

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Following on the great Ninth National Congress of the Communist Party of China, hailed by the forces of anti-imperialism and proletarian internationalism all over the world as a tremendous consolidation of socialism, we have been treated to the spectacle of two international congresses of an entirely farcical nature.

There has been the Communist Conference in Moscow attended by 75 parties which are in no sense communist and the Congress of the Socialist International in Britain attended by delegates who are in no sense socialist.

The Moscow Conference summoned by the revisionist leadership of the Soviet Union was intended to endorse the concept of "limited sovereignty" which is a term used by the social imperialist Brezhnev to cover the Soviet invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia. It was also intended to underwrite the revisionist leadership's condemnation of China as the main enemy.

Such is the disarray in the revisionist camp that neither of these intentions was fulfilled to the Soviet leadership's satisfaction. Rumania was not likely to agree to a policy which would open her own frontiers to Soviet troops and revisionist parties like the Italian, while having no liking for China's revolutionary leadership, were prepared to use the rift between China and the USSR to safeguard their independence of Soviet domination. None of these differences represented matters of principle — only the manoeuvrings of self-seeking individuals and groups. The whole charade was typified by the secretary of the British revisionist party, John Gollan, whose party and press are heavily subsidised by Moscow, standing up and making brave noises about not being in sympathy with the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

The final wording of the compromise communique is full of empty verbiage about the continuing threat of American imperialism; but not one communist who is or has recently been involved in struggle against US imperialism was represented at the Conference — not Vietnam, not North Korea and certainly not China and Albania. No doubt the Soviet leadership would have explained to Nixon that it was necessary at least to SAY such things. In any case their actions of collaborating with the US in trying to end the war in Vietnam on American terms, to negotiate a four power settlement in the Middle East and to co-operate with the US against China in attempting to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons would provide all the assurances Nixon could want that the Soviet leadership is only interested in managing its own empire as it pleases while the US can do what it likes in theirs.

Just as ridiculous, though on a smaller scale, was the meeting of such notorious imperialists as Harold Wilson, Will Brandt and Golda Meir under the pretence of being 'socialist' leaders of the so-called 'free world'.

Harold Wilson as the agent of British monopoly capitalism is presently waging an all out war against the workers of Britain and trying to legislate against their being able to fight back. Will Brandt is associated with the German 'miracle' which is simply the victory of resurgent monopoly capitalism in Germany over the workers. And Golda Meir identifies herself completely with the US-backed aggression of Israel against her Arab neighbours and the brutal repression of the Arab people within her conquest-streched borders. That's supposed to be socialism!

The tragic irony of these two international gatherings is that Brezhnev and Kosygin, who like to pretend that they have donned the mantle of Lenin, should have staged a conference which has no more to do with revolutionary Marxism-Leninism than the meeting in Britain of the heirs of the Second International which Lenin described as an utter betrayal of socialism and the world proletarian movement.

TUC & GOVT JOIN AGAINST WORKERS



IMAGINARY (?) CONVERSATION AT NO. TEN
Feather: Why bark themselves when they keep a dog like me?
Wilson: We won't wield the mace, Babs. If we can do the job with a feather duster.
Castler: Very funny, Harold! Now I can slip off to the hairdresser and repair my image.

OH DEAR! WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE— WITH VICTOR FEATHER AND THE TUC?

On June 20th the TUC went into action for the first time with its new strike-settling machinery in order to end a dispute involving 10 women lavatory attendants at the Lucas car component factory in Birmingham.

The women have been on strike four days claiming £3 a week rise to give days claiming £3 week rise to give them the same rate as male cleaners. When the Lucas management found that 2,500 out of a work force of 6,000 had been laid off as a result of the women's action, they hastily offered factory workers the great concession of allowing them to use the staff lavatories! This the men promptly refused because it

would undermine the women's wage claim.

TUC General Secretary, Victor Feather, acting on the General Council's new authority for settling unofficial disputes, got in touch with a national officer of the IGWW — not for the purpose of backing the equal pay principle which the women lavatory attendants had invoked and to which the TUC and Labour Party are committed 'on Paper', but to insist on "a return to work, if necessary on Sunday, to tidy up the toilets so that there can be a full resumption of work on Monday (June 23rd)."

If any worker in Britain had any doubts about on whose behalf the TUC would wield its extra powers, now he knows!

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At 3 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd of June, 1941, the German fascist hordes launched an all-out attack on the Soviet Union, the first workers' state, established under Lenin's leadership by the great October Revolution and consolidated by Stalin. The world proletarian and anti-imperialist movement will never forget the courage and sacrifices of the people of the Soviet Union under Stalin's inspiration which repulsed and utterly defeated the Nazi invaders. We cannot doubt that the heroism of Soviet workers which crushed the armed might of fascism will overthrow the revisionist usurpers who have crept into positions of authority, replaced the dictatorship of the proletariat with that of the bourgeoisie and betrayed socialism.

Message to Communist Party of Britain (M-L) from Communist Party of China

Dear Comrades,

Your message of greetings was received on the occasion of our victorious convening of our Party's Ninth National Congress. Your greetings are of great support and encouragement to our Party and our people. We express our heartfelt thanks to you.

The Communist Party of China, nurtured by the leadership of Chairman Mao Tseung, is determined to unite with the genuine Marxist-Leninist parties, organisations and Marxist-Leninists all over the world, to unite with the proletarians of all countries and unite with the oppressed peoples and nations of the whole world and carry through to the end the great struggle against imperialism, headed by U.S.A., modern revisionism with the Soviet renegade clique as its centre and reaction of all countries.

We wish you new victories in the struggle against imperialism, revisionism and reaction.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

May 28, 1969.

The Labour Government set out its policy in relation to organised workers in the White Paper called "In Place of Strife." This title says more about social democracy than the White Paper itself. There have been others who reckoned to outlaw "Strife" that is, struggle involving workers with their employers — but they made no pretence of being democrats even if they called themselves socialists. The Labour Front of Nazi Dr Ley was based on such a conception.

The White Paper is a rag bag of proposals to impose them purporting to remove causes of "Strife" but on close examination proving to be meaningless in practical terms.

Workers' opposition

The sections of the White Paper intended to be the most significant are those which threaten penalties or restraints on workers, including fines for taking part in 'unofficial' or 'unconstitutional' strikes.

Predictably the White Paper met with such opposition from workers that this was reflected in decisions by nearly every Trade Union delegate conference to oppose the White Paper or threatened legislation based on it.

Here we see a divergence between rank and file and so called leadership. The rank and file position was straight opposition and readiness to fight the Government. The leadership, however, while appearing to respond to this feeling began at once a long series of negotiations with the Government.

This was precisely what the Government wanted. While the negotiations with the TUC were proceeding, Government spokesmen were stamping the country pouring torrents of abuse on the Trade Unions and sought to convince all, especially the Unions themselves, that they were in deadly earnest in their intention to impose penalties, unless, this "unless" has been the crux of the whole question. This propaganda campaign had the desired effect on the Trade Union leadership. It brought forth the TUC document "Programme for Action."

What the Programme for Action is

Without analysing this in detail it is enough to say that this is not a Programme for Action against the Government or the employers. It is precisely what the Government were looking for all along. It is, stripped of its verbiage, an offer to the Government that, provided the Government would not proceed with its bill containing the penalty clauses, the TUC would attempt to do the job of the Government for it. The TUC would change its rules and thereby be given powers over the Unions it has never yet possessed.

The General Council adopted this document and its members went forth to sell the "Programme for Action" to their respective Unions as an alternative to the Government bill.

This line had three aspects. To gain rank and file acceptance by insisting that the alternative to the "Programme" was a head on clash with the Government which they should avoid if possible. To convince the rank and file that the "Programme" was innocuous and therefore acceptable. At the same time to convince the Government that the "Programme" was not innocuous and would be more effective than Government action.

Shadow Boxing of Wilson and TUC

The special congress of the TUC on June 5th adopted the "Programme for Action". The General Council then went into long negotiations with the Government. Naturally Wilson argued that the TUC plan did not go far enough. Naturally the TUC argued it could go no farther. To have made any significant further concessions beyond what had been agreed at the special congress would have split the TUC wide open — and the apologists for the TUC plan have been able to claim no more for it than that it united the Trade Unions in a face of the threat of Government legislation.

On June 18th Wilson agreed the TUC plan and dropped plans to introduce the bill — for the time being.

ALBANIAN TRADE UNIONS Militant Organisations of the Working Class!

FEBRUARY 11 marked the 24th anniversary of the creation, by the working class, of Albania; of its own organisation on a national scale—the Trade Unions of Albania. Activities throughout the country are being conducted in connection with this anniversary.

The Albanian Trade Unions came into being as revolutionary, and will remain revolutionary—powerful levers of the Party of Labour of Albania, which created them and is guiding them. The whole existence of the Albanian Trade Unions has been connected with the country's destiny, with the destiny of socialist revolution. Convinced that the grand programme of the Party for the country's socialist construction embodies the basic interests of the working class, the Albanian Trade Unions, ever since their creation, have put all their strength for the mobilisation of the whole physical and intellectual capacity of the working class in support of its power, for the solution of the great problems of the country's socialist construction, for the overcoming of the numerous difficulties of marching forward and of those created by the imperialist-revisionist blockades.

The entire activity of the Albanian Trade Unions is concentrated on two important functions. On the one hand, they have striven to educate and arm the working class with the revolutionary Marxist-Leninist ideology of its Party, to raise its class consciousness, to make it conscientious and capable as the country's leading force. On the other hand, the Albanian Trade Unions are striving to enhance the leading, organisational and supervising role of the working class, so as, by its work, example, ideology and control, to give the tone to the whole national life.

Being revolutionary by nature, the Albanian Trade Unions have also conducted intense activity in the international arena. Right from the creation of the World Federation of Trade Unions, they became active members of it, and always considered themselves as a detachment of the multi-million army of the working class and of the world revolutionary trade union movement. As

such, they have played a militant role in the WFTU, resolutely defending revolutionary principles in the international trade union movement and the fundamental interests of the working class in struggle against imperialism, reformism and modern revisionism.

But, for a long time now, as a result of the pro-imperialist, counter-revolutionary line, forced upon it by the Soviet revisionists, the WFTU has completely degenerated and has placed itself in opposition to all the revolutionary forces of the working class, to the trade union movement and to all the anti-imperialist struggles in the world...

The Albanian Trade Unions do not remain passive in this situation. Alongside other trade union centres, they maintained their revolutionary position, waged and continue to wage a determined struggle of principle against the destructive and divisive activity of the Soviet-led modern revisionists in the international trade union movement.

In this, the working class of Albania, and its Trade Unions, did nothing more than their internationalist duty; but at the same time they have forcefully and unreservedly supported the struggle of the working people and trade unions in all parts of the world for national and social liberation against US-led imperialism, against colonialism and reaction...

A great militant friendship and an unbreakable unity unites the working people of our country with the fraternal working people of China. This friendship, established and forged by our Marxist-Leninist Parties, is growing and becoming stronger with every passing day, in our joint efforts for the building of socialism and for resolute struggle against imperialism and modern revisionism.

The Trade Unions of Albania, just as they have done, so far, in the future, too, will fight with determination to perform their international duties with regard to the international working class and trade union movement. They will remain as always in the front line of the struggle against US-led imperialism and against Soviet-led revisionism, till the final victory of the cause of the world working class.

MOUNTING REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE IN JAMAICA

(The following report has been received from the Youth Forces for National Liberation in Jamaica).

At the end of April the oppressed masses and revolutionary youth staged a militant demonstration in Falmouth, Jamaica, against the Shearer puppet government which represents the dictatorship of the big landlords and capitalists against the people and in the interest of US imperialism. At this massive rally the people put forward their demands for work, decent living conditions, schools, medical care, housing and sanitation and an end to police terrorism.

Among the many posters expressing indignation at the lack of jobs and miserable conditions was a placard tied to a dog which read "Dog and all a look work!"

As soon as Shearer's police heard of the demonstration they rushed in and broke up the march, threatening to shoot down any who resisted. This is in line with their recent practice of cordoning off the areas where the poorest people live and in the early hours of the morning breaking into houses at gun point and beating, arresting and looting.

At a meeting a few days after this demonstration shearer openly boasted of the rich life he was able to lead as the tool of imperialism and the local oppressors. He shared the platform with a Kuomintang counter-revolutionary agent, Chin See, who is one of the biggest capitalists in Falmouth. People in the audience shouted back sayings of Mao Tseung.

Below are some of the quotations which the Youth Forces for National Liberation have prepared for the study of revolutionary cadres and Party members.

Opposing Marxism and opposing the building of our Marxist Party is saying in effect that the working class must continue to rely on the ideological leadership and on the parties of the national bourgeoisie. History is full of the examples of the utter bankruptcy of the leadership of the national bourgeoisie.

Political parties are instruments of class struggle, and must therefore represent the interests of specific classes. There is no such thing as a 'party of the whole people' or a 'party for all black people'. In reality such a party would be nothing more than a bourgeois party. It is downright revisionism to advocate lumping all various forces in one 'big party'.

The poor peasants are the strongest and the most reliable allies of the workers, not along with the workers they are the most oppressed and exploited class. We must strengthen our rural columns and extend our YFNL throughout the length and breadth of Jamaica.

A blunt knife draws no blood; likewise, a united front without the leadership of the working class and the Marxist party cannot accomplish the tasks of the revolution.

Mao Tseung's thought has been transformed into a material force by the oppressed people throughout the world who are fighting imperialism and reaction. It is a political atom bomb which we, the oppressed Jamaican people, must firmly grasp.

Only by integrating Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tseung thought with the concrete conditions of the Jamaican revolution can we accomplish the tasks of liberating our homeland and building a bright new future under socialism.

Black Power consciousness is a positive factor in the awakening of our people, but we must understand that it is not the end of revolutionary consciousness—only the beginning.



Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

CPB(ML) SUPPORTS PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM

Nothing reveals the extent to which the liberation struggle of the people of South Vietnam has been successful than the establishment, in early June, of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. For three days, from June 6 to June 8, some 88 delegates representing various classes and political forces, including the N.F.L. attended a special congress in one of the liberated areas of South Vietnam. Today US imperialism is being so severely licked in Vietnam that Nixon is being forced, through the losses sustained at the front and the growing refusal to fight on the part of US troops, to withdraw troops. Admittedly the 25,000 men to be withdrawn in July represent a mere token of the more than half a million armed forces US imperialism has thrown into Viet Nam. But even this is a sign of US defeat. Indeed, the very tenor of Nixon's Midway speech and more recent promises of further withdrawals and a so-called "Vietnamisation" of the war is an act of desperation by the leader of world imperialism in the face of tremendous victories scored by liberation forces in the last few months, victories which have been especially noticeable in the urban areas and especially US bases such as Tay Ninh, Danang and Saigon.

In an overwhelming number of the villages and towns of South Vietnam the liberation forces had set up revolutionary committees and administrations so that by early June the scene was ready for the formal establishment of a provisional revolutionary government. It is headed by Huynh Tan Phat as the president and has eight ministers including Madame Nguyen Thi Binh as the Minister for Foreign Affairs. There is also an Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, headed by Nguyen Huu Tho.

PROGRAMME OF GOVERNMENT

The 12-point programme of action of the Provisional Revolutionary Government is in no way a modification of the 10-point programme of the National Front for Liberation. On the contrary, it is an application of the earlier principles to a vastly different situation. More and more people, especially from the middle strata, living in the towns and cities, have been joining the liberation forces. Moreover, with every accession of strength the liberation front had been able to operate political power in vast areas of the country. By forming a provisional government they have put the US aggressors on the spot and created panic in the hearts of the US puppet like Thieu and Ky.

Naturally there will be many problems ahead for the US imperialists will not leave voluntarily. They will have to be kicked out and the heroic masses of South Vietnam will have to wage even more arduous combat. The Programme of Action recognises the need for this and continuous vigilance.

"Let our armed forces and people heroically continue the victorious march, level all obstacles, fight perseveringly and enhance their vigilance, determined to defeat the US imperialists' war of aggression, to overthrow the puppet administration, to compel the US Government to withdraw totally and without conditions the US troops and those of foreign countries belonging to the US camp... Southern compatriots, march forward valiantly! Splendid victories are awaiting us! The South Vietnamese people will win!"



Albanian workers express their solidarity with the World Proletarian Movement.

RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA

This meeting of the Secretariat of CPB (M-L) condemns the fascist constitution now accepted by the tiny minority of the population of Southern Rhodesia—the colonial settlers and a handful of tribal chiefs, who are merely imperialist puppets. Since Southern Rhodesia is a colony of British imperialism and the bedrock of Ian Smith's fascist regime remains the valuable investments of British monopoly capitalism, along with those from USA, West Germany etc, we condemn the continuation of the imperialist exploitation of the people of Southern Rhodesia—We in Britain, pledge our solidarity with the freedom fighters of Zimbabwe whose long and arduous struggle to free their land from the clutches of imperialist-militarist oppression is developing. We know that traitors headed by the Soviet revisionists and including their camp followers like the CPGB are trying to betray the movement by talking of armed struggle while doing everything to make it a failure. We call on British workers to show their solidarity with their class brothers in the mines and plantations of Zimbabwe, and with the genuine liberation fighters. Right here in Britain let us force the Wilson Government to stop harassing and threatening those from Zimbabwe anxious to study and work here until they can return to fight for their freedom.

HOW SOVIET UNION BECAME AN IMPERIALIST STATE

"How has it come about that the first socialist state in the world has embarked on the road of social-imperialism and social fascism? The root reason is that state power has been usurped by the bourgeoisie. With the fundamental change in the superstructure, a fundamental change likewise has taken place in the economic base. (Our emphasis). For more than a decade, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, by adopting a series of reactionary policies has undermined and destroyed the socialist relations of production and restored and developed the capitalist relations of production in the Soviet Union. The highly centralised socialist planned economy has thus retrogressed into a state—monopoly capitalist economy and the capitalist system has been restored in an all-round way in the country.

"The harsh fact that party and state leadership has been usurped by the Khrushchev-Brezhnev revisionist clique in the homeland of Leninism shows that the fundamental question of revolution is political power. After the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the question of political power is still not completely solved and there remains the possibility of the political power being seized again by the bourgeoisie. If classes and class struggle were forgotten, 'then

it would not be long, perhaps only several years or a decade, or several decades at most, before a counter-revolutionary restoration on a national scale would inevitably occur, the Marxist-Leninist party would undoubtedly become a revisionist party or a fascist party and the whole country would change its colour.

"Our great leader Chairman Mao has summed up in a scientific way the historical experience of the dictatorship of the proletariat in the world, especially the grave lessons of capitalist restoration in the Soviet Union, and has creatively set forth the theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. Chairman Mao's theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and his theory on and practice of the great proletarian cultural revolution have solved the most important problems in world revolution in the present era, the problem of consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat and preventing capitalist restoration, and have made a new and great contribution to Marxism-Leninism and to the international communist movement" (Peking People's Daily, June 6, 1969).

WORKERS REBUFF RANKS



Shop Stewards Convenor John Haanington addresses workers outside Camden Town Rank's.

A contract of employment document was issued by Rank's management on Friday May 30th. This document was an attempt to cut across past agreements and factory organisation.

The management refused on numerous occasions to withdraw the document, leaving the workers of Camden Town and Highbury factories no alternative but use of the ultimate industrial weapon.

They came out on strike simultaneously on June 2nd, and were soon supported by the Debden, Essex, factory. Eight hundred workers in dispute with Rank's management resulted in the three factories shutting down. The major union, the AEF, almost immediately had their action endorsed by the London North District Committee.

Throughout the week the combined shop stewards committees waged an uncompromising battle with the Rank management, based on the members' demand for all their conditions to be met before returning to work.

The attempt of the management to split the workers' solidarity by a vicious attack on the convenor who had first taken the initiative of strike action was defeated on the picket line by the unbreakable

unity of the workers.

Late on the afternoon of June 6th, following a sharp confrontation between management and workers outside the Camden Town factory, Rank's management agreed to negotiate on the workers' terms.

A settlement was reached and the members returned to work with all their conditions satisfied. These included complete withdrawal of the offending document; agreement that no document would be issued in its place without trade union approval and any such document in the future would be based on the firm principles of no worsening of existing wages and conditions. Not only was it stipulated that the contract of employment documents must be worded in such a manner as not to cause offence but also management's apology for the document which started the trouble was to be posted on bulletin boards throughout the three factories.

Rank's workers by their militancy, consciousness of their own dignity and solid support for shop stewards committees taking a correct line scored a substantial victory against one of Britain's giant monopolies.



Picket line outside Highbury Works.

TUC — STRIKE BREAKERS!

While the General Council of the T.U.C. was negotiating with Wilson over who was going to shackle the working class, a good opportunity came up at Oxford for the T.U.C. to give an impressive trial run.

There was a dispute at the Pressed Steel Fisher factory at Cowley, Oxford, over maintenance of air valves. The management had told one union one thing, and the other unions something else. True to form, the management, who constantly edge out of talking to more than one union at any one time, had the whole thing flung back at them. The pipefitters, who had been given this job in their Grading Scheme, gave the management notice of dispute unless they sorted out whose job it was — pipefitters or gunfitters. The management said they'd lost the agreement!

The pipe fitters went on strike and their reactionary union leaders made the strike official so that they could trade the men back to work!

In stepped the T.U.C. and the pipefitters were conned into allowing the dispute to go to arbitration. By so doing they had to forego their stand on the agreement they had with the management; and when the T.U.C. enquiry found against them, they were left without a leg to stand on.

The chief shop steward of the pipefitters has now advised another group of workers in dispute never to allow the same situation to develop. They allowed the T.U.C. to make the final decision

and the management were the only ones to gain.

This is the sort of thing we can expect now that the T.U.C. is the capitalists' official Industrial Police Force. The T.U.C. is not, nor ever was a power on the side of the workers. It has nominated itself to be part of the corporate state, the agent of the Labour Government and the best ally the bosses could ever have.

It is now obvious that we have to stand on our own strength and rely on our own efforts, or like the Pressed Steel workers, we shall be sold out — left, right and centre. The fight must be where the struggle is and not left to the agents of the bosses.

THE ROAD TO A CORPORATE STATE

According to The Times (June 19, 1969) the Government's offer of 9.2 million to Upper Clyde Shipbuilders has quite a few strings. These include a productivity agreement to be re-negotiated with the Boilermakers' Society, the reduction of the work force by about 1,300 by August this year and by another 1,300 within the following 12 months as well as the dismissal of 270 members of the staff. Furthermore it is expected that shift working (formerly opposed by the union) will be introduced as soon as possible. No wonder the Minister of Technology, that erstwhile "left winger" — W Benn, "welcomes the progress that has been made which opens up new possibilities for the creation of a viable shipbuilding industry on the Upper Clyde."

VICTORY AT LEYLANDS

The five week old strike which closed down five British Leyland factories ended on June 19th with a workers' victory. They got the £2 a week more they had struck for plus a new higher guaranteed starting rate for new employees and improved bonuses for women workers.

It was Leyland's first strike in 43 years and obviously the bosses were bargaining on loyalty to the old firm to talk the men into going back. There was also all the usual guff about damaging the export drive. But the men were not to be cajoled or bullied. They remained calm — and collected.

THE FIGHT GOES ON!

BRITISH IMPERIALISM NEEDS POWELL!

Once more we have been treated to Powell's blatant racism, lying statistics and a calculated appeal to all the worst elements in British capitalist society, in his bid for the leadership of the Tory Party. And once more we have seen the usual results of his performance — an intensification of insult and injury on black people living in Britain by the racist louts who are among his most devoted followers, nauseating letters to The Times from all those Top People who have to admit that there is a lot in what he says and the hypocritical statements from the Labour Ministers deploring his remarks while quietly taking advantage of the dust raised to pass their own racist measures for further restriction of black immigration and implement their anti-working class policies.

Racism has been British Imperialism's Stock in Trade

Racism is rooted in British imperialism. The slave trade from Africa to the New World, which so helped British mercantile capitalism, saw the birth of naked racism. The conquest of large tracts of Asia and Africa nourished racist ideas of white supremacy and chauvinism. The British ruling class saw to it that the educational system it created both for the classes and the masses propagated ideas which would enable them to fight colonial wars and rule over millions of black people. The press, literature and entertainment of Victorian and Edwardian Britain reeked of jingoism on the one hand and the denigration of the subjugated Indians, Africans and West Indians on the other. As the profits came

rolling into the coffers of the banks and shipping companies, into Manchester and Liverpool, London and Birmingham, so did the British ruling class recognise the value of racism to maintain such a vastly lucrative system. And not only the entrepreneurs but also the phoney socialists whether of the "Christian" or "Fabian" persuasion found colonial wars and doctrines of white supremacy quite compatible with their ideas of reform.

British Imperialism In Decline Needs Racism

Ever since the war black immigrants have come to Britain for the same reason as the Irish — a legacy of colonial exploitation at home so that a long and expensive journey to Britain to work at jobs no one else wanted and rates of pay which would be unacceptable to British workers was better than unemployment and semi-starvation. And British capitalists have found black labour highly profitable. U.S. capitalism derives some 18 billion dollars a year from wage differentials between white and black workers. While we do not have statistics for such differentials for this country there is profit for the employer of black labour over and above that derived from the exploitation of the working class. There is profit for the landlords who charge black people excessive rents for inferior housing knowing that with discrimination in obtaining suitable accommodation they must pay up.

But the value of black people as scapegoats is almost as great as their profitability. As British imperialism has begun to decline and the British ruling class has found it necessary to step up its

exploitation of the working class, make sharp cuts in the standard of living, raise the price of social services etc. the presence of a black minority has been very fortunate. For diverting the anger of workers from the real source of their troubles nothing is so useful as an ethnic minority which has through history been portrayed as inferior. Both Tory and Labour have made full use of the scapegoat role of the black population vying with each other over cutting down the number of black persons allowed to enter, using the propaganda machine to build up scare stories about the "pressure" of immigrants on housing, education, etc.

Powell's Blatant Racism is intended to Divide Workers

Why does Powell's racist nonsense receive such extensive treatment in the mass media? The press covers his drive in full and radio and television give him every opportunity to develop his monstrous ideas and ridiculous remedies before a mass audience. Obviously the ruling class who control all these media are very pleased with the job Powell is doing for them. This job is to exploit to anticipate the future in which the British working class will grow ever more militant with its deteriorating conditions of life and to check this through all conceivable weapons. Powellism — a virulent form of racism — is seen as an important weapon to divide the working class.

In the economic crisis of British imperialism which is going to get worse the ruling class wants as many weapons as it can obtain to shackle the workers.

The Labour Government's racist laws are combined with efforts to hamstring the rights of workers to strike. Powell's raving is intended to split the working class on racialist lines. If large sections of the British working class are persuaded to adopt the attitude of the dockers and porters who marched in support of Powell last year the boss class would be laughing. White chauvinism among workers is simply class collaboration. It means that workers forget who is exploiting them and join hands with their class enemy in a meaningless racist pact from which they get nothing and the boss gets everything.

The racialism spouted in season and out by spokesmen of British imperialism like Powell is part of the general drive toward the fascistisation of Britain. It is part of the move by British capitalism towards a corporate state. In such a drive the use of deportation, especially of those black workers who are politically conscious and are in the forefront of struggle will play an important part. Powell's latest outburst on what is euphemistically called "repatriation" is very much in line with such thinking.

The future is grim. On the one hand we have the British ruling class plotting its strategy by pulling out of the ragbag of history anything that has proved useful to its brethren in the past. The so-called working class leadership as found in the Labour Party and T.U.C. have exposed themselves as the enemies of the workers. Now comes the poison of racism. British workers must not be deceived by such a trick. In struggle they are already finding allies among the black workers with whom they are making a common cause against sackings and closures, reduced pay and victimisation. This struggle must be developed so that all disreputable agents of monopoly capitalism like Powell will be cut off at the roots.

TUC AND GOVT. JOIN AGAINST WORKERS

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Not unnaturally the Tories said what Wilson had been saying only the day before and they threaten to bring in legislation when returned to office. In stating this Heath is able to say that such legislation is seen today as essential whereas five years ago it was unthinkable. Who has brought about this change of climate is a question that should not go unheeded.

WHERE ARE THE WORKERS NOW?

Where do the workers now stand? Are they to submit to the TUC? Is this possible. Let's consider.

Year in and year out workers express their demands in resolutions to Trade Union conferences and congresses and these demands become policy. At the same time employers and Government make their demands on the workers. The difference is that the employers hit first and the Trade Unions don't — except on occasions, at factory level.

The national claim such as shorter hours, higher wages, equal pay and the right to work in safe conditions of fancy, which they are if not fought for. The employers have succeeded in containing quite effectively demands made through national Trade Union bodies. It is at factory level that the workers' demands are translated into action. It is here the Government, the employers and now the TUC direct their fire. But they will fail.

In the rarefied atmosphere of Conference active trade unionists often subscribe to the idea that relations with employers can be conducted free from strife, but back at the works they have to face harsh reality. You can have peace only at the price of surrender.

Facing the realities, still no equal pay, still no right to work, ever-mounting opposition to any advance in real wages, ever increasing pressure from the employers, the only conclusion any worker can reach is that there has been too little strife, too much asking, not enough action. Otherwise how can it be argued that Unions can do much power and yet have achieved so little?

This must raise the main question. Is it possible to achieve workers' real aims and objectives with employers in a position to dictate to the working class? Of course not. The workers must reverse this. They must stand now. They will tell the TUC bureaucracy to keep out. We never sought your help in any of our struggles with the employers, neither will we now tolerate your interference. You can't expel us; we will expel you.

IZVESTIA MAN GOES ROYAL

A new admirer of the Royal Family can now be added to the list. Namely, the Russian "Izvestia" correspondent in this country. When interviewed by the BBC and asked what he thought of the television programme "The Royal Family", he replied that technically it was a wonderful hundred percent job, and went on to say hopefully, that if Britain continued with this system it would be the first socialist country with a monarchy.

There must have been gnashing of teeth at King Street Revisions HQ, if their policy says nothing of this, but rather favours retiring the monarchy with a handsome gratuity for the rest of their lives.

Who knows, perhaps this was the first warning shot from the Russians being the King Street Revisionists took a half step out of line at the recent Moscow Conference?

FULL SUPPORT

to the workers of Punfield and Barstow who have been on strike for three weeks following the use of police by management to evict them by force when they protested against bad conditions and rates (as happened recently at the nearby Injection Moulders factory).

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MOSCOW MEETING REVISIONIST BETRAYAL

(The following extracts are taken from an editorial in the Albanian Party of Labour paper, ZERI I POPULLIT.)

The Moscow revisionist meeting has clearly shown its anti-Marxist character. It is obvious that its organisers aim at the creation of a counter-revolutionary bloc at the service of the Soviet revisionists in collaboration with imperialism against revolution and communism, the final division of Marxist-Leninists from revisionists. The revisionists assume a grave responsibility before the international working class, before the world revolutionary and anti-imperialist movement. They place themselves before the supreme and ruthless condemnation of history.

The anti-Marxist character of this meeting which the revisionists falsely called a meeting of "international communism" was shown by the fact that neither Brezhnev nor any other speaker mentioned at all the 1957 and 1960 declarations. No real communist meeting could have avoided serious Marxist-Leninist criticism and self-criticism with regard to has and who has not implemented the principles of these genuinely Marxist declarations of the past.

Much water has flown under the bridge since the years 1957 and 1960. The betrayal of Khrushchev and of the Khrushchevians has developed and has done great harm to international communism. The Soviet-US imperialist alliance, the Cuban events, the fascist occupation of Czechoslovakia, the anti-China and anti-Albania campaign, the betrayal of the "hugger-bugger" of the Vietnamese people and the Arab people are all links in the chain of revisionist betrayal. Why did the meeting not analyse these events? Are they of no importance for the communist movement?

Such an analysis would not be in the interest of the revisionists who have betrayed communism and are rabid anti-Leninists. They want to bury these documents which are an obstacle on their road to reason.

The revisionists who gathered in Moscow would like to call themselves Leninist. But how can those be Leninists who do not dare to analyse why contradictions arose in the communist movement, the source of which lies in the betrayal of the Khrushchevians, in the unscrupulous violation of their part of the 1957 and 1960 declarations, in their hostile activity against the Communist Party of China, the Party of Labour of Albania and against all the revolutionaries who remain true to the teachings of Marxism-Leninism and the Moscow declarations?

Can they be called Leninists who, admitting that there exist divergencies in the communist movement, defend the false theory "Let us leave aside what divides us and stick to what unites us"? This is a clear expression of the opportunism against which Lenin resolutely fought all his life. What can unite

Marxist-Leninists with traitors to communism? Nothing. Everything divides them. This truth is known in theory and practice even to the defenders of this alien thesis. Those who think in this way, sooner or later, will experience the consequences when the blow of revisionist social-imperialism will fall on them heavily.

Who strikes one's eyes most in Brezhnev's speech is the objective to force upon the other partners their own dictate and to attach them fully and completely to the imperialist aggressive policy of the Soviet revisionists. It was an unrestrained attack on China, replete with base calumnies and insults against the glorious Communist Party of China and its great Chairman, Mao Tsetung, against its Marxist-Leninist revolutionary line. Unable to find any convenient argument to defend his theses, he used the worst language of war mongers, with threats and sabre-rattings which even John Foster Dulles would envy. He threatened the People's Republic of China with both conventional and nuclear war and bragged about the military potential of the Soviet Union. This anti-China hysteria is not fortuitous and has not only propaganda aims. It is a component part of the imperialist line for the sabotage of revolution and of imperialism, of world domination.

Even though there existed at the meeting common hatred of Marxism-Leninism and even though all the revisionist parties are zealously working for the sabotage of revolution and of people's liberation struggle, this was insufficient to preserve their cohesion under Moscow's direction. This cannot be done by false slogans of 'unity of action' against imperialism. As long as in fact no war is waged against imperialism, there can be no unity of action against it.

The anti-China outbursts were needed by the Brezhnev-Kosygin clique to provide US imperialists a proof of their loyalty to the Soviet-US alliance and to assure the ruling circles of the international Bourgeoisie that they have nothing to fear from the 'revolutionary' phraseology of the speeches delivered in the Kremlin. This was seen also in the praise Brezhnev bestowed on the US speaking of its economic and military strength and its highly organised production.

The Party of Labour of Albania and all Marxist-Leninists of the world will always perform their international duty. They will fight for the complete destruction of modern revisionism. We shall never allow the Soviet Khrushchevian leaders to hoodwink the international working class by their demagoguery and we are convinced that public opinion everywhere in the world, particularly revolutionaries, will rise against modern revisionism to overthrow and bury it. Right is on our side. As a result victory, too will be on our side.

COMBAT LIBERALISM

We have heard from the West London Branch of our Party that they are studying Mao's famous article, written as early as 1937, entitled, *Combat Liberalism*. It may seem strange to some that we, who profess to be Marxists, should need to fight liberalism — a typically petty-bourgeois phenomenon. But as Mao shows in the midst of all of us are so many manifestations of petty-bourgeois traits and ideas that unless we are always on guard we shall find our Marxist principles being destroyed. Because his ideas are so apt for all of us in our day-to-day struggles that we are reproducing the eleven types of liberalism. Incidentally the pamphlet is available at sixpence from the Bellman Bookshop by itself or in a new handy anthology, *Five Articles* by Chairman Mao Tsetung.

"To let things slide for the sake of peace and friendship when a person has clearly gone wrong, and refrain from principled argument because he is an old acquaintance..."

"To indulge in irresponsible criticism in private instead of actively putting forward one's suggestions to the organization. To say nothing to people to their faces but to gossip behind their backs..."

"To let things drift if they do not affect one personally; to say as little as possible while knowing perfectly well what is wrong, to be worldly wise and play safe..."

"Not to obey orders but to give pride

of place to one's own opinions. To demand special consideration from the organization but to reject its discipline..."

"To indulge in personal attacks, pick quarrels, vent personal spite or seek revenge instead of entering into an argument and struggling against incorrect views..."

"To hear incorrect views without rebutting them and even to bear counter-revolutionary remarks without reporting them, but to take them calmly as if nothing had happened..."

"To be among the masses and fail to conduct propaganda and agitation... forgetting that one is a Communist and behaving as if one were an ordinary non-Communist..."

"To see someone harming the interests of the masses and yet not feel indignant, or dissuade or stop him or reason with him, but to allow him to continue..."

"To work half-heartedly without a definite plan or direction; to work perfunctorily and muddle along..."

"To regard oneself as having rendered great service to the revolution, to pride oneself on being a veteran, to disdain minor assignments while being quite unequal to major tasks..."

"To be aware of one's own mistakes and yet make no attempt to correct them, taking a liberal attitude towards oneself..."

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WORKER-STUDENT STUDY SESSION

Industrial workers, trade union officials, and militant student leaders from various universities and colleges met together on Saturday, 31st May, at a study session on worker-student co-operation organised by the CPB(ML).

A draft Action Programme and Analysis of the Present State of the Student Movement in Britain had been prepared to provide an orientation for discussion and future work. In the opening speech presenting the ideas behind the programme, it was pointed out that the principal current task of Marxist-Leninists in the student movement was the recruitment of a limited number of cadres to act as a vanguard. This is because of the lack of any intense history of struggle in the British universities over the past decades, and a higher proportion of students of petty-bourgeois origin than in France or the USA, resulting in no mass revolutionary student movement at present existing in Britain. However the intensifying crisis of imperialism is being reflected in the universities, which exist as imperialist institutions.

In order to carry out the struggle within the universities from a proletarian standpoint, Marxist-Leninist students must struggle against the common enemy of both workers and students, imperialism, which in the student context is the university as an imperialist institution. Pure student demands for an ideal academically free university (even when they are couched in pseudo-revolutionary terms, such as university red bases) should be rejected, since their aim is to consolidate the position of students as a petty-bourgeois elite, thus reflecting the class origin of the majority of students. Such aims are obviously in opposition to the interests of the working-class. In this context the role of revisionists and Trotskyites as mis-leaders of the student movement was examined.

The ideas of the programme and analysis were shown to have arisen from real struggles in British universities, consequently methods of work were discussed including the use of various forms of confrontation such as strikes taken at Sussex University and the ISE. The creation of left-'centre' coalitions was put forward as an important aspect of base building, helping the ideological development of the student masses. It was emphasised that Marxist-Leninist students must, to develop the contradiction they face with imperialism as members of the petty-bourgeoisie, identify their future interest with that of the proletariat. This means placing their movement within that of the vanguard of the revolutionary working-class, with its party.

In the ensuing discussion some students expressed doubts as to the value of political work among students due to their predominantly petty-bourgeois nature. However generally both workers and students agreed on the necessity for Marxist-Leninists to carry out work in the student movement. There was also general agreement that there had been a profound change in the political role of students over the past thirty years, and that they were no longer a reactionary force that could be used for strike-breaking as happened during the General Strike. This was regarded as being in part due to this increasing intake of students from working-class origins resulting from the expansion of the universities and colleges.

Several speakers pointed out that under imperialism, university students not only found themselves in a privileged petty-bourgeois position relative to the working-class, but that they also found themselves in an elite position relative to the students at Technical colleges and teacher training colleges, where there is a much higher proportion of students of working-class origin. These students often are to study under appalling conditions with minimal grants.

Many speakers stressed the point that the student movement could only integrate fully with the working-class, and achieve its potential revolutionary expression through the Marxist-Leninist party. The party is the only political and organisational form that can link together all revolutionary struggles in order to smash the monopoly capitalist state.

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