A WORKERS' NATIONAL PLAN

Our immediate Programme is the WORKERS' NATIONAL PLAN.
It is clear that the economic and social problems of the people of Britain cannot be solved either by Labour or Tory governments, as both are representatives of the real rulers of this country - the imperilist big-business men - financiers, bankers and industrial magnates.
The balance of payments problem is the immediate and merely apparent cause of stagnation and deflation, which destroys all possibility of planning and makes all workers, especially those in heavy industry, liable to be sacked every other year.
It is because of the balance of payments problem that Wilson has frozen our wages while prices soar. It is for this reason that a cutback is made in the already very grossly inadequate programmes to build houses, build and staff hospitals and schools, provide nursery schools, build roads, modernise the whole transport system and so on.

OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS.

What is the cause of the balance of payments problem - which prevents this country developing in prosperity? It does NOT stem from Britain's position as a trading country, as even the Tory economists are now beginning to admit, but it does arise from the imperialist policies of the ruling financial clique, who export capital to overseas countries to exploit oil, tin, rubber, gold, diamonds, copper, cheap manufacturing opportunities and so on.
They invest this capital (now worth over £10,000 million) not to help "develop" these overseas territories but simply to make the maximum profits.
Nor is this policy in any way designed to help the British economy, rather the British economy is looked on as a convenient base from which to carry on this worldwide exploitation.
The protection of these overseas investments, against the justified struggles of overseas peoples against foreign exploitation, necessitates armed forces and bases circling the globe and paid for by taxation of the British people.
The imperialists call this "safeguarding freedom" - their freedom to go on with the racket.

DISTORTION OF ECONOMY

The continued export of capital overseas, the resulting distortion of the home economy and failure to develop home resources, material and human, leads to these economic ailments of imperialist Britain.
The drain of wealth on armaments and overseas bases adds to the problem, as does the City business of acting as bankers for half the world. This is profitable to the City - but it leads to the British imperialist economy having to rely on foreign businessmen's "confidence" in sterling. So when the balance of payments is at its worst, - because of capital exports, etc, the foreign businessmen - and not only the foreign - lose "confidence" in sterling and offload as much of it as they can. This makes a crisis which the

Tories and now the Labour Government "solve" by deflation, stagnation and and unemployment. This restores foreign businessmen's "confidence" in sterling. Thus to protect sterling, the City and the export of capital, Wilson has frozen the economy solid, put nearly ¾ of a million out of work at the present time and lost over £600 million worth in wasted productive capacity to save £100m in balance of payments deficit. This only makes sense to an imperialist.

U.S. DOMINATION

But perhaps the worst danger of all flowing from imperialism in this country, is that those fine "true blue" imperialist gentlemen are selling Britain out to U.S. big business interests for economic, political and military support in their own imperialist role.
Besides being heavily indebted to U.S. bankers, these imperialist aristocrats and gentlemen have allowed the U.S. tycoons to invest over £4,000 million in this country at an increasing rate, in such fields as drugs, car-manufacture, engineering, computors, oil, chemicals, aluminium, household goods, foodstuffs, big stores, supermarkets, launderettes, detergents and so on.
The U.S. monopolies are steadily increasing their throttling grip on us and the imperialist rulers of this country are both unable and unwilling to oppose them.
Their only aim is to make money - that is how they view life.
They will sell out Britain to make money too.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE

The only alternative to Tory "stop-go" or Labour "freeze and squeeze" is PLANNED INCREASING PRODUCTION FOR SOCIAL NEED, based on developing OUR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES - HUMAN AND MATERIAL.
There is no need for Britain to be parasitic on other (and poorer) coutries - we have resources too in coal, potash, salts and resources in the amount of skilled manpower and know-how we possess.
There are all kinds of ways in which Britain can develop her own resources - sea-water, gas, air, minerals - given the correct scientific, technical and above all social stimulus, that of power being with the people.
What is holding us back is the economic and political policies of the imperialist ruling class who would rather invest overseas to exploit cheap labour than invest in Britain - and so bring the coal, power and transport industries out of the 19th century and develop our resources instead of just sitting on them.

TRADE

Any materials, goods or services which we do not produce ourselves, we would be able to trade for, on equal terms with all friendly countries. There is a tremendous market for British-made industrial plant, vehicles, glassware, fibres, chemical goods and so on throughout the world. I.C.I. have recently stabilised their position after the severe setbacks following the "July measures" of

Wilson, by expanding their trade on a large scale with Russia, E.Europe and People's China. The Chairman of I.C.I, Sir Paul Chambers, pointed out that it was the planned growth of the Chinese and Russian economics (as compared with the fluctuations and uncertainties of the U.S. and British economies) which allowed I.C.I. the chance to plan its own growth. All well and good but surely it's time we had a scientifically planned, prosperous economy in Britain itself? What's stopping us?
IMPERIALISM - that's what stopping us.
The imperialists, to continue the export of capital for quick and large profits, are forced to continue to freeze and squeeze home policies.
They will not be persuaded to stop by exhortation, petitioning, reasoning or act of Parliament. As long as we continue to fight only within the establishment, we shall be defeated.
The imperialists have the establishment buttoned up - Whitehall, the judiciary, B.B.C., I.T.V., and the press; the police and army; the universities; industry and top trade union brass, the church and parliament - all in their pocket.
Heath or Wilson, the policy is essentially the same.
Workers' Power is the only way to planned production for social need.
This means the working people organised as ruling class, centrally and locally, where we work and where we live.
Only then can the working people in every sphere of industry - power, fuel, iron and steel, engineering and chemicals, vehicle manufacture and transport, put forward, discuss, decide and implement their ideas for developing production for the good of all working people; only then can the social services - medicine, housing, welfare of the handicapped and comfortable retirement for veteran workers, be developed satisfactorily. Only then can the slogan "workers' control" have any real meaning.

You cannot have control until you have power, which means state power.

With this firmly in mind we put forward our main demand as the WORKERS' NATIONAL PLAN.

1. END U.S. DOMINATION OF BRITAIN by
   a) Nationalising all U.S. firms and holdings in this country.
   b) Cancel all debts to U.S. bankers and government including the infamous "Second World War Debts" of £66 million a year.
   c) Secure the removal of all U.S. troops and bases in the British Isles and leave NATO, CENTO and SEATO and all other U.S dominated war pacts.

2. END BRITISH IMPERIALISM - the cause of economic stagnation and distortion; the cause of racialism and war; the cause of U.S. domination of Britain; the cause of unemployment.
   a. Solve the balance of payments problem by ending the export of capital from Britain for overseas investment together with sterling's role as an international banking currency. In this way we will be able to
   b. cut the arms bill drastically, bring home all troops and wind

up all overseas bases, east and west of Suez.

c. establish equal trading relations with all friendly countries, not heeding the dictates of Washington.

With imperialism liquidated and U.S. domination removed, the working people of Britain can rapidly expand production at home in industry and agriculture in accordance with social needs. Democracy would have real meaning in such a society - racialism would be eliminated and the rights of the Welsh, Scottish and Irish peoples to self-determination would be recognised.

But let us firmly re-emphasise, that the U.S. tycoons and their imperialist brethren and stooges in these islands are not going to let the rich plum of Britain go without a fight.

Strength will prevail.

We must be prepared to fight for our Plan - to achieve and maintain WORKERS' POWER as the only road to the only possible National Plan - the Workers!

.LONDON WORKERS' COMMITTEE

Our next issue (December) will include a further section of our proposed draft programme for a Working People's Party of England. This will be an historical and critical review of the Communist movement in Britain from 1921, including its relations with the European and international Communist movement.

Our December issue will also include an important article on the present revolutionary section in India by Sanmugathasan, Secretary of the Ceylon Communist Party.

There will also be further statements on developments at Vauxhall's and at Roberts-Arundel.
