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OPINION

suppression of the parasitic capitalist class once and for all.
Working class must lead

Only the working class can lead the fight for socialism, for it is the only class in society that is big enough, strong enough, the only class that has sufficient revolutionary hatred of the capitalist system to enable it to fulfil this historic mission.

There is no example, historically or currently, of a ruling class giving up its power, privileges and profits paradise without the oppressed waging a fierce and prolonged struggle. Capitalism will not remove itself from the stage of history. To the contrary, history teaches that working class rule can only be established through mass-based violent revolution.

Nobody likes violence for its own sake. That would be lunacy. But workers must be realistic when they talk of changing things and most of all must recognise that those who at present have power over their lives are not, as if by magic one morning, going to stop exploiting them. The working class values peace, but must demand peace on the basis of a just society, and that will not, capitulate.

The basic policy of the "Voice of the People" is one of opposition to capitalism and support for socialism, the political power of the working class.

The working people of Britain exist in a Capitalist society which is based on their exploitation for profit. Britain is also an imperialist nation and its ruling class exploits workers and other oppressed peoples in colonies and neo-colonies in various parts of the world, such as in Ireland, for example.

The British ruling class is composed in the main of very wealthy monopoly industrialists, financiers and bankers, land and property owners, commerce and trade bosses, and others engaged in the business of exploiting people's labour power. The ruling class exists to make profit. It controls the State machine of parliament, the army, police, courts, prisons, the educational system, the mass media and all other

they died in and a few petty possessions. As for the young, more and more cannot find any work at all.

Fear

Under the capitalist dictatorship in Britain there is fear, insecurity, a lack of peace of mind and constant worry. Life, or rather existence, is for millions a hand-to-mouth affair, a day-in-day-out struggle to make ends meet.

The seven per cent of society that owns approximately eighty per cent of the wealth of the country — the ruling class —

the last death-bed twist of a system on the way out.

Either a socialist revolution will smash the threat of growing fascism and the developing corporate state, or fascism will rise to power only to be overthrown later after it has taken its toll against the working class and other progressive people.

The threat of growing fascism here is accompanied by aggression in Ireland, Britain's oldest colony. In Ireland the British ruling class has instituted a reign of brutal suppression, poverty and exploitation through its direct control of the northern part and its stooges in the Dublin government. As for the past eight centuries the British ruling class denies to the people of Ireland their right to national unity, self-

What This Paper Stands For

institutions of influence and power, all employed to serve its own class interest.

Irrespective of which of the political parties is in government at any one point in time, capitalism is always in power and will remain in power until the present dictatorship of capital is ended and the working class, supported by any other potential allies in class-divided society, takes State political power into its own hands.

Capitalism is the root cause of the many problems being experienced by working people and their families. Life is bad not good for millions of workers under the present system. Some workers are exploited more than others, but all are exploited for profit.

The effects of the capitalist system are all around us. Existence standards decline daily. Life is a constant struggle even to try to satisfy the basic requirements of food, a place to live, clothing and of footwear, heat and light. Wages and salaries are inadequate. Purchasing power is daily reduced as a result of the mad scramble for profits which forces prices up and is the main cause of inflation.

Many working class families cannot afford a proper diet of fresh vegetables and meat, but have been forced to consume starchy substitutes and the cheapest types of meat. While the parasitic rich eat the best, they manufacture bogus, bean-based meat substitute for workers. This effects the general state of health of the people and illness is on the increase.

Elderly working people, after maybe half a century of working for capitalist employers, are cruelly coerced into trying to struggle by on a pension. Thousands die of cold and hunger each winter. After decades of work on low wages many die with no savings, no home and with barely more than the clothes

live a luxurious life, while the vast mass of the working people are subjected to wage freeze, social con-tricks, lies aimed at stopping them from seeing the truth of their predicament, and an existence that denies to them the realization of a full and fruitful life.

Unemployment is on a huge scale and is yet another product of the unplanned system of capitalism. The bosses use this vast army of unemployed to keep down wage levels and to undermine the militant struggle of the working class for change. It simultaneously rebukes the reservoir of unemployed people that it has created and labels them as "scroungers, do-nothings and layabouts", titles in reality appropriate to the members of its own class of speculators and wheelers and dealers.

Large areas have been reduced to near desolation. In many parts, particularly in Wales, Scotland and northern England, job opportunities are virtually non-existent and the young and not-so-young are forced to drift away from families and friends. When in the big cities, including London, unemployment is rife, so there is really nowhere a man or woman can go in the whole of the country to find work. For millions capitalism is a dead end.

Racism

The ruling class is whipping up racism to try and turn workers of different colours and nationalities against each other so that they fight among themselves instead of uniting to fight the capitalist class.

There could well develop a fascist state in Britain. Fascism is capitalism in crisis. If the ruling class cannot contain the economic crisis and the peoples' growing anger then it will be prepared to resort to a fascist police state to hold onto its power. This would be a sign of weakness not strength,

determination and freedom from interference in their domestic affairs. The British bosses have millions invested in factories, finance and land in Ireland north and south. It is therefore not only the main exploiter of the British working class but also the class enemy of the workers of Ireland. Thus the British and Irish working classes share the same main enemy and should unite together to hack away at both legs of their common exploiter.

The "Voice of the People" is against all of this exploitation, suppression and divide and rule. It stands for socialist change to end this state of affairs. It opposes the capitalist system and all it stands for. It sides with the working class and all members of society who are prepared to stand up and be counted in the battle to end the present anti-people dictatorship of capital over labour, the dictatorship of the few rich over the many poor.

Central Question

It recognises that the central question facing the working people of Britain is that of political power — is the capitalist class going to be allowed to hang onto it, or is the working class to organise and take it from them. This paper stands for the complete liberation of the working class from capitalism. It stands "for socialist revolution. Revolution means to work for the overthrow of the British ruling class and its replacement by working class political power — the democratic dictatorship of the working masses, the majority of the people in society. This means the dictatorship of the working class over the overthrown ruling class — the dictatorship of the proletariat. This fundamental political change, the expropriation of the expropriators, is the essence of revolutionary change; power for the people and the

come into existence until the repressive, unjust rule of capitalism is overthrown through revolution.

So that the socialist revolution can take place in Britain there must be brought into being a genuine revolutionary workers' Party to unite the uniteable and lead the struggle. This paper will always support the fight for principled unity which must, if it is to be a unity of substance, a unity that will survive the many complex twists and turns of the protracted class struggle, be based upon a scientific evaluation of class forces in Britain.

When all is said and done, only when the working class, especially the industrial section of the working class — many millions of working men and women employed in the big factories throughout the country — has its own party, its own newspapers and, ultimately, its own peoples' militia, will it be in a position to toss into the bin of history capitalism and the misery it represents for millions of people.

This paper will, as the struggle goes on, do everything in its power to expose the evils of the present system, educate people about scientific socialism, Marxism-Leninism, and mobilise all progressive forces towards its overthrow.

This paper understands that we have the reason, the right and the resources to achieve this great goal. Socialism will replace capitalism, justice will reign over injustice, for there exists no force that is capable of holding back the wheel of history.

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO US, THE TIME IS NOW TO ORGANISE AND INTENSIFY THE FIGHT FOR PEOPLE'S POWER. WE CAN, WE MUST AND WE WILL WIN. THIS IS WHAT THE "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" IS ALL ABOUT.

It will bar no person from helping if they act in touch.