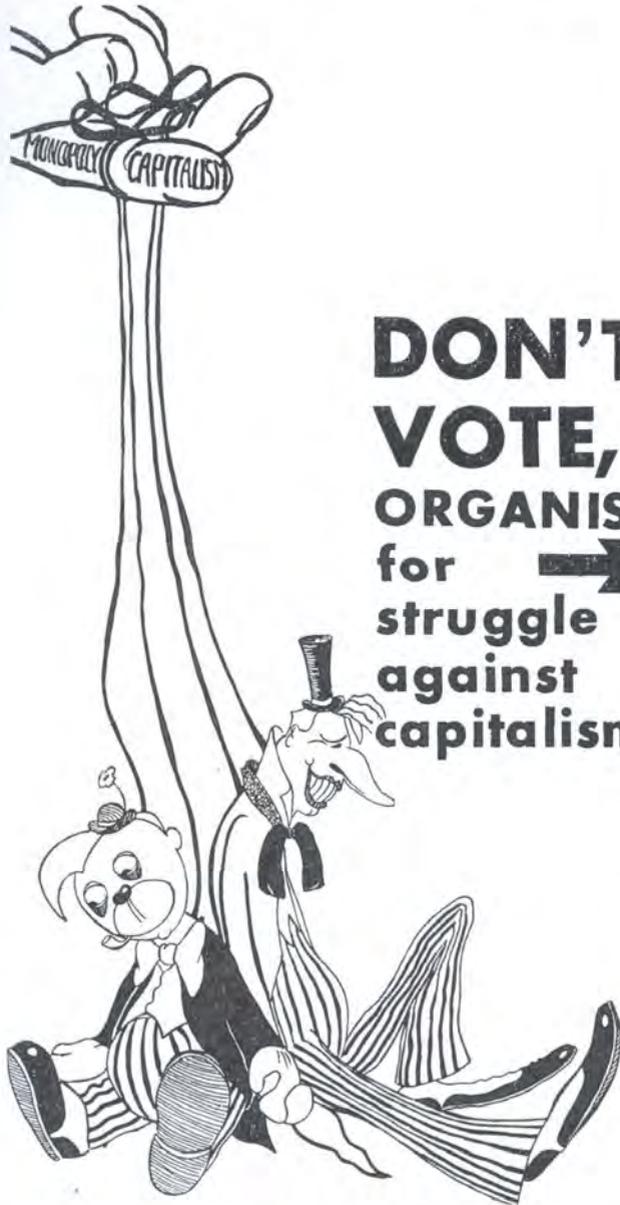




# THE WORKER

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# ELECTION FRAUD!



**DON'T VOTE, ORGANISE for → struggle against capitalism**

## A STINKING CORPSE!

FIFTY years ago Lenin\* instructed British communists to support the Labour Party "as the rope supports a hanged man." Why?

- Because 50 years ago Labour had never been in office and workers would have to learn by experience that Labour in office was no different from Tory.
- Because 50 years ago workers supported Labour, not only at the ballot box but at mass rallies and by working for the Labour Party in between elections.

Therefore, if communists divorced themselves from the Labour Party they would be divorcing themselves from the working class.

This argument is used by Revisionists and Trotskyites today to trick workers into supporting Labour at the polls. But it is no longer true.

- The Labour Party has been elected to power six times and has proved by its

deeds to be the party of capitalism just like the Tories.

- Workers no longer have faith in the Labour Party, no longer go to its meetings or work for it between elections. Even their support for Labour at the Ballot box (the action of writing X on a piece of paper twice every decade) has declined in the last 20 years.

If Lenin were here today he would say: Social democracy has been hanging there for 50 years and the corpse stinks; cut it down! Boycott the elections! Start the battle where it counts, at the point of production!

\*Left Wing Communism (available from Bellman Bookshop, price 2/-).

THE GREAT CON GAME IS ON. ONCE AGAIN WORKERS ARE BEING URGED FROM ALL SIDES TO VOTE—TO VOTE AGAINST THEMSELVES!

Why is the General Election a fraud? Because no matter which politician workers vote for they are really voting for the boss. No matter which party workers vote for they are really voting for the system that exploits them.

It does not require plasticine models of the politicians to demonstrate to workers that they are all puppets of the capitalist class. The Labour Party has had six years to prove to workers that, no less than the Tory Party, it is a capitalist party. Both parties serve the interests of capitalism and the employing class. Both parties are enemies of socialism and the working class.

Because Wilson and Heath are the faithful servants of the same master, of monopoly-capitalism, of big business, their policies are practically identical.

- o Both support entry into the Common Market because it helps British big business get even bigger, at the workers' expense.
- o Both attack the organised strength of the working class and try to hamstring its attempts to defend itself.
- o Both pursue a policy of even greater monopolisation through mergers and closures, at the cost of growing unemployment.
- o Both back 'productivity deals' as a means of increasing the exploitation of workers.
- o Both fight wage rises while letting prices, rents and profits soar.
- o Both support every vicious aggressive act of the U.S. Government and are prepared to use force themselves to suppress the people of Ireland, the Arabian peninsula, Malaya or any place where there is opposition to British imperialism.
- o Both use means like racialist legislation to try to split the working class and provide scapegoats for their own failures in housing and employment.

WHAT KIND OF CHOICE FOR WORKERS IS THAT!

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## IT'S A BATTLE - FIELD!

EVERY YEAR the number of factory workers in Britain killed or injured in industrial accidents is much higher than the total of British servicemen killed or wounded in action during the whole of the Second World War.

In the Second World War 582,847 British servicemen were killed or wounded. Every year more than 900,000 British factory workers are killed or injured in industrial accidents.

But the war in which workers sustain these enormous losses is the war for profits which go into the boss's pocket. Let the war become a class war directed against the bosses. Let workers stop suffering such casualties for capitalism. If sacrifices have to be made, let them be made by workers fighting for their own state, for their own socialist society in which exploitation and the killing and maiming of human beings for profit have been ended.

## KREMLIN HACKS BACK LABOUR PARTY

THE RUSSIAN revisionist newspaper *Pravda* said on May 13th that although the policy of the Labour Government "to an increasing degree runs counter to the requirements of the labour movement, millions of working people would have to choose Labour as the lesser of two evils."

If the working people of Britain content themselves with choosing the lesser of two evils, they will never change anything — no matter how bad conditions get. Because no matter how bad conditions get it is always possible for the ruling class to offer workers some choice of evils.

If Labour and Tories both attack the workers' standard of living but the Tories attack it just that little bit more viciously, the answer is not to vote Labour but to get rid of them both!

Compare what the revisionist Russians and their stooges in the CPGB are saying about elections with the words of Lenin: "The proletariat cannot be victorious unless it wins over to its side the majority of the population. But to limit or condition this to the gathering of a majority of votes at elections while the bourgeoisie remains dominant is the most utter stupidity or simply swindling the workers."

# HIT BACK

# WORKERS AROUND WOR

## Struggle rocks a company town!

THE SEVEN week strike of Pilkington workers is over; but the struggle continues. Never in the 144 years history of Pilkington's, Britain's largest monopoly glass manufacturer, has there been such a confrontation between workers and employers, involving 9,000 workers in a bitter struggle not only with management but also with their trade union, the G.M.W.U., to which most of them belonged.

The strike centred around a claim for a £10 per week increase on the existing basic wage of £15, this low rate of pay itself a comment on the G.M.W.U.'s record of struggle on behalf of its members.

### "Taken On" by the Boss

The decision of Pilkington's to "take-on" the workers was the logical outcome of the reactionary, anti-working class, anti-trade union policies pursued by the Labour Government in the interests of the employing class as a whole. (That these policies have temporarily taken a back seat for the ride up to the General Election will fool no one.)

Though like other strikes over pay in many respects, the Pilkington strike highlights the growing revolt of rank and file trade unionists against false leaders, be they shop stewards or union officials. It was a revolt against a union that practises no shop floor democracy, appoints officials instead of having them elected by members and is one of the Labour Government's strongest supporters.

### Great Courage of Workers

The workers throughout the strike displayed great courage in facing the combined forces which were backing the employers - press, television, radio, politicians, trade union officials and church leaders - to say nothing of that ultimate weapon of the boss, the police.

Accusations were made that the strike was a "red plot," but if real reds, Marxist-Leninists, had been advising the strike leaders they would have avoided such naïveté as inviting Barbara Castle or putting any faith in Victor Feather!

The role of the G.M.W.U. was one of scandalous betrayal. They demonstrated by their actions that they have more in common with the employer than with their own members. At the Court of Enquiry the statement was made that "both management and union were asleep to the problems of the workers." Not only were they asleep but they were in bed with each other!

### Mob Law!

The determination of the workers, particularly when dealing with "black legs" openly encouraged by the G.M.W.U., resulted in charges of "mob rule." Such charges are always made when workers decide to "take on the gunner," but it is worth remembering that this so called "mob" are the same people whose sweat and labour boosted Pilkington's profits last year from £13 million to £20 million and who have made the Company's five directors among



PILKINGTON STRIKERS DEFEND THEIR PICKET LINE AGAINST POLICE ATTACK

the wealthiest in Britain. These five directors, three of whom are Pilkingtons, own 87% of the shares. So much for the Labour Government's redistribution of wealth programme!

Not only do they own the bulk of the shares, these five men dominate the town of St. Helens in every respect. No wonder workers say "St. Helens" is not really the name. It's "Pilkingtonville."

### "For or Against"

It is against this background that the strikers quite correctly adopted the slogan "those who are not for, must be against"; and those who are against workers in struggle must be dealt with accordingly. In any struggle workers have to know who are their friends and who are their enemies. The strikers failed to apply this principle correctly when they asked Barbara Castle to intervene and a Court of Enquiry was set up under the Professor of Law at Sheffield University.

The only Court of Enquiry that workers should be involved in is one they set up themselves to analyse their struggle, assess their own mistakes and weaknesses and decide how to put them right.

### G.M.W.U. Out - T. & G.W.U. In?

The strikers have decided to sever all relations with their union, the G.M.W.U., including the payment of dues which are collected through the wage packet on the "check off" system. If they carry out this threat as they should, they will be confronted with the closed shop agreement

between the G.M.W.U. and the Company.

No doubt the T. & G.W.U. would be glad in the circumstances to make substantial inroads into G.M.W.U. membership; but workers need to consider the question of whether swapping one union for another in itself changes anything. Only rank and file vigilance and militancy can make certain that the dues they pay into any union go to swell a fighting fund and not to subsidise a union bureaucracy.

### Secret Ballot

The striking workers committed a grave error in not boycotting the secret ballot organised by the G.M.W.U. The cry for secret ballots does not come from workers in struggle but from the employers, the government and those trade union leaders who fear militant action.

The secret ballot is a complete negation of the whole principle of organised trade union struggle. Workers join trade unions conscious that as individuals they are powerless against the employing class. They need collective strength based on collective discussion, collective decisions and collective responsibilities. In a critical period of struggle it is therefore suicidal to engage in secret ballots because it is a return to individualism - individual thought, individual decision, individual responsibility.

The ballot went the way the employers wanted; but the workers, recognising their mistake, staged a clever rearguard action by returning to a mass meeting decision which overthrew the ballot decision.

It is interesting that the Church should try to get in on the act by assisting the G.M.W.U. to organise the ballot. St. Helens is reputed to be one of England's most religious towns with a strong Catholic influence. The Church, whose main objective is to survive in a fast changing world by keeping the opium pipe well filled, must take their fair share of responsibility for the strikers' firm conviction that there was ballot fiddling.

### Some Conclusions

The workers at Pilkingtons are to be congratulated for their determination and courage in the face of all kinds of intimidation including police brutality. They have helped to highlight one of the main weaknesses of working class struggle - the failure to recognise the class enemy in all its guises and to engage that enemy on all fronts.

To take on the employer, expose reactionary trade union leadership and yet fail to see that the Labour Government in the person of Barbara Castle is an accomplice of the class enemy is a serious mistake. Not to recognise the T.U.C. as simply another guise of the boss-government conspiracy against workers for the preservation of capitalism in Britain is also a major blunder. The sell-out of the Pilkington strikers was a Feather in the cap of the employers.

The rumblings of the struggle will be heard in St. Helens for many years and the place will never be the same. The workers have struck a telling blow at company institutions in a company town.



## ON THE SHOP FLOOR

MORE strikes and shorter strikes, getting quick results in terms of wage settlements, are what government figures for the first three months of 1970 reveal. The number of strikes increased by 57% over the same period last year, from 718 to 1,134. The number of working days "lost" rose, but not so sharply, by 37% from 1,552,000 to 2,126,000. The numbers of workers involved went up by 26% from 383,300 to 482,600.

### MERSEYSIDE

500 tugmen have been on strike since mid-April. They are demanding a £7 increase in the basic rate from £18 to £25. A £3 increase was rejected. Ships can enter the port without tugs and so solidarity from other port workers is essential.

### DUNLOP

1,500 workers at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham making tyre fabric struck for an extra £6 per week. The company had offered £3 to £3 10s coupled with voluntary redundancies of 100 men.

### ENGLISH ELECTRIC

800 of the 1,000 workers at the domestic appliances plant at Fazakerley, Liverpool have been on strike since the beginning of April. They are claiming a £22 basic wage for semi-skilled workers and a £3 5s increase for women and unskilled workers. Equal pay for women will also have to be fought for eventually.

### BORG-WARNER

600 men, which eventually grow to the entire work force of 2,500 at the automatic transmission plants at Letchworth and Kenfig, Port Talbot struck for £4 a week more. The management offered £2 10s.

### BOAC

At Heathrow, 400 checking clerks, ground hostesses, and traffic controllers rejected a plan to change their shift system. At present they work a system of regular 8-hour shifts. The new system is a shining example of the modern productivity deal based on the idea that if it is complicated enough the workers can be tricked into accepting a worsening of conditions. Some

hope! Under the new plan there would be no extra pay, irregular 7-1/2 hour shifts and people calculated that they would end up working on an extra 17 days each year.

### RENOLDS

All 2,000 production workers at the chain works at Burnage, Manchester struck for an interim increase of £5 per week as part of a campaign for parity with Renolds workers at Coventry.

### UPPER CLYDE SHIPBUILDERS

At the UCS Clydebank yard 800 workers in the finishing trades struck and 320 others imposed an overtime ban. They were working on the £4 million Norwegian passenger ferry Blenheim, and demanded that the completion bonus should be without "strings."

### NESTLES

At the Crosse & Blackwell cannery at Peterhead near Aberdeen 600 production workers have been on strike for the principle of 100% union membership.

### DOXFORD SHIPYARDS

The strike of 450 fitters, electricians and plumbers which has closed three shipyards on the Wear continued into its third month. The men are rejecting a proposed productivity deal which would mean some men losing 33s a week as well as the loss of many traditional practices.

## Correspondence

### To THE WORKER;

At a meeting of workers called by the Pakistan Workers' Co-ordinating Committee at Bradford on April 13th the following resolution was passed:

This meeting expresses its deep sorrow and anger at the brutal cold blooded murder of a Pakistani, Tauqir Ali, in East Ham. We strongly condemn the increasing racialism in that area.

We protest at the apathy of London police in these matters and demand that action be taken immediately against those responsible for these crimes.

We appeal to our black brothers to close their ranks and unite to organise defence committees. They must seek the support and co-operation of the vast majority of British workers who condemn such racialism.

"Powellism" and the mounting racial violence against the black community are the natural consequence of the racial policies of both the Labour and Tory parties.

Secretary, P.W.C.C. Bradford.

# LD FIGHT CLASS ENEMY

## Change the face of history

### Vietnam fights on!

THE 52 rank and file members of the A.E.U. National Committee have voted again this year for 100% support for the Labour Government. The A.E.U. Executive Council have donated £70,000 to the Labour Party's election fund.

These acts, among others, are for the purpose of establishing a socialist Britain through the ballot box. 'Peaceful Transition' it is called. Whatever happened in Greece? The 'peaceful transition' was about to happen, so they say, through winning an election and forming a communist government in a capitalist state; but the fascist colonels soon knocked that lot off. Greek workers have learnt the hard way.

When the Labour Party won the 1945 election following the Second World War, with a landslide victory, the workers of Britain told one another that we had gained what Russia had - and without upheaval. The bloodless revolution they called it. But that Government started the Cold War against Russia, then led by Stalin, our glorious ally in our days of adversity against Fascism.

Twenty five years later, where is our socialist Britain?

When Labour were returned to power in 1964, that great new hope of the 'left', Harold Wilson, said they would clear up the mess of 13 years of Tory mismanagement. The capitalist economy had been mismanaged by the Tories, the traditional party of capitalism, so Labour were going to make capitalism work.

There were no moves to close the stock exchange, that citadel of capitalism which produces nothing but takes the cake; no progress toward workers taking over the means of production; but government grants to assist the development of monopoly-capitalism through the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation. This Corporation has brought about take-overs and mergers which have increased unemployment by the 'rationalisation' following each take-over.

No advance to a workers' state, but instead anti-trade union, anti-working class

legislation to stop workers in their every day workplace struggles to maintain their place in capitalist society. No doubt Labour were operating on the theory that if they stopped economic struggle the workers would never learn to go on to political struggle, destroy this corrupt system and organise a system that benefits those who produce, the workers.

That the A.E.U. National Committee decided to give 100% support to a new Labour Party government should not really surprise anyone. It had no Marxist-Leninist leadership - indeed no Marxist-Leninist was there at all. The composition of the Committee is social democratic, whether they be Labour Party or revisionist CPGB. They are all dedicated to the reforming of capitalism so it does not pinch quite so much, and not the total destruction of it so that workers' power, the dictatorship of the proletariat, can be established.

There is only one party in Britain that works to establish a workers' state on this island - the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist). There is only one party in Britain that says: 'Do not be fooled again into thinking that capitalism can be made to work for you, destroy capitalism. That party is the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist).

We do not say to the workers of Britain: Have a revolution now. We say to all honest workers: Join with us to build a revolutionary movement in Britain.

As a first act to this end, do not join in the sham functions of parliamentary democracy. DON'T VOTE. If Heath should get into Downing Street as a result of mass absences of workers, it will only mean a Conservative capitalist government instead of a Labour capitalist government. The course of history will not be altered to any degree - only some names in the history books.

Whether Wilson or Heath gets in the task of workers remains exactly the same - to write their own history by ruthlessly opposing any stooge government the bosses set over the working class.



A SHARE-OWNING DEMOCRACY!

ONE OF the tricks for getting people to submit cheerfully to their own exploitation is to let them pretend to be exploiters too. Fortunes are made on the stock market so why not get in on the racket? That is what is behind all the unit trust schemes and various other devices of a so-called 'share-owning democracy.'

One of these ventures is the Investors Overseas Services which small punters have been encouraged to sink their savings in. Sink is right! The I.O.S. is on the point of collapsing and wiping out all these savings.

Not only do investors put in money with absolutely no say in the policies of the trust organisations, (That's 'trust' carried to ridiculous extremes.) They lose their money as well in most cases. It only takes a fall on the stock market like that brought about in the U.S. and in this country as a result of Nixon's Cambodian aggression to show up the basic unsoundness of these investment opportunities for the little man.

#### MAO TSETUNG STATEMENT ON U.S. AGGRESSION

A NEW upsurge in the struggle against U.S. imperialism is now emerging throughout the world. Ever since World War II, U.S. imperialism and its followers have been continuously launching wars of aggression and the people in various countries have been continuously waging revolutionary wars to defeat the aggressors. The danger of a new world war still exists, and the people of all countries must get prepared. But revolution is the main trend in the world today.

Unable to win in Viet Nam and Laos, the U.S. aggressors treacherously engineered the reactionary coup d'etat by the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique, brazenly dispatched their troops to invade Cambodia and resumed the bombing of north Viet Nam, and this has aroused the furious resistance of the three Indo-Chinese peoples...

While massacring the people in other countries, U.S. imperialism is slaughtering the white and black people in its own country. Nixon's fascist atrocities have kindled the raging flames of the revolutionary struggle of the American people. I am convinced that the American people who are fighting valiantly will ultimately win victory and that the fascist rule in the United States will inevitably be defeated.

The Nixon Government is beset with troubles internally and externally, with utter

chaos at home and extreme isolation abroad. The mass movement or protest against U.S. aggression in Cambodia has swept the globe...

The Chinese people firmly support the people of the three Indo-Chinese countries and of other countries of the world in their revolutionary struggles against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

U.S. imperialism, which looks like a huge monster, is in essence a paper tiger, now in the throes of its death-bed struggle. In the world of today, who actually fears whom? It is not the Vietnamese people, the Laotian people, the Cambodian people, the Palestinian people, the Arab people or the people of other countries who fear U.S. imperialism; it is U.S. imperialism which fears the people of the world. It becomes pante-stricken at the mere rustle of leaves in the wind. Innumerable facts prove that a just cause enjoys abundant support while an unjust cause finds little support. A weak nation can defeat a strong, a small nation can defeat a big. The people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country, if only they dare to rise in struggle, take up arms and grasp in their own hands the destiny of their country. This is a law of history.

People of the world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!

## IRISH STRIKERS DEFY BRITISH IMPERIALISM

THE penetration of Ireland by British monopoly capital is currently being challenged in a forceful manner by the struggles of the Irish workers, both against the physical presence of British troops in the North and against the economic domination by Britain of the South. In addition to the street battles in the North against British troops and the R.U.C. and U.V.F., there have been important industrial struggles throughout Ireland which have hardly been reported at all in the British bourgeois press.

The recent Cement strike at Drogheda and Limerick is a case in point. Labourers at the Irish Cement Company at Drogheda, Co.Louth, went on strike in support of a pay claim. Britain attempted to break the strike by exporting cement to 26 countries, but this was promptly stopped by the action of Irish dockers, who blocked imported cement.

The next move by the British imperialists and Irish employers was to land imports of cement at Warrenpoint, in the North, and have it transported over the border by Northern seab labour. In a splendid act of solidarity with their Southern class brothers the Warrenpoint dockers then blocked all consignments of cement known to be destined for the South. However, it was still possible for Northern builders to buy cement at Warrenpoint for resale at greatly inflated prices in the South. To combat this the strikers set up pickets on the border at the Newry-Dundalk and Armagh-Monaghan customs posts.

The lessons which Irish workers will learn from this strike will be invaluable to them in their struggle against British imperialism and Irish reaction. Meanwhile, the workers in Britain should give their full support to all forms of struggle against imperialism in Ireland, both the struggles against the presence of British troops, and industrial struggles against British monopoly capital and its Irish compradors.



JUNE 6 will be the first anniversary of the founding of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam. Last year on that day the All South Vietnam Congress of People's Representatives, meeting in the midst of their land, felt confident and assured enough of victory to form their own provisional government.

Since then the difficulties facing the U.S. murderers in Vietnam have multiplied. Nixon had hoped that his talk about 'Vietnamising' the war would mollify his critics since not many would mind Vietnamese puppets killing liberation fighters. Moreover since the cost of a puppet army is 1/25 that of American soldiers it would help America's ever-growing financial crisis.

But it did not work out that way. The puppet troops, though armed with the latest American weapons and supported by B52s and every barbaric means of exterminating people, cannot fight. They run away; they refuse to obey orders but hide from the liberation fighters whom they fear; they are as bad as American GIs in destroying the wrong targets.

Nixon's second plan to score a belated victory was to set up the so-called 'pacification' campaign; to terrorise the villagers and destroy their crops thus forcing them to move to the towns. Thereby it is hoped to destroy the sanctuary and support that the sea of people provide the guerrilla fish who swim in it. Every kind of terror weapon has been employed against the people of Vietnam over the last one year in a desperate attempt by the U.S. gangsters to bring them to their knees.

But at the end of 1969 the American Press had to concede that Nixon's 'pacification' plan, incidentally taught by British counter-insurgency expert, Thompson, who is Nixon's principal adviser on this, had failed disastrously. The people, clubbed and beaten, raped and murdered, do not love their American liberators nor their puppets. Today, from Hue to the southernmost tip of South Vietnam there is hardly a hamlet or village, town or city that is not rising up against the aggressors.

That is the main reason for the escalation of the war. Last year the Laotian campaign was stepped up at the behest of CIA experts with disastrous results for US military plans. Every bombing raid has meant a defeat for U.S. 'secret' advisers and their mercenaries.

So today it must be Cambodia. But the gap between Nixon's promises for a speedy withdrawal and the objective situation of ignominious defeat grows wider. On PRG's first anniversary the heroes and heroines of Vietnam can feel confident that their liberation grows nearer every day.

#### CPB(ML) RESOLUTION

THIS meeting of Londoners held on May Day 1970, under the auspices of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) calls upon all British people to act against the new murderous attack in Cambodia by U.S. imperialism. It is an attack on the peasants and workers of Indo-China whose liberation movement grows ever stronger. It is an attack to try to stave off the ending of colonialism in this whole area. It is not a sign of strength but of weakness that U.S. imperialist forces and their puppets, defeated and checked by the heroic Vietnamese people, violate frontiers in their desperate attempt to find a way out.

We join with the revolutionary people of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos in international solidarity. We pledge ourselves to raising the political level here in Britain in order to rally workers and their allies for the total destruction of imperialism everywhere in the world. We must find the means of venting our utter contempt for the lickspittle Labour Government which as always finds excuses for every criminal, barbaric act of its senior partner, U.S. imperialism. Anger against American imperialist troops, the policemen of world capitalism, is mounting everywhere and those stationed in Britain cannot expect to be spared by the ire of workers in this country. The outpost of U.S. imperialism in Britain, both governmental and financial, will increasingly become the just targets of the workers' wrath.

The workers of Britain and those throughout the world fighting imperialism, with the courageous Vietnamese people in their vanguard, will become more and more closely linked against the common enemy. This unity in struggle will inevitably lead to the victory of the workers of the world and the oppressed peoples of all lands and will lay the basis for the building of world socialism.

CPB(ML) IN MAY 9th - DEMO AGAINST U.S. AGGRESSION

# ELECTION FRAUD!

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Wilson says Labour's campaign will be based on Labour's record. Just look at it! The highest unemployment since the war; poor people and lower-paid workers much worse off than they have been for years; prices and profits right over the top. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer—and they have the nerve to call themselves "Labour"!

Of course that name is useful to the bosses. When some particularly nasty piece of anti-working class legislation is required, they think "Labour" can get it passed with less resistance from workers.

## AWAY WITH ILLUSIONS!

But workers can no longer have any illusions about the Labour Party as compared with the Tories. There is nothing in it. It is a heads-the-bosses-win, tails-the-workers-lose election. And any party like the revisionist CPGB or the various brands of Trotskyism which support Labour as the "lesser evil" are really supporting the boss and are enemies of the working class. The whole "lesser evil" doctrine is designed to limit workers' choice to how they are to be exploited instead of challenging the system of exploitation altogether.

Just as the secret ballot was used at Pilkington's to break the unity of workers and halt the attack they were mounting against the boss, so general elections are intended to split the working class, destroy their collective will, damp down their militancy and divert them from real struggle.

How long do they think workers can be taken in by this boss version of 'democracy'—this phoney choice between parties which both serve their class enemy? Workers will have their own political party—a party not to fight elections but to fight the boss class; a party which has no interests but those of the working class; a party which exists only to lead the working class toward socialism.

## LABOUR GOVT. BACKS U.S.

THE parliamentary double-act trick has now taken a new turn; normally Wilson-Heath try to appear different while in reality saying exactly the same thing. Now, in the recent parliamentary debate on the U.S. invasion of Cambodia, Wilson finds it necessary to play the same double-act trick with his own foreign secretary.

While Stewart licked the boots of the U.S. imperialist aggressors with such fervour that it even surprised those who know what to expect from this wretched lapdog of the White House, smart Harold pretends to go off on another tack in order to tart up his besmirched image.

Wilson then makes the tiniest possible criticism of the U.S. invasion in the vain hope that this will be sufficient to convince people that he is really a "progressive" at heart. Of course there is nothing in what Wilson said that really condemns the U.S. aggressive invasion, and he certainly does not even demand a U.S. withdrawal from Cambodia, let alone from the whole of Indochina. In other words Wilson's speech adds up to total support for the U.S. imperialists' aggression just the same as in Stewart's case.

This farcical little double-act has clearly been deliberately cooked up, especially in view of pre-debate cabinet consultations, as part of Wilsons pre-election publicity campaign. However, such sordid election manoeuvres can only serve to demonstrate the total bankruptcy of the Labour party and expose it once again as the tame servant of U.S. imperialism and international monopoly capital.

The complete approval given by the Labour Government to every vicious act of U.S. aggression shows up the utter hypocrisy of the CPGB and various Trotskyist parties which at once support Labour and pretend to sympathise with the Vietnam liberation fighters.

## A WORKERS' PARTY, OF AND FOR WORKERS

Small and new as it is on the British political scene the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) is the only party which is genuinely a workers' party. It was founded by workers, serves only the working class and is unwaveringly committed to the revolutionary task of smashing capitalism and all its institutions so that exploitation can be ended and workers can establish their own socialist state.

## DON'T VOTE, ORGANISE!

The CPB(ML) says to the workers of Britain: Let us stop playing the boss's game by the boss's rules. Let us organise our own proletarian version of democracy—by stripping power from the ruthless little clique of monopoly capitalists and vesting it in the workers who make up the vast majority in the land. This cannot be done by voting—only by organising a revolutionary movement under Marxist-Leninist leadership. We cannot vote out the enemies of the working class. With our united strength we have to throw them out—as Russian workers did in 1917, as the workers of China and Albania have done.

If the poll in this fraudulent contest between the "tweedledumb" and "tweedledud" of the bosses, Heath and Wilson, is the lowest for years, it will be a sign of the political maturity of British workers—so long as this negative stand is combined with positive action. So long as workers begin to replace the phoney squabble over which stooge is to carry out the boss's orders in Westminster with real political struggle over which class is to govern Britain—those who produce the wealth or those who exploit the producers. It is to this real class struggle that we summon the workers of Britain, pledging not to stop fighting together with them till final victory is won.

## PALESTINE DAY MEETING

"GO TO THE workers of Britain," Reg Birch, AEF official and Chairman of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), told a meeting at the Kensington Town Hall on May 15th in support of Palestine liberation. "Go where the struggles are in Britain to talk about the struggle against Zionism and U.S. imperialism. Explain that the two struggles are inseparable." "You must ask yourselves," Reg Birch advised the large crowd, "what impact your meeting has on the working class. Without workers no matter how just your message, no matter how loud you shout, you will not have the only voice that imperialism is afraid of."

He explained that in representing workers he was representing those who, in a sense, were on trial. "What have we done? What has been done by our working class here to show our solidarity with the struggles of our mates elsewhere? There is an ignorance of what is happening in the world based on passivity."

"The British working class, than whom no others can fight better, thinks of itself as an island. They would not think of sending a message to those in Palestine who are fighting in the same struggle. The British working class does not yet see its battle against the employer as a fight against imperialism."

It must be remembered, Reg Birch said, that the workers of Britain have no fear of their class enemy. They are not afraid to tackle any boss from the biggest corporation down. "If we only make sure that when our working class is fighting the enemy they understand that their difficulties stem from their contempt of what is happening abroad, then we will have exchanged the insular position of the organised working class for revolutionary internationalism."

"The world is our nation. No man is an island. Together we workers everywhere can be the whole world."



CPB(ML) DELEGATE TO MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN ALBANIA

# BRISTOL WORKERS ASSOCIATION FORMED

MAY DAY 1970 saw the formation of an organisation in Bristol which could play a decisive role locally in the struggle against the increasing attacks of the bosses and might have lessons for workers generally.

A group of active trade unionists, many of them shop stewards, including Marxist-Leninists, realising that real unity is necessary to defeat the strategy of the monopolists in their drive towards a "corporate state," established the Bristol Workers' Association to achieve unity in action. Not blind action but action on the real problems of workers which can only be dealt with effectively on a co-ordinated and united basis—victimisation, sackings (now called redundancies), increased exploitation (now called productivity agreements) etc.

"Theory without practice is sterile; practice without theory is blind."

The aims around which the B.W.A. will organise its activities are:

- (1) To work for 100% trade unionism in all work places;
- (2) To inject socialist ideology at the points of production and exploitation;

- (3) to organise defence and liaison committees in all main Bristol work places;
- (4) to work for official union policies where possible, understanding that it requires unofficial organisation to achieve this in most unions.

The organisers of the B.W.A. realise that they have to prove themselves in action. "Only a fool would pretend that the problem is easy, but we know we have made the first necessary step and will consolidate and build up a unity of workers in Bristol which will defeat the "divide and rule" tactics on which the bosses rely."

WORKER comment: The main task facing such an organisation of workers at this time is to expose the fraud of general elections and the illusion of advancing the workers' interests by Parliamentary means. The deception of getting workers to vote Labour as the lesser evil must end forthwith. In the field of politics workers only defeat themselves by allowing their choice to be restricted to two parties both serving the class interests of their enemy. Workers must have their own party, serving no other interests but that of the workers. Such a party is the Communist Party of Britain (ML).

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