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The British ruling class will appear strong for as long as we the people stay on our knees  
Fight racism and growing fascism now! Organise to build a genuine workers' Party to win state power!

## FOOTBALL AGGRO

A Class Question

### CPB(M-L) GOONS ATTACK COMMUNIST WORKERS

As this issue goes to press reports are coming in of a serious clash between Marxist-Leninists — a delegation from the Communist Workers League of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) (CWLB(M-L)) — and revisionists of the so-called CPB (M-L), both outside and within the Conway Hall on the evening of Saturday 30 April on the occasion of the latter's May Day meeting.

The CWLB (M-L) delegation, comprising mainly factory workers, was abused and pushed and shoved and had its leaflets snatched by CPB (M-L) goons outside the hall where they were distributing. Inside the hall, when statements from CWLB (M-L) comrades, exposing the political bankruptcy of the "CPB (M-L)" were made, once again the workers were set upon, only this time they were punched in the face, kicked, thrown to the ground and violently ejected from the hall.



Every day in the papers, we are deluged with stories on "Soccer hooligans" and what to do about them. Following the Norwich-Manchester United match on 2 April, and the Chelsea-Charlton match on 11 April, Denis Howell, Labourite Minister of Sport went on the Rampage.

The measures he spelt out were: heavier sentences (£1000); controlling ticket sales; barring Manchester United and Chelsea fans,

whether or not they are "hooligans", from away matches.

Tommy Docherty, Manchester United's manager, has called for the return of the birch. Labourite MP Walter Johnson called for "hooligans" to be

"conscripted into a special, tough-discipline, Army unit." Another Labourite MP, Arthur Lewis, suggested spraying them with indelible dye. A Cardiff magistrate, Sir Lincoln Hallinan, has this to say: "I make it quite clear that

anyone who comes before this court for being in possession of an offensive weapon, even for the first time, will go to prison straight away."

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## SMASH THE RACISTS AND FASCISTS NOW

One of the communists whose mouth was injured by the CPB(M-L) goons when his head was used as a battering ram against the doors of the hall

This was done with the complicity of those on the platform including R. Birch, chairman of this so-called workers party, who did nothing to stop the assault.

Several of the people attacked are well-known to many workers and M-L organisations and have a record of years of hard and serious work.

Eye witnesses testify that in no way did the delegation start the violence but only responded to protect themselves. The onus for the brutality lies solely with the CPB (M-L) leadership and their goons in the audience, it is reported.

The CPB (M-L) misleaders never even attempted to politically counter the serious criticisms made by CWLB (M-L) speakers.

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On 31 March, nearly three thousand voters in the Stechford, Birmingham, By-election put the Nazi National Front into third place above the Liberal Party. The NF, whose leaders have British Nazi pasts,

is making some headway, mainly through using racism as the hook. What, exactly, does the NF say about black people? Here is an extract from their leaflet

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In North London Anti-fascist Militancy meets NF — police alliance.

## IRELAND - PRISON STRUGGLE RAGES



Yet again the mistreatment of patriots in Irish prisons brings to the streets progressive forces in Ireland. As

sympathisers by the thousand join in protest rallies, pickets and demonstrations the forces of the state hit back. We should not forget that in both parts of Ireland and in Britain patriots are

imprisoned for opposing the imperialist occupation of the northern part of Ireland. There are constantly issues arising from mistreatment. In this respect the state in the republic of

Ireland is united with the states of their imperialist masters in the occupied north and in Britain itself. As the Gardai laid into the demonstrators, Cosgrave the Irish Premier, pledged

the government to building up the defence forces, the Garda Síochana and the Prison Services "to whatever level is necessary to ensure the defeat of political violence."

# THE LABOUR-TORY-LIBERAL ANTI-PEOPLE ALLIANCE MUST BE SMASHED — THE VOP POLICY FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

The current Lib-Lab Westminster alliance is now the parliamentary base for Labour's crisis poverty programme. But behind this temporary pact lies an alliance between the three main political parties of capitalism — Labour, Tory and Liberal.

The political agreement, that Labour must for the time being remain in the driving seat of capitalist policies, is a cynical tribute to the role that Labour has played over the years in deceiving the genuine aspirations of millions of people for a decent existence and a socialist future for themselves and their children. It is also a bitter reflection on the activity of those self-styled revolutionary socialists — notably the revisionist "Communist" Party of Great Britain, complemented by the main Trotskyite organisations (the International Marxist Group, the International Socialists — now the Socialist Workers' Party — and the Socialist Labour League, now the Workers' Revolutionary Party), plus a host of other "leftist" factions clinging onto the skirts of the Labour Party. For years these opportunists have fought to preserve the

credibility of Labour and the notion that it might implement socialist policies. In successive elections they have urged workers to vote Labour in opposition to Tory, when in practice the basic policies of both these parties have been the same in periods of capitalist boom and today of capitalist crisis.

**Talk**  
There has been a great deal of talk recently about the need for a National Government. In fact a National Government in practice already exists. The alliance of Tory, Liberal and Labour can no longer be concealed by the fraudulent parliamentary show-downs and 'cliff-hanger' votes at Westminster. These manoeuvres are no more than a device to protect the image of democracy with which Westminster coats itself like some stale icing.

This form of National Government in no way serves the interests of the people of

this country. It serves only the ambitions of the millionaire monopoly capitalist class to impose its solutions to the crisis that their system has brought about, nationally and internationally.

The development of this parliamentary dictatorship is coupled, outside Westminster, with the tightening of state control over every sphere of the economic and political life of this country, via the open collaboration of trade union bureaucracies with the government agencies and bosses organisations (such as the CBI). It is accompanied by the persistent by-passing of parliamentary discussion of important economic, social and political measures. It is also to be linked to the rise of neo-fascist, neo-nazi organisations, like the National Front, Civil Assistance etc etc as yet outside of Parliament, part of whose support stems from disillusion with the established capitalist parties' monopoly of power.

**Fascism**  
These developments



## ATTACK ON INFLATION

### A POLICY FOR SURVIVAL

**CAPITALIST**

A guide to the Government's programme

Blueprints, such as the above one, aimed at solving capitalism's economic crisis are always against the interest of working class people

could herald the coming of fascism to Britain. As yet, the precise form in which fascism will present the greatest menace to the working people of this country is not clear, nor is it understood. In essence, however, what we have to fear in this eventuality, is the

unrestricted terroristic dictatorship of the most powerful and reactionary sections of the capitalist class in Britain. The tightening of parliamentary dictatorship is part of a step by step, all-sided devolution in the direction of fascism.

If the immediate plans to retain Labour in power are thwarted by some parliamentary mishap, or incompetence or mini-crisis, or the personal ego and ambitions of individuals at Westminster, then we can expect once again that the bourgeois opportunists surrounding the Labour party will once again try to promote these careerist hacks for the purposes of yet again electing them to office. The "Voice of the People" has a policy to put before the working people of this country concerning the nature of elections as we know them. This is set out below. Our eleven point statement shows that whether Labour, Liberal, Tory or National Front, the policies

are capitalist policies opposed to the interests of working people, and that that five year electoral sham is the means whereby we are robbed of our freedom to determine our own and our kids' future. There is only one avenue to reverse the rule of capital — that of organising to smash capitalism, and its state power, and to bring about a genuine socialist society where those who do the work have political power to work out their own future.

#### Eleven Concrete Reasons For Supporting this "VOP" Policy

1. For Millions of working class families existence in capitalist Britain amounts to a life sentence where poverty is rarely more than one wage packet away — if you have a job. Some workers earn more than others but all are exploited.
2. The Tory, Labour and Liberal parties are in essence all the same, because each plays the capitalist game.
3. A General Election is a competition between the Tory, Labour and Liberal parties, to manage the affairs of the ruling capitalist class, and its exploitation of working people and the poorer sections of the middle class.
4. Whichever of these parties wins a General Election, the working class loses. Whichever of the present parties is in government, capitalism remains in power.
5. The so-called "national interest" is really the class interest of the capitalist bosses. Capitalist "law and order" is the slogan of the rich.
6. Minor reforms here and there are no real solution. The few extra crumbs now and then forced from the ruling class still leaves that class in power to carry on its exploitation of workers' labour power.
7. There is not one single

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The deception of capitalist politicians, such as the Labourite Shirley Williams, leaves workers cold — only when they

build a new political party that really represents them will they make progress in the class struggle.

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## FOOTBALL AGGRO — A CLASS QUESTION

### System to Blame

This paper is in no way condoning violence at football matches. It causes big problems for those fans who just want to see a good game, for local residents, and for those who come worse from the aggro. But no amount of violence at matches means that the blame should be placed mainly on the shoulders of the young kids themselves.

Eamonn Dunphy (well-known Reading FC player, and author of the account of a professional's life, "Only a game?") put it in a nutshell. The roots causes of the problem, he said, should be seen to be the people "who fail to provide jobs for young people. They who fail to provide recreational facilities for our youth ... They who by their immorality, their corrupt practice, their tolerance of "fringe banks", "insider dealing" on the Stock Exchange, offend

decency ... they are the guilty men."

In other words, it is the rotten system of capitalism which is the root cause of violence in general in our society. "Football hooliganism" is just one part of this. Frustrated working class youth — who are the products of overcrowded classrooms, of families with enormous problems brought about by the struggle to earn a living and survive, and of unemployment which hits them harder than any other section of society — turn to violence quite naturally, as a reaction to the violence that capitalist society shows them every day of their lives.

### Growing Police State

One part of the state machinery — the police — has actually benefited from the rumpus. They are gain-

ing experience in crowd control through football matches. Newspaper editors call for identity cards, and for fans to be shunted from station to football ground and back again. The use of dogs, videotapes of spectators, and the threatened use of water cannons (on top of the Army's experience in the north of Ireland) — all help the police learn how to handle workers fighting for real change in this society.

The police chiefs could hardly hope for a better excuse to put their theories into practice. So think twice about the Bobby on the terraces; he may be attacking "hooligans" today, but tomorrow the truncheons could be striking trade unionists, anti-fascists and any worker who stands up for his or her rights.

### Worker fights Worker

Perhaps the worst feature of soccer violence that should concern progressive workers is that it sets the working class youth of one town against the working class youth of another. Sometimes, too, this is on racial grounds — black

versus white. Instead of fighting each other, we want to see the youth of all towns united against the bosses. The energy and determination shown by one group of supporters against their rivals would have some purpose if it was directed against the fascists and their like.

This would not mean an end to competition at football matches. After all, football is a game about scoring goals. There is nothing bad about supporting one particular team. But we could learn from the Socialist Chinese. They have a motto in sport — "friendship first, competition second" which is just as relevant to us.

At the moment, however, the Divide-and-rule of supporters fighting supporters is just part of the fact that Football is not a People's game. It is Big Business. The interests of spectators and players are put second to the scramble for profit. In a Socialist Britain, workers will control Football along with everything else. Only then will we be able to look forward to trouble-free games, a healthy competitive spirit, and real unity between spectators, players and those who run the clubs.



Police grab a youth ... tomorrow the same for striking workers.

# A Worker's Notebook

## 'them and us'



While the rich pay £300 for a strawberry cream tea in order to taste the first of the Irish strawberries, and chandeliers exchange hands at a price of £16,279, over two million old people live in temperatures that might

bring prosecution if they occurred in factories or offices. Three times as many old people in hospital have hypothermia than ten years ago. This is a direct result of lack of heating and malnutrition.

19 demonstrators against racism and fascism were arrested in Brick Lane, East London, after they had been attacked by National Fronters. Fines and costs for the antifascists totalled £980. In contrast to these, the NF were allowed to go free—and 9 of them beat up a Jewish school teacher that afternoon, kicking out six of his teeth. When trying the anti-fascist, the judge was forced to admit that if he didn't convict the defendant, the only logical alternative was an independent inquiry into the behaviour of the police.

Racists and fascists have found yet another cesspool to swim in. The Klu Klux Klan is coming to Britain. One leader of this vicious outfit, which has been responsible for thousands of racist murders in the USA, has already met with National Front members who want their own Klan. 500 members are said to have been recruited in this country. This means nothing short of a highly organised campaign of racial violence, which will only be stopped if workers and progressive people are organised to wipe these racist vermin off the streets.

The National Party, which split off from the National Front in order to hide its Nazi origins and appear respectable, has added a new rag to the garbage it produces. This is "The British Worker", a Trade union paper supporting the National Party. Designed to sound anti-capitalist and using left-sounding phrases, it urges workers to "join the National Party and become active trade unionists"; and that "British workers are put first."

A National Front Railway-men's Association has been set up. According to NF News, "With increasing numbers of blacks employed on the railways, who are championed by the Reds who run the railway unions, white railway workers must organise to defend themselves. Railway workers, be on guard against the Nazis on the tracks!"

Disgusting racist harassment of newly-married couples has been taking place in London and elsewhere supposedly to check on whether or not a "marriage of convenience" has taken place. Changes in the immigration rules were laid before parliament on March 22, to come into immediate effect. Police have called on one Pakistani couple three times in six weeks and interrogated them separately, asking all kinds of personal questions. They have made brutal intrusions into the private lives of many other immigrant couples. The new rules give the Home Office, and the police acting on their behalf, power to take whatever steps they think necessary to find out if a married couple living together as man and wife.

Since the Emergency Powers Act 1976 became law in October, 401 persons have been arrested, yet only 39 have been charged, 6 have been found not guilty, 3 were discharged by the court, and 24 are still before the courts. That means that, so far, only 6 people have been convicted.

Next time you buy Wrigley's gum, chew over the thought that Philip Wrigley died leaving a personal fortune of fifty eight million pounds. Wrigley's adverts tell people to eat gum to relax. Workers would relax a lot more if their lives weren't controlled by the likes of Philip Wrigley, deceased, but not missed.

The recently published Annan report on the future of broadcasting supports the continued censoring of news from northern Ireland, "Northern Ireland is a special case. It cannot be taken as a guideline for all other controversial issues". As for illegal organisations, they "should be broadcast only when it is of value to the people" Who decides whether or not it is of value? The pro-imperialist BBC of course.

A new booklet for army recruits, issued by the Directorate of Army Training, says "You may not use torture or threats to obtain information from a prisoner". Yet no British soldier or SAS expert has ever spent a minute in jail, despite several convictions for such offences.

### CRUISE ON QE2 SELLS DESPITE £88,000 FARE

By ROBERT WEDLOW, Shipping Correspondent  
THE Cunarder Queen Elizabeth 2 is to make a 96-day Pacific cruise next year with the highest fare costing £88,550 for the best accommodation. Mr Victor Ma' news, chairman of Cunard, said: "Our two penthouse suites are the first to go. We have no trouble selling them and there are many people who want to spend this amount of money."

The above extract from the Daily Telegraph (15.4.77) is in sharp contrast to the life "enjoyed" by Margaret Walsh, a 67 year-old spinster convicted of stealing food worth £1.42. Living alone and on social security, she was so poverty stricken that she begged to be put in prison. She was given a three-month sentence.

The Grunwick strike still goes on after nine months. The workers are striking for the basic right to belong to a trade union. Despite Len Murray making an appearance on the picket line and promising that the TUC were with them all the way, all the TUC have done is to call on all trade unionists not to use Grunwick film. Only the unity of the Grunwick workers and the support of other workers will ensure victory. Send donations to the Grunwick strikers, Brent Trades and Labour Hall, 375 Willesden High Road, London NW10 — and support the pickets!

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You have been warned!

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARING SOON! 'CLARITY'

The Communist Workers' League of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) will in the near future commence production of a publication of a new type. It will be called CLARITY, and will represent the theoretical, propaganda and polemical stand of the organisation on a wide variety of issues vital for Marxist-Leninists. It will appear periodically, as and when the situation demands. The organisation will then be associated with a broad range of publications, encompassing a mainly agitational paper, factory newspapers, the above-mentioned theoretical publication, backed up by pamphlets on important topics, and a range of leaflets and the like.

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Congratulations to the NUS for defeating a motion which proposed that they abandon their policy of "no platform" for fascist and racist speakers. It is certainly no thanks to their new president the so-called communist Sue Slipman, who said "I don't believe in minority action. We must argue against fascist speakers and peacefully picket meetings they address, but certainly not disrupt them." The phoney Communist Party of Great Britain has certainly gone a long way down the drain since the days of Cable Street in 1936 — when they led thousands of workers in preventing Mosley and his blackshirt thugs from marching through the East End of London.

# OPINION

The basic policy of the "Voice of the People" is one of opposition to capitalism and support for socialism, the political power of the working class.

The working people of Britain exist in a Capitalist society which is based on their exploitation for profit. Britain is also an imperialist nation and its ruling class exploits workers and other oppressed peoples in colonies and neo-colonies in various parts of the world, such as in Ireland, for example.

The British ruling class is composed in the main of very wealthy monopoly industrialists, financiers and bankers, land and property owners, commerce and trade bosses, and others engaged in the business of exploiting people's labour power. The ruling class exists to make profit. It controls the State machine of parliament, the army, police, courts, prisons, the educational system, the mass media and all other

they died in and a few petty possessions. As for the young, more and more cannot find any work at all.

**Fear**  
Under the capitalist dictatorship in Britain there is fear, insecurity, a lack of peace of mind and constant worry. Life, or rather existence, is for millions a hand-to-mouth affair, a day-in-day-out struggle to make ends meet.

The seven per cent of society that owns approximately eighty per cent of the wealth of the country — the ruling class —

the last death-bed twist of a system on the way out.

Either a socialist revolution will smash the threat of growing fascism and the developing corporate state, or fascism will rise to power only to be overthrown later after it has taken its toll against the working class and other progressive people.

The threat of growing fascism here is accompanied by aggression in Ireland, Britain's oldest colony. In Ireland the British ruling class has instituted a reign of brutal suppression, poverty and exploitation through its direct control of the northern part and its stooges in the Dublin government. As for the past eight centuries the British ruling class denies to the people of Ireland their right to national unity, self-

suppression of the parasitic capitalists once and for all.

**Working class must lead**

Only the working class can lead the fight for socialism, for it is the only class in society that is big enough, strong enough, the only class that has sufficient revolutionary hatred of the capitalist system to enable it to fulfil this historic mission.

There is no example, historically or currently, of a ruling class giving up its power, privileges and profits paradise without the oppressed waging a fierce and prolonged struggle. Capitalism will not remove itself from the stage of history. To the contrary, history teaches that working class rule can only be established through mass-based violent revolution.

Nobody likes violence for its own sake. That would be lunacy. But workers must be realistic when they talk of changing things and most of all must recognise that those who at present have power over their lives are not, as if by magic one morning, going to stop exploiting them. The working class values peace, but must demand peace on the basis of a just society, and that will not, cannot



NF thugs on the march.

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**"British jobs for British Workers", like many that were pushed through the letter-boxes of Stechford:**

**"STOP IMMIGRATION — START REPATRIATION"**

Not long ago the Government was forced to admit that it had been grossly misleading the public concerning the huge number of Immigrants still pouring into Britain, by means of publishing false immigration statistics. Now it is admitted that during 1973/74 more than 175,000 Immigrants flooded in. In view of Britain's very grave unemployment problem, this Governmental encouragement of Immigration is sheer TREASON.

*The British people must be put FIRST in employment. There can be no job security while Britain is used as a dumping ground for the surplus population of the West Indies, Asia and Africa. The Immigrants must be helped to re-settle in their*

*own countries. This is not 'racism'. This is common-sense patriotism."*

Lie No. 1: Immigrants are not "pouring" and "flooding" in. Year after year, more people leave the country than enter it; more immigrants are white than black; many people with a legal right to come into Britain, such as wives and fiancées of workers from India and Pakistan, have to wait years for visas, and have a tough time getting them.

Lie No. 2: In no way does the presence of Immigrants make the unemployment situation better or worse. Unemployment is part of capitalism and its crisis. It is heaviest in Glasgow and the North of Ireland where there are virtually no black workers. It is black youth who are hardest hit by unemployment. It is the bosses and their system, which denies jobs and job security to both black and white.

## What This Paper Stands For

institutions of influence and power, all employed to serve its own class interest.

Irrespective of which of the political parties is in government at any one point in time, capitalism is always in power and will remain in power until the present dictatorship of capital is ended and the working class, supported by any other potential allies in class-divided society, takes State political power into its own hands.

Capitalism is the root cause of the many problems being experienced by working people and their families. Life is bad not good for millions of workers under the present system. Some workers are exploited more than others, but all are exploited for profit.

The effects of the capitalist system are all around us. Existence standards decline daily. Life is a constant struggle even to try to satisfy the basic requirements of food, a place to live, clothing and of footwear, heat and light. Wages and salaries are inadequate. Purchasing power is daily reduced as a result of the mad scramble for profits which forces prices up and is the main cause of inflation.

Many working class families cannot afford a proper diet of fresh vegetables and meat, but have been forced to consume starchy substitutes and the cheapest types of meat. While the parasitic rich eat the best, they manufacture bogus, bean-based meat substitute for workers. This effects the general state of health of the people and illness is on the increase.

Elderly working people, after maybe half a century of working for capitalist employers, are cruelly coerced into trying to struggle by on a pension. Thousands die of cold and hunger each winter. After decades of work on low wages many die with no savings, no home and with barely more than the clothes

live a luxurious life, while the vast mass of the working people are subjected to wage freeze, social con tricks, lies aimed at stopping them from seeing the truth of their predicament, and an existence that denies to them the realization of a full and fruitful life.

Unemployment is on a huge scale and is yet another product of the unplanned system of capitalism. The bosses use this vast army of unemployed to keep down wage levels and to undermine the militant struggle of the working class for change. It simultaneously rebukes the reservoir of unemployed people that it has created and labels them as "scroungers, do-nothings and layabouts", titles in reality appropriate to the members of its own class of speculators and wheelers and dealers.

Large areas have been reduced to near desolation. In many parts, particularly in Wales, Scotland and northern England, job opportunities are virtually non-existent and the young and not-so-young are forced to drift away from families and friends. When in the big cities, including London, unemployment is rife, so there is really nowhere a man or woman can go in the whole of the country to find work. For millions capitalism is a dead end.

**Racism**

The ruling class is whipping up racism to try and turn workers of different colours and nationalities against each other so that they fight among themselves instead of uniting to fight the capitalist class.

There could well develop a fascist state in Britain. Fascism is capitalism in crisis. If the ruling class cannot contain the economic crisis and the peoples' growing anger then it will be prepared to resort to a fascist police state to hold onto its power. This would be a sign of weakness not strength,

determination and freedom from interference in their domestic affairs. The British bosses have millions invested in factories, finance and land in Ireland north and south. It is therefore not only the main exploiter of the British working class but also the class enemy of the Workers of Ireland. Thus the British and Irish working classes share the same main enemy and should unite together to hack away at both legs of their common exploiter.

The "Voice of the People" is against all of this exploitation, suppression and divide and rule. It stands for socialist change to end this state of affairs. It opposes the capitalist system and all it stands for. It sides with the working class and all members of society who are prepared to stand up and be counted in the battle to end the present anti-people dictatorship of capital over labour, the dictatorship of the few rich over the many poor.

**Central Question**

It recognises that the central question facing the working people of Britain is that of political power — is the capitalist class going to be allowed to hang onto it, or is the working class to organise and take it from them. This paper stands for the complete liberation of the working class from capitalism. It stands for socialist revolution. Revolution means to work for the overthrow of the British ruling class and its replacement by working class political power — the democratic dictatorship of the working masses, the majority of the people in society. This means the dictatorship of the working class over the overthrown ruling class — the dictatorship of the proletariat. This fundamental political change, the expropriation of the expropriators, is the essence of revolutionary change; power for the people and the

come into existence until the repressive, unjust rule of capitalism is overthrown through revolution.

So that the socialist revolution can take place in Britain there must be brought into being a genuine revolutionary workers' Party to unite the uniteable and lead the struggle. This paper will always support the fight for principled unity which must, if it is to be a unity of substance, a unity that will survive the many complex twists and turns of the protracted class struggle, be based upon a scientific evaluation of class forces in Britain.

When all is said and done, only when the working class, especially the industrial section of the working class — many millions of working men and women employed in the big factories throughout the country — has its own party, its own newspapers and, ultimately, its own peoples' militia, will it be in a position to toss into the bin of history capitalism and the misery it represents for millions of people.

This paper will, as the struggle goes on, do everything in its power to expose the evils of the present system, educate people about scientific socialism, Marxism-Leninism, and mobilise all progressive forces towards its overthrow.

This paper understands that we have the reason, the right and the resources to achieve this great goal. Socialism will replace capitalism, justice will reign over injustice, for there exists no force that is capable of holding back the wheel of history.

**THE FUTURE BELONGS TO US. THE TIME IS NOW TO ORGANISE AND INTENSIFY THE FIGHT FOR PEOPLE'S POWER. WE CAN, WE MUST AND WE WILL WIN. THIS IS WHAT THE "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" IS ALL ABOUT.**

It will bar no person from helping if they get in touch.



Anti-NF demonstrators show contempt for police protectors of the fascists.

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example currently or historically of the transition from capitalism to socialism being made in any way other than by a Workers' Socialist Revolution.

8. The ruling class of bosses, millionaire industrialists, financiers, bankers, stock-exchange gamblers, property speculators and land owners, commerce and trade monopolists, and other exploiters, will never

give up peacefully or voluntarily their profits paradise. Their parliamentary circus, their army, police force, courts, laws, and prison system all exist to protect their state political power and privilege.

9. The capitalist system is in deep crisis and the ruling class of employers is currently creating the conditions for a fascist, boss-dominated, corporate state. Either a socialist revolution

# SMASH THE RACISTS AND FASCISTS NOW! ONLY THE POLICE ARE PREVENTING THE NF FROM GETTING A MASSIVE HIDING!

## The People's Defence Organisation Is Badly Needed

Lie No. 3: Black people being "helped to re-settle" means repatriation. And that could only mean concentration camps and murder; massive police invasion on personal rights and appalling brutality for all those black Britons who do not want to be pushed out of the country to which they have contributed through their labour. Whites too, would be subject to the same treatment, as were thousands of non-Jewish Germans under Hitler. Martin Webster, the NF National Activities organiser was heard spouting lies in

diversion from the basic fact that capitalism, not black workers, causes all problems for workers. These problems are shared by blacks, and it is only by a militant unity of black and white that any of our problems will be solved.

In North London Anti-fascist Militancy meets NF—police alliance.

That unity was demonstrated on Saturday April 23rd in North London. The St. George's Day demonstration of 1000 NF members was met by three times as many anti-fascists.

placards showed these scum exactly what the people of North London thought about them. Anti-fascists surged forward, but after five minutes of chaos, the police got the NF moving and split the demonstration. From that point for the next 1½ hours, the Nazis were treated to a continuous stream of abuse, shouts of Sieg Heil and yet more missiles. At Wood Green shopping centre, the police attempted again to stop the demonstration accompanying the fascists. After more missiles and fights their cordon was

organised opposition to this, just as there has been no organised attempt to stop the demonstration right at the start. The trotskite, International Marxist Group, and Socialist Workers' Party, so-called, despite having hundreds of members and supporters on the demonstration, did not put into practice any effective plan. In fact, the IMG led the majority of the demonstration, after it had been split by the police at Wood Green High Road, on a roundabout march, that eventually ended up near the NF meeting place but never confronted them.

This was an important demonstration. It was the most militant anti-fascist demonstration in London for some time. But its shortcomings must be recognised. There was no disciplined force which could have given a lead to the vast mass of demonstrators, and could have driven the fascist scum from the streets.

### Fight to Build the People's Defence Organisation

A People's Defence Organisation, such as we have proposed, in conjunction with Reading People Against Racism And Fascism, could have got all the necessary information about the NF, the route, police tactics etc., that would have succeeded where this demonstration failed.

The task, as we see it is to spread the idea of the PDO widely in the anti-fascist movement over the next 6 months. We will then call a meeting for all interested individuals and organisations to work out ways in which the PDO can be set up. In the meantime we hope all supporters of the idea will get copies of the statement from us, and distribute it to anti-fascists.

The National Front are now a threat which no progressive person can afford to ignore. We should

# HEATHROW AND PORT TALBOT — WORKERS SOLD OUT BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND OTHER MISLEADERS

The dispute at Heathrow airport, where 4,000 maintenance workers, members of the AUEW, have been on strike over shift pay has exposed once again the sell-out nature of the trade union senior leadership in this country.

Similarly in Port Talbot steelworks where 560 electricians are on strike over pay, the union leadership has demonstrated its class position as being one of siding with the bosses against the workers.

### Heathrow

At Heathrow, the bosses first attempted to sack the workers involved, then they attempted to recruit other maintenance workers to do the work, drawing up what

of reformism as opposed to fighting the bosses to bring about revolutionary change in society, then sooner or later you have got to end up supporting the bosses against workers.



Anti-fascists surging forward.



NF protected by shoulder to shoulder police cordons — Anti-fascist rally in the background.

Stechford about 6 million blacks (when in fact there are but three million) and that there was only one "solution". This would probably be "final" as was Hitler's "solution" to the "Jewish problem".

All talk of immigration control is a phoney

The Nazis, as usual, were protected by over 1000 police. As the NF column moved into Wood Green High Road, flags flying and drums beating, a hail of stones, bricks, bottles, eggs, balloons filled with red dye, orange and yellow smoke flares and anti-fascist

broken.

The fascists were silent for most of the march put out by the fact that they received virtually no support from the communities through which they passed. This is not surprising, since they had the cheek to provoke the West Indian, Greek, Cypriot, Irish and Jewish inhabitants by marching in the first place. The fascists even brought their kids on the march — their "future" as they call them — without regard of the consequence for the terrified children.

In a quiet middle-class suburb near the school at which the NF were rallying, the police calmly stopped the anti-fascist demonstration by blocking off both sides of the pavement. There was no

oppose them 100%, for instance in the 5 May Council elections (when they are standing several hundred candidates, including 91 in Greater London). But, we must realise that it is the policies of Labour and Tory governments that have provided the conditions in which the NF could win support. And both of the main parties, in their policies are moving towards a fascist-style, corporate state, which is a parallel and related danger to the NF poison. Opposition to the NF must not become a smokescreen behind which the corporalist policies of the old capitalist parties can be implemented without much opposition. Both must be fought if fascism is to be defeated.

came to be called the "black-legs charter". They have also threatened to lay off the 15,000 other maintenance workers, though thousands of workers in the T&CWU have threatened to shut down the airport if there is an attempt at that. On top of all these utterly reactionary moves to break the strike, has been a hysterical press campaign to discredit and divide the workers.

It is in such circumstances that the intervention into the dispute by the AUEW national leadership, in the shape of Reg Birch, is so revealing. Totally siding with the bosses he ordered the men to go back to work. Then in an attempt to belittle the strike leaders he said they were "brand new people, who are green to the union, not familiar old sweats." "I'm very angry that they do not understand advice that is well meant. It comes from people who are not babies at this thing." The very adult old sweats he was praising are presumably the same union leaders who have sold workers down the river for years and are fighting for the existence of the anti worker social con trick. Reg Birch who claims to be a revolutionary (he is chairman of the so-called Communist Party of Britain M—L) clearly revealed his allegiance to his sell out trade union and not to the workers. If you sell out your principles and take the road

### Port Talbot

At the Port Talbot steel works, the bosses of the British Steel Corporation have responded by locking out 560 electricians to isolate the striking electricians from support. BSC is also importing continental steel to help offset the lost production. The national leaders of the EPTU, the strikers' union, in the shape of Frank Chapple have ordered the men to go back. He says "The current agreement between the TUC and the Government does not permit it." In both places the workers gave these leadership scabs the same message...NO...WE WILL NOT GIVE IN TO THREATS.

The sell-outs in the leadership of the unions are more and more being exposed by their own actions and statements. Last month it was the NATSOPA leaders joining the Times newspaper bosses to lock out members on strike for better pay. Then the AUEW leaders ordered the British Leyland strikers "Go back or get the sack." In countless other situations up and down the country the union leaders are revealing their true colours by siding with the bosses against the workers, and going to great lengths to suppress workers' actions. Workers must surely be waking up to the situation.

will smash capitalism and its birth-child of growing fascism, or fascism will rise to power in Britain only to be overthrown later by revolution, after it has taken its terrible toll against the working class and other progressive people.

10. So that a socialist revolution can be made in Britain there must be built a genuine revolutionary party of the working class and all who are prepared to activa-

ly join the struggle for a socialist society where those who do the work have political power.

11. Therefore, the task now in capitalist Britain is not to change the Camp Commandant, but to organise now to break down the prison that is capitalism, destroy that unjust system forever and replace it with the real freedom and democracy of a socialist workers' state.

### SUBSCRIBE NOW!

The 'VOP' and the CWLB (M-L) are launching a new Supportive Subscription For £5 subscribers will receive the 'VOP' for a year plus all publications of the CWLB(M-L), plus all industrial newspapers and important leaflets. They will be included on the mailing list and will be entitled to half-price entrance to socials.

### APPEARING SOON!

The Industrial Base-Building Document of the CWLB(M-L) has completely sold out. It is shortly to be reprinted...in a unique document which will contain not only "Building Revolutionary Communist Bases at the Place of Work", but also an important description and analysis of recent developments in the factories.

## "CPB(M-L)" Goons Attack Communist Workers

The CWLB (M-L) distributed a detailed polemical indictment of the "CPB (M-L) which criticised its role in the recent strike at Heathrow, and made an analysis of the inherent political weaknesses of the line of its organisation. The leaflet that drove the CPB(M-L) goons berserk is reproduced inside this issue on pages six and seven.

Although no formal statement has yet been made by the CWLB(M-L) it is understood that a letter is being sent to the leaders of the CPB(M-L) demanding a public apology for the outrage.

What has happened can only convince even more people — including honest elements within the CPB(M-L) that the organisation has arrived at an advanced state of political decline and degeneration. Letters are also going out, it is understood to M-L organisations throughout the country asking for support for the democratic rights of the CWLB(M-L) to distribute its leaflets and speak out against the "CPB(M-L)" line and for condemnation of the thuggery of the CPB(M-L).

Many eye witnesses were especially incensed by the comment made by the petit-bourgeois CPB(M-L) misleader, William Ashe, who jeered and ridiculed the CWLB (M-L) factory worker for losing his train of thought during his speech, that being hardly surprising considering the amount of shouting and jeering that was going on from the goons.

Following are extracts from statements made by some of those workers who were attacked and abused.

"...I am a railway worker. I went to the CPB(M-L) meeting to distribute a leaflet exposing the phoney nature of the organisation. Outside of the hall and before the meeting, myself and two other comrades were attacked by members of the CPB(M-L) who confiscated the leaflets and a scuffle took place. After they ripped up our leaflets, they refused us admission to the hall..."

member of the CWLB(M-L)

"...I am a local council worker. On April 30th I and two others were outside a CPB(M-L) meeting distributing a CWLB (M-L) leaflet which exposed their so-called party as a sham. After making threats their stewards physically attacked us in a partially successful attempt to seize the leaflets. When we fought back they enlisted the aid of a policeman who labelled me as the "troublemaker"..."

Supporter of the CWLB(M-L)

"...From the moment I started to speak inside the meeting, CPB (M-L) stewards and others started to shout me down and became immediately hostile...I had to pause to look at my notes, at which point one of their leading figures, Ashe, sneered "Look, he can't even read". Another comrade got up to defend my right to speak. Stewards moved in. I was knocked to the floor and kicked... There was chaos; comrades getting beaten. I was dragged and kicked through the hall, thrown out, then threatened along with others outside..."

Factory worker, member of the CWLB(M-L)

"...I rose to defend the first speaker's right to expose this phoney party against the orchestrated barracking from the audience...several CPB(M-L) stewards moved in and dragged, punched and kicked myself, and others who tried to stop them. From the hall, but I was ram-rodged head first through the double doors and punched in the face. At no time did I do more than try to obstruct these railroad tactics..."

Machinist, member of CWLB (M-L)

"...I am an engineering worker, and an AUEW senior steward in a London factory. In the meeting of the CPB (M-L); stewards shouted "Get out you

bastard" to one comrade who was speaking and hit him in the back. When I pulled him away I was jumped on by about five others who held by arms and legs. One aimed punches straight in my face. I was dragged on the ground, trampled on and kicked, and carried out. I was bleeding from the punches to my face. They knocked my glasses and I couldn't see very well. I could see how they kicked another of the comrades in the back when he was already on the floor. I had bad bruising on head, legs and hands..."

Factory based worker comrade of the CWLB(M-L)

"...a man swore at me and pushed me when I defended the other comrades' right to speak — then I went to help a comrade who was being beaten up — I was grabbed from behind and kicked in the leg...they dragged the comrade along the floor and flung him out...stewards were kicking and punching him, and one pushed me aside when I tried to stop them..."

A woman factory worker, member of the CWLB(M-L)

"...I'm an engineering worker, and a member of Birch's union the AUEW. I stood up to demand the right of comrades to speak when they were abused and threatened. A steward attacked and pushed me backwards over the chairs. This was the first act of violence. All hell broke loose...one other comrade with several stewards on top of him...I was grabbed by two to three stewards and thrown out into the street, where I was kicked and punched in the chest...four other members of the audience left in support of us at this time..."

Industrially-based member of the CWLB(M-L)

"...during the meeting I was disgusted by the undemocratic behaviour of resorting to physical violence to suppress the erroneous line of the CPB (M-L)...the jeers and catcalls from the audience the chair failed to restore order...I protested and demanded that the speaker be allowed to finish his contribution...Several stewards jumped on me. One held me by the throat, and half choking I was punched, kicked and thrown out of the meeting..."

Factory worker, member of the CWLB(M-L)

"...I am a woman factory worker. At the CPB(M-L) meeting on April 30th April I saw two stewards viciously threaten two comrades who were trying to speak. When I got up to defend one, I was threatened myself. In the turmoil that followed, one comrade was flung against the wall. At the same time some CPB(M-L) members started pushing a whole section of the audience down the aisle, shouting "Push! Push them out! Drive them out..."

Industrially based woman comrade of the CWLB(M-L)

"...A member of the CWLB(M-L) was making a contribution from the floor — he was heckled and shouted down; others rose to his support and were then subjected to the same treatment by stewards who then started pushing and punching — kicks were levelled at people who had been pushed to the floor..."

Housewife, comrade of the CWLB(M-L)

"...during the meeting, a comrade at my side was heckled and not allowed to finish his contribution in the discussion time. Another comrade spoke in his defense and the stewards moved in. I and others were thrown out, kicked and punched. The CPB(M-L) "leaders" permitted this to take place. A few individual goons stewards continued the assaults outside the meeting..."

Factory worker member of CWLB(M-L)

### Platform Speeches

The speeches of the CPB(M-L) platform speakers and the manner in which they were delivered was another clear exposure of this sham party. With red, non-militant, gutless presentation these "leaders" of this so-called revolutionary party delivered a platform position that can only be called an insult to communism and to workers all over the world. When the chairman of the meeting introduced Reg Birch he referred to him as a "revolutionary leader and figurehead in the working class movement" and said he had "shown how to lead workers in the past few weeks", clearly a reference to Heathrow.

Reg Birch, the chairman of this so-called party, spoke like a variety hall hack. Dismissive comments interspersed with

jokes were an insult to any thinking workers. He ridiculed the Heathrow and British Leyland strikers for being backward and not understanding the correct methods of struggle. Then, in what was obviously an attack on Marxist-Leninist theory he said "we have no need for theoreticians and mentors of the working class"...He went on to say that "the third world and second world alliances are nonsense". Finally to round off this farce, Gwyn Jones said to the audience "I am the least political of the politicians"...a funny thing happened on my way to the meeting tonight, I started to think, and that is a funny thing..."

The pathetic charade could only re-confirm the views expressed in the CWLB(M-L) leaflets contained in this issue, written before the meeting even took place.

## Ireland — Exploitation Increased

Ireland has for centuries been an exploited colony of British imperialism. Nowadays Britain still exploits the people and natural resources of that country, but is being seriously challenged by other foreign imperialists headed by the US who are contending for the right to control vast areas of the country and control large numbers of the Irish people.

Although John Laing a exploit 650 workers directly and 500 more in related projects arising out of it. MARATHON and ESSO who already control exploration rights over 11,000 sq. miles off the Irish coast, will ensure that the oil resources are kept firmly out of the hands of the Irish people. FIELDCREST MILLS, a US textile giant is constructing a 510,000 sq. ft. complex near Kilkenny to exploit 1,200 workers. FORDS of the US are in an advanced state of negotiations with the IRA. Their plan is to exploit between 2,500 and 2,800 workers in Cork.

NEW JERSEY ZINC, part of the giant GULF and WESTERN GROUP, is to get major shareholdings in the Irish zinc smelter. This means the opportunity to

### The Leaflet that drove the "CPB(M-L)" Goons wild

THE SO-CALLED CPB(M-L) IS AN INSULT TO MARXISM-LENINISM AND THE STRUGGLE OF THE BRITISH WORKING CLASS! ITS POLITICAL LINE IS BOURGEOIS AND ITS LEADERSHIP IS ANTI-SCIENTIFIC AND CLASS COLLABORATIONIST! A GENUINE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY IS YET TO BE BROUGHT INTO BEING!

#### Jekyll and Hyde Leadership

At tonight's meeting the leaders of the so-called Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) will make speeches as "Marxist-Leninists" and claim to represent "the vanguard Party of the working class."

There is no truth in either claim. They are not Marxist-Leninists and their party is not a real vanguard of the working class.

Sometimes, like tonight, they voice loyalty to Marxism-Leninism and socialist revolution. On other occasions they help bosses break strikes, try to sap the will of struggling workers and reveal themselves to be blatant representatives of social democracy and sell-out trade union politics.

On many issues of interest to the working class these "leaders" have failed to take a public, militant stand when they could have done. The latest example of their bankruptcy is their strike-breaking role during the recent Heathrow strike. No matter what side-issues are involved, when an acute contradiction develops between capital and labour communists always take the side of labour. The "CPB (M-L)" misleaders exposed their party's loyalty NOT to Marxism-Leninism but to the bourgeois T.U.C. high command — the general staff of the British ruling class operating with the workers movement — the bourgeois Labour Party, the capitalist class and state, and stabbed struggling workers in the back in the midst of their fight.

This was blatantly an example of class collaboration with the enemy. The line of the "CPB (M-L)" was to side with the bosses who wanted to impose bad working conditions, sack workers, victimise militants, close the airport, lock workers out, and recruit black-legs. The "CPB (M-L)" in this way gets Marxism-Leninism a very bad name and fuels the revisionists and trotskies who seek to opportunistically exploit such situations.

At a mass meeting a "CPB (M-L)" trade union misleader, in an attempt to belittle strike leaders, was reported to have stated "they are brand new people who are green to the union, not familiar old sweats... I'm very angry that they do not understand advice that is well meant". The very same old sweats this misleader praised and presumably the same social democratic types who have sold workers down the river for years.

One cannot serve two masters in the class struggle of opposites. One is either for or against the bosses. Those who one moment stand on platforms beneath the Red Flag paying lip service to revolutionary communism and at another moment stand on another platform doing the dirty work of the class enemy are Jekyll and Hyde characters who are nothing but vulgar scabs who must be exposed, isolated and politically smashed, for they are renegades.

Tonight, instead of making phoney speeches praising Marxism-Leninism and the working class, it would be better if the audience could sit back and listen to a tape recording of the misleader's speech to the Heathrow strikers.

Even better, the audience might like to listen to the secret discussions that the "CPB (M-L)" misleader participates in within the hallowed sanctums of the capitalist T.U.C. General Council, where all sorts of plots are regularly hatched against the working class, especially the industrial proletariat. Or the audience might learn a lot by listening to the private talks of the UEW national misleaders when Scanlon and his fellow sell-outs make their plans.

### The "CPB(M-L)" is Bourgeois to its very roots and origins

The "CPB (M-L)" is becoming more exposed as the months go by. It is splitting up as its internal contradictions become more acute. Honest members and branches have left in some numbers. The latest Heathrow fiasco will cause more to leave. How can any honest person still in the "CPB (M-L)" any longer stomach its political rotteness? All who stay in will have to answer to the working class for their support for this bourgeois organisation.

What has happened recently is but an effect NOT the cause of the degeneration of this sham party. In launching this polemic against the "CPB (M-L)", the industrially-based Communist Workers League of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) (CWLB (M-L) speaks on the basis of knowledge of facts, past and present about the "CPB(M-L)". The CWLB (M-L) has done the groundwork on the "CPB (M-L)" and knows the truth.

In a unique and deep investigation of the "CPB (M-L)" carried out during 1973-5 (during which time 23 other organisations claiming to be Marxist-Leninist were investigated) the CWLB (M-L) concluded that "The CPB(M-L) does not possess the characteristics of a genuine communist party..."

No organisation that has made massive concessions to anti-science (metaphysics and its attendant diseases of subjectivism, dogmatism, idealism and empiricism) on fundamental matters of importance can be accurately regarded as a genuine communist party. The "CPB (M-L)" has made such concessions from its very inception.

# World Struggles

"The socialist of another country is a fellow-patriot, as the capitalist of my own country is a natural enemy."  
JAMES CONNOLLY



After the failure of conference after conference to con the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) into giving up their armed struggle to overthrow the fascist minority regime of Smith, Britain's foreign minister, Dr. Owen, has now been sent forward to try the same thing once again. And now a new highly dangerous notion is being introduced, namely the possible involvement of British troops as 'official' mercenaries.

The liberation movement in Zimbabwe is leading a just war with the support of the vast majority of the population. All intervention, be it by Britain, the US or Russia, must meet the opposition of the peoples of all countries.



"I have to insist that you use the servants' entrance."

## OWEN MUST STOP INTERFERING IN ZIMBABWE

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The following are characteristics of the "CPB (M-L)":

- it has never made a scientific class analysis of society in order scientifically to locate the enemies and any friends of the working class in the fight for socialist revolution;
- its so-called programme is thus not based on a class analysis but was dreamt up in disregard for social investigation of class forces;
- despite a lot of talk about the workers and the unions it has never produced an industrial programme for educating, and organising the leading force for socialist revolution, the industrial proletariat;
- it has never made an independent scientific analysis of friends and foes of the working class internationally;
- it has not made a scientific investigation of the national question in Britain;
- it has not achieved a scientific and creative understanding of the present stage of the class struggle, nor produced a genuine strategy and tactics for the present situation;
- it did not properly prepare for the coming into being of a party;
- it does not practice in the spirit of seeking unity, but instead is arrogant, splittist and sectarian towards others;
- it does not scientifically and militantly fight deviations from Marxism-Leninism, such as trotskysm and revisionism;
- it displays an anti-communist attitude towards Marxist-Leninist theory and possesses no theoretical journal with which to clarify important matters;
- it appears to have no scientific and creative cadre training programme;
- it does not possess a scientific understanding of history and has dishonestly distorted certain comments of Marx in order to support its two-classes-only theory;
- its publications are drab and trade union in political orientation and do not reflect communist spirit and tenacity;
- it has produced no scientific and militant programme for combatting the threat of growing fascism and racism;

These are but some major indictments that lead to the conclusion that the "CPB (M-L)" is not what its name implies, but is in fact a bourgeois organisation, led by opportunists masquerading as Marxist-Leninists.

Hence, the Heathrow fiasco is but an effect, a manifestation of the root cause of the problems of this organisation, that root being revisionism in methodology, revisionism in line, and revisionism in practice.

The "CPB (M-L)" is the leading force in Britain of the anti-science camp. It is not alone in this camp. But because, for example, it has some contact through trade unionism with workers; because it claims "recognition" from genuine communist parties abroad, because it produces a regular newspaper which claims that the "CPB (M-L)" is the "vanguard party of the working class"; because some people with a low level of political understanding are overawed by the status one of its leaders has in the social democratic trade unions... for these and other reasons the "CPB (M-L)" is the main centre of revisionism operating within the so-called Marxist-Leninist movement at this time, the most dangerous misleader.

A genuine revolutionary communist Party, rooted in the industrial proletariat and led by industrially-based communist men and women, has yet to be built.

In its historic document "For A Real Communist Party — Hey It's Up To Us!" the CWLB (M-L) spells out the main weaknesses of the movement that has called itself Marxist-Leninist, defines a genuine communist party and makes concrete proposals as to how such a Party can be brought into being and the preparations that must be undertaken for it to be soundly based in terms of class line and class content.

This document can be obtained from the address below.

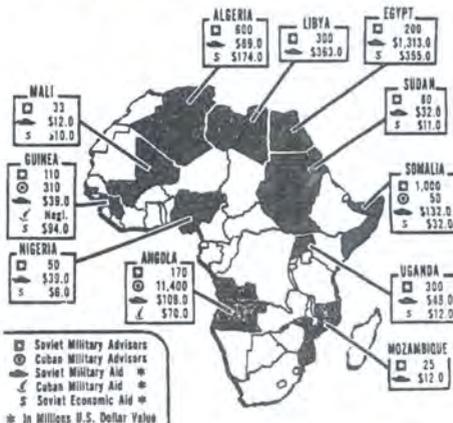


### TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The CWLB (M-L) wishes to announce that the preparatory discussions devoted to setting up the Marxist Leninist Working Commission on Party Building Preparatory Work have now reached their concluding stage. The 'Commission', as it is known, supported by communists based in London, Reading, Coventry, Birmingham and Leicester will be formally brought into being towards the end of May as a result of common agreement. This represents an important step in the development of the Marxist-Leninist movement in this country, and could be of considerable long-term significance.
- The "Voice of the People" newspaper will hold a Grand Social at the Roebuck pub, 108 Tottenham Court Road, at 8 pm, Saturday 7th May (nearest tube station Goodle St.). Music, food and good company. The social will launch the monthly "Voice of the People".

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## RUSSIAN SUPERPOWER STEPS UP INTERVENTION IN AFRICA



Russian and Cuban involvement in Africa rivals that of the other superpower, the US.

Following on from their intervention in Angola, the social-imperialists of the Soviet Union are masterminding the present invasion of Zaire by between 7,000 and 10,000 mercenaries. Zairian soldiers on the front, refugees from the front, and foreign reporters there, have all seen evidence of the Soviet Union's backing of these mercenaries. According to President Mobutu, they became "mercenaries first for the Portuguese and then for the MPLA (in Angola). Now on their return," he says, "they carry Russian weapons."

At a recent rally by more than 20,000 people of Zaire to condemn the Soviet-backed invasion, the commissioner of Kinshasa pointed out that the invasion "has been planned for a long time by the social-imperialists." Their aim, he said, was to "impose their domination on other parts of Africa starting from Zaire, whose exceptional geographical position can serve as a spring-board in their attempt to recolonise the continent."

**Socialist in words — Imperialist in deeds**

And the social-imperialists, talking in the language of socialism while, in deed, they are out and out imperialists, have attempted to stand the situation on its head, by saying that those countries who support Zaire's resistance to the Soviet Union are "impudently interfering" and are "trying to create another hotbed of dangerous tension in the world." Brazen-faced, they accuse

those countries of actions which can only be attributed to themselves!

Africa is not the only target of the Soviet Union. In Europe, this superpower has the heaviest concentration of armed forces in the world; and in the Gulf countries, which hold two thirds of the world's oil deposits, the Soviet Union is competing with the American imperialists to build up military bases.

Thus it can be seen that what we are now witnessing in Africa is but a continuation of a process of political degeneration which started when, after the death of Joseph Stalin, the leadership of the Russian Communist Party was seized by revisionists. What is now taking place in Zaire, on Brezhnev's diktat, is in essence the same aggression that was committed against the Czechoslovakian people in 1968, though the present invasion is being conducted in a more subtle, more devious form.

# BOOT OUT THE SOCIAL CONTRICK !



A massive tide of opposition to the Labourite's phoney social contract is building up. There were 445 strikes during January and February (the latest available figs) with as many working days lost as in the first six months of last year. Significantly, the pressure to break the social contract is coming from the thousands of ordinary working men and women, on the shop-floor and at branch level of the unions. The 56,000 Ford car workers are demanding a 15% pay increase, while railmen, miners, dockers and even the National Union of Bank Employees are demanding a return to free collective bargaining. On April 20th the British Leyland Shop Stewards Combined Committee called a demonstration against the social contract at Hyde Park, which thousands of workers attended. On the same day 10,000 workers from various trades stopped work in Dundee with a further 6,000 in Sheffield as well as others around the country.

Meanwhile leading Labourite bums and Trade Union Misleaders continue trying to con workers into accepting a third round of pay cuts. Healey waves the carrot of a minute tax cut in return for workers accepting Phase 3. Jack Jones wants to make the social contract more "voluntary". He says he wants a return to free collective bargaining, but says his union members must avoid massive pay claims and must bear in mind the state of the "economy" (Read bosses profits). Sid Weighell, NUR general

secretary, in complete opposition to the mood of his membership has already said he backs phase 3. Another idea being floated by the bosses' little men is a "kitty" of money, in other words putting up a fixed amount of money and then letting workers squabble over who gets the biggest share. VOP says that the social contract must be smashed. It's ridiculous that a so-called "Labour" government can be allowed to get away with so blatantly doing the bosses dirty work. For the past two years while

wages have dropped in real terms, prices have rocketed. All thinking workers should seriously stop and think about why the social contract was ever accepted in the first place; and now whether they will be covered by threats of higher unemployment and so on by union hacks. But all in all just going for higher wages will not change capitalism, for the bosses will still hold the reigns of power, until workers seize them and organise for real change in society.

## FRONT PAGE CHANGE



The last issue of the "Voice of the People" saw a new masthead design which dropped the old Irish Liberation Press insignia using a gun. This was a tactical decision arrived at because in the minds of many people the gun was associated with the anti-people terrorism of the rightist Provisionals. This paper has always condemned terrorist bombings which injure workers and fail to move one inch closer the end of capitalism.

This tactical change in no way alters the basic line of this paper on the Irish question which is one of demanding the immediate withdrawal of the British army, the release of all patriotic political prisoners, in Ireland and in jails in this country, the unity of Ireland as one nation, and the right of the Irish people to self-determination and the construction of a socialist society. It was vital that we allowed no barriers to be erected by the writers and sellers of this paper which would prevent as many workers as possible buying and reading the paper. That would have been to pursue a sectarian line and to regard the symbol as a principal, an end in itself which under all circumstances must be maintained. This paper still believes wholeheartedly that in Ireland, as elsewhere, that political power grows from the barrels of workers' guns and that the people have to be politically educated and organised and mobilised to fight for political power.

**Signs**  
Already there are signs that workers are buying the paper in larger numbers and that our politics are getting through to more people. Under no circumstances would this paper ever abandon a real principle to achieve greater sales. To the contrary, the record of the "Irish Liberation Press", now incorporated into the "Voice of the People", is an outstanding one of eight years of fighting for working class principles. This record is unmatched by any publication claiming to hold the same political views.  
**VICTORY TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE IRISH PEOPLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AND FREEDOM FROM BRITISH RULING CLASS INTERFERENCE!**  
**LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE BRITISH AND IRISH WORKING CLASSES!**

The range of the fascist-style Prevention of Terrorism Act covers the most remote parts of the country, however "peaceful". Four young women from County Armagh were arrested within hours of their arrival in Guernsey on 12 April. They had hoped to find jobs for the tourist season. Instead, they were frogmarched to the police station and then locked in the cells of St Peter Port Remand Centre. Mauritta Heaney, aged 18, one of the four women, said later: "They told us we were in the Provisional IRA, and when we said we were not they said: 'But you are Catholics!'— They treated us like wild animals.

Guernsey police had had the women's names fed into the British Army Big Brother computer (situated in Thierval Barracks near Belfast), which holds a mass of biographical information and cross-references. The computer indicated that one of the women had a relative in Long Kesh concentration camp (now called the Maze Prison). On the basis of this, they were detained, labelled as a "suspected IRA terror unit" by local papers, and when released (after three days) had all chances for a job spoilt. The £100 they had saved for the journey had been wasted.

**Computer**  
Now that they have been held as suspected terrorists, information about them will be added to the computer memory bank that led to their arrest. Anyone stopped at a checkpoint while in their company will be recorded as

an "associate of a suspected person".  
This diabolical use of computers is only an example of sophisticated technology being developed and used to oppress the people. It is part of the attempt to contain the growing militancy and frustration of the people against the capitalist

system.  
**"Paper Tigers"**  
The police in Coventry, Birmingham and Wolverhampton are testing computer-linked equipment for the use of speedier communication with selected patrols. New weapons are being developed like the "Electrified Water Jet" — a mobile

unit like a water cannon, only the water carries a high electric voltage! — and the "Cold Brine Projector" — which fires a slug of icy liquid, incapacitating the body on impact!  
The ruling class say that all these whizz-kid inventions are a protection against terrorism. This is a lie, to conceal the fact that

they are aimed at the people whom the bosses *really* fear — that is, the working class. We should not be afraid of these "Paper Tigers": once workers get organised, no amount of inventions will be able to check the growth of the revolutionary movement.

## PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT HITS GUERNSEY



IT'S GREAT TO TAKE A BREAK IN GUERNSEY  
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