

OLD ENEMIES ~ OLD MISTAKES!

In 'Great' Britain today a fierce battle of hot air is being waged along the whole labour front. In unison the Labour Party, the T.U.C. the so-called 'labour left' and the renegade and politically bankrupt Communist Party of Great Britain come out to sing the anti-tory chorus, while loudly proclaiming themselves to be the champions of the workers and defenders of the unions. In reality however, they are nothing but cheap political frauds.

This hypocrisy which reigns supreme today must be understood and challenged by every worker before any talk of emancipation of the worker from capitalist exploitation can begin to make sense.

Why is it that such unity has developed between the Communist Party, the Labour Party and the T.U.C. today, when only yesterday -

- THE T.U.C. found it necessary to criticise and oppose the Labour Party's attempt to introduce a Bill sponsored by their minister of labour Barbara Castle which was almost identical to the Bill now being introduced by Heath and Carr?
- THE LABOUR PARTY when in office found it necessary to blame the workers for all the problems of Capitalist Britain, and yet today the same 'Bloody Babs' Castle attacks Carr and Co. for causing industrial strife.
- THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN, that is communist in name only found it necessary to attack the Labour Government when in office, and yet today we witness this same party calling for the defeat of the Tories and the return of a Labour Government pledged to socialist principles, as though they were not aware that the Labour party has for years 'pledged itself to socialism' and have in their constitution 'clause 4' which holds with the 'socialisation of the means of production, distribution and exchange.' The Labour party has no intention of implementing such a policy and in fact only allows 'clause 4' to remain in their constitution to fool workers into believing that they are in fact a socialist party.

Why this sudden change of heart? Why have they suddenly all become such good buddies? The answer is of course that this dirty united front of the opportunists is purely and simply an attempt to divert the workers away from the real fight and the real enemy CAPITALISM.

What the opportunists are saying in fact to the capitalist class, under the safe disguise of workers protests, is "don't rock the good ship Capitalism, for we have to still the waters and stem the tide of revolution. — But captain Carr and helmsman Ted can do nothing else, for their 'good ship' is about to sink beneath a giant wave of imperialist crisis. These opportunists, the parliamentarians, trade union bosses etc., require capitalism to function within. Could it be considered for one moment that under Socialism these windbags would

receive vast salaries for all their double talk in parliament and transport house. Of course not! They would have to work for a living and the workers would hold power not them. The very thought of that happening gives them ulcers and nightmares.

Imagine someone saying that they had a method of torturing people and the victim would feel no pain from it BUT in fact would do them good. You would naturally call him some kind of sadistic nut, and you would be right, and yet this is what in fact our so-called 'leaders' ask us to swallow when they say that we should support the policy of "Out with the Tories and return the Labour". Exploitation, like torture, does not change simply because it is administered by someone else. The truth is that the Capitalist system of exploitation cannot be made to benefit the working-class.

Unemployment, prices and profits rose under a Labour government every bit as much as they have under the present Tory government, and so it must always be for all forms of government, which are there to manage the affairs of CAPITALISM which arose and thrives upon exploitation and the drive for MAXIMUM PROFITS.

Suppose you were sitting in some place having a meal and the guy sitting beside you lifted your meal would you merely protest out loud and then with dignity go and buy yourself another. The chances are, on your return he will do the exact same thing again, but surely by this time you will have learned that such dignified protesting is of no avail. The correct thing to have done would have been to smash him in the mouth so hard he could neither eat your meal nor anyone else's ever again. This same simple law applies in full in the class ridden society in which we are living. For generations past, the working-class in this country has been robbed in a like manner as has been mentioned above and due to a constant unvarying treachery on the part of their leadership allowed themselves to be channelled in the narrow confines of passive and non-revolutionary demonstrations. Unless capitalism is smashed so hard that it will never rise again the workers will always end up back at square one with begging bowl in hand.

THE WORKERS' PARTY OF SCOTLAND (Marxist-Leninist), declares that:-

- * This is not the time for reliance on Parliament or parliamentary parties.
- * It is not a time for struggling for workers elbow-room but a time to struggle for WORKERS POWER TO AVERT WORLD WAR.

FOR THE WORKING-CLASS TO BE VICTORIOUS IN THE DECISIVE BATTLES THAT LIE AHEAD, WE MUST PREPARE NOW AND FORM WORKERS ACTION COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND IN INDUSTRY.

DEMAND NOW FROM YOUR UNION LEADERSHIP THAT THIS FIGHT BECOME 100% POLITICAL IN THE SOCIALIST SENSE!

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