The Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

Kill the Bill, Smash Capitalism!

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BILL ATTACKS ENTIRE WORKING CLASS

The present Government’s Bill attacking trade unionism, like the previous Government’s “In Place of Strife”, proves that the capitalist class is in trouble.

Where formerly the capitalists could live with trade unions – even if they found them a thorn in the flesh, now they are demanding state intervention to crush trade unions.

This represents a major step in the move from bourgeois democracy to the corporate state. It is a step dictated by the weakness of British capitalism, not by its strength.

WHO WILL LEAD IN THE BATTLE?

It is obvious that to cut through the deceit of the paper war, trade unionists everywhere must wage their own battle, must back their own workshop floor leaders on this issue and must reject any notion that a great education campaign is required to win the public to their side. In relation to this Bill they are the public and they need no further democratic mandate to smash this capitalist class legislation.

Trade unionists proper must make clear their determination and their might to oppose and defeat the Bill. They must force upon “their” leaders” their own will; their own convictions. When they are given a real lead, as in the case of the decision of the AUEW and the TGWU, they must quickly take it; but they must not wait for leadership from upon high. Any other course will end in dirty compromise and defeat.

Any action designed to replace one capitalist government, the Tories, with another capitalist government, Labour, will be a backward step from the level of working class struggle against the Bill
already achieved. The fight against any legislation to hamstring the trade unions and render them impotent is a fight against the capitalist class and any political party that represents their interests.

Our party, the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) has complete confidence that the workers, the great rank and file, will slice through the vacillations and petty haggling, will take the leadership into their own hands and the Law too, and tear it to shreds.

For many years Marxists prophesied the collapse of capitalism. But it comes not from wishing and must be placed in its historic time, Now we begin to see it here at its proper pace of decay – very rapid.

To all our comrades we say: now Practice and Theory. Now listen to our workmates and learn, support and fight with them.

To all militants, leaders in workshop, we ask: see this great struggle in its full size. Our struggle is not economic alone. Stand now and give blow to this crumbling capitalism. Use your theory and class knowledge – reflect your need to be Marxists in struggle - join our Party.

To our comrades we say: go now to these leaders. Endeavour to recruit from among them the very best now leading those battles. Do it in humility. We confer no favour, we need their wisdom and courage that all shall advance.

FROM THE MASSES TO THE MASSES.

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