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PROTRACTED WAR THE STRATEGY FOR THE WORKING CLASS

With class struggle growing in volume and intensity and variety of forms, the whole question of tactics is increasingly important, together with and not apart from strategy. If there is no correct leadership, the workers will simply stumble from one defensive skirmish to another, will learn nothing and become a prey to fascist demagogy.

The Industrial Relations Bill, encouragement of policies producing unemployment, erosion of wages through ever rising prices and the attack on wages and attacks on the social services are not separate but all parts of a general attack on the working class. There is along with this a general readiness on the part of the workers to engage in struggle, the most prominent feature of which is and has been to an ever increasing extent strike action on wages.

The present struggle at the Ford plant at Halewood which is affecting the whole Ford organisation is not a wage strike but one in defence of organisation on the factory floor. Arising from the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders situation strike action is developing and will surely not be confined to Clydeside on the issue of jobs. At the same time action will continue to develop on the wages front.

Let us examine the efforts of would-be leaders of the working class in the shape of Social Democrats, Communist Party of Great Britain (Revisionists) and Trotskyites. The Labour Party, though posing as antagonists of the Tories, make it clear beyond doubt that they have no real alternative policies. If there is any difference it is only one of degree. Their record in government is fresh enough in the memory to put this beyond doubt. There is not a shred of originality in present Tory policy. They attack the kids' milk, so did Labour; they up prescription charges, so did Labour; they act to hamstring the Unions, so did Labour; they intend to go into the Common Market, so did Labour; they promised to bring prices down while deliberately pushing them up, so did Labour. All this does not simply add up to the duplicity of politicians. That would be an over-simplification. The fact is that under capitalism whoever exercises the functions of government, whoever takes over the existing state machine will operate it in the same way, for it is a capitalist state machine and can only serve the interests of the capitalists as a class.

This is a basic and undeniable fact. It could be illustrated with countless examples, history past and recent. In this country and abroad it is proved over and again to be so.

But what of the revisionists and Trots. What is their answer to all the attacks of the employing class against the workers? It is true they seek to identify with the workers, but to betray. They jump to the head of every marching column with but one slogan, "HEATH OUT". It would be funny if it was not so serious. They whose claim is to be progressive if not revolutionary can offer only one solution, one slogan which is on the face of it reactionary. Little more than a year ago HEATH WAS OUT. So the "Heath out" slogan can mean only going backward, not forward. But the revisionists baste to qualify. They say return a Labour Government pledged to progressive policies. This is a pure contradiction in terms. This could be illustrated at length but suffice it to say that Labour politicians will pledge themselves to anything. Look at their pre-1964 pledges and compare them with post 1964 performance. Consider how a most reactionary Labour M.P., on losing office, immediately joined the "Tribune" and rationalised this quite simply by saying that one can take up positions when in opposition that would not be possible when in office. This cynicism permeates the whole of Social Democracy and is not confined to individuals. Where are these "progressive policies" to come from? During the life of the last Labour government there was no lack of progressive policies pouring out of Labour Party Conferences and T.U.C. But Labour in Parliament made it abundantly clear that they had no responsibility to carry out any of it. They take the Trades Unions' money all right and then in office turn upon them. They ignore Conference decisions, they are not binding in any way.

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IRELAND: SHOOT TO KILL WORKS BOTH WAYS

BRITISH TROOPS OUT NOW

The British occupation authorities and their extreme Unionist allies have declared open war on the people of Northern Ireland. Brian Faulkner has openly boasted that the Army are "scoring deaths" against what he calls "terrorists". The self-styled commandant of the U.V.F., John McKeague, screams "no, for justice, but for revenge", whenever a British soldier is killed. The British troops themselves have been "licensed to kill" anyone whom they consider to be "acting suspiciously". All this adds up to the fact that there can be no peaceful solution to the Irish problem. Only armed struggle will drive British Imperialism from its oldest colony. Any force that will defend the Irish people against the British Army is worthy of support in this endeavour, but for ultimate success the leadership of an Irish Marxist-Leninist Party will be necessary. Meanwhile the workers of Britain should demand with one voice: **BRITISH TROOPS OUT OF IRELAND NOW.**

RELEASE THE IRISH PRISONERS

The bourgeois press often tells us that there are no political prisoners in Britain, and that all the inmates of the jails of this country are common criminals. This is a lie. There are at present more than twenty Irishmen incarcerated in British jails as political detainees. The conditions under which these men are being held amount to nothing short of torture. The plight of Pat O'Sullivan and Conor Lynch, each doing seven years in Wormwood Scrubs, is a case in point. For twenty-three hours out of



Irish people fighting British troops in Belfast.

twenty-four they are locked away in tiny cells. A light is left burning the whole time, thus depriving them of sleep, and at night they are stripped naked by warders. The reason the Home Office gives for this treatment is that they are security risks, but there can be no doubt that the real motives behind this concentration camp type treatment are political.

The alleged "crime" of these men is that of obtaining, or attempting to obtain, arms for the defence of the people of Northern Ireland against the ravages of the British occupation army. However, in the context of the present situation in Ireland this is no crime. In Northern Ireland today British troops are attempting to intimidate and terrorise a rebellious population into submission. Young men are being

shot dead in the streets, houses ransacked, funerals attacked, and all manner of provocations staged in an effort to bring the Irish people to their knees and impose British style "law and order" (with which anyone who has ever stood on a picket line here in Britain is all too familiar).

In these circumstances the support of the beleaguered people of Belfast and Derry is not a crime but a duty for every nationally-minded Irishman and for every class-conscious British worker. The workers of Britain should therefore say to the British Government: "The Irish prisoners have committed no crime. Release them immediately, and if you don't want Irishmen to bear arms against the Crown forces, withdraw British troops from Ireland now."

REVOLT ON THE CLYDE 100,000 STOP WORK

**"They will have to get the troops out
of the Bogside and into Clydeside if they
think they are going to move us out of the yards!"**

Angry workers of the Upper Clyde Shipyards marched into London when they heard the news that one of the largest shipbuilding firms in Britain, once the greatest shipbuilding nation in the world, was going into liquidation by Government order. A delegation told Prime Minister Heath what they thought of Government policy while others stormed into the House of Commons to deliver the same message to M.P.s.

When the workers got no satisfaction in response to their demands they declared their decision to fight and to mobilise the whole working class in support of their struggle.

The Upper Clyde Shipbuilders is the latest major British concern to be wrecked by managerial incompetence and Governmental bad faith. The shipyard workers with their skills are being robbed of the right to exercise those skills in the interests of Britain — and when we say Britain, we mean the Britain

of the workers who have created this country's wealth, not the Britain of the employers and financiers who have pocketed it!

JUST LIKE ROLLS-ROYCE

First it was Rolls-Royce and the aircraft industry, now it is the shipbuilding industry. At this rate of capitalist chaos and bankruptcy, when we "go into Europe," which is the Government's answer to everything, it will have to be by row boat!

The losses which this liquidation of the Upper Clyde Consortium will involve are not being borne by reckless financiers who gambled on a business venture which did not come off. They are being borne by you! The Labour Government put up £20 million of your money as taxpayers to launch the Consortium and the Tory Government writes it off. Both Parties behave like a couple of drunken punters betting with someone else's money — yours; and part of the stakes are people's jobs — again, yours.

We have said repeatedly that both the Labour and Tory Parties are capitalist parties serving the interests of monopoly capitalism. There is no difference in their policies which are equally anti-working class. But the use of the employing class can make of having two parties working for it is obvious in the Upper Clyde affair. The 'left' hand reaches in the workers' pocket for the capital to set up the combine. The 'right' hand cancels the debt and makes the shipyard workers redundant. So called 'nationalisation' makes no difference. Look at the redundancies in the coal and steel industries. Indeed workers in the 'nationalised' industries have found that the Government is the worst boss of all when it comes to fair wages and conditions.

ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR THE UPPER CLYDE WORKERS

To the workers of the Clydeside yards we say: "We share your anger. We are with you in

your struggle. Never mind hand-outs from the capitalist Government. Capitalism is bankrupt. Take over the yards yourselves — even if it can only be one stage in the protracted war to take over the whole country in the name of the working class."

To the workers of Scotland where one in ten of the adult working population is on the dole we say: "Join in solidarity with your brothers on Clydeside when they occupy the yards. Put into practice now the only slogan for workers — if one goes all out!" This was demonstrated by the solidarity strike of 100,000 Glasgow workers on June 23rd.

To the workers of Britain we say: "Give all out support to the militant workers in the Clydeside yards. Show the employers and their Government that the line has been drawn once for all on redundancy. The Government thinks that unemployment has now reached such proportions that workers will grovel for

the right to hold on to their jobs, that they will join hands with their own particular employers and beg to be allowed to go on being exploited by them. Of all their miscalculations this is their most serious. The shipbuilding workers are digging in to fight. Workers elsewhere must send delegates to the Clydeside, not just to show solidarity, but to commit their forces in the common struggle."

Neither the Upper Clyde workers nor any other militant section of the working class will be left to go it alone. Employers generally, backed by their Government, are trying to isolate the militants and chop them down. But they have begun a running battle with the great working class in which it is they who will become increasingly isolated, cut off and eliminated. That is the protracted war in which the stand of the Clydeside workers is one of a whole series of glorious, and ultimately, invincible engagements.

WORKERS' "NO" TO COMMON MARKET

If Britain were a democracy, the whole scheme for joining the Common Market would be as dead as the dodo. Only one of many expressions of the working class's rejection of a move which serves only the interests of monopoly-capitalism came at Torquay when the National Conference of the AUEW, Britain's second largest trade union, voted overwhelmingly against Britain's entry.

A poll carried out by Midland newspapers showed that 95 per cent of the people were opposed to the Common Market. This is in line with the strong views of workers and their families all over the country who know perfectly well that the two capitalist political parties, Tory and Labour, in backing the Common Market reflect the interests of their class enemies — not their own.

In fact, the decision to "go into Europe" was taken years ago without any consultation of the working class at all. In no other way is it possible to account for the actions of both Labour and Tory Governments for some time past.

Decimatisation of the coinage and the introduction of value added tax are only some of the technical changes necessary for the entrance. More serious was the scaling down of the production plans of the British Steel Corporation (since no combines producing more than 20 million tons a year are allowed in the European Economic Community) and the liquidation of the British aircraft and shipbuilding industries to be reformed on a multinational basis once Britain is inside. The fact that thousands of workers have been made redundant in the process is naturally no concern of British employers or Government.

The Immigration Acts introduced by successive Governments, as well as an attempt to split the working class on racist lines, were also intended to prepare the way for accepting the Common Market policy of the free market in European labour. The final step has been taken by the present Government in doing away with Commonwealth citizenship altogether.

Workers have not been consulted about any of these steps to get Britain into an Economic Community established to strengthen European monopoly-capitalism against the workers of Europe. They need consult no one in the steps they will take to wreck the whole conception!

In this issue of THE WORKER we have begun to spell out in detail the strategy of the British working class — protracted war.

The essence of protracted war is using the numerical strength and mobility of workers to fight successful guerrilla engagements on the industrial front till their overall strength and unity are such that the political rule of the class enemy can be challenged and overthrown. In these tactics workers strike where the employing class is weakest.

It is weaknesses in British monopoly-capitalism which are forcing the entry into Europe.

These weak points must be attacked — in the Upper Clyde Shipbuilding yards, at other points like Steel where there is a policy of massive redundancy, over the Government's immigration line. In these attacks the fighting cannot be left to shipyard workers or steel workers or black workers. The whole weight of the working class must be brought to bear on the weakest, and most sensitive points of monopoly-capitalism's line of defence.



CLYDESIDE

In Glasgow, the announcement has been made — U.C.S. is to be liquidated, 7,000 shipyard workers and 25,000 other working men and women on the West Coast will fight for the right to work, whatever employers and Government may say about "thinning down" and "streamlining".

BOSSES REMEDY — MORE WORK — LESS MEN

They will remember the same phrases being bandied about in 1968 when U.C.S. was being formed and redundancies already the order of the day. At that time the shipyard owners claimed "British ships are being priced out of the market by foreign competitors. Our order books are empty. The remedy can only be a new yard — a super efficient yard free from labour strife and the restrictive practices of the past." This "remedy" as many workers soon discovered also included payoffs at Fairfields, Browns and others and the push for many who had served long years on the Upper Reaches. It also included a higher degree of exploitation of the worker by the boss. In the past year shipyard workers have increased production by 100 per cent with a substantially reduced labour force. Yet redundancies actual and threatened, continue.

PUTTING BLINKERS ON THE WORKERS

On the Clyde U.C.S. began life under a shower of good wishes from Press and T.V. The new group was to bring back the "golden age of shipbuilding to the Clyde." All those who wished the workers to see no farther than the end of the welding rod took their cue from such verbiage. Labour Party, Trades Councillors, "Communist" Party members and others all buckled

down to the job of making U.C.S. work. After all they argued, the Government owns 49 per cent of the shares and nationalisation is better than no nationalisation at all.

As the skeleton and then the plates of the new Cunarder Q.4 began to rise above Clydebank, these worthless class collaborators saw their theories of "the good times returned" gained substance on the waterfront. They even turned a hand to writing songs of praise.

THANK YOU DAD FOR ALL YOUR SKILL
BUT THE CLYDE IS A RIVER THAT'LL NO STAND STILL
YE DID GIE WHEEL, BUT WE'LL DO MORE
MAKE WAY FOR THE FINEST OF THEM ALL Q.4.

NO MORE LINERS — MORE REDUNDANCY

No sooner had Q.4 been launched than winds of change began blowing up from the Tail O' the Bank.

First of all steel blades in the ship's turbines began shearing off during trials. No bad reflection this on the Clydesiders' ability at making engines, but a slap on the face nonetheless for those who would make pathetic attempts at separating Clydeside workers from those in other yards in other parts with talk of "nobody builds ships like Clydeside".

The body blow came, however, with the announcement that U.C.S. would build no more liners. Cargo ships of a distinctive Clyde design were to be made instead. Immediately, hundreds of finishing trades became unwanted by the management. Painters, plumbers, carpenters and joiners were shown across the gangways for the last time.

The collaborators were subdued, but not silenced — until the news of closure was made last week.

U.C.S. — NO ISOLATED CASE

Those workers — such as form the basis of our Party, and its newspaper — who genuinely seek to explain the decaying nature of capitalism and fight for its destruction know that U.C.S. is no isolated case as far as liquidation is concerned.

The same process has been going on in Britain with regard to pit-work, railways and steel. In Scotland pit closures have been going on for years: two months ago Rolls-Royce collapsed and men thrown on the scrap heap; B.S.C. is speeding up its programme of foundry closures in the coming year. Building workers in Scotland have reached record levels in unemployment and on the East Coast trawlers have recently been unable to leave harbour because profit and all-the-year-round fishing has caused the herring shoals to be overfished. Monthly bans on fishermen have been imposed.

1 IN 10 JOBLESS

In Scotland the majority of the working class live and work within 30 miles of Glasgow. In a country which has 1 in 10 of its adult working population on the dole, the U.C.S. closure will be felt by many more than is concerned with work on the Upper Reaches simply because the workers are concentrated in the West. Redundancies should however have the same effect on the entire class in Britain, one out of work should be the concern of all.

Home or abroad, capitalism results in the same thing. The only choice left is to stand and fight. U.C.S. workers are already taking stock as to how best to fight redundancy. They will have learned from the past and from false leaders. The rest of the workers should actively support them.

ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT

With the rapid increase in redundancies, one of the key battles facing the working class is the struggle for the right to work. Government statistics for March-April show a fall in the labour force employed in the manufacturing industries of 82,000, and the total for last year was 305,000 jobs lost plus 87,000 jobs lost in non-manufacturing industries.

With the Government planned run down of the steel industry, and now with Upper Clyde Shipbuilders deliberately forced into liquidation by the Government, things are certainly going to get worse.

The working class faced with this attack is now having to develop new forms of struggle to fight the threat of redundancy. The U.C.S. workers have threatened to take over the yards, and in the words of one of their conveyors "If Mr. Heath wants us out, he can bring over the militia from Bosside and put it in Clyde-side and have a go there."

The working class is faced with an all out offensive against it by the employing class and its Government. The time is now ripe to launch a counter-offensive, not by calling for a general strike that in the current situation can lead only to defeat, but by launching a protracted war.

As was pointed out in the interview with one of the Halewood conveyors, in the last issue of The Worker, Fords are deliberately trying to break the militant shop-floor union organisation at Halewood. They have started a campaign of victimisation of shop stewards ever since the return to work. The sacking of a steward in the paint shop on June 14th was the last straw. But as was stated in last month's interview the Halewood workers had returned to work as a "militant fighting force, not as a beaten army." So the paint shop workers immediately struck, and as soon as the night shift came in they went straight out again. Next morning the transmission shop workers joined in, bringing the strike force to 3,000, and threatening to shut down Fords completely. Fords thought that they could get away with the sort of victimisation they carried out at Dagenham in 1962 but Halewood in '71 is a lot tougher nut than Dagenham '62. The shop steward has now been conditionally rein-

stated showing the power of concerted mass action.

Fine Tubes — The strike at Fine Tubes, Plymouth, has now entered its second year. Fine Tubes an American owned company has taken a vicious anti-union stand. The workers involved, A.U.E.W. and T.G.W.U. members, have been striking for an improvement in pay rates and 100 per cent union membership. The company has been paying rates well below those normal in the Plymouth area. It is a great tribute to the courage and tenacity of these workers that they are still in the thick of battle after over a year. As one of the workers said "We have been kicked around enough. It's them or us. They have chosen a death struggle and we're going to give it to them."

Electricity Industry — Electricity workers have rejected the scandalous bonus scheme which involves making half the workers in the industry redundant. The employers now are seeking to enforce the notorious Clause 202 which allows all kinds of flexibility to take place and has the same purpose — to bring about economies in labour and redundancy. The workers in increasing numbers are refusing to carry out this agreement, officials of the 4 unions at all levels are being involved in dispute. The national officials are on the spot. Dare they instruct the members to make themselves redundant in defiance of T.U. policy?

B.L.M.C. Cowley — Production of the new Morris Marina, the Maxi, and the 1100 and 1300 was shut down when 150 maintenance fitters struck at the beginning of June. They were demanding a new pay agreement for day wage workers, without any productivity strings attached. The strike was successful in achieving the same hourly rate as the electricians with the strings 101p per hour.

No Soap — If you found difficulty in obtaining your usual brand of soap, shaving cream, or toothpaste, it was because at least one employer had just lost its ring of confidence. 600 workers in U.S.D.A.W. at the Colgate-Palmolive factory, had struck for three weeks following the suspension of four workers for refusing to accept additional duties, making the factories produce unavailable in some areas.

WOMEN'S STRUGGLE

Over twenty years ago the International Labour Organisation passed the Convention on Equal Pay for Women. This in due course was ratified by some 70 countries — but not Britain. Only within the last month has Mr. Robert Carr finally agreed — not of course to equal pay for women — but to signing the Equal Pay Convention. Promises cost nothing, as Mrs. Barbara Castle demonstrated in proposing equal pay for women in 1975.

Workers have never yet got anything they did not fight for. Women workers in Britain will get equal pay when they are well enough organised to force employers to pay up — and not before.

TWO - FOLD EXPLOITATION

On the one hand women workers are more intensely exploited than men. Marx's references to the cheap labour of women in the mid-19th century still ring true today. On average a woman earns less than 2/3 for the equivalent out-put of labour, of the average man's wage. This stands in the region of £13 at present, which is below the Government "subsistence" level. Besides unequal

pay there is far less opportunity for women in skilled and professional jobs, especially in the fields of medicine and engineering.

On the other hand her life is subjected to the family, an institution supported by an entire system of civil laws. Here is the realm of work in which the woman is not paid, where she is expected to bring up the children and to be a general housemaid to the other members of the family. A working woman's job is never from 8 to 5; but more likely from 7 am to 11 pm!

CHANGE ON THE WAY

The fight for equal pay has not been made easier by the fact that vast numbers of women are still not organised in Trade Unions. When women of a shop floor or an office are approached by a Union, there is often an initial reluctance to join or get involved. Strikes appear an unwanted risk to their livelihood and to find time for meetings held after working hours is difficult.

Nevertheless, once organised, women have shown right from the start their resoluteness in

fighting to win. From the Bryant and May match girls of the 1880's right up to the strike of the shuttle-cock makers at Sandwich who recently held out for 8 weeks just for Union recognition. Then there was the example of the women machinists at Fords, who in 1969 really got the employers worried when their strike virtually brought the whole motor industry to a standstill.

While the burning of underwear and shouting of anti-male slogans may attract attention, such activity widens the gap between men and women and only serves the old ruling class policy of 'divide and rule'. It is only by becoming part of the working class organisation as a whole by participating on an equal basis in Unions and in having the confidence to stand up at political meetings that women can end their age-old position of second class citizens.

Just as with other groups exploited under the capitalist system, there can be no solution completely until that system has been replaced. But right now the fight for equal pay must be won; each day lost is a day's more super-profit for the employers.

"BANGLADESH"—THE GREAT DECEPTION

PROFESSOR BACKS RACIST THEORIES

Protracted war, as developed by the Chinese people under the leadership of Mao Tsetung, is the only way the people of India and Pakistan can liberate themselves and also enjoy independence and self-respect free from any need for other people's charity.

Not since 1962 during the Sino-Indian border war have there been so many lies published in the imperialist, revisionist, trotskyite counter-revolutionary press about the alleged evils of China and the alleged rightness of India and her proge — Bangladesh. The 1962 big lie was that China had attacked India while all the time, a fact that has only now become public thanks to the memoirs of angry Indian army officers and the Times man on the spot, it was Nehru's India that was the aggressor. Today's version is of a great liberation struggle of the East Bengali people fighting against tyranny and being helped by the gallant Indian Government.

The Indian Government's Anti-Communism

The Indian Government must be quite surprised to find its new-found champions. People who only yesterday were willing to talk of its reactionary policies, are now full of praise for its help to "Bangladesh." However, the exploitation of workers and peasants through a government whose democratic facade is paper-thin ruling as it does through preventive detention (brought back after a brief interval of a year) and new laws like the openly fascist measure — Maintenance of Internal Security — is too well known for us to dwell on it at length. Since its inception in 1947 the Indian Government, representing big landlords and big business and behind them world imperialism which ultimately controls the country, has used every kind of force at its disposal to smash communism. The suppression of the communist-led peasant uprising in Telengana (1948-51) has been continued in the attempted suppression of the more recent guerrilla movements begun in 1967 and developed since then under the leadership of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist). Today the Government of India sends its police to be trained in "counter-insurgency" in the USA and uses burn-and-destroy type army operations against villages which give shelter to guerrilla fighters. It shoots to kill anyone suspected of being a revolutionary and kills communist prisoners locked up in jails without trial or any specific charges against them. As conditions worsen for the people and strikes multiply, the government is toying with an

anti-strike law. But because this might spoil its so-called democratic image it is instead coming out with the Five-Year Industrial Truce during which there will be neither strikes nor lockouts!! The Anti-China Policies of the Indian Government

While there are many other states like India which are very anti-communist they maintain reasonable state relations with China. But India cannot have anything except a state of near-war with China. The Indian Government has encouraged China's enemies — the Chiang Kaishek rump, the Tibetan serfowners and of course the two super-imperialist powers, USA and Russia, both of whom want to smash China and thereby weaken the revolutionary movements of Asia and other continents. Ever since its abortive war against China the Indian Government has received massive military aid from Russia to modernise its armed forces for an eventual showdown with China. The USA, too involved in Southeast Asia, is quite glad to have the Russians arming India against China. The Indian people, poor as they are, have to foot the bill and in the most recent Indian budget 22 per cent amounting to \$1.65 billion, is allocated to defence. In the midst of the furore over the refugee from East Pakistan the Government of India has managed to mount a new campaign for producing antiballistic missiles because of the "threat to international peace" by China's ICBM advances.

India fears China's Socialist Advances

For the Indian ruling class the brilliant successes won by the Chinese people under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman Mao are a major threat. The Indian people, with very similar conditions as those suffered by the Chinese before they had their revolution, are learning from the Chinese. The wrong kind of "communism" which the renegades and traitors used to foist on the people with their endless electioneering campaigns and collaboration with the ruling class has been so exposed and the correct ideas of revolution along Marxist-Leninist principles are gaining ground so rapidly that for the Indian government China is everything it fears. The more the Indian masses want to study Mao the more the Indian Government tries to blacken the name of China.

Its Anti-China Policy Brings It More Dollars and Roubles

India, rather than Pakistan, has proved to be imperialism's best friend in South Asia. On the one hand its government has the facade of being democratic and on the other hand it is virulently anti-China. This brings in the capital investments and the temporary loans, etc., which make India the biggest debtor state in the world. Its recent sabre-rattling against Pakistan has guaranteed it the promise of the biggest foreign aid from the World Bank — some £1,250 millions in 1971-72. A new agreement has been signed with the USA this April under P.L.480. The Soviet Union is building up India militarily as well as attempting to develop those sectors of Indian industry as will suit its own economy. In return it gives India Gandhi's government the kind of backing that might impress some very confused and woolly elements with the Indian Government's apparent progressiveness.

Its Support for "Bangladesh" in Line with Its Anti-China Anti-Communist Policy

Whatever might have been the motives of those petit-bourgeois East Pakistani politicians who dreamed up "Bangladesh" those of the Indian Government in backing it, giving it every kind of facility including armed support if and when thought appropriate (the fiction of non-recognition in the light of keeping it going financially and militarily is meaningless) is in line with India's role as imperialism's agent and as cherishing expansionist dreams of its own. Indian capitalism is desperate for markets and seeking them wherever it can in Southeast Asia, Africa, the Middle East. A dependency in Bangladesh would be the best solution economically as well as politically. With a dismembered Pakistan there would be better chances of not merely defeating Pakistan in war but of getting at China. The anti-imperialist forces would thereby be weakened and in Bangladesh a base be established to crush revolutionary activities on either side of the border as well as in Burma. The Refugees Are Being Used as a Pawn

Nothing is more nauseating than to see the Indian Government which preys on and oppresses its millions going begging for the refugees from East Pakistan. What concern for those unhappy millions while Calcutta's own homeless perish day in day out. But behind the ostensible concern lies something less selfless. In the first place Indian propaganda and deliberate policy of keeping the border open while at the same time screaming out loud about Pakistani incursions and affrays

have lured these people. Undoubtedly they have been cruelly suppressed by the Pakistani government but which class government would tolerate the deliberate disintegration of its territory? But the responsibility of those who deliberately incited a people on quite the wrong grounds and with entirely false hopes for the creation of a state that will mean a continuation of their oppression but only in another guise is grave. By having mainly Hindu refugees coming over the Indian Government can exploit religious bigotry to inflame anti-Muslim sentiments inside India. At various times since 1967 and the strengthening of the revolutionary movement communal riots have been incited to divide the working class. Yet once again this terrible legacy of British imperialism is going to be used.

It Is China That Shows The Way Forward For All Of Asia

The cruel deception practised on the East Pakistani masses by the reactionary leadership of the Awami League is matched by the Indian Government's designs. Nothing exposes the anti-revolutionary ideas of the so-called left in Britain more than their castigation of China over the plight of the East Pakistanis. But it is China alone which is the best example of what the peoples of Pakistan, India and all the countries of Asia should follow if they want true liberation.

POSTSCRIPT

"To replace a lost spy base in Pakistan, the United States has installed highly classified electronics systems in India to monitor Chinese nuclear and missile activities. The system, based in North India, is manned by American personnel from the Defence Communications Agency, the Pentagon's centralised communications establishment. Installations include at least six radar units, quietly supplied to India in a clandestine Pentagon programme despite the supposed cutoff of U.S. military aid to India... The Indian installa-

In a book published on June 17th, *Race, Intelligence and Education*, Hans Eysenck, Professor of Psychology at London University, comes out in support of a racist view of intelligence. This is similar to the line taken by the American Professor A. B. Jensen who has argued that genetic factors ought to be taken into account in assessing the educational ability of black children in the States.

Why is it, Professor Eysenck asks, that the Irish in Ireland have IQs (Intelligence Quotients) "far below comparable English samples and not very different from those observed in American negroes?"

He suggests that it is because over the centuries the most able and adventurous citizens of Ireland have left to go to other countries while the more intelligent Africans escaped the slave trade and it was only the slow-witted drudges who were exported to the New World. So the Irish in Ireland and the blacks in the US, according to this exponent of the theories which established the scientific reputations of the nazis, are inferior races in terms of intelligence.

IQ tests are devised by bourgeois intellectuals who work in the field of academic psychology. All they prove is the extent to which those tested have similar characteristics to bourgeois intellectuals.

The only real test of a people's intelligence is how well they organise themselves to put an end to their oppression. The really intelligent are those who know how to combine with their fellow workers of whatever race to end exploitation of man by man altogether — thus putting the Eysencks of this world out of business for good!

There has been of major importance since the Pakistan government forced the United States to close its secret base at Peshawar... (Los Angeles Times, printed in International Herald Tribune, June 26-27, 1971).

AND YET MORE REDUNDANCIES:

GEC - AEI

During the past 12 months a total of 16,000 jobs have been lost in the Manchester area alone as the unemployment figures nationally reach their highest point for 30 years. Redundancies are now being announced almost daily, as scores of firms within the North-West either close down or cut back on their labour force. The time to fight this unemployment is now!

G.E.C. Ltd., whose main Manchester factory is situated within the Trafford Park industrial area has once again recently announced that more workers are due to be sacked. The estimated figure is that another 360 will have to join onto the dole queues. Over the past 5 years G.E.C. has cut its labour force in the Manchester area by almost 15,000; from 23,000 in 1965 to the present 8,000, the bulk of the redundancies coming from the Trafford Park factory. The last sackings came just over 2 years ago when 1,700 G.E.C. workers were made redundant in what the company described as "rationalisation". At the time there were strong assurances that these sackings would be the last. So much for capitalist promises!

Now G.E.C. says that the redundancies are due to a drop in demand for the jobs in white company sections involved in the company's own newspaper boards headlines that export orders have increased by 25 per cent during the past year. What is in fact happening is that the G.E.C. bosses are deliberately running the factory down.

The company has also eagerly used the Labour Party's Redundancy Payments Act of 1965 to "undermine any resistance to these moves. This clever piece of anti-working class legislation may seem quite attractive at first glance, but if it is followed by little chance of obtaining work, as is increasingly the case, it can provide no solution.

Those workers now involved must go beyond the Works Committee if it refuses to fight on their behalf. They must fight for the right to work, fight against redundancies and eventually join with the other sections of their class for the final fight against the capitalist system.

RANK ATTACK ON MILITANT WORKERS

In July, 1968, one of Britain's oldest scientific instrument manufacturers, Hilger and Watts, was swallowed up by the giant Rank Organisation and overnight some 3,000 workers found themselves caught up in an industrial whirlpool of change and counter-change. In the course of these developments they were subjected to a constant barrage of propaganda, Yankee style, of glossy pamphlets, endless news bulletins and fancy speeches by a whole succession of Ranks industrial relations men. The object of the exercise was to reassure the workers that the takeover was in their best interests.

Within months every promise had been broken and in the name of "rationalisation" they savagely used the South London Camberwell factory.

Now just three years after the takeover plans have been announced that the Highbury (North

London) factory is to be closed involving some 250 workers, in spite of the fact that John Davis, Chairman of Ranks, when under pressure from a shop steward at the 1969 shareholders' meeting stated: "We have no intention of closing the Highbury factory".

The closures cannot be blamed on a bad financial position. The profits of Ranks have increased from £5 million in 1961 to £43 million in 1970, in the course of which Ranks have risen to the 12th largest monopoly in Britain employing over 37,000 workers.

This latest act means that the workers at the Highbury factory have a real fight on their hands. The illusion of the redundancy payments is fast disappearing as the unemployment figures continue to soar. In this fight they will have to apply the valuable lessons they have learned in previous struggles — that Rank's management, like all employers, can never be trusted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, July 3rd, 7.30 p.m.: "Workers and the Common Market" Bellman Bookshop, 155 Fortess Road, NW5. Refreshments.

Organised by the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

Saturday, July 17th, 12 noon—6.30 p.m.:

"Secondhand Book Sale" Books of all kinds and special offer packages of new Marxist-Leninist Books.

Saturday, July 17th, 7.30 p.m.: "Film Show" Red Detachment of Women (from China). Bellman Bookshop, 155 Fortess Road, NW5

Organised by Central Branch CPB (ML).

COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) sends warmest fraternal greetings to the Communist Party of China on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary on July 1st.

The Communist Party of China, under the leadership of the great Marxist-Leninist, Mao Tsetung, has a glorious record of guiding the Chinese people in their liberation war against Japanese imperialism, in the revolutionary struggle which established the People's Republic of China, in the building of socialism under the dictatorship of the proletariat and in the Proletarian Cultural Revolution which consolidated that dictatorship enabling the working masses to score tremendous victories in economic and social construction.

The great achievements of the Communist Party of China do not belong only to the Chinese people. All those throughout the world engaged in anti-imperialist struggle celebrate this Anniversary of a party which has never wavered in its opposition to and condemnation of U.S. imperialism, the main enemy of the world's peoples. Marxist-Leninists everywhere take this occasion to express their gratitude to the Communist Party of China for opposing revisionism and exposing the reactionary role of Soviet imperialism under revisionist leadership.

We in the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) take great pride in our fraternal relationship with the Communist Party of China and in connection with its Fiftieth Anniversary re-affirm our solemn determination to apply to the class struggles of the workers of Britain the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tsetung's teachings which have been tested and proved in social practice



Mao Tsetung reviewing peasants and workers of the Eighth Route Army in the Chinese Communist Party base at Yanan during the war against Japan in the late Nineteen-thirties.

Saturday, July 17th, afternoon: "Bazaar" Books and handicrafts for sale, Trinity Church Hall, Basildon. Organised by East London Branch CPB(ML).

Saturday, July 24th, 7.30 p.m.: Historic T.U. Film, 1945, speaker, social evening, refreshments, admission 25p. Bellman Bookshop.

THE STRATEGY OF THE WORKING CLASS ALBANIAN MEETING

(Continued from Front Page)

What else do the so-called militant leaders propose? A general strike against the Bill. What absolute rubbish when examined in the light of the present situation. Who is to call it? The only body that could conceivably call a general strike is the one most likely to betray it, and in any case were it successful the aim of those who advocate a general strike is to bring about the return of a Labour Government. No. The workers will have a general strike when they are good and ready AND FOR THEIR OWN OBJECTIVES, NOT TO FURTHER ANYBODY'S POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS.

The Trotskyites and revisionists can offer no real leadership to the working class. They receive and confuse. Taking their cue from the Social Democrats (which they really are) they seek to direct class struggle along safe and constitutional lines. Their slogan of "Heath out" is a confession of bankruptcy. Their derisive votes in the last general election and recent local elections are indication enough of how little impact they really have on the working class. The working class for the most part still abstain from voting, but continue to fight and to organise. The Trots differ only in their adventurism. They express great militancy which most often simply takes the form of upbidding anything proposed by anyone else. But in terms of perspective they have none. That is why they latch on to other organisations, chiefly the Labour Party, claiming to be more revolutionary than anyone else while belonging to a counter-revolutionary party, or no Party at all. They cannot have a Party because they cannot have a policy and a programme. Their tactics amount to jumping to the head of workers on the move and urging them on to they know not where and then departing to repeat the performance elsewhere, and so on ad infinitum.

Where then do we stand, the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)? We see every struggle of the workers as part of every other worker's struggle. By its very nature historically it HAS a political content, and does not need to have one ascribed to it. To fight for wages when the policy of the capitalist class is to keep them down is in itself a political struggle. To fight for retention of jobs goes against the political strategy of the ruling class.

Our policy on the Bill, wages, employment is one of PROTRACTED STRUGGLE. What does this mean? It means we raise no facile slogans devoid of relevance to the political situation such as "General Strike", "Heath out". We identify ourselves with every struggle and our contribution is to encourage those who fight for genuine working class interests, to engender correct tactical lines, to denounce adventure and above all we take on the task that only Marxists are equipped to carry out—that is, to identify every class struggle with the long term interests of the class. Not to lead it along false trails. To show that all the class battles will have to be repeated over and over again with the same limited gains and some losses unless it is realised that struggle must have a focal point as well as an immediate tactical objective.

That focal point is the final destruction of all organs of capitalist class power and its replacement with the dictatorship of the working class. Our party is growing in numbers and in influence. The best elements among those who lead workers in struggle are beginning to see as we see that to separate the struggle on immediate issues from the struggle for socialism is to go round in circles. We base ourselves on the industrial working class who have the power to sweep away all the impediments, avowed enemies and false friends alike. The workers are on the move, and will continue to move, for they do not wish to exploit anybody. They want only that they will not be exploited by anybody.

ON TO GREATER VICTORIES

The Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), in line with its policy statement on the Bill, Working Class and its Party, adopted at its Second Congress April 9-12, 1971, has already begun vital discussions with militant workers all over the country on the tactics and strategy of what can only be a protracted war. As this policy statement makes clear:

... What is required is that the mass (of workers) are motivated to revolution, which means that they must be led by revolutionaries from their own ranks. Above all, the action they are taking, even though not of a revolutionary character, must be strategically sound and tactically well conducted. Then the class struggle itself will be the necessary teacher. It follows that we must recruit from these skilled class warriors and that the Party must be made up in cadre force overwhelmingly of these leaders. It follows also that we have the task of assisting them in strategy and tactics, in the analyses that will create such action, for there is no such thing as a hand-picked natural Marxist."

MEETING THE MILITANTS IN COUNCILS OF CLASS WAR

At one such meeting of militant workers, shop stewards and trade union officials recently organised by the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) a spokesman for the Party began by pointing out: "We are not here to discuss politics in terms of pushing a line down your throats. Other parties don't talk with workers but at them. They don't learn from workers but only seek to instruct them."

"We claim that we are unique as an organisation in recognising the need for a revolutionary party. We were not formed— if anything we left it late. All other political organisations, whether they admit it or not, try to come to terms with the capitalist system. Many workers still think this too—that they can come to terms without getting bloodied up. A lot more workers are going to get the sack. The only thing to do is to tell the boss "if one goes, all go". Workers know that a stand will have to be made but they say "we'll make it eventually". The time will come when we will realise that we've missed the boat. We could have fought but didn't."

The line we put forward at the last elections: "Don't vote. Organise!—to defeat capitalism" was endorsed by workers who boycotted the polls in their thousands. We are not a ballot-box Party. Our policy is to destroy the capitalist state and it

cannot be done peacefully.

"We make no apology for our close alliance with China and Albania, but our problems will have to be solved here. That is why we are meeting with you to hammer out a clear line of struggle over the long haul."

Another member of the Party with lifelong experience of struggle on the industrial front reminded those present at the meeting that "All struggle is political struggle—particularly now when the capitalist state stands behind every employer. It is no longer enough to fight this employer on this specific issue. All struggle is struggle against the capitalist system and the working class needs to be clear about what they are doing. They have to understand the nature of the guerrilla war against the class enemy on which they have embarked."

"We have to adapt to our own situation here the strategy of liberation fighters elsewhere. The principles of people's war as formulated by Lin Biao on the basis of the experience of the Chinese in their struggle must be applied to our struggle to find what is relevant to the protracted war in which we are engaged against British monopoly-capitalism."

The Chairman of the CPB(ML) on Protracted War

Rex Birch, Chairman of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), arrived late at this meeting of militant workers. "I have just come from another meeting," he explained, "in which we discussed all day whether we had an agreement with Ford's management. What the management is wondering is How can we stop workers having a nine weeks strike, not signing anything, and still picking up the money? That is what the Industrial Relations Bill is about."

"Wherever the working class is engaged in struggle they are fighting the Bill. We must extend and deepen that war and

When the British Imperialists tried to cash in on the liberation of Albania at the end of the Second World War they were given a frosty reception by the local fighters. Their offers of "aid" were firmly declined and no British troops were allowed on Albanian soil.

When a young delegate of the C.P.B. (M.L.) attended the recent May Day celebrations in Tirana, the Albanian capital, he was welcomed with open arms. And when he shook hands with Enver Hoxha, he was meeting the very man who had led the demolition of the British attempts to interfere in the land of "pick axe and rifle".

That Albania should have no truck with the meddling British Imperialists while at the same time extending the hand of friendship to the British working class is no surprise. Albania is run by the workers.

A little of the spirit of the Albanian people and the achievements they have made under Socialism was imparted to a lively audience at the Bellman Bookshop when our delegate recently reported his visit.

Growing Revolutionary Struggles in Iran

The revolutionary struggles of the Iranian people during the past three months have once more proved that, contrary to what the reactionary fascist regime of the Shah claims, Iran is not the land of "peace" and "stability".

On March 17, thirteen Marxist-Leninist guerrillas who had earlier attacked a gendarmerie post at Siakh Kal in Ghilan province, close to Caspian sea, to free one of their captive comrades, were executed by the barbaric firing squad of the Shah. During the attack 95 gen-

eralists were wiped out. On May 3, nine textile workers who had taken part in a mass strike against the celebrations of the 2500th anniversary of the founding of monarchy in Iran, were massacred by the Shah's gendarmes.

Most of the universities throughout the country were invaded by the paratroops using CS gas and machine guns against the students who were demonstrating against the anniversary celebrations. Three students were killed and more than 200 arrested.

There was a full exchange of views at the meeting. In conclusion a spokesman for the Party said: "We want to enrich our Party with all those who have fought and are fighting in the struggle. We need to meet you again and your mates. This is only one of many such meetings. Political clarity as far as we are concerned is an endless dialogue between us and those who must bring about revolutionary change, the workers of Britain."

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"Workers do not want to oppress anyone. They only want not to be oppressed themselves. That is our strength and our morality. Ours is a just war and, knowing that, we demonstrate, as has been proved in anti-imperialist struggles elsewhere, that men are more important than weapons."

"Not only in Ireland is the order 'Shoot to kill'. They'll try it here. But British troops in Ireland are finding that they don't have a monopoly of violence. Join the workers' army. Fight in a just war. Toward workers we have the responsibility of seeing that they are not asleep when the attacks come. You can go on as before," he told the workers at the meeting, "but that would not be intelligent. It is not like before. Capitalism has declared war on you. When Heath said that civil war is the danger—he said it in the U.S. because he was afraid to say it here—he was



A printer's error in the last issue of THE WORKER led to the reproduction of the wrong picture in connection with Albania's May Day celebrations. The picture shown was of a meeting on the Paris Commune organised by the editorial board of l'Humanité Rouge to which the CPB (ML) sent a delegate.

The above picture shows Enver Hoxha, First Secretary of the Party of Labour of Albania (far right), greeting trade union delegates from many countries to the May Day celebrations in Tirana. The delegate from the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) is in the centre of the photograph.

2nd ANNIVERSARY OF PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVT. OF S. VIETNAM

The Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) celebrated the second anniversary of the formation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. A new film made jointly by the D.R.V. and P.R.G. on the extent to which the U.S. is using chemical warfare to destroy crops, animals and people in Vietnam was shown. But not all the war crimes committed by US imperialism against the people of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia can help them to win.

A talk giving the major victories of the Vietnamese people in the last two years since the PRG was founded showed the tremendous successes of the people in smashing the Vietnamisation plans as well as frustrating the special pacification programme of the US government. Vietnamisation was carried to its logical conclusion by the USA when it used South Vietnamese troops to invade Cambodia last year and attempted to invade South-east Laos this year. But the desperate plight of US and South Vietnamese troops in both places is matched by the rising tide of desertions, dope and total demoralisation of the American and puppet soldiers in South Vietnam. The Provisional Revolutionary Government has consolidated a great deal of liberated territory under its authority while the People's Liberation Armed Forces has had many splendid victories.

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