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**Break with England's capitalists
NOW
- why wait to be dragged
further into Harold Wilson's mire.**

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THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN 'TWO ROADS' IN SCOTLAND

The recently published "Manifesto of the Worker's Party of Scotland (Marxist-Leninist)" outlines the objectives of the W.P.S. embracing justice, security, prosperity and peace for the vast majority, the wage and salary earning workers, but which can be achieved only through Socialism. This is the inevitable next and higher development of Society, in the context of the rapidly disintegrating capitalism and world imperialism. It is a universal truth for the world's workers. No amount of idealistic and too often chauvenistic wishful thinking can have the slightest effect upon the inexorable march of history.

The "Partial" Self-Government Proposals of the S.N.P.

The immediate objective of the Scottish National Party is partial Self - Government. No break with the monarchy; acceptance of the "British" Commonwealth; a pre-determined foreign policy tied to the American and Westminster promoted North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and, the union-jack, the symbol of "British" imperial domination of Scotland and emblem of an imperialism responsible for shedding more innocent blood than any other in all history, to be allowed to continue flying triumphantly above our Scottish heads. How can "Independence" be achieved and enjoyed under such circumstances? Impossible! Moreover, the Scottish National Party is meekly to await until 1970 for the "goodwill" of the Westminster outfit, despite the obvious fact of its overwhelming electoral support, together with a membership which has climbed, within a year or two, to about one hundred thousand, something unheard of in our previous history. Their one Member of Parliament is now bogged down in the morass of Westminster, amongst the chatter of the pygmies. In the alleged parlous state of the United Kingdom economy, so presumptuously patronised by the Duke of Edinburgh and his ilk, amid the clamours of the "Daily Mail" and the chieftains of Imperial Chemical Industries for a "Business-mens Government" - that is, fascist totalitarianism, all embellished by

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infantile stunts of 'extra half hours work without extra wages' whilst hundreds of thousands are redundant workers seeing little hope of early employment, and in the case of Scotland tens of thousands emigrate overseas, it is likely that by 1970 any semblance of "Parliamentary Democracy" will be a mere screen to disguise capitalist dictatorship.

A Scottish Government Now - not 1970 !

A great National Convention of representative people, local authorities, trades councils and industrial workers, cultural bodies and political parties convened now, for the purpose of constituting a provisional sovereign Government of Scotland, with full, unqualified and immediate responsibility for administration, and asking no one outside Scotland for permission to do so, would certainly inspire enormous support and redound to the credit of the S.N.P.

The ultimate objectives of the S.N.P. consist of two diametrically opposed aims. On the one hand the minority, who at present provide most of the leading figures, anticipate an non-socialist Scotland; with of course the private ownership of land and industry and the profit system still regarded as basically necessary, indeed as sacred and inviolable. On the other hand the great working-class majority who, for generations have overwhelmingly supported the view that Socialism is essential for their welfare and security, coupled with International Socialism as the guarantee of lasting Socialist success in Scotland, as for all other parts of the British Imperialist State, England, Wales and All-Ireland. That Socialism is still the objective is frequently expressed in the remark, "Yes, we are entirely in favour of a Socialist Scotland, but first let us secure self-government."

Throw out the English - Let in the Yanks!!!!.

In due course the majority and the minority elements of the S.N.P. must take different roads. The workers and their genuine allies from the ranks of the intelligentsia, versus, the capitalist bourgeoisie, are class divisions which are irreconcilable. The majority of the S.N.P. have therefore only one option, to accept W.P.S. policy, which constitutes democracy for the workers on the basis of the justice of their class interests. The alternative must be continued rule by the minority class, the land and property owners; the money-lenders; the stock-broking gamblers; the unearned dividend spivs and their sychophantic hangers-on, whose autocratic economic power makes them the real government and parliament a mere facade. They will never voluntarily surrender their privileges, self-government or no self-government.

When the majority insists upon making Scotland a Socialist Republic, thereby creating a real and grave crisis for these profiteers, they will forthwith desert the home-rule platform. Their present interest in self-government is limited to their determination to secure a bigger slice of the profit-potential of Scottish industry and investments than they at present secure under the "British" set-up. These reactionary "nationalists" will, in these circumstances seize upon any form of capitalist dictatorship they find expedient, fascism, in other words. At the same time these "patriots" will seek and readily secure the backing of alien forces in England and elsewhere, but particularly the U.S.A. money-bags who will not stand idly by. Especially will the Americans react in face of the imminent expulsion of their armed bases and centres so numerous in Scotland today, a step which our workers would certainly take.

Appeals for U.S.A. private business expansion, are ardently peddled by some leading S.N.P. personalities who do not seem to see the absurd contradiction of "Throwing out the English to let in the Yank". Such appeals have now a more than ever hollow ring in light of Johnson's drastic move to restrict dollar investments abroad. The exploiter, the capitalist, of whatever nationality, always takes out

DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM

 The 'ELECTIVE VOTE' and right of IMMEDIATE RECALL,

Versus

The 'SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC' 'POLICY VOTE'

By

DR. S.W. TAYLOR, NEW ZEALAND.

Democratic Centralism, which is the method of the exercise of proletarian political power is not well understood and even less well easy to put into practice. What happens is that would-be revolutionary organisations pay lip service to it and pathetically practice social-democracy. However, it is substance not name which makes the practice. It has been practiced so far only in those conditions where external social pressures have conspired to produce a natural revolutionary situation and even in the Soviet Union, the early practice of democratic-centralism broke down and gave way to social-democratic practices over the course of post-revolutionary years.

Democracy means the Collective-the Masses-elect their leaders with right of recall at any time. (See Lenin, "The State & Revolution", and "The Paris Commune"). Centralism means that the democratically elected leaders make the decisions and the mass - the collective - obeys. Democratic Centralism is the method of Collective Leadership, meaning that the decisions are endorsed by the masses - the collective. The condition to secure this is to outlaw the 'Policy Vote' or the 'yes' - 'no' vote, which is a bit of political trickery aimed at getting a 'collective' decision in a purely mechanical way. The 'Policy Vote' is the lynch-pin of social-democracy which is the political method serving parliamentary 'democracy' and thus pseudo-democracy, serving the interests solely of the capitalist minority - the bourgeoisie, by subtle deception of the masses of the working people.

By contrast the 'DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL ELECTORAL VOTE' is based upon groups of people mutually known to each other. e.g. Workers in a factory, through association established on the basis of participation in social, political productive life. Contrariwise, social-democracy is based on electoral pools determined artificially; territorially; by lines drawn on a map, the masses 'know' the candidates only by repute, by radio and press, etc., in the main. Social-democracy does not exist only in parliament, but permeates the whole of pseudo-democratic capitalist society. It must be uprooted first in our minds as a faulty education is uprooted, and first in the political, then in the industrial organisations of the working-class.

To introduce and to maintain Democratic Centralism is not merely a matter of organisational choice but of struggle. It can only be born and grow strong in the course of a bitter, subtle and many-sided struggle with the bourgeois methodology of social-democracy, and in this it has ranged against it the forces of habit, the force of an established and consolidated culture and practice. Also, the 'choice' of method is the epicentre of struggle between the two systems; between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie: which one is to prevail. Politics is struggle and this is the very centre; the 'Eye of the Hurricane'. This/why it can and must be introduced, first of all at the centre namely in the political movement of working-class leadership, in the Party of the Working-class, and then it will spread into all aspects of working-class organisation. IT MUST BE INTRODUCED IN A CONSCIOUS AND DELIBERATE ACT. Social-democracy must be swept aside. The 'Establishment', in the form of Minutes, the Protocol of Procedure, must not be permitted to preside over meetings. The dead weight of past decisions, of formalism, must give way before the force of living decisions; of conscious initiative. The 'polite' debate of social-democracy, where people sit down to correct the universe but fail to make a

STAFFING IN SCOTTISH SCHOOLS IN 1968

Some Observations By A.V.Cotts.

Recently in television interviews we heard a headmaster and a team of teachers questioned about shortage of staff in the Scottish Schools. In the first interview information information was being asked about the situation in which three hundred children were unable to have any lessons in French or Chemistry in one of the newer Scottish Secondary Schools. Because of the lack of teachers of Chemistry pupils preparing for the ordinary grade examinations were to learn chemistry from a text book without the usual aid of a skilled teacher and practical demonstrations, surely a dull form of training in an essentially practical subject and a method destined to dull enthusiasm in a lively and exciting science.

The second interview resulted from remarks made by a Director of Education at a dinner in his honour. The remarks indicated that pupils in the east end of Glasgow have suffered particularly from the shortage of teachers more than children in other districts and that their parents had not been sufficiently vociferous in demanding equality of treatment for their children in the allocation of teachers for east-end schools. One would have thought that an Education Committee controlled by Labour Party Councillors would have ensured that children in the east-end were not deprived of educational services available to children in other parts of the city. It is surely the duty of Councillors to demand that all children in the city have equal facilities in education.

Children living in the east-end have had to be given 'half-time education' in some primary schools. One of the reasons given is that not many teachers live in the East End and that teachers living in other areas choose to teach near their homes. It is known, however, that parents have not been unmindful of the educational services due to their families. They have had spokesmen who have appealed to a Councillor to take action but ^{who} has said that he was powerless to be of any assistance. Could some plan not have been evolved by which teachers in other areas would spend half days in the east-end so that children in all districts could share in the teaching pool available? Or could children in the east-end be conveyed by bus to the schools where teachers wish to teach and benefit from the services of available teachers? This would mean that children in other areas would suffer the same educational hardships as those in the east-end. If their parents were more influential than those in the east-end then perhaps some better remedies might be produced.

In this situation what is the progress of the pupils, deprived of full-time

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social-democracy, where people sit down to correct the universe but fail to make a start with their own and their organisation's shortcomings must give way to SELF-CRITICISM and CRITICISM, i.e. ACTION : REVOLUTION. We must FIRST SMASH THE 'ESTABLISHMENT' IN OUR OWN MINDS. We must not be afraid to say, "The King has no clothes on".

To introduce Democratic-Centralism is a matter of political struggle, of intensive struggle against an enemy which lives in, surrounds and permeates the whole of our society. It never ceases its incessant toil of "Making trouble, to fail and making trouble again till its end".

Democratic-Centralism is simple in its conception and practice, but an adequate description to nail down the essence of its form is impossible in a short article. For fuller treatment see "Political Power" by me and published by the "Workers' Party of Scotland". S.W.T.

OUR SCOTTISH BUS DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS.

The grossly underpaid 'chauffeurs' and conductors of the workers' most popular car, the Bus, deserve our utmost support for every penny of their demand for greatly improved wages and working conditions, without having to look to overtime to give a reasonable take-home wage. The strong call for strike action and impatience with interminable delaying negotiations in London is understandable and of course will be denounced and even ridiculed by the 'We Back Britain' financial sharks, bourgeois capitalists and their hangers-on. These people never step on a bus, but lounge around in a luxuriant Rolls Royce or other expensive private car. The 'Personal Spending' of these spivs, PER WEEK, would equal the total weekly take-home wages of perhaps half-a-dozen Bus workers.

Alas, strike action (mere 'Economism') alone and without an immediate political aim must prove largely abortive, especially when not supported by corresponding action by the workers in other industries. At best the strike may induce employers and government to make some small concession, but only after the strikers and their families have suffered loss of earnings, whilst the press, radio and T.V. will have distorted and blackened their image for the public. LET OUR BUS WORKERS CONTINUE TO RUN THE BUS SERVICES IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR FELLOW-WORKER PASSENGERS, BUT COLLECT NO FARES, until their wage demands have been conceded.

An appeal to the bus service clerical, servicing and fuel supply staffs to carry on can certainly secure a favourable response. Also, the employees of the oil companies can be persuaded to continue to fill the transport tankers required to supply the Bus services. A NEW SITUATION WILL THUS ARISE AND THE WILSON GOVERNMENT AND ITS MASTERS, THE HOME AND FOREIGN BANKERS AND MONEY-LENDERS, WILL TREMBLE IN FACE OF UNITED WORKING-CLASS ACTION AND PROOF OF WORKERS' POWER.

'Staffing in Schools' From p.5.

education? Is there a record of the time lost in school by such pupils? What part of their education has been neglected? Do they enter a secondary school at the normal age and are they properly equipped to do so? If they had been the children of well-to-do parents, private tutors would doubtless have been found to help overcome the educational deficiencies.

The large city is not the only area where Scottish pupils cannot have the education desired. Six years ago we knew of a school in the Highlands without the necessary science staff. Other areas may lack teachers of Commerce, English, Geography or Mathematics. A scheme has yet to be evolved which ensures the fairest use of the teachers available, providing all children in Scotland, regardless of parentage or domicile, the education to suit their needs. Until this is so equality of educational opportunity is not possible for Scottish Youth in the nineteen-sixties.

(We are grateful to our correspondent, a teacher in a typical East-end school, for producing down-to-earth evidence of gross discrimination against the workers' children. But we have no illusions that any solution can be found within the present social system to conform with the educational and cultural requirements of our children. As with all other urgently necessary changes the answer is to be found only through a revolutionary destruction of the obsolete to enable the new to be built. Moreover, the W.P.S. regards both the theory and practice of the educational system under capitalism as utterly reactionary and fashioned to serve the interests of profits, interest and dividends, thereby vitiating those tremendous qualities of initiative, creative ability and cultural self-expression inherent in the personality of almost every child. Editor)

A Gaelic Reader's View:

AR CANAIN DHÙTHCHASACH
(Our National Language)

SGEUL BRONACH (A Sad Tale)

Contributed By "F I N G A L"

Tha na h-Albannaich air an inn seadh a chionn mòran linntean a nis gum bheil da sluagh a' còmhuidh ann an Alba - Na Gàidheil is Na Goill. Chaidh sinn ar innseadh gun robh Na Gàidheil a' bruidhinn na Gàidhlig agus Na Goill a' bruidhinn Beurl' an Taoibh dheis o'n thòisich am. Chan e seo an fhìrinn idir! Is e Ceiltich a tha a' mhòr chuid de fìr-aiteachaidh na h'Alba agus chan e uine fhada ann an eachdraidh fha da ar dùthcha o chaidh na' Ghàidhlig a labhairt ann an siorramachd Inbhir-àir agus ann am Fìobha. Tha na mòran ainmean-àiteachan Gàidhlig ann an Lodainn far a thainig na Sasunnaich gu tràth a' dearbhadh gum robh sluagh leis a' Ghàidhlig air an bilean a' còmhuidh an sin aig aon àm.

Co dhiubh anns a' bhliadhna 1968 chan e Gàidhlig 'ga labhairt mar cànan latheil ann an Alba ach anns na h-Eileanan Siar agus ann am pòcanman ri taobh a' chòrsa ann Earraghaidheal an Iar, Inbhirnis an Iar agus Cataibh an Iar. Tha cànan dhùthchasach na h-Alba 'na droch staid gu dearbh.

Bàsachaidh i ma bhios na daoine a tha 'ga miannachadh a' shoirbheachadh ach ag obair a chuir air ais i ann "Tir Nam Beann" a mhàin. Chan eil ach aon dhòigh a' Ghàidhlig a' ghlèidh. Feumaidh i a suidheachadh dreuchdail ath-choisinn. Feumaidh i do bilean nan Albannaich ann gach roinn na dùthcha a thilleadh agus tha e 'na firinn gun teagamh 'sam bith - Cha bhi dòchas 'sam bith airson Gàidhlig agus an teid a bruidhinn le muinntir nam bailtean mòra anns a' chrios gnìomhachd.

To the great majority of the population of present day Scotland and even to the greater part of the so-called Scottish intelligentsia the accompanying paragraphs might as well be written in Albanian or Turkish as far as they are concerned and even sadder still the majority of native Gaelic speakers, due to their having been to school under the much vaunted Scottish Education System, whilst recognising these paragraphs as their native language would be unable to read and understand them. These simple reflections spotlight the perilous position that the Gaelic language occupies at this time in our Nation's history. Yet at one time in the long story of our country this expressive and melodious tongue was heard the length and breadth of Scotland. It was not only the official language of church and state but far more important was the everyday language of the common people of our land. The countless place names of Gaelic origin to be found throughout every corner of Scotland are mute reminders of Gaelic's linguistic occupation**. Gaelic started to first decline as the national language of all-Scotland about the latter half of the 11th. century A.D., from the time that the weak-willed Calum A'Chinn Mhoir (King Malcolm of the Big Head) married English Margaret and at the same time encouraged with grants of land Anglo-Norman adventurers to settle in Scotland and to rule over the native Scottish population. Queen

Margaret was the real power behind the throne and under her patronage the English language together with English ways were favoured at the cost of the Gaelic and its attendant Scottish traditions and ways of life. Gradually over the years despite constant wars the "gentry", both native and Anglo-Norman became Anglicised - became English speaking and they quite naturally worked against the Gaelic language and the indigenous Celtic way of life of the common people in countless ways. One action taken under their jurisdiction that had far-reaching effects upon the Scots' idea of their own identity was the dubbing of the English language as spoken in Scotland as 'Scots' and the contemptuous calling

Where have Scotland's M.P.s gone?

Only Mrs Winnie Ewing, Scottish Nationalist, Emrys Hughes and Wm. Hamilton, Labour, of the Members of Parliament from Scotland are reported as having opposed Harold Wilson's ramshackle "package cuts" vote in the Westminster chatter-box on 18th. Jany.

Desmond Donnelly, M.P. declared, according to the B.B.C., that other Labour M.P's would have followed him against their government, but unlike him, having no outside income and therefore dependent upon their parliamentary salary they could not do so. How brave, how sacrificial are these tawdry "Yes!" men. What humbug is Scottish, and for that matter English and Welsh "Labour Party" representation in the "British" "Mother" of Parliaments. Come out of it and redeem your honour you Scots Labour M.P's. An additional 9000 Scots have just been thrown on the unemployment 'dole', with no option to sell their honour for even paltry wages.

"Gaelic" by Fingal-From p.7.

of the Gaelic language, which hitherto had been known as Scots, as Erse (Irish). Although even to this day the majority of the Scottish people are of Celtic stock there are many among us who would deny that Scotland is one of the six Celtic countries and that Scottish Nationality is a Celtic thing. Our self-styled 'betters', even in those far-off days were doing Scotland and her people down. They and their descendants have much to answer for!

Although the decline of Scotland's true National Language started in the 11th. century, nearly 700 years later the English traveller, Burt, was writing thus:- "I have heard it from several in Edinburgh that before the Union it was the language of the people of Fife. As a proof they told me that, after the Union it became one condition of an indenture that when a youth of either sex was to be indentured on the Edinburgh side of the Forth the apprentice should be taught the English language", and the forward to 'Bardachd Ghaidhlig' by Professor William J. Watson, we read the following:- "Dr T.M. Murray Lyon, Edinburgh, has informed me of a note left by his father as follows, 'My great-aunt Jean MacMurray, the representative of the elder branch of the Mac Murray's of Cultzeon, near Maybole, who died at a very advanced age about the year 1760 was long talked of as having been the last Gaelic-speaking native of Carrick',". Robert Burns was born near Ayr in 1759 - "upon the Carrick Border". These are both fascinating pointers to the fact that Gaelic was still being spoken to a much later date in areas of Sutherland Scotland, where the official history books would have us believe that it had died out centuries before that time. Nevertheless, despite these snippets of heartening information the cold fact remains that the Gaelic language, the most distinctive sign of our separate and distinctive Scottish Nationality has been in retreat for over 900 years and is still retreating to this day. In the far flung islands of the Western Hebrides, the last 'stronghold' of the Gaelic tongue, school children in very many parishes speak English to each other in the playground where but a few years ago only Gaelic would have been heard.

It must be faced that despite the palliatives applied to it recently by the fine work of An Comunn Gaidhealach and the Invernesshire Education Committee, Gaelic as a spoken language appears to be on her death-bed. However, that is not to say she is finished. There are very many languages which have been in just as bad a state as this and have come back even more powerful than they were before. I submit, the same can be done for our National language! The same must be done for it if Scotland is to regain and retain her independence and still greet the dawn as a free nation in every sense of the word a thousand years from now\$. (To be continued)

(** The authority is "THE HISTORY OF THE CELTIC PLACE NAMES OF SCOTLAND" by William J. Watson, M.A., LL.D., - William Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh - recently re-printed.)

THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

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By Mrs Jessie Bryce, Menstrie.

Dawn breaks from the Womb of Night
To be "itself" - a perfect day.

From Earth Shell and Womb we come-
Each Blade of Grass - each Chick -
Each Child - All break their Bonds,
To Live all must be Free.

And so it is with Nations !
The World groans in Travail
And no Power can stay the course of Nature
Nor destroy the Precious Embryo
That in our keeping
Awaits the hour of Delivery.

No idle Vision this, No Theoretic Vein -
It is Reality!
The pain of what is now our Miserable portion
Is Labour pain ushering in the Birth
To be forgotten in the Joy of the New Life.
A way of life wherein Man's dream
Of Brotherhood comes true
"From Each His Gift - To Each His Need"
Are the Precious stones we'll hew.

But not all the Tears we shed,
the Sighs, the Groans
The Hate that's Marrow in our bones
Will break our Bonds:
"Freedom" - We sing it - naught will bring it
But the power of our Hands.

A large number adjourned to the Avion Hotel where it was unanimously agreed to launch a "JOHN MACLEAN SOCIETY" and an organising committee of sixteen members was elected for the purpose with the following officials: Chairman-GEORGE TODD, Edinburgh; Vice-chairman - Councillor James Bryce, Menstrie; Treasurer - Mrs George Leslie, Glasgow, and Secretary - Matthew Lygate, 310, Albert Drive, Glasgow, S.1. who will welcome enquiries.

The Committee has since met and decided to hold the inaugural meeting of the Society on Sunday, 31st. March, 1968, at 3 p.m. in Glasgow (Place later)

44th. Anniversary Oration by Ken Houlison, Chairman, W.P.S.

"Our return to the grave of John MacLean at the 44th. anniversary of his death symbolises our recognition of the relevance to the circumstances in which we find ourselves today, of the teaching of this great figure in the history of working-class struggle and aspirations.

Hugh Macdiarmid claims that John MacLean was the greatest Scotsman of this century. He is correct!

John MacLean

44th ANNIVERSARY
of his Death
30th. Nov. 1967

Commemoration ceremony
promoted by the Workers' Party
of Scotland, at the graveside,
Eastwood Cemetery, Thornliebank,
Glasgow.

The ceremony was successful far
beyond the expectations of the
promoters.

KEN HOULISON, Chairman of the
W.P.S. presided and gave the
official oration printed below.

Fine letters of commendation
were read by DAVID L. SMITH, Secy.,
of the W.P.S., from, amongst others,
HUGH MACDIARMID, JOHN BROOM,
BURTON MACKAY and SEUMAS MACGIBBON.

Eloquent tributes to the memory
of this great Scotsman were made by
MRS NAN MILTON, Daughter of John
MacLean, ALLAN LAIDLAW, of Vanguard
Youth of Scotland, OLIVER BROWN,
HARRY MACSHANE and GEORGE LESLIE.

THURSO BERWICK, recited with
moving effect "The Ballad of John
MacLean" by Sydney Goodsir Smith.

"John MacLean" - contd. from p. 9.

John MacLean understood the needs of the workers, the class nature of society, the futility and dangers of reliance upon a Westminster parliament and upon a governmental system which at no time is anything other than a facade to screen from the gaze of the workers the dictatorial executive organ of the numerically small, power-holding British ruling class. He recognised it as an institution for the oppression and exploitation of the Scots, Welsh and Irish Nations, of the English workers and of the many subject peoples of a colonial empire, now in the process of dissolution in favour of the more sophisticated dictatorship of the international bankers and money-lenders dominated by the imperialistic dictatorship of the United States of America.

John Broom, in his biography of MacLean, soon to be published we hope, rightly emphasises the fact that the gross evils which John MacLean fought against are still with us - poverty in the midst of plenty - shocking housing - unemployment - all contributing to the loss by emigration annually of tens of thousands of our youth.

John MacLean demanded a Scottish Workers' Republic, and it is gratifying to find in the phenomenal rise of Scottish Nationalism, a healthy desire to end subservience to the Westminster government. Nevertheless, and in spite of this healthy development, we still witness the weary trek of deputations of miners, trade unionists generally, highlanders and lowlanders and local authorities to London, suffering from the sad illusion that they will receive more than "crumbs from a rich man's table". We call this bankrupt "Economism". Our Nationalist friends too seem to be prepared to submit to the whims of Westminster and to wait until 1970, regardless of the lesson and fate of the Irish Nationalist Party. What can we expect from the pygmies of a United Kingdom Parliament, such a bunch of sychophantic puppets?

Hamish Henderson declared that, "The RED will be worn, my lads, an' Scotland will march again - noo that great John MacLean has come back tae the Clyde". Yes, in 1967, we proclaim that the spirit of John MacLean is rising again with a fierce declaration of defiance of "bourgeois respectability and constitutional formality", to quote Tom Bell, and demanding that the workers - the wage and salary earners - of Scotland shall return to reliance upon the political power of their own strength, their democratic majority right to dominate the political scene, by any means they care to choose, untrammelled by submission to imposed constitutional and legal systems. They will then accept the view, to quote Mao Tse-tung, that, "Democracy for the People and Dictatorship for the reactionaries, when combined, constitute the peoples' democratic dictatorship". John MacLean declared that "Scottish separation is part of the process of England's imperial disintegration and is a help towards the ultimate triumph of the workers of the world." If little Albania, if So. Yemen, can overthrow imperialist rule, so can we. We can also end the shame of the uninvited U.S.A. war bases and financial intrusion in Scotland.

In thus expressing our respect for the great John MacLean we are conscious that today his message has been heard far beyond the Scottish borders and we who strive for early realisation of his policy, offer the hand of warm international comradeship to the workers of England, Wales and all-Ireland and of all other lands. We therefore pledge full co-operation to implement the call of the great Marxist "Communist Manifesto" of 1848, for the day when "Man to man the world o'er, shall brithers be". WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITED, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS, YOU HAVE A WORLD TO WIN".

THE WORKERS' PARTY OF SCOTLAND.

Many people will support our aims, in whole or in part. This is good. These aims must, and can be achieved. We certainly want many members for our Marxist-Leninist Party, but we are not concerned merely with adding large numbers. It is important to enlist those really willing to study and fight, thereby helping to develop and enhance the revolutionary quality of the workers.

Candidate membership extends to a period of approximately six months. The membership subscription is two shillings per week. *****

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3. Specialised leaflets, for example, on "The Miners"; "The Bus Workers"; "The Unemployed"; "The Shipyards", are available in quantity at very low rates.

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The W.P.S. offers speakers to any existing organisation, or to groups of individuals, even if only a few, to explain and discuss Party policy and programme. Apply to the Secretary.

Perhaps it should be emphasised that our policy and programme is always completely open to the fullest scrutiny by the public. Our Party resolutely rejects any kind of "Front" organisation or policy of secret infiltration to other organisations.

BOOKS, LITERATURE AND PAMPHLETS.

The W.P.S. is in a position to offer a great variety of literature on Marxism, Leninism, The National Question, The Great Ideological Controversy, Questions of Scottish Culture. Particularly important are the basic books written by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse-tung, Enver Hoxha.

The following is a list selected from our stock. Prices quoted are post free for single copies, viz.:

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How sweet the sound of profits peal in parasitic ears. How sad the worker's housewife feels when sugar and other prices rise and work is scarce.

The Old Age Pensioner may be frozen for lack of fuel, but no freeze

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THE 39,000 COAL MINERS OF SCOTLAND DEMAND JUSTICE

In all the long history of Mining they have NEVER had Justice.

Flickers of comparative prosperity are, and always have been, followed by long periods of POVERTY, and HARDSHIP. The militancy, the courage, the self sacrifice and the unity of the miners has ALWAYS BEEN DEFEATED through reliance upon the easy promises of United Kingdom Governments, Ministers and Members of Parliament. Their valiant Trade Union efforts, by negotiations and many strikes have been abortive in securing JUST wages and pensions and security of employment. In other words, INDUSTRIAL action - mere 'Economism' - WITHOUT A POLITICAL OBJECTIVE AS ITS MAIN FEATURE, has been a DISMAL FAILURE. Countless appeals, delegations and marches in London, efforts by Scottish Miner M.P.'s in the chatter-box of Westminster, WHAT HAVE THEY ACHIEVED, IN RELATION TO JUSTICE? Exactly NOTHING!

The Miners, in common with all other workers, in Scotland - the wage and salary earners, the overwhelming majority of our people must, as a united force, TAKE INTO THEIR OWN HANDS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WEALTH OF SCOTLAND, ALL OF WHICH THEY ALONE HAVE CREATED.

Make the able-bodied wealthy work to EARN their living, and make their families accept the same social services and pensions as the workers. Let all our able-bodied be employed with shorter hours, longer holidays and incomes that represent the full value of their productive efforts. Why should miners waste time merely on pleas to preserve the mining industry, get bogged down and sidetracked on sterile debates about the respective merits of coal, natural gas, oil and hydro and nuclear electric power, any or all of which should be used for the benefit and comfort of miners and their families, just as for other people?. When did it become the function of the wage-earner under capitalism to save the capitalists from their coming doom? Miners, in common with every category of workers, must insist upon FULL EMPLOYMENT, FULL WAGES or UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES on the same standard as full wages. Failing this, the workers must assume direct ownership and management of the whole economy of our country - Socialism.

DOWN WITH UNEMPLOYMENT!

WHY, in this WEALTHY SCOTLAND, should workers of Scotland feel it necessary to flee from inadequate wages, rotten or costly housing, insecurity, with rising unemployment reaching today almost 100,000, by emigrating at a net rate of nearly 50,000 per annum? Reject REDUNDANCY, insist upon CONTINUITY OF FULL EMPLOYMENT. So-called 'Business efficiency' has failed. SOCIALISM can and will succeed in providing full employment and social justice for the workers, but only when WORKERS POWER is established BY THE WORKERS.