for leadership in the workers' movement.

Our great leader Chairman Mao teaches us: "The Chinese Communist Party is the core of leadership of the whole Chinese people. Without this core, the cause of socialism cannot be victorious."

The proletarian political party is the vanguard of the proletariat armed with Marxism-Leninism. Mao Tse-tung's thought; it is the supreme organizational form of the proletariat. Only under the leadership of its vanguard can the proletariat form an independent political force to oppose the system of exploitation and enslavement by the bourgeoisie. After the seizure of political power, it is only under the Party's leadership that the mass organizations of the working class can become a pillar of

socialism under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Syndicalism is an opportunistic faction and a bourgeois reactionary trend in the workers' movement. It puts the trade unions above the political party of the proletariat and regards them as the only form of leadership in the movement.

The syndicalists deny the leadership of the political party of the proletariat, confine the workers' movement to economic struggle, oppose the political struggle to seize power and abandon the socialist revolution.

After the October Revolution, the Russian anarcho-syndicalists supported by Trotsky and Bukharin, came out as the "workers opposition." They advocated that the "trade unions stand above all" and that the "trade unions administer everything." In fact this was a small counter-revolutionary clique opposed to the Soviet state power.

Lenin pointed out sharply: "The latter (anarcho-syndicalism) is merely the twin brother of opportunism."

It is common knowledge that, neither in capitalist society nor in socialist society, is there any kind of trade union independent of a political party. The trade unions accept the leadership either of the political party of the proletariat or of the political party of the bourgeoisie.

Bourgeois or Socialist

Lenin said: "Only the theory of revolutionary Marxism can be the banner of the class movement of the workers." Mao Tse-tung's thought is Marxism-Leninism of the era in which imperialism is heading for total collapse and socialism is advancing to world-wide victory. It is the guiding principle for all our work. The workers'

An important position for which the proletariat and bourgeoisie are contending is the workers' movement. As Lenin said: "Since there can be no talk of an independent ideology formulated by the working masses themselves in the process of their movement, the only choice is - either bourgeois or socialist ideology."

EVER since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, there has been a fierce struggle between the two lines in our trade union work.

Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, trade unions as revolutionary mass organizations of the working class must take Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought, as their guiding principle, and, led by the Communist Party, build up a highly revolutionized force of the working class to fight for the consolidation of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the worker-peasant alliance and for the carrying of the socialist revolution through to the end. Trade unions are the nucleus of power with which the Party rallies the broad masses of workers and staff to fight the class enemy; they are great schools for the creative study and application of Mao Tse-tung's thought by the broad masses of workers and staff.

Liu Shao-chi and his agents in the trade unions, however, stubbornly pursued a counter-revolutionary revisionist line. They abandoned class struggle, opposed the dictatorship of the proletariat and the putting of proletarian politics to the fore, tampered with the class nature of the trade unions and opposed Party leadership. They energetically ran "trade unions for production," "welfare trade unions" and "trade unions of the entire people" and pushed syndicalism. All this is, in the final analysis aimed at opposing the thought of Mao Tse-tung's thought to guide the workers' movement and at leading the workers' movement on to the road of capitalist restoration.

As early as the eve of the victory of the Chinese revolution, our great leader Chairman Mao pointed out with keen penetration that after the nationwide victory of the Chinese revolution, the basic internal contradiction would be "the contradiction between the working class and the bourgeoisie." He has also taught us: "Socialist society covers a fairly long historical stage. In this stage, classes, class contradictions and class struggle continue, the struggle between the socialist road and the capitalist road continues and the danger of capitalist restoration remains."

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ANTI LABOUR GOVT PRESENT WORKING CLASS BUDGET

THE Budget speech of Chancellor Jenkins has once more demonstrated the truth of Lenin's description of the reformists as being the Sergeant Majors of imperialism. This was perhaps the most anti-working class Budget speech ever made.

Not once in two and a half hours did Jenkins say a word about the "patriots" who invest their money abroad. Not once did he say anything about the enormous expenditure of over £2,000,000,000 spent overseas propping up the British empire and helping to make the world safe for US imperialism. Not a word about the £100,000,000 spent in Germany maintaining Kelsinger's reactionary Government.

The main onslaught

The main onslaught was on the working class. All the taxes will come out of the pockets of the working class and to make sure the victims cannot protest at the robbery, the Government will rush through a bill to prevent workers from taking action to defend themselves on the shop floor.

All the wealth produced in this country is created by the working class who make up 85 percent of the population. When Wilson and Jenkins talk about protecting the "nation" from "unofficial" strikes, they mean protecting the 15 percent from

the actions of the 85 percent. Their attack is on the whole working class - even if they can find a few so-called working class trade union leaders prepared to sell out the workers by arguing that they must be preserved from "anarchy".

Sinking deeper into a morass

The real anarchy revealed by the Budget is that despite everything done since the War this country is daily sinking deeper into a morass. Every attempt to get out has been at the expense of the working class. Productivity per worker in Britain is higher than ever before. Manhours lost in this country by strikes are less than in the US or in any other industrial country in Europe and only one fifth of the manhours lost through sickness and accidents. If Wilson and Co. were really serious about lost manhours, they would be worrying about these losses through sickness and accidents caused by the speed up of the 'productivity drive' and bad conditions. Far from apologising for hours lost through strikes, workers should be asking themselves if the figure is not much too low to represent the kind of militancy necessary even to defend what they have.

Here are some facts to show how every item of taxation will eventually be paid for

by workers. Take 1968. In that year every £ earned by a worker lost 3/4d in value and ordinary prices went up by between 5 & 15 percent. On the other hand share prices went up by 25 percent and dividends by 9 percent in spite of Prices and Incomes Board 'restrictions'. Capitalisation, that is the amount of money stolen from workers and put back into various companies quoted on the stock exchange was 44 percent and the dividends actually paid after tax was deducted and the increased capital added in was 7.1 percent. Bosses and shareholders now have an investment worth £1,10.0 for each £ they had in January, 1968, and they received the 7.1 percent dividend on this £1,10.0, not the £ value!

It has been calculated that a man who invested £100 in 1950 now has a capital sum of £400. In 1950 he received, say, a 6 percent dividend. The same 6 percent dividend would today be £24 or, in fact 24 percent of his original investment - and he still has a capital profit of £300. And this whole increase comes from just one source, the increased productivity of workers over the last 20 years.

Anti-Trade Union legislation

Jenkins included references to the Government's proposed anti-trade union legislation in his Budget speech because he was

looking for a scape-goat. He wanted to make out that the country's economic ills can all be traced to workers taking "unconstitutional" strike action. In other words the workers who are the only source of the country's wealth are to be blamed for the anarchic mess of the monopoly-capitalist class!

Towards the Corporate State

This Budget, all wrapped up with anti-trade union, anti-working class legislation, is one more step toward the corporate state, a state in which working class organisations are ham-strung, leaving workers defenceless against their class enemy. Only by going over to the offensive can workers prevent this from happening. Only by repudiating bourgeois political parties, Labour or Tory, which serve the interests of monopoly capitalism and building a revolutionary party of the working class dedicated to destroying this system and creating a society in which the working class is in command.

"Without a revolutionary party, only with a party built on Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style is it possible to lead the working class and the broad masses of the people in defeating imperialism." - Mao Tseung.

OUR WARMEST GREETINGS TO THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF VIETNAM

ONE might suppose that because the British press scarcely ever refers to the fighting in Vietnam that nothing much was happening on the battle front and that the only action now centres around the Paris talks. That is what the US government would like to happen but unfortunately for them and fortunately for us the Vietnamese people's struggle has been going on from strength to strength inflicting defeat after defeat on the US aggressors.

The new offensive of the National Front for Liberation of South Vietnam began with a bang on the night of February 22. Since then hundreds of US and puppet positions have been destroyed and political control established in many new villages liberated from the yoke of US "pacification". So successful have been the attacks launched by the Peoples Liberation Armed Forces, especially in March and April that the so-called "defence in depth" of the US military strategists has been mangled. Because of the successful attacks launched against US and puppet troops guarding major cities like Saigon, Danang, Hue the "multi-line" defence, organised by the US High Command to protect these very places, has been severely wrecked. The outer lines of defence have been smashed and troops hurriedly re-deployed to guard the middle lines last year's much publicised campaign "to clear-and-hold" of the US imperialists has become a complete shambles since there cannot be any question of clearing out the NFL when they spring rocket attacks practically every day right on the very heart of US power in the cities and bases of the Mekong Delta. The morale of the US and puppet troops is at an all-time low as seen by the rising tide of desertions, mutinous outbreaks in US military jails and growing number of US soldiers taken prisoner by the PLAF. Among outstanding victories scored by the Front in March was the total destruction of the US 4th Infantry Division base near Kontum, and the heavy losses inflicted on US marines and paratroopers in three days - March 20 to 22 - on Highway Number 12. A US pilotless plane was downed on March 28 over Halphong bringing the total number of US aircraft lost in North Vietnam since August, 1964, to 3,273.

Nixon's plight

Confronted with a rising tide of attacks, helicopters destroyed, marines ambushed, ships sunk, oil depots blown up, Nixon has tried to carry out Johnson's strategy of dual tactics: blandishments to negotiate and compromise while at the same time stepping up the bombing and other acts of war against the people of South Vietnam.



Gun crew of Northern Quang Tri artillery unit who destroyed a blockhouse and wiped out 51 enemy troops in a recent battle

Because nothing much is being obtained at the Paris Conference where the US Imperialists find the representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the National Front for Liberation inflexible about their terms - that the US must get out of Vietnam - Nixon is trying out a new tactic: private talks. For several weeks there have been a rash of rumours about the suitability of secret negotiations between Washington and Hanoi and between the US puppets and the Front. To all this the Vietnamese have given a blunt refusal. "The US puppets' proposal for 'private talks' between the Saigon puppet administration and the NFL is but a cunning move to camouflage the bellicose and obdurate attitude of the US and to hoodwink the world's peoples..." (Statement of the Central Committee of the Front, released March 27).

Peoples protracted war

Desperate because the Vietnamese people can carry out their flight year in and year out, inflicting heavy losses on an enemy so infinitely superior in military might, size and economic power, the US imperialists have compounded their criminal acts in Vietnam by even more monstrous deeds. One of the most heinous acts in recent months has been the wilful drowning of some 400 Vietnamese people. In January and February of this year while conducting "mopping-up"

operations against villages in Ba Lang An peninsula US troops and puppet soldiers killed many and imprisoned others numbering some 11,000. These were taken to a concentration camp north of the provincial capital of Quang Ngai. Refusing to endure the oppression within the camp the people rose up and attacked their jailors. Most of them were successful in killing the guards and regaining their freedom. However, 400 villagers could not get away. These were then treated with a cruelty that stands out in the midst of the barbaric and brutal war that the US has been waging in Vietnam for the last six years. On the pretext of taking them to another part of the peninsula the 400 men, women and children were herded into a boat which was then towed by a ship of the US Seventh Fleet on to the high seas. Then the rope was snapped and the over-laden boat cast adrift. Those who did not drown were fired on.

Revisionist betrayal

At every stage of the war in Vietnam the revisionist rulers of the Soviet Union have helped the US government by bringing pressure to bear on Hanoi to compromise with the enemy. So far they have not succeeded although the pressure is obviously mounting. It is now suggested by some observers that the US Government wants Russia to reduce the supply of war materials to Hanoi,

In the light of the most recent example of the treachery of the revisionist rulers of Russia - the help extended to the US airforce by the Soviet Navy to locate the remains of a US spy plane shot down by the North Koreans, Nixon's hopes of Soviet help might not be misplaced. However, to a nation of 31 million people, who have been fighting for their independence from foreign oppression and feudal reaction for the last twenty years neither US bombs nor Soviet treachery can deter them from their just struggle. "It is the sacred duty of our entire people now to increase our determination to fight and to win", said President Ho Chi Minh in an appeal to Vietnamese fighters throughout the country last November. "As long as there is a single aggressor in our country, we must fight on to wipe him out." The people of Vietnam who have brought down B-52s and destroyed tanks, overcome napalm and poison gas, will continue their immortal struggle and win.

POLITICAL POWER GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN

The seizure of power by armed force, the settlement of the issue by war, is the central task and the highest form of revolution. This Marxist-Leninist principle of revolution holds good universally, for China and for all other countries.

Mao Tseung

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Labour Govt workers' enemy (cont'd from first page)

our aged live out their days in poverty? Why have we millions living in slums? Why, in fact, do we still tolerate Wilsons and Castles, Heaths and Powells?

So where do we workers go from here? Do we look to parliament? This is absurd. Wilson finds his parliamentary party easy prey to blackmail. Vote for the bill or lose your seats he says. They've lost them anyway but still they will succumb to blackmail. They will sell the workers for a few more months of office if that is what it comes down to.

Do we look to the TUC? Every shop steward knows that the farther you go from the shop floor the less your chances, and there is nothing on earth more remote from the shop floor than the TUC. Let any worker look for what the TUC has contributed throughout history to betterment of wages and conditions and he will find nothing. Only betrayal. They have never led in struggle but have been ever ready to find a way of knocking it off when the employers and government sought their aid. The TUC is not seeking to destroy anti-Trade Union legislation, only to rescue Wilson. That is why they too will choose to offer a way out. The idea is already being peddled that instead of control by government there shall be control by TUC - just as instead of leading struggle against the wage freeze they pleaded to act as a government agency with wage vetting. The workers voice must be quite clear - no interference from government or TUC or anybody else.

The need to fight

Everything workers have won they have had to fight for. To give but one example: more progress was made on equal pay by the action of the women at Fords than by all the pious resolutions ever passed at the TUC or Labour Party conferences. This is how the fight against Castles' Bill must be seen. Wilson, Castle and the rest must be fought and defeated, they are already exposed and discredited.

We must fight against the legislators of unjust laws. If such be passed, we must outlaw the law, its makers and its enforcers.

But a single day of action will not settle the issue. Neither should any worker be diverted from the fight by any consideration for the fate of the Labour government. It is going and wont be mourned. It will be remembered only as a most anti-working class government, a capitalist government, the ally of reaction the world over.

The working class of Britain must learn its lesson now or continue to be the prey of the ruling class and their lackeys. The working class has the strength to defeat all its enemies but it will do so only by building in Britain a real Communist Party based on Marxism-Leninism. Support our Party and make it bigger and stronger. Support our paper, make it your own clear voice. Our Party, small as it is, is unique in Britain. It has no interests but those of the working class.

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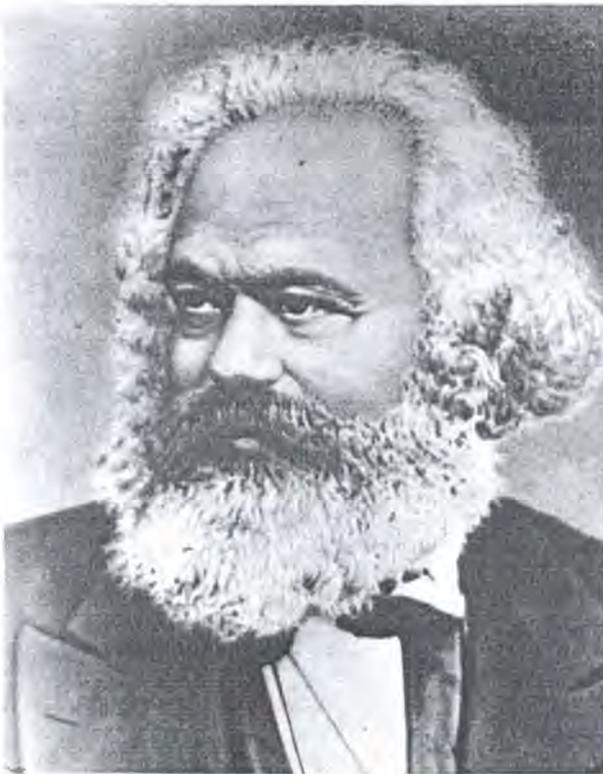
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a realisation of his dynamic thesis: "The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point, however, is to change it." "His name will endure through the ages. And so, also, his work." - Engels.

KARL MARX: Extract from the Inaugural Address of the Working Men's International Association, Established September 28, 1864, at a public meeting held at St Martin's Hall, Long Acre, London.

"... One element of success they (workers) possess - numbers; but numbers weigh only in the balance, if united by combination and led by knowledge. Past experience has shown how disregard of that bond of brotherhood which ought to exist between the workmen of different countries, and incite them to stand firmly by each other in all their struggles for emancipation, will be chastised by the common discomfiture of their incoherent efforts. This thought prompted the working men of different countries assembled on September 28, 1864, in public meeting at St Martin's hall, to found the International Association.

"Another conviction swayed that meeting. "If the emancipation of the working classes requires their fraternal concurrences, how are they to fulfil that great mission with a foreign policy in pursuit of criminal designs, playing upon national prejudices, and squandering in piratical wars the people's blood and treasure? It was not the wisdom of the ruling classes, but the heroic resistance to their criminal folly by the working classes of England that saved the West of Europe from plunging

headlong into an infamous crusade for the perpetuation and propagation of slavery on the other side of the Atlantic. The shameless approval, mock sympathy, or idiotic indifference, with which the upper classes of Europe have witnessed the mountain fortress of the Caucasus falling a prey to, and heroic Poland being assassinated by Russia; the immense and unresisted encroachments of that barbarous power, whose head is at St. Petersburg, and whose hands are in every cabinet of Europe, have taught the working classes the duty to master themselves the mysteries of international politics; to watch the diplomatic acts of their respective Governments; to counteract them, if necessary, by all means in their power; when unable to prevent, to combine in simultaneous denunciations, and to vindicate the simple laws of morals and justice, which ought to govern the relations of private individuals, as the rules paramount of the intercourse of nations.

"The fight for such a foreign policy forms part of the general struggle for the emancipation of the working classes.

"Proletarians of all countries, Unite!"

OPEN LETTER TO CZECH STUDENTS

This leaflet circulated by Sussex Communist Caucus of Marxist-Leninists at Sussex University, England, calls attention to the collaborationist role played by the Czechoslovakian revisionist leaders in assisting the Soviet Imperialist invasion.

We have read of your demonstrations and strikes against the Russian occupiers. As Marxist-Leninist students we congratulate you on your courageous and difficult struggle against Russian social imperialism.

According to the imperialist press, some Czechoslovakian students have gone into demonstrations, chanting the names of Dubcek and other revisionists including Eduard Goldstucker, former President of the Czechoslovakian Writers' Union, who fled at the time of the Russian invasion. Goldstucker has taken refuge at Sussex University. From our experience with him, we can say that he stands for everything that revolutionary students in Britain are struggling against, and that revolutionary students throughout the world should be struggling against.

Goldstucker has peddled a bourgeois and reactionary line on culture in our seminars. He has said that art transcends politics and deals with eternal human nature; thus he has praised the "fruitful waves of irrationality in fascist ideologies" such as Freud, Nietzsche and Pound. He has praised Sholokov, who advocated US-Soviet collaboration openly at the Camp David conference. He has made fun of the literature of socialist-realism, and has attacked Lenin's concept of the dictatorship of the proletariat in culture. He has shown himself to be completely a bourgeois intellectual, an enemy of the working class, and has attacked the proletarian truth that "In the world today all culture, all literature and art belong to definite classes and are geared to definite political lines. There is in fact no such thing as art for art's sake, art that stands above classes, art that is detached from, or independent of, politics" (Mao Tsetung). Goldstucker not only praises bourgeois culture. He attacks the concept of proletarian dictatorship and supports the action program and the economic proposals of Ota Sik, that aim to restore capitalism in Czechoslovakia, as has been done in Russia, and to allow US, British and West German imperialism to penetrate into Czechoslovakia, and make deals with individual units of production.

When a Sussex student attempted to present a paper in the seminar taught by Goldstucker, criticizing the bourgeois reactionary writers eulogized in the course, and presenting a Marxist-Leninist view of culture, she was not allowed to finish reading it, and revolutionary students who wished to attend the class were stopped from entering the room. It is no accident that this bourgeois intellectual has fled to Sussex University, Sussex University has very close ties with US imperialism, which underlines its function as a major training centre for the bourgeois exploiters and their petit bourgeois apologists, a function with which the teachings of Goldstucker are in complete accord. The University Chancellor is a director of Shell, and is special advisor to Morgan Bank of New York (General Motors, US Steel) thus is a key link between US and British capitalism-Imperialism. Sussex University receives large grants from the US military, from the imperialist Ford and Rockefeller foundations, and allows companies to recruit, which exploits British workers, and serve the US military in Vietnam. Last year, Sussex University suspended two students for attacking a spokesman for US policy in Vietnam and burning an American flag. Goldstucker has found his true home at Sussex University - he is a lackey of US and British imperialism and an enemy of the Czechoslovakian working class.

In your struggle against the Russian social-imperialists do not be misled by revisionists like Goldstucker and Dubcek. Within the University, be guided by the example of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China, struggle to make an educational system that "serves proletarian politics so as to enable everyone who receives an education to ... become a worker with both socialist consciousness and culture" (Mao Tsetung). However, to fully succeed in the struggle against imperialism and against the bourgeoisie for socialism and communism it is necessary for students to become one with the working masses and to serve their interests; (this is what we are trying to teach our fellow students in our struggles in England) and to fight against self-interest and careerism.

We again wish you well in your courageous struggle against Russian social imperialism and revisionism. Be guided in your difficult struggle by Comrade Enver Hoxha's important advice:

"Never confound in Czechoslovakia or elsewhere the 'resistance' of the Dubcek-type cliques or somebody like him with the real struggle of the people, of the working class which must be organized by and led by the revolutionary Communists against the imperialists, the external and internal capitalists, against Soviet Revisionists, against the occupiers and the satellite revisionist cliques and their quislings."

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