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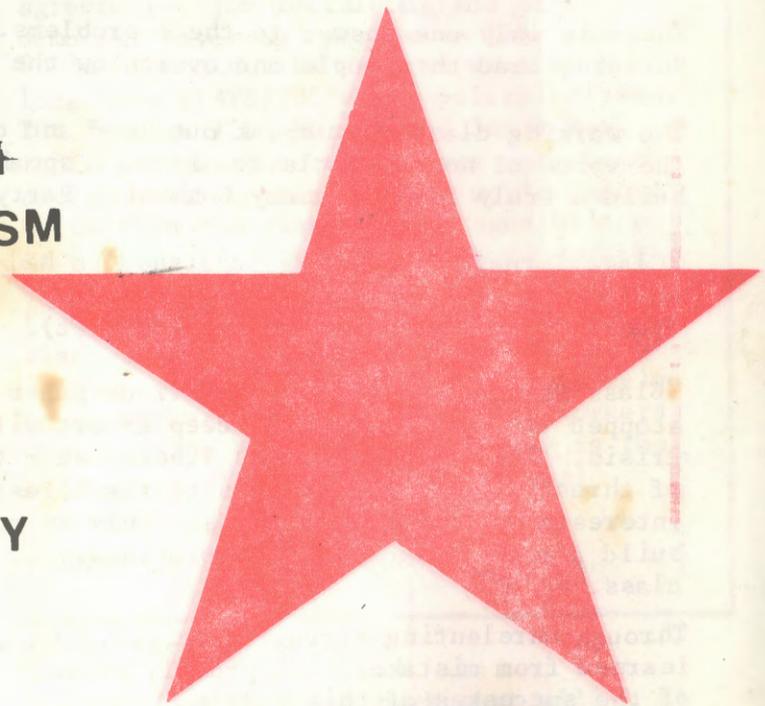
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LABOUR: the best bosses' party

On the 16th of this month, at the TUC special conference, a thousand trade union representatives will vote to impose yet another cut in our wages. They will support the next step of the Labour government's vicious attack on

the working class. The present £6 limit will be followed from August by the 4½% 'deal'. The average worker will take home less than £3 extra a week, even after Healey's small tax bribe. But prices have risen. An extra →

INTRODUCING 'CLASS STRUGGLE'

Today the two superpowers threaten the peoples of the world. The danger of war is rising. British imperialism, wounded and limping, still throws its weight around, tries to oppress and exploit countries like Ireland, the Arab countries, Southern Africa, and Iceland. At home it steps up its attacks on the working class with massive job cuts, pay cuts, and cuts in essential services, in a desperate attempt to stay competitive with other capitalist countries like Germany.

There is only one answer to these problems. The working class itself must come forward, lead the people and overthrow the capitalist class by force.

The working class must speak out loud and clear. It must speak out in its own voice, the voice of no other class. It must speak out strongly to rally its forces and build a truly revolutionary Communist Party, the vanguard of the working class.

"Class Struggle" is being published to help the working class rally its forces and build that revolutionary Communist Party. It is being published by the Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist).

"Class Struggle" replaces a previous paper of the C.F.B.(M.L.), "Struggle", which stopped two years ago after deep errors within the organisation had led to a severe crisis. The worst error was liberalism - the error of putting things softly instead of thrashing things out so as to reach lasting unity about what is or is not in the interests of the working class. Only by combatting errors like liberalism can we build a rock-like, united revolutionary Communist Party as the vanguard of the working class.

Through unrelenting struggle the C.F.B.(M.L.) has hunted these errors down and learned from mistakes. We proudly present this first issue of "Class Struggle" as one of the successes of this battle.

We urge you to read "Class Struggle" and discuss it, to send in your suggestions and your views about what is good and what is bad in the paper. This way together we will build it step by step into a fighting weapon of the working class.

Executive Committee of the C.F.B.(M.L.)



BOSSSES PARTY.....

£12 a week is needed to get back to the low 1975 level - an average cut in wages of £9!

The Labour Party is showing its true colours in a growing attack on the working class - cuts in wages, social services, education, health and still growing massive unemployment. The Social Democrats in the Trade Union leadership are working hard to support this attack, or to oppose or undermine resistance. They say, like Jack Jones did at last year's TUC - "at all costs we have to keep a Labour Government". Why should we? It makes no difference to us. The Labour government is worse than the last Tory one. The Tories failed in their open attack on the working class, because it fought back. Remember the workers' attack on the Tory Industrial Relations Act, and the Miners' strikes!

The loyal 'left' opposition - the false 'Communist' Party, the trotskyites and others - say they oppose Labour's policies, but parrot Jack Jones' call to keep the Labour Party in power. This is just a 'left' cover for Labour. They just keep capitalism going.

Labour is the best bosses government. More and more bosses are realising how Labour does their work for them. Look at Wilson's special honours list for his employer friends and the number of millionaire newspapers that fully support Labour. The biggest newspaper monopoly of all, IPC, makes certain its publications, The Mirror and The Sunday People are cheer leaders for the Social Democrats.

LABOUR FIGHTS FOR BOSSES 5%

This year in January, the employers' organisation of privately owned and so called public industries - the CBI - decided what they wanted to pay in wages. According to the Daily Telegraph, they proposed 5% to the government. They also said that they had tried to raise their prices even more than they can at the moment. Now after the months of propaganda tricks and phoney negotiations with the government, the TUC are agreeing to what the bosses wanted in the first place!

Faced with a bosses Labour government and a TUC which only agrees about the best way of keeping capitalism going, workers

will not escape through 'clever' tactical manoeuvres. Calls for it to carry out its Manifesto are just playing Labour's game. Labour has to be totally opposed as a bosses' party which only survives because it cons many working people. It may use socialist words but it carries out policies which lead to fascism. Policies which give the bosses' state more and more power to cut wages, raise taxes, interfere and try to dominate every part of workers' lives in the bosses interest.

IN 1974, the Labour lackeys said the Social Con Act policy of only 'maintaining' living standards would only last a year. They told the truth!

IN 1975, the real wages were openly cut, with the £6 limit.

THIS YEAR, the 4½% wage cut policy is *even more savage.*

ALREADY the Labour Party and TUC are meeting to draw up their next plan - 'The Next Three Years'. It will talk about Social Services, investment, planning agreements, job retraining and other social democrat cover-up phrases - like the Social Con Act. Its purpose will be a long term STATE/TUC wages policy. Already TUC leaders like Murray and Jones are looking forward to annual pay agreements covering all workers, which would impose a limit on the rise in the wages bill of *each* firm. Different sections of workers would then be set against each other, fighting for a bigger share in the total rise. The bosses would look on happy, with a state controlled limit that would help them, backed by the TUC, and the workers divided. The Bosses' Labour Party is the only party that might get that deal through.

IT MUST BE TOTALLY OPPOSED!

OPPOSE THE LABOUR PARTY

The spontaneous fight back that will undoubtedly occur as the bosses' attack increases, must be directed against Social Democracy itself - the bosses' government AND their agents in the trade union leadership.

We must build a party of the working class, that fights hard for what is in the interests of the working class - a new Revolutionary Communist Party to lead the struggle.

NO TO THE BOSSES LABOUR PARTY!

BUILD THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY!

INDIAN FASCISM — CHILD OF SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM

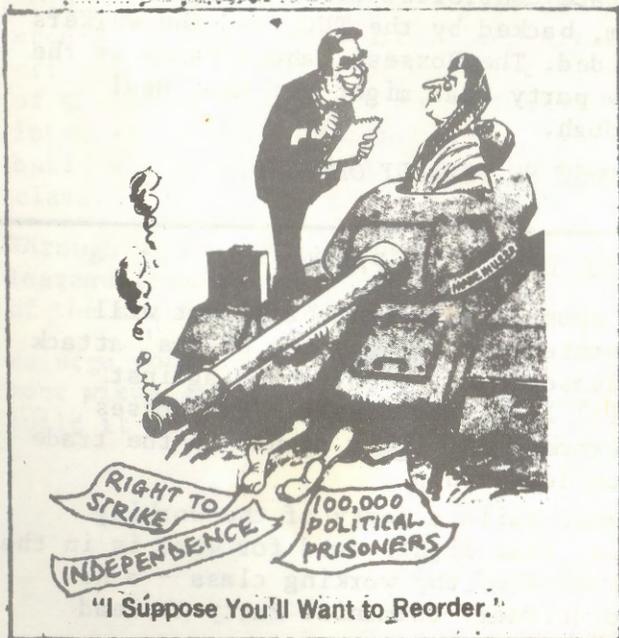
A year ago this month, on 26th June 1975, Indira Gandhi's government dropped all pretence of democracy, and openly installed a fascist government.

In Delhi in 1973, Brezhnev had urged Gandhi to carry through this repression. Soviet Social Imperialism has long been fighting with US Imperialism for control of India. Both superpowers have their puppets there. Both control large sectors of Indian industry.

The Soviet Social Imperialists own and control:-

- 30% of steel production
- 35% of oil refining
- 80% of prospecting and extraction
- 20% of electrical production
- 60% of power station equipment
- 85% of heavy industrial production
- 75% of production of electric motors
- 25% of aluminium production

The Soviet Social Imperialists now dominate India politically and economically, and are increasing their military bases there. They are viciously attacking the Indian people



SOCIALIST IN WORDS, FASCIST IN DEEDS

Since the emergency legislation has been passed to put Gandhi above the law and above criticism, despite the fact that she had been found guilty of corruption when

and the trains run on time...

'Left-wing Labour' M.P. Sidney Bidwell paid a visit to India in January and came back full of praise for the government's measures. One of Indira Gandhi's achievements, he said, was to get the trains to run on time. This, of course, was what some visitors to Fascist Italy said of Mussolini's government. Both they and Bidwell failed to ask how this was done.

In fact, in both cases, this 'achievement' was won at the price of violent suppression of the right to strike and of other freedoms. Doesn't Bidwell know that the Indian railwaymen's strike in 1974 was only defeated by the arrest of thousands of railway workers and large-scale intimidation of many others? He claims to be a socialist, but could a genuine socialist really act as an apologist for such anti-working class measures? But perhaps this is all that can be expected from someone who calls Mrs. Gandhi "his kind of socialist..."

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these laws were passed. How could such a dictator masquerade as a socialist? As for 'progressive' policies, who was stopping her with a two thirds majority in Parliament, from passing any progressive law she wished? In fact, Congress has always talked of socialism, and practiced capitalism (in much the same way as the Labour Party here). The landlords and the big capitalists have been among Gandhi's staunchest supporters, and Bira and Tata, two of India's leading monopoly capitalists led groups of industrialists to congratulate her. They thought that Gandhi's 'progressive policies' would suit them - and they were right!

With the right to ~~strike~~ and other forms of struggle outlawed, the big industrialists and landowners have been given opportunities to fleece the Indian workers and peasants even more than before. For industrial workers it has meant lay-offs, lock outs and the closure of factories, coupled with an increased work load, and a cut in real wages by the stoppage of bonuses. For the peasants and agricultural workers, the emergency has meant an increase in starvation and semi-slave conditions, despite the fact that due to

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unusually favourable weather conditions, last year's harvest was good by Indian standards. It has meant living under the thumb of landowners and moneylenders whose rule has become even more brutal and arrogant. Workers and peasants are being murdered by the police and thugs hired by the landlords for striking and resisting the regime. 100,000 political prisoners are locked in the gaols. Gandhi calls it socialist; the Soviet Union calls it socialist; the false 'communist' parties call it socialist, while the working masses of India call it FASCIST.

THE PEOPLE WILL WIN

The Soviet Social Imperialists and their fascist agents are digging their own graves. The super exploitation and oppression, is ever more clearly tearing the mask of socialism from the fascist face of Gandhi and her masters. The people are not cowed by the fascist state and are growing stronger in their determination to fight. Marxist-Leninists are leading struggles to overthrow the fascist state, and to expel the superpowers. Inevitably the people will rise up in a mighty tide and sweep away the fascists and their Social Imperialist masters.

DOWN WITH SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM!

Revolution

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Building the revolutionary Communist party to lead the revolution is the central task for all genuine marxist-leninists in Britain today. 'Revolution', the theoretical journal of the CFB(ML), has been founded to be a sharp weapon in the struggle to build that Party.

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The CFB(ML)

The Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) holds that the central task in Britain today is build the revolutionary Communist party of the working class. The revolutionary Communist Party must unite the various struggles into a struggle for the revolutionary overthrow of the monopoly capitalist state to set up a dictatorship of the proletariat and build genuine working class socialism.

The party must be constructed by ideological, political and organisational struggle. By a bold internal struggle the C.F.B.(M.L.) has recently decisively defeated serious opportunist errors. One of these was liberalism, which refuses to stand up boldly for what is in the interests of the working class, but believes in unprincipled peace to keep on good terms with everyone. As a result of the internal struggle the C.F.B.(M.L.) has taken important steps away from federalism and towards a united and democratic-centralist Party.

The C.F.B.(M.L.) is self-reliant in Party building but it will not be self-sufficient: where it can learn from other British Marxist-Leninist organisations it will do so. We must break down the small-group mentality which exists between Marxist-Leninist organisations in Britain, and struggle to build the revolutionary Communist Party as fast as possible.

We have to apply the general truths of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete practice of the British revolution. In the contradiction between theory and practice at present theory is the principal aspect. However practice is an important second. Training and tempering comrades in practical work is essential to build the revolutionary Communist Party.

The most important task is to build bases in the industrial working class. This will make sure that the future Marxist-Leninist party is a firm proletarian party with deep and unshakeable roots in the working class.

Build the revolutionary Communist Party to lead the revolution !

WOMEN FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

EQUAL PAY - BY ACT OR ACTION?

It's six months since the Equal Pay Act was supposed to have been fully implemented. What difference does it make to women working in industry?

The law says that men and women doing the same work must be paid the same. Employers won't carry this out if they can get away with it. It suits them to pay as little as they can get away with. The only way is for workers to unite and struggle to force them to pay out.

The Act was passed in 1970, so management had five years to avoid equal wages. It came in in 1975. They have switched round jobs, 're-evaluated' and 'regraded' them. The law says that women must be paid the same for 'broadly similar work' or work of 'equal value'. The tribunals that decide such cases have decided in favour of the management, that some slight difference in the work makes a woman's job of 'less value':- like the case of the rifle packers in Birmingham who were refused equal pay because the men were doing 'a bit of clerking'.

It is vital that workers on the shop floor men and women fight against job evaluations and gradings that put 'women's work' onto the bottom of the pay scale. Unless we struggle against these divisions in the class, we will not wield the full strength that we possess.

The 'Equal Pay' Act, of course, is nothing of the kind. On average women still earn far less than men.

DIVISION OF WORK

In industries where women and men work together, there is often a division of work. Men do the skilled jobs that need training and need time to learn. Women do semi-skilled work that they can learn in a day or two but which depends on quick hands. This is generally true in work like printing and engineering.

In other industries, like clothing and service work, the majority of workers are women. In these cases the Equal Pay Act has nothing to say. Women have got equality in law, which does nothing to change their basic unequal position in society.

WOMEN'S WORK IN THE HOME

Women will never be in an equal position at work or in society as long as their main job is looking after the family. Half of working class women go out to work and do two jobs - one outside and one at home. But they often work part-time; rarely get training; when there are small kids they give up work; they chop and change jobs alot. In some industries where equal pay has been won, it's the women who lose their jobs first because 'their place is in the home'.

IN WHOSE INTERESTS?

It's in the interests of capitalists to keep it like this. When there is work, women can be brought out and paid less wages than men. Twilight shifts are convenient ways of employing part-time married women and the first to be chopped. Because women have less experience in the class struggle, they tend to be less militant about lower wages. All this helps the profits of the bosses and is against the interests of the working class - men and women.

FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM

The fight for equality for women is not a struggle for women alone, or a struggle against men or against the family. It is part of the struggle of the whole working class to smash capitalism - the system that puts profits before people - and build real socialism where the working class has control of political power and production. Only then will we have full employment for men and women, and the necessary nurseries, canteens, laundries etc., which will allow women to play a full and equal part in society.

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ZIMBABWE WILL BE FREE

Free Zimbabwe comes closer every day, as the freedom fighters strike devastating blows against the fascist 'Rhodesian' regime. Ian Smith and his racist gang are at the end of the line, even though like all tyrants on the brink of defeat he commits more vicious atrocities in a desperate bid to maintain the colonial settler state.

NO DEAL WITH IMPERIALISM'

The British Imperialist government is desperately searching for a 'solution' which will safeguard the profits of British big business. They hoped Joshua Nkomo would be able to do a deal with Smith and set up a black puppet government - a government that would protect the interests of the British capitalists and their allies. But even Smith sees that there can be no deal in Zimbabwe now. The African people will not accept anything less than **TOTAL INDEPENDENCE**. The freedom fighters have their roots deep in the people, because for many years they have been fighting a **PEOPLE'S WAR**.

When they cut the road and rail links to South Africa, they can disappear among the people. The people will protect them and feed them, because the Liberation Army is their army.

The fascist 'Rhodesian' state has tried desperately to cut off the Liberation Army from the people. They have herded the villagers into concentration camps called 'protected villages', but even here the freedom fighters are among the people organising.

SUPERPOWERS - KEEP OUT

The United States 'troubleshooter' Kissinger is trying to fix up a solution favourable to US Imperialism. Now that it is clear that the fascist 'Rhodesian' state will be overthrown. The US says it supports the struggle for majority rule. The US bosses want a black government that will do their bidding.



Zimbabwean guerrillas in training.

The other Superpower, Soviet Social Imperialism, is also fishing in troubled waters. They are trying to creep in the back door, saying that they support the freedom fighters. They just want to control Zimbabwe like they control India. The Zimbabwean people are on their guard against these sorts of 'friends', who want to be their new masters.

COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY

The Zimbabwe freedom fighters are the true brothers and sisters in arms of the British workers. They are fighting our common enemy - British Imperialism. Their blows are weakening it, and bringing it closer to its final overthrow by the British working class.

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BRITISH IMPERIALISM OUT OF ZIMBABWE!
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NEVER FORGET CLASS STRUGGLE!

CHINA BUILDS SOCIALISM

'Never forget class struggle'. The working class of Socialist China is using this slogan as a weapon to keep her on the path of Socialism. To keep the massive gains that the workers and their peasant allies have made since the revolution in 1949. They have their own state and army. They own and control the factories and farms, which serve their interests.

With the bold leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the working class is rallying the Chinese people to struggle against the old ideas in a new form. These old ideas are an attempt by some state officials and others to oppress the people instead of serve them. To take China away from Socialism and down the path *back* to capitalism.

Teng Hsiao-ping is a recent and infamous example of such an official. He almost became Premier, the head of State of China. But workers, peasants, students and others criticised Teng's wrong policies and wrong ideas, after a lead from the CPC. He denied that class struggle was the key to China's advance. He tried to get the CPC and the state to go backwards, to put the struggle for more production above the struggle for more correct ideas. He tried to get China to forget class struggle.

If put into practice his 'new' ideas would have put profits in command of industry and agriculture, instead of having the interests of the people in command. They would have brought back unemployment and inflation to China. They would have turned China into a capitalist 'superpower' like the new Tsars have made the Soviet Union.

The criticisms of Teng's wrong ideas were correct. But he refused to accept that he was wrong. He even tried to stir up more trouble. Teng was finally sacked from all state and Party posts. This was one internationally known example of how the Chinese people have held on to the advances made in building Socialism, by never forgetting class struggle. There are thousands of similar examples of class struggle's gains made locally, all over China.



Kiangnan shipyard workers demonstrate in the mass struggle to defeat class enemies.

The No.2 State Cotton Mill in Nantung, on China's east coast is a factory where the achievements have been kept. The workers there have waged class struggle against the class enemy, the bosses, and their wrong ideas. They are putting new Socialist ideas into practice. The Mill workers are their own bosses. They don't have special 'managers' with special privileges or higher wages. The chairman, of the Mill's revolutionary committee, the leading committee in charge of the factory, is Chen Shih-jung. He was elected by the workers, he serves their interests and is directly accountable to them. He works a regular shift at the machines on the shop floor, not in an office pushing papers all day. This Mill is on the Socialist road only because its workers continue to practice class struggle against the old ideas and old habits of their former bosses before the revolution.

This is the most important lesson the working class in Britain today can learn from the workers of China. By never forgetting that classes exist and that we must wage class struggle, under the leadership of a Revolutionary Communist Party, like the Communist Party of China. That the working class in Britain, as in China, can defeat the bosses, smash their state and then establish a workers' dictatorship over the old rulers. And that we can go on to build Socialism, as the workers and peasants are building Socialism in China.

*LONG LIVE THE VICTORY OF SOCIALISM
IN CHINA!*