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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

