

**September 26 - Demonstrate at Blackpool conference of the Labour Party**

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**'Sack the MacDonald-Wilson men! 'A Labour Government with Socialist policies!' This will be the theme of the demonstration being organized by the Young Socialists at Blackpool on Sunday, September 26. This winter thousands of workers in Britain will face unemployment and short-time working. The 'experts' are forecasting a long period of stagnation in industry.**

**By DAVE ASHBY (YS National Secretary)**



**Now!  
sign  
up  
for  
Blackpool**

One Labour budget after another has resulted in a sharp rise in the cost of living; public expenditure is to be drastically cut following Callaghan's latest economic measures.

The Labour government has now decided to support compulsory wage restraint, in other words, wage-freezing is to be legalised.

What are the lessons of this for workers in this country?

**The Labour government has betrayed! Wilson, Brown, Callaghan, Gunter and their friends are traitors to socialism and to the working class that voted them into power. They must be removed!**

Where now are all the fine promises about 'modernising Britain' and 'expanding the economy to pay for better social services'? What has happened to the pledges made

before the election that young married couples would be helped to get cheaper houses?

In one strike struggle after another, Labour ministers attack the workers on behalf of the employers. On the question of the Immigration Act, they continue with the same line as the Tories, a racist policy aimed at dividing workers on racist lines in the interests of the bosses. And all the time they continue their shabby support for the American government's war in Vietnam.

**Leadership**

One thing is clear! In demanding that Wilson and company are thrown out and a new leadership built, pledged to socialist policies, the Young Socialists will be giving a lead to the working class and the labour movement in Britain and throughout the world.

In calling upon the

labour and trades union movement to reject Wil-

son, we are at the same time calling upon them to close the ranks against the Tories. It is the outright betrayals of the last eleven months that are paving the way for the return of the Tories.

In 1931, a Labour government, under the leadership of Ramsay MacDonald, cut the dole pay on the insistence of the American bankers. The U.S. banks made the condition of a loan, made to the British Labour government, to stave off a balance of payment crisis.

There followed a split in the Labour Cabinet, the trades unions refused to accept the cuts, and MacDonald was expelled from the Labour Party. In the General Election that followed there was an enormous reaction

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against Labour and the Tories were returned with a massive majority.

This betrayal of 1931 led to a long period of unemployment and misery for millions of British workers.

Today, Wilson is following in MacDonald's footsteps in sacrificing wages and living standards in order to 'defend the pound'.

*'No repeat of 1931', 'Never again the hungry thirties' — these must be the slogans on our banners when we demonstrate before the delegates to the Labour Party conference at Blackpool. The working class is strong and confident. NOW is the time for action!*

Already in the Young Socialists, thousands of young people are showing their eagerness to fight. They are not misled by the 'don't-rock-the-boat' argument, or 'give Wilson a chance'.

Wilson has had too many chances. He has gone all the way to meet the needs of the bankers and employers. Has he ever shown any ability to start from the needs of working people?

On September 27 last year, before the General Election, the Young Socialists organised an anti-Tory demonstration in London at which we warned the working class that only socialist policies could solve the economic crisis.

Over 3,000 young people took  
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**Introducing**

# The Bond

**N**OW gaining a popular following amongst Young Socialists in London are a group called The Bond. Formed just over a year ago The Bond have been an important feature of the West London Young Socialist dances, where the group got their very first booking.



The Bond started out with four friends, 20-year-old **Dave Harrison**, the singer, **Pat McAuliffe** (19) base guitarist, lead guitarist **Ray Evans** (19) and drummer **Ron Mitchell** (20), practising on whatever instruments they could get hold of, at a local school.

After some time the group bought their set of gear which they have to pay for at the rate of £5 a week out of their wages. However, the colossal price of instruments did not deter these lads and soon they were ventur-

ing out into the crowded 'beat group scene'.

Newest recruit to The Bond is 18-year-old **Roland de Silva** on the rhythm guitar.

Living in the Kensington area of West London, the lads in this group know what it is to face the frustrations of coming from working-class families and trying to break in on the highly monopolised pop industry, an industry where talent is exploited by recording sharks and owners of the hire-purchase firms.

But Young Socialists recognise talent when they see it and The Bond have been in big demand in the London area.

Composer of the group, Ray, has written the group's numbers which include: *Hey Cilla, Be My Wife, Another Woman, Another Town, and I'm in Love.*

From October to January 7, The Bond will accept bookings from the Young Socialists. Branches wishing to make bookings can make enquiries through Keep Left.

# LOS ANGELES

**W**HAT really happened in Los Angeles? Thirty-four dead, most of them Negro. Thousands injured. Three thousand eight hundred arrested by the police. Damage to property estimated at over £60 million. These are the figures, but behind that lies four days in which a section of the American working class aimed a tremendous blow at American imperialism.

Between August 17 and 20 hundreds of thousands of workers living in the slums of Los Angeles, rose in an armed insurrection against the unemployment, poverty and brutality of the capitalist state.

The centre of the insurrection was Watts, where nine out of ten of the decayed and dilapidated houses were built more than a quarter of a century ago and where four and five families are crowded into accommodation inadequate for one.

This is the reality of the 'other'

by Barry Evans NC member East Midlands



*With a deep hatred of the servants of U.S. imperialism—the American 'cops'—a Negro woman shouts her anger from a doorway.*

America,\* the America which lies behind the glossy image of the Hollywood movie, the America in which tens of millions of workers, both coloured and white, are forced to live.

The ruling class had to bring in 1,000 policemen and 15,000 troops in order to wrest back

control of a major part of the country's third largest city.

Although the uprising broke out as a spontaneous protest against police violence, workers very rapidly started to organise themselves. The first property which was attacked were the shops, which traded on credit, so the records could be destroyed. (Many small shops whose owners supported the uprising were left untouched.)

The capitalist press has attempted to describe the Los Angeles events as a race riot—

it couldn't, in fact, be further from the truth. The conditions under which workers live in Los Angeles, and Chicago and Springfield, where other uprisings took place, are very similar to those in all the major cities of the United States and Britain.

The age of automation under a capitalist society means unemployment and poverty for the great mass of the working class. It also means that the ruling class will use every means at its disposal to discipline and crush any workers who show signs of rebelling against these conditions.

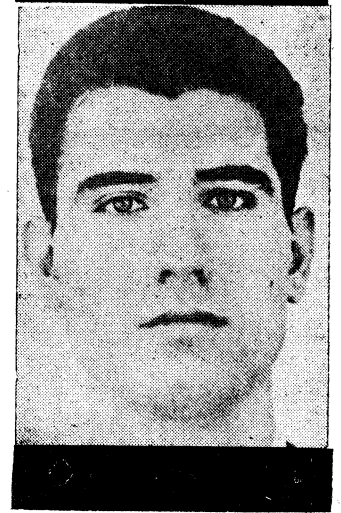
Workers in Britain are not divided in any way from the workers of Los Angeles, they are united in a common struggle against the oppression of the capitalist state.

Anyone who imagines that the violence in the streets of Los Angeles will not be seen here, completely fails to understand the causes of this violence.

In Chicago, leaflets were distributed stating: 'After years of frame-ups, brutality and intimidation, the black people are throwing off the control of the same rulers who are making war on working people throughout the world — in Vietnam, the Dominican Republic and the Congo'.

But leaflets alone cannot take the place of building a revolutionary party, which unites both white and coloured workers.

The lesson of Los Angeles is that workers are prepared to give their lives in a struggle against the capitalist state, but that without the building of a revolutionary party these lives will be given in vain.



**Sotiris Petroulas**

**T**HE young people of Greece, who are challenging the Greek government and the Monarchy — some of them like the young comrade Sotiris Petroulas (above) paying with their lives — present an example of struggle to youth throughout the world.

The Stalinists of the EDA, a front organisation try to channel the anger and frustration of the youth into peace marches.

However, their humbug is being unmasked. At the funeral of Petroulas, who was brutally killed by police during a demonstration, a deputy of the Stalinist EDA was attacked when he tried to say that the dead youth was fighting for 'democracy', a shout from the crowd replied that he fought for 'socialism'.

Petroulas' sister denounced officials of the EDA as 'traitors'.

In the demonstrations against the right-wing government, put into power by King Constantine, sections of the youth put forward the demands for a general strike.

## Vans tour Bradford

**Y**OUNG Socialists from Leeds and surrounding areas in West Yorkshire joined Bradford Young Socialists in a demonstration on July 17, calling for support to the Vietcong against U.S. imperialism.

Bradford YS regarded this demonstration as an important development in the fight against racialism and for the unity of the working class, as it received support from many Pakistani, Indian and other immigrant workers.

The previous evening, YS members addressed the audience in a Pakistani cinema during the interval and received enthusiastic support.

Loudspeaker vans toured various estates holding open-air meetings in preparation for the demonstration.

At a meeting, immediately after the march through busy Bradford, YS members spoke about the Vietnam war and the betrayals of the Wilson government, stressing the need to start from the international struggle of the workers and peasants all over the world against imperialism.

The meeting was concluded by proposing a further demonstration on September 4, which would be campaigned for by addressing seven more Pakistani and Indian cinemas and bringing immigration workers into the Young Socialists.

## Young Socialists call for defeat of U.S. imperialism



*ECHOING the words on the impressive banner, showing the execution of Vietcong fighter Tran Van Dang, 800 Young Socialists marched through London in July. Many of the YS Federations in London had decorated floats with themes denouncing American imperialism, Wilson's subservience to the U.S. government's policies in South East Asia and the craven actions of the 'lefts' in the Labour government. A meeting was held in Battersea Park, where the speakers were Dave Ashby, secretary of the YS National Committee; Barry Evans, NC member; Sheila Torrance, NC treasurer; Aileen Jennings, Editor of Keep Left, and Mike Banda, member of the Central Committee of the Socialist Labour League and Editor of 'The Newsletter'.*

## For Vietcong victory

**O**N August 21, North-East Region Young Socialists demonstrated for a second time in two months against U.S. aggression in Vietnam.

In a lively procession, the youth marched through the crowded centre of Newcastle shouting 'Americans—Get Out of Vietnam', 'U.S. Imperialism—Out'.

At the head of the demonstration they carried their large banner 'For a Vietcong Victory'.

For over a week, branches had canvassed in the shopping centres of the main towns, signing up youth for the demonstration and giving out leaflets. Letters were sent to trade union branches in the area, and factories were visited. In the Sunderland area Keep Left was sold at trade union branches and YS members asked permission to speak.

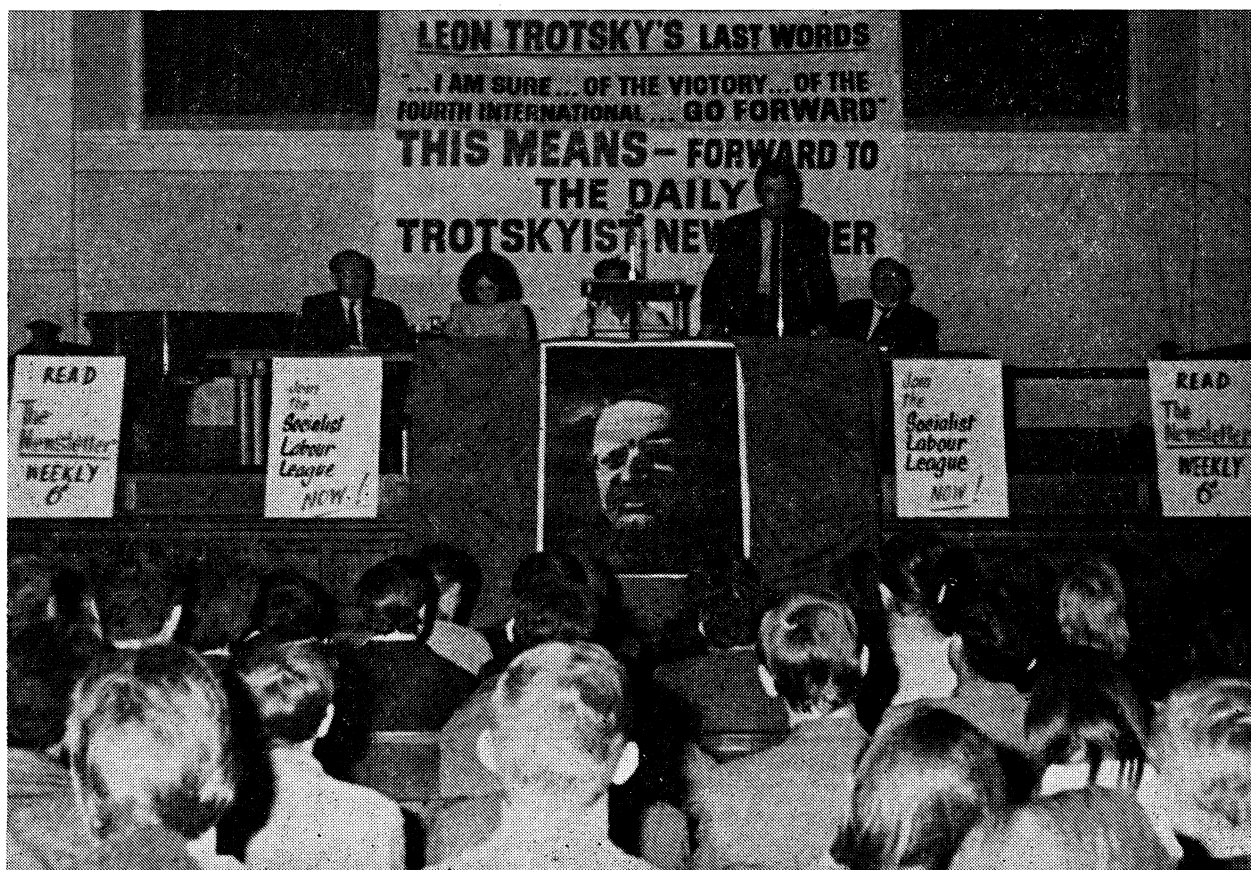
During the march itself, as many youth joined in as had started out.

Regional YS members explained at a meeting held afterwards the need to fight for YS policies within the working class and organise against the employers.

A dance was held in the evening at which many of the youth who had been on the demonstration joined the Young Socialists.

For a further report on Vietnam demonstrations turn to page 8

# 650 Commemorate assassination of Bolshevik Leader



Speakers sit in front of the huge banner of Leon Trotsky: (l. to r.) Cliff Slaughter, Aileen Jennings, Mike Banda, Dave Ashby, Gerry Healy.

IN the Caxton Hall on Friday, August 20, an audience of 650 people—Young Socialists and trade unionists—heard speakers explain 'The importance of Trotskyism for the Young Socialists' at the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Trotsky's last words, printed on the backcloth behind the platform

**'... I am sure ... of the victory ... of the Fourth International ... Go forward'**

had great significance for those present at the meeting, which was chaired by Mike Banda, Editor of 'The Newsletter'.

The response to the meeting illustrates concretely the power that Trotskyism will have in the working class in the future. Only the Fourth International, which Trotsky fought to build, can lead the working class to victory and it is the Socialist Labour League, the British Trotskyist Party, and the Young Socialists who will carry this struggle forward.

**T**HE fight in the Young Socialists would have been impossible without Trotsky', said Dave Ashby, secretary of the Young Socialists.

'Now, on the 25th anniversary of Trotsky's death, I can say to all those on the right-wing of the Labour Party who accused myself and others of being Trotskyists whenever we expressed ourselves in favour of socialist policies — yes, I was always a Trotskyist.

'If we did not openly announce ourselves as Trotskyists when the Young Socialists was part of the Labour Party, that was because we saw Trotskyism not as a debate but as a struggle to build a movement', said Ashby.

The outcome of this struggle had been the Morecambe conference this year, which had been the most democratic YS conference ever.

The rump conference of the Labour Party Young Socialists would have no political resolutions, and no nominations for national committee. Delegates would not be elected by their Young Socialist branches. The right-wing was hostile to the youth, who knew that reformism was bankrupt.

Ashby said that Trotsky's greatness did not lie in the fact that he was an individual with brilliant ideas. He began with the working class. As joint leader, with Lenin, of the revolution, and organiser

of the Red Army, Trotsky embodied the past experience of the working class.

The experience in the Young Socialists has been a brilliant vindication of Trotskyism. It has shown that the right-wing cannot be defeated with arguments but only through struggle.

'There are important lessons for the working class to be drawn from the struggles of the Young Socialists; the need to make a conscious break from social democracy. For this task Trotsky's Transitional Programme is the only answer', said Ashby.

**E**DITOR of the Socialist Labour League's theoretical magazine, 'Fourth International', Cliff Slaughter, said that Trotsky's work provided the key to the meaning of the political activity of working-class youth today: only the building of the Fourth International, of revolutionary parties in every country, could take the working class to victory and bring humanity through the crisis of capitalism.

'The Young Socialists in Britain are part of a new revolutionary generation of the working class, from Vietnam to Los Angeles and Athens, from which the forces are coming to rebuild the Fourth International founded by Trot-

sky', Slaughter said.

'Trotsky's writings on politics are certainly the most brilliant of our epoch, but Trotsky devoted himself, even in moments of the most hectic political struggle, to the application and development of Marxism in literature, poetry, the future of human culture, speaking out against all vulgarisation.

'He wrote and lectured about psychology, about developments in natural science, the whole import of the conquest of nature', he added.

'Young workers and students coming to the movement today must not neglect this side of Trotsky's work. The proletariat destroys the capitalist state in order to bring into the lives of all men, and not only an oppressive minority, all the cultural and scientific achievements of man throughout the history of class society'.

Above all, the duty of socialists was to fight for revolutionary consciousness; an important part of this fight was the confidence that man could reach the heights of achievement in every field of human endeavour.

Since the days of Trotsky, the crisis of humanity had deepened, and the responsibility of working-class leadership had increased. The all-round development of Marxist theory became all the more urgent.

'The fact is, then, that the objective contradictions of capitalism continue all over the world, not least here in Britain, to provoke struggles which are held back from victory only by the treachery of working-class leadership'.

It was in this situation that the Fourth International had to be built.

'This is the significance of Trotsky and Trotskyism for the Young Socialists. Their future, the future of Marxism in the world today, rests with the Fourth International, founded by Trotsky. Upon the realisation of this rests the future of mankind', Slaughter concluded.

**E**DITOR of Keep Left, Aileen Jennings, told the meeting: 'The whole history of the British Socialist youth movement has been one of struggle against bureaucracy. All those young workers, apprentices, students and school-leavers who joined the

Young Socialists fought a fierce battle for the right of youth to discuss and build a socialist youth organisation and the right to have a paper, written and produced by youth and expressing the problems of young people.

'We did not want a paper just for a paper's sake, but one around which a struggle for socialist principles could be waged—that paper was Keep Left.'

*The fight for Keep Left had become the whole fight for the Young Socialists as a leadership of the youth.*

The Young Socialists had also conducted a fierce fight against the Stalinists of the British Communist Party, who advocated peaceful co-existence with both the right-wing Labour government and capitalism.

These Stalinists were the same people who had a particularly shameful history in the fight of the Young Socialists against the right wing.

They had given support to the witch-hunts of Transport House, and it came as no surprise that they should help to try and gloss over the reactionary role of the Wilson government.

'The Young Socialists have a special role today. I want to appeal to all YS members to read the works of Trotsky and to try and understand his experiences in the fight against the Stalinist betrayal of the Russian Revolution,' she said.

*'The Socialist future lies in our hands. We have to fight to build the revolutionary party that will overthrow capitalism and build that future.'*

**A**S it is now 25 years since Comrade Trotsky died, there might be some in this audience who now ask why it is that we have come here this evening to commemorate the memory of this man. Is he not dead? And if that is the case, as it undoubtedly is, why should we be worried about what he had to say?' said Gerry Healy, National Secretary of the Socialist Labour League.

'During the whole of his lifetime, Trotsky fought against the forces of world imperialism, and the fruits of this life-long struggle are just as green today as they

were when he died. Whenever workers in any part of the world take up a struggle against capitalism, whether they recognise it or not, they follow in the footsteps of Trotsky and all those great Marxists who preceded him.

'We have had 10 months of a Labour government in Britain, not the first, but the fifth. All the theories of the Fabian Society and the social-democrats have been tested in practice. Every morning you can pick up your newspaper and the situation is plain enough for all to see. Capitalism still remains as firmly entrenched as ever. The right wing of the Labour Party, and all those who supported them, have betrayed the working class in this country and all over the world,' he said.

We were on the threshold of the time when man could now completely control and harness the entire resources of this planet through automation, Healy said.

The working day could be abolished and human beings could go on to the struggle for more culture, better conditions of health, overcoming all the poverty and degradation on this planet.

'And yet, of course, we live in a vastly different world to that. We have the same imperialist gang in the saddle in Britain after 10 months of the Labour government—a government which has carried out policies for which it consulted nobody except the bankers of the City of London.

*'That is why we are interested in what Trotsky has to say. He fought the same enemy in his day as we do now. Is it not time the youth and all self-respecting socialists rose up and said: "These men, Brown, Callaghan and Wilson, are a gang of modern Mac-Donalds"?''*

The right wing were carrying out policies which had nothing to do with socialism, or even their own election promises; policies in the interests of the bankers and the grouse-shooting gang of lords in the City of London.

'Let us tell "Tribune" and the "New Statesman": the Tories are coming back, thanks to you and Wilson. Ask any newly-married couple that want to get a house on mortgage. Ask any person who has been waiting for the implementation of the Rent Act. Ask any of those living in overcrowded conditions in the bed-sitters,' Healy said.

The message which Trotsky had brought clearly to the working-class movement all over the

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# We told you so!

ACCORDING to the 'The Guardian' of September 4 the National Executive Council of the Labour Party have decided to ask this year's annual conference to amend its youth constitution as follows:

1. The Young Socialists National Committee would be appointed by Labour Party Regional Executives, instead of being elected by the Young Socialists annual conference.
2. The conference would be allowed to discuss only organisational matters and subjects 'of concern to youth'.
3. Delegates to the conference would be proposed by local party branches, and not elected by Young Socialist branches.
4. Federation organisations of Young Socialists to be disbanded.

Need we even remind the handful of young people who now remain inside the Labour Party, that if these proposals are carried out then it means the end of the Labour Party's youth section as an effective force.

And who should be surprised? Wilson's betrayal of even his own miserable election pledges signifies an enormous swing to the right. Desmond Donnelly and Woodrow Wyatt can say and do what they like, because they are supporters of this right wing, but the Young Socialists are to be gagged because it is believed they will be critical of Wilson and Co.

The main difference between **Keep Left** and the right wing is that we believe that they are a gang of pro-capitalist and Tory supporters within the Labour Party.

We firmly believe, and we feel that events have proved us right, that the struggle between the Young Socialists and the right wing cannot and will not be resolved by debate and argument. As the tools of capitalism the right wing cannot be convinced in this way. They must always be fought right through to the split.

This is the lesson from the anti-H-bomb victory at Scarborough in 1960. Because the Michael Foot 'Tribune'-ite fake-left group hesitated to split from Gaitskell, who was defeated, they inevitably prepared the way for the victory of his policies.

Just as the rank and file of the labour and trade union movement defeated the right wing at the 1960 conference, so the rank and file of the Young Socialists defeated them also at its Brighton 1964 conference.

Unfortunately, after that, two clearly divergent policies developed between the supporters of 'Young Guard' and **Keep Left**. We learned the lesson from Scarborough and proceeded to challenge the right wing on the basis of the policy decisions democratically decided at Brighton. We did not retreat as the fake-lefts did after Scarborough.

The majority of the National Committee carried out the Brighton mandate and presented the policies by the Young Socialists in conference to the National Executive of the Labour Party. This body did not even discuss these proposals, they threw them into the waste-paper basket and proceeded to expel the majority of the Young Socialists National Committee.

It was at this point we decided to go all out and challenge Wilson. We said that these actions were being taken by the right wing because they were going to betray the working class when they were elected to Parliament—**WE WERE RIGHT!**

'Young Guard' joined the right wing and denounced us as 'splitters' because we fought for the Brighton conference decisions. They were supported by 'Tribune', who were pursuing the same policy as they did after Scarborough 1960. 'If you are challenged by the right wing,' they said, 'do not fight but capitulate.' That is what 'Young Guard' did, now look at where they are!

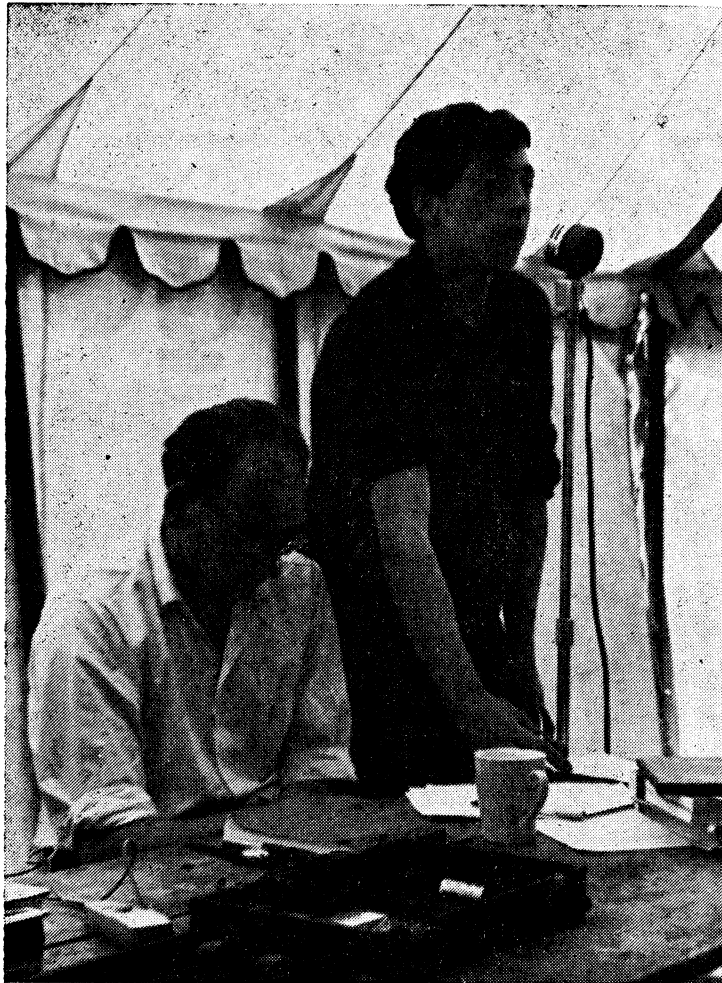
Almost exactly one year ago they organised a 'Save the YS meeting' against **Keep Left**. They had an audience of 120—we had a demonstration of 3,000 two weeks later. For a whole year 'Young Guard' has done nothing except hope that the right wing would recognise their services and let them become the leadership after **Keep Left** supporters were expelled.

They stupidly believed that the right wing would recognise them as 'moderates' against the so-called 'extremist' **Keep Left** and allow them to play at fake-left politics. They refuse to believe that even after Michael Foot MP capitulated to Gaitskell, he still had the whip withdrawn in Parliament for a long period. We repeat, Wilson and the right wing will never capitulate before the left wing because they carry out Gaitskell's policies.

When it came to defending the Brighton conference decisions 'Young Guard' capitulated to the right wing and followed the same path as the 'Tribune'-ites did after Scarborough in 1960. We went forward to the Morecambe conference of over 500 delegates.

Let us learn the lesson. The right wing cannot be convinced by argument. They must be fought against here and now—even to the point of split.

We ask every 'Young Guard' supporter to consider their position. Either continue to surrender or join the Young Socialists and **Keep Left**. We promise that if you do this, we will grant every right to raise your political criticism of **Keep Left**.



Students make notes (see right) a young comrade speaks in discussion while lecturer Cliff Slaughter listens. YS members danced in the evenings and played volley ball.

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# Young Socialists summer camp

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By The Editor

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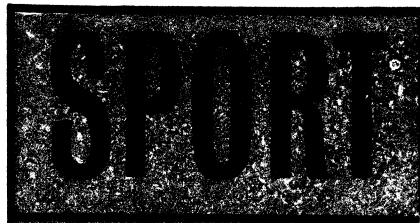
In co-operation, achieved through a constant effort to relate the discussion of building a Marxist party to the everyday tasks of the camp, students worked to keep things running smoothly.

Many films were shown in the evenings, among the most important being 'October', a

film of the Russian Revolution and storming of the Winter Palace, which particularly impressed the youth, and 'Battle-ship Potemkin', a story of the sailors' mutiny on one of the Russian warships during the 1905 revolution.

Young Socialists' most popular group, The Bond, from West London, kept things lively

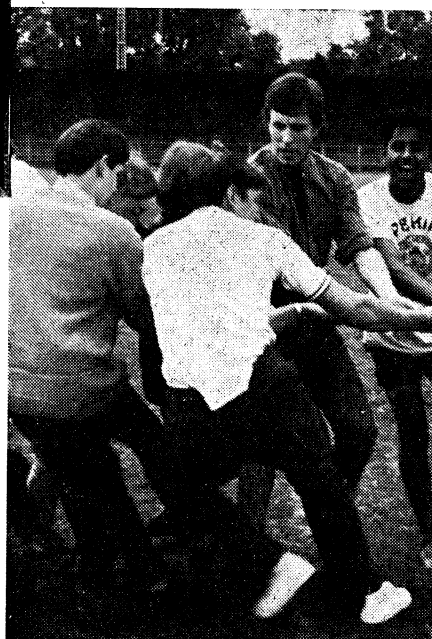
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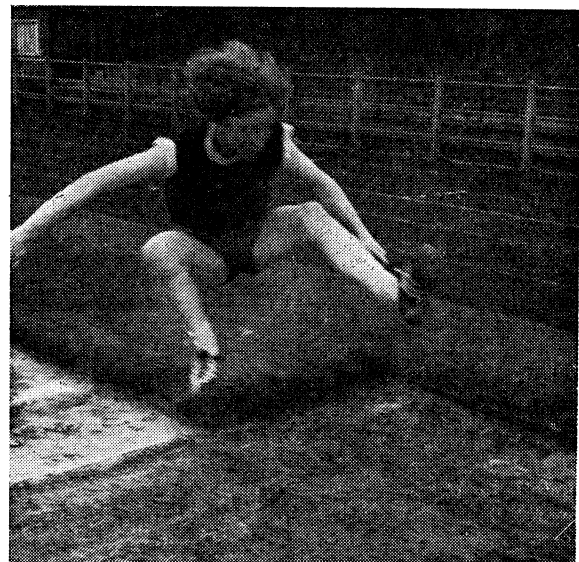
**S**outh West London Federation took a clear lead in the London and Middlesex sports gala held at the Edmonton Sports Stadium on August 22.

The event drew a large and enthusiastic crowd and despite the lighthearted atmosphere, some reasonable times were achieved in these well organized events.

Stars of the South-west team were Pam Atkinson (see picture below) and Mike Cotton who gained maximum points in their respective sprint.



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### ONLY SCIENCE

The level of discussion and the interest with which the youth took part, most surely showed that Marxism, far from being alien to youth, is, in fact, the only science which offers any hope of a future to the new generation.

Automation and the working class was probably the subject most considered by the Young Socialists at the camp. Comrade Healy answered many questions on the crisis of international capitalism at this stage in the threshold of automated society.

### FULL BENEFITS

Only under socialism, he said, could workers realise the full benefits of automation and develop as human beings, instead of remaining the slaves of capitalism.

Cliff Slaughter, editor of the 'Fourth International', theoretical magazine of the Socialist Labour League, gave a very thought-provoking lecture on religion.

The same enthusiasm, so obviously put into the lectures and discussions prevailed throughout the other activities of the camp.

In co-operation, achieved through a constant effort to relate the discussion of building a Marxist party to the everyday tasks of the camp, students worked to keep things running smoothly.

Many films were shown in the evenings, among the most important being 'October', a

film of the Russian Revolution and storming of the Winter Palace, which particularly impressed the youth, and 'Battleship Potemkin', a story of the sailors' mutiny on one of the Russian warships during the 1905 revolution.

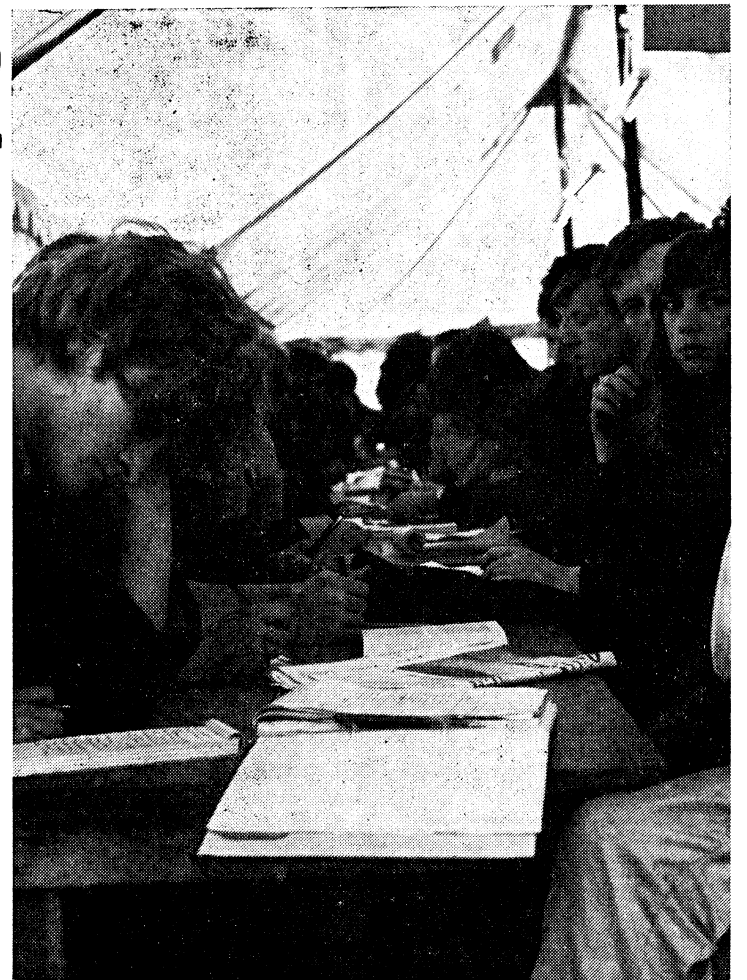
Young Socialists' most popular group, The Bond, from West London, kept things lively

for two night's running the second week of the camp and self-professed entertainers raised a big laugh at an improvised concert. A top-line American folk singer was enthusiastically received after doing a one-night spot.

Winding up the camp Gerry Healy urged that the discussions and ideas raised at the

camp be taken out and fought for by the Young Socialists movement.

He explained the forthcoming struggles of the working class in terms of the building of a Marxist party which would lead to the overthrow of capitalism. The youth would, he said, form the basis of such a party.



## SPORT

South West London Federation took a clear lead in the London and Middlesex sports gala held at the Edmonton Sports Stadium on August 22.

The event drew a large and enthusiastic crowd and despite the lighthearted atmosphere, some reasonable times were achieved in these well organized events.

Stars of the South-west team were Pam Atkinson (see picture below) and Mike Cotton who gained maximum points in their respective sprint.



Competitors found time to join in with spectators in a giant tug-of-war.

### BOYS

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 100 yds         | 1, M.Cotton SW, 2, T.Haylock SW, 3, D.Talbot SE          |
| 220 yds         | 1, M.Cotton SW, 2, P.Greenslade NEMddx, 3, B.Mason SW    |
| 880 yds         | 1, B.Mason SW, 2, J.Holland CMddx, 3, J.Laskowski E      |
| Mile            | 1, P.Greenslade NEMddx, 2, M.Jenkins W, 3, D.Talbot SE   |
| Relay 4x110 yds | 1, SW, 2, SE, 3, W                                       |
| Long jump       | 1, T.Haylock SW, 2, J.Golding NEMddx, 3, D.Talbot SE     |
| High jump       | 1, Pullen NEMddx, 2, J.Golding NEMddx, 3, M.Davis SWMddx |
| Three-legged    | 1, SE 2, SE 3, W   |

### GIRLS

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 100 yds      | 1, P.Atkinson SW, 2, G.Taylor E, 3, D.Morgan CMddx |
| 220 yds      | 1, P.Atkinson/SW, 2, G.Taylor E, 3, R.Govier E     |
| Long jump    | 1, D.Morgan SW, 2, P.Atkinson SW, 3, G.Taylor E    |
| Three-legged | 1 CMddx, 2 NE 3, Mddx E                            |

SOUTHWEST won with 91 points. Second NORTH-EAST MIDDLESEX (52 points); SOUTH-EAST LONDON (41 points); EAST LONDON (36 points); CENTRAL MIDDLESEX (33); WEST LONDON (18) and SOUTH-WEST MIDDLESEX (5)



# Film of the moment

Reviewed by Bob Dickens

'HELP!' United Artists film Directed by Richard Lester

'HELP!' is very much a film of the moment. It moves fast, it is stylish, and it is more than a little wild. The Beatles, Patrick Cargill (as a perfectly groomed, but inept Scotland Yard man), the villainous Leo McKern, and many others chase through a series of expensive scenes for one and a half hours in excellent colour.

As an entertainment, the result rates very highly. It has a fantastic plot designed to set off the Beatles' particular comic talents, and to provide settings for the usual quota of songs.

Dick Lester's skilful direction (he made the 'Running, Jumping, and Standing Still' film with the Goons) makes all this into a highly commercial product.

## Sheffield Federation sports day victors

A TENSE atmosphere prevailed as the gates of the Hillsborough Park sports track, at Sheffield, opened for the South Yorkshire Region of the Young Socialists' sports day.

Throughout the track events, the Sheffield Federation kept the Doncaster Federation back to either second or third places until the relay, when the Doncaster Federation strolled off with both first and second places.

Throughout the field events, it also seemed that the Sheffield Federation easily led the way, but in fact hard competition was put up by the Doncaster Federation.

Finally came the tug o' war in which the Doncaster Federation, whose team came from Wombwell, dragged the other teams off the field.

At the end of the day, certificates were presented to all the winners of events and a shield was presented to the winning Federation—Sheffield—and to the competitor with the highest points—A. Chaffer from Parsons X.

### RESULTS

100 yards—1, C. Ibbotson (P); 2, R. Thomas (D); 3, K. O'Malley (D).

220 yards—1, C. Ibbotson (P); 2, R. Thomas (D); 3, K. Mangham (M). Time: 31.5 secs.

440 yards—1, A. Chaffer (P); 2, P. Eales (Wd); 3, J. Burns (S). Time: 61.5 secs.

880 yards—1, A. Chaffer (P); 2, J. Burns (S); 3, T. Wombwell (D). Time: 2 min. 20 secs.

One mile—1, A. Chaffer (P); 2, J. Burns (S); 3, T. Wombwell (D). Time: 5 min. 14 secs.

4 x 100 yards relay—1, Doncaster; 2, Brampton.

Long jump—1, D. Meech (H); K. O'Malley (D); 3, S. Moody (S). Distance: 17 ft. 5 ins.

Shot—1, J. Bakewell (H); 2 (tie), P. Taylor (B), S. Walker (W). Distance: 38 ft.

High Jump—1, D. Meech (H); 2, S. Moody (S); 3 (tie), P. Eales (Wd), R. Cawthorne (H). Height: 4 ft. 8 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump—1, S. Moody (S); 2, P. Eales (Wd); 3, D. Gaskin (W). Distance: 32 ft. 6 ins.

Javelin—1, R. Wilde (W); 2, B. Abrahams (W); 3, J. Burns (S). Distance: 106 ft. 5 ins.

Tug o' War—1, Wombwell YS; 2, Handsworth YS; 3, Doncaster YS.

Sheffield Federation 394 points, Doncaster Federation 324 points.

Key to YS branches: (B) Barnsley, (D) Doncaster, (H) Handsworth, (M) Mexbrough, (P) Parsons X, (S) Shiregreen, (W) Wombwell, (Wd) Woodlands.

### Choppy camera work

In fact, when I saw it in the famous Liverpool (to use the film's favourite adjective), there were big queues for all performances well into the third week, even though the screaming whenever the Beatles sing was continually routed by David Watkin's weird, choppy camera work.

If you go to see 'Help!' expecting long close-ups of Paul or John while they are singing, you will be disappointed. They are either muffled up in battledress, skiing at speed down the Alps in Dracula cloaks, or the camera is turning them blue, red and green while cutting from one eccentric angle to another.

### Throw away

One of the film's main characteristics lies in this kind of treatment. It's built like an American car—to be thrown away, to be out-of-date, as soon as the box office returns are in.

Beatles' songs, on the other hand, last longer than this but 'Help!' sets its songs in a candy-floss of shots—quickly consumed, quickly forgotten—so that to really hear them as songs, fans will have to buy the LP from the film.

### Quickly dropped

This throw-away quality is essential to the film as a whole. There is no development of plot. Events are just strung together. Ideas and jokes are built up, then quickly dropped for something else. The humour of the second sequence, for instance, does not build up as it goes along, but just hangs on each individual gag as it comes up.

John, Paul, George and Ringo are seen arriving home at four perfectly ordinary terraced houses next door to each other. 'They haven't changed a bit—so natural' say two middle-aged ladies in the street, who wave to them.

### Contradiction

Then there is a cut to the other side of the street doors, all of which lead into a big, lush apartment with sunken beds, automatic food and drink machines, and all the equipment of the high life.

This completely contradicts what the women said. Here, there is a completely unreal atmosphere. An ageing peasant crawls across the thick green carpet, trimming it with two pairs of false teeth. Lennon crosses to



the bookcase and presses a reversing panel. What will be revealed on the other side? . . . Just a row of identical books.

Meanwhile Ringo is at the sandwich machine. He reaches in to get himself a snack, but is himself bitten. The rather unusual event is treated with complete indifference by the others; they think he is just

trying to attract attention to himself again.

*They lead such unusual lives that nothing surprises them, and it is perhaps because of this, because the Beatles have had such an effect on the mass media as well as being themselves in the process, that 'Help!' can tell us quite a lot about*

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Unattached

By Mary Morse

Pelican Original, 3s. 6d.

IF this latest contribution to the stream of articles, books and theses on the 'youth problem' has any value at all, it lies in the fact that by now we should realise that only the power of Marxism has anything to offer the youth.

The object of this book is to record the experiences of four social workers working from the recommendations of the Albermarle Committee, who attempted 'to make contact with unattached young people, to discover their interests and leisure-time activities and, following this, to help in whatever way seems appropriate to provide some facilities required.'

Four social workers are sent into industrial areas and seaside resorts to make contact with and gain the confidence of working-class youth.

This book is nothing more than a series of anecdotes concerning the past-times of youth, condemned to street corners, coffee bars or clubs.

The social workers play the role of patronising snoopers, who 'sometimes stumble across the potential of the working class; one discovers that some youth have a talent for drama, another finds that a group likes serious music.

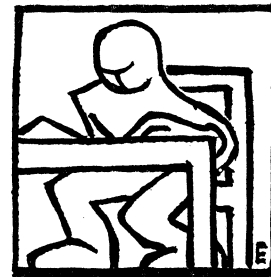
The book gives us little in-

sight into the real problems of working-class youth, except that a great number of young people work in boring, futile jobs, subject to pressures of commercialism and idealism.



The significance of this book to the Young Socialists is that it serves to show certain aspects of the present crisis in capitalism. The enormous changes that automation and science pose, face the ruling class with the task of disciplining the working class and of developing new methods of rule.

Reliance on traditional leaderships in the working class, family responsibilities, etc., to discipline the working class, is now inadequate.



The other side of this is the radicalisation of the working-class youth, who have experienced no great defeat, and who are dissatisfied and frustrated with their position. The Young Socialists have shown that when the youth understands its historic responsibilities to the working class, it is capable of organisation, creativity and of struggle.



The bourgeois elements and their servants, however, are unable to see this, and are dis-

today's so-called 'popular culture' without ever, of course, making any direct comments about it.

The undeveloped jokes in this film are not necessarily unfunny, they just leave the audience wanting more and more while they look for connections between them. At the beginning of the film's last sequence, for instance, there are two main comic elements.

The Beatles arrive at London Airport to take a flight so they can escape from the gang that is after them.

### Disguises

They are in fantastic disguises—Ringo with a Mod hairstyle, beard and anorak, and the others dressed like tramps.

The headline of the 'Daily Express'—which everyone is reading—says 'Beatles Bent for Bahamas'. Paul gets worried and asks 'Who let it out?', but John reassures him that they 'only put it round we're going there'. Then they take off and a caption appears saying: 'And so they found themselves in . . . the Bahamas.'

Then a series of other visual gags leads into another song—but there is no connection between them.

### Momentary

The whole thing is really a dream, nothing remains real except for an instant of time. There can be no development because the characters live only for the moment.

*If we try to understand 'Help!' we must do so in terms of a general approach to the whole range of modern entertainment. We must ask ourselves why it can offer us nothing but dreams and illusions—however amusing or diverting these may be.*

turbed by the development of militancy amongst working-class youth.

'The Unattached' is an attempt, however pathetic, for capitalism to establish some contact and some new methods of containing the youth. There are, of course, far more conscious sections of the ruling class concerned with youth.

I mention briefly the articles that appeared in the American businessman's magazine 'Fortune', which, during the spring, published a series of very penetrating articles on automation, one of which was devoted to the question of youth unemployment.

Twenty-two per cent of the growing army of unemployed in the United States are teenagers. The hard core of this youth is unemployable and dissatisfied.

President Kennedy is reported to have said that the 'youth problem' was 'the most explosive and expensive social and economic problem facing society'.



These articles cannot offer a solution, their only hope is that 'As youngsters grow up, the same societal pressures that make the rest of us work begin to operate on them, too: they want to get married, have children, or at least move away from home into "pads of their own".'

This, of course, is no solution. The capitalist class will be driven to try to discipline the working class and no social worker, probation officer or sociologist will be able to avoid this confrontation.

Youth have nothing to gain from capitalism. Their future lies in the development of a revolutionary leadership of the working class. T.O.

## Northolt YS

IN THE last issue of Keep Left, a letter appeared from the Middlesex recruiting team on behalf of Northolt Young Socialists.

The members of this branch consider this letter was, in many ways, erroneous and we have consequently decided to put this right by sending another letter.

Firstly, the letter said the youth at the meeting were saying 'the Vietcong's fight is the same as ours'.

In actual fact, the youth were decidedly hostile to this idea and comrades in the branch were forced to explain to them for many weeks after.

We eventually brought most of them round to support this idea and a large contingent went from the branch to the July 18 demonstration through London.

This may seem very unimportant to readers, but anyone who is setting up a new branch should remember that these youth will bring into the branch many reactionary ideas and outdated views.

We think, therefore, that recruiters should expect this and not go out to the youth with the idea that they will agree immediately.

It is difficult to overcome many years of capitalist ideas in one meeting.

Only a long struggle on class issues will win these youth round. The result of this is that we always hope Keep Left will maintain its present policy of reporting reality and not become a propaganda sheet like the papers such as 'Challenge' and 'Militant', and other papers churned out by the Stalinists and Pabloites.

We organised a dance in Northolt a few weeks back and over 100 youngsters turned up despite the rival attractions of two other dances nearby and a coach trip organised by the local tenants' association.

With a successful branch in Northolt, we hope to be able to help in the fight against the fascists in our area.

We are in the South-West Middlesex Federation, which also includes Southall and Hayes, where the fascists are growing and trying to intimidate local immigrants and Young Socialist branches.

Only the Young Socialists are in a position to oppose these degenerate thugs who openly side with the racials and nationalists.

In Southall, only a few weeks ago, a Tory motion calling for the exclusion of immigrants from the council housing list in the council was supported by five Labour councillors.

We are sure Transport House will take no action against these people who disgrace the names of Labour and Socialism. Only real socialists are expelled.

K.V., S.J., R.A., A.H.,  
(Northolt Young Socialists)

## Immigration—1

EVER since history began, Britain has had immigrants. If it wasn't the Vikings, Huris, or Gauls, it was the Romans, Saxons or Normans.

In fact, the so-called British race, purity of the blood and all that racist rubbish, was cracked over 2,000 years ago.

Of course, the racials, fascists and their financiers do not care how many arguments are put forward to disprove their ideas. Their main aim is to bring the working class under their heel.

The fascists and racials only show their ugly heads where the working class has any weaknesses, which they then use to split and divide and create confusion amongst workers.

Where the working class is strong and united, they keep out of the way.

Although in Britain, the working class is very strong, it has many weaknesses which all of its enemies are fully conscious of and indeed have worked on through years of propaganda.

As I have already stated, there have been people coming to Britain for years, but since the First World War the ruling class has used immigrants to maintain their power.

The British ruling class and their fascist hirelings gained during the 1920s and 1930s a large amount of support. Big clashes occurred between them and workers' organisations.

The fight which was put up by the workers and the coming of the war with Germany, which had already fallen to the fascists, put the British ruling class into a position where they did not need the fascists.

But at the present period when the British bosses are being shoved out of the world market, they need the racials.

What is needed to combat the enemy?

Not fine phrases about loving coloured brothers as the vicars of the leadership of the Communist Party and left-wing hypocrites in the Labour Party would have us believe—'peace' (sic).

A party that is showing the fakers for what they are is already on the way to being built.

In Bradford, an area with many Indian, Pakistani, West Indian and East European workers, the Young Socialists have already had a taste of the militancy of immigrants, particularly the Indians and Pakistanis.

Open-air meetings have gained a tremendous response. There have been many offers of assistance—for instance, rooms, duplicating machines, and posters (made in different languages).

Opportunities to speak in cinemas, which are frequented by hundreds of immigrants, have already been taken advantage of by the YS.

When hundreds of people inside a cinema stand up and applaud the policies of the Young Socialists, it shows that we are not just playing games, but that we certainly intend to take the power from the bloodsuckers at the top and replace them with workers' power, and that we will not let the fascists and racials get a foot in the door.

T.H.,  
Bradford.

## Immigration—2

ALL Labour Councils must be told to reject the government's attempt to impose a 'quota' system in schools.

The scheme is put forward in a circular from the Department of Education and Science headed 'The Education of Immigrants', which claims that educational problems are arising from immigration and that 'if the proportion goes over one-third in a class or a school as a whole, serious stresses arise'.

The circular nowhere explains what kind of 'stresses' or defines what is meant by 'immigrant children'.

Presumably, children of immigrant parents will be included, even though they have been brought up in this country.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Send us your opinions, branch reports, ideas on how to build the Young Socialists

The Jamaican government has protested against the move as 'racialist', and points out that Jamaican children all speak English anyway, so that no problem should arise.

For all its hypocritical talk about 'dispersal' and 'assimilation', the circular could hardly be improved on as a piece of prejudice. One passage, which is stressed in italics, reads:

*'It will be helpful for parents of non-immigrant children to see that practical measures have been taken to deal with the problems in the schools, and that the progress of their own children is not being restricted by the undue pre-occupation of the teaching staff with the linguistic and other difficulties of immigrant children.'*

This kind of circular which will be welcomed by all racials and fascists, is an attempt to exploit parents' legitimate concern for their children's education, by diverting it into hostility to coloured children.

The racials are undoubtedly very upset at the way in which the working-class children and youth in the schools are growing up together. (At one East End school this year, pupils held a protest strike because they claimed a teacher was victimising a West Indian boy.)

The racials would like to see coloured children exposed to the kind of baiting that the Nazis started against Jewish children in German schools in the thirties.

It is no accident that this circular should be published just when the Labour government needs to cover up its retreat on education reform, and when Callaghan's 'little budget' will cut school building programmes up and down the country.

The government's policies mean a continuation of slum schools and overcrowded classrooms in working-class areas.

In Salford, Lancashire, over 200 teachers are quitting local schools, largely, it is believed, because of the conditions.

Overcrowded housing, with families living in one room, is another obstacle to the working-class children, giving them no chance of doing homework or studying at home.

Labour Minister Crosland must be told in no uncertain terms

what he can do with his circular; and trade unionists and socialists must wage a campaign against the government's cuts in public spending, which are an attack on working-class children.

This fight must be centred around support for the Young Socialists demonstration at Blackpool on September 26.

London Young Socialist

## Teacher training

I AM a student at a teachers' training college and I have just completed my first year's study.

An important part of our course consists of 'hall lectures' which are supposed to broaden our minds and make us better teachers.

Really these lectures are just an example of how students are trained in the colleges to help the boss class to maintain control in this country.

For example, one lecture at the end of term was on the 'colour problem' in Great Britain.

Our lecturer went to great pains to explain that nowadays there is no such thing as race; that our intelligence tests are an inaccurate method of measuring our own intelligence, let alone the intelligence of people of other cultures, and that there are no superior or inferior groups of races or people.

Having said that, the lecturer then went on to say that nevertheless some minority groups of people were used as scape-goats for the problems of society.

The example was quoted of coloured people in Britain today who are 'used as scape-goats for our problems'.

The lecturer then went on to say that it was very sad, but all we could possibly do was to educate people that this was very wrong and that this sort of prejudice would fade out.

It was then suggested that if the number of immigrants entering Britain was controlled, this would help matters.

So, at the end of this lecture 300 prospective teachers left the lecture hall believing the ideas put out by the lecturer.

Nobody bothered to point out, of course, that education will never wipe out these problems; that as long as capitalism is the system we live under, in which bosses are exploiting workers, then the bosses will always try to split the working class in order to weaken it and that the bosses are trying to do this today in Britain by pitting black workers against white.

This means that the only way to overcome these prejudices in the working class is to build up a revolutionary working class party like the Young Socialists, which will lead all the workers in Britain to fight the bosses and throw them out for ever.

These teacher training lectures are televised and no questions are allowed afterwards. It is therefore, a very important part of our work in building the Young Socialists to go into the training colleges and universities and win the students to the Young Socialists.

B.E.,  
Coventry

## York campaign

AT a time when the Labour government is betraying the working class and the Communist Party becomes their mere lackeys, Young Socialists nationally decided to launch a recruiting campaign.

The YS in West Yorkshire

decided on four areas, one of them being York. Intensive work was carried out during the week the recruiting teams were there and quite a few youth from York were involved.

The youth that were initially fighting in the YS came into conflict with the capitalist state—one girl was dealt with very strictly by her parents, her father being a policeman.

The first meeting was one where there was a contingent of reformists from the local Labour Party Young Socialists. All sorts of tendencies existed in this group, but they were all united in one thing—no need to build a separate revolutionary party to take the power.

But only by building the YS into a big youth movement can we hope to do this and it is this which the YS in York intends to do by campaigning for a big dance, working in the big railway works and getting railwaymen and youth in the YS to the demonstration at the Labour Party conference at Blackpool.

Secretary York YS.

## Commemoration meeting

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world had been the message of how to fight bureaucracy. He had been the great specialist in the struggle against bureaucracy. That was why the fight in Britain against the Labour bureaucracy was closely related to Trotsky's struggle against Stalin, who represented the Soviet bureaucracy.

'Young people who join us inherit this great past. The Soviet youth fought and stood up against Stalin. If you want to understand what this means, study the activity of Trotsky's son, Sedov, who was banished from Russia with his father, went into politics and began to organise the Left Opposition in Western Europe.'

*'We forget nothing, no crime that Stalinism committed will go without being exposed. We have a big balance sheet, and we are not impressed by Khrushchev's revelations. We know what happened under Stalin and we know their friends in the British Communist Party,' he said.*

Historians like Deutscher, who had no interest in building working-class parties, could write a biography in three volumes on Trotsky, but learn nothing from Trotsky. Trotsky had understood that imperialism and capitalism could not be defeated by propaganda.

'We must build a disciplined politically-minded force that studies Marxist philosophy, economics and history. Such a leadership is the only answer to the betrayal of Wilson and Co.'

*'The youth in this hall tonight are the future leadership of our movement. The older generations, like myself, live politically only as we pass on experiences and Marxism to the youth. That is why, when we commemorate Trotsky, we do so proudly. We bring many of our youth into this hall. Likewise, when we call on them to demonstrate on Vietnam, they do so proudly.'*

'They ask for unity with all those who want to fight on the basis of serious socialist policies. They do not create illusions. They are not looking for soft jobs as trade union officials. They want to be and are in the trade unions, wherever workers struggle against rent increases and colonial wars.'

'We have the youth, because the working class, as Marx and Engels long ago said, is a revolutionary class, and our youth are working-class youth,' said Healy.



# Corby YS astounds the cynics

## New branch booming

Keep Left Correspondent

**C**ORBY Young Socialist branch has been formed scarcely two months, yet in that time the branch has astounded many local cynics.

These people previously said that, due to the fact that the Corby Labour Party Young Socialists were struggling to attract new members, it would be virtually impossible for a branch of the national Young Socialists to attract any members whatsoever.

It has taken the leadership of this branch only eight weeks to show how wrong these cynical statements were.

In these few weeks, the Corby YS has secured twice as many members as the Labour Party Young Socialists did in four years!

Now, the same people who had said it could not be done are asking themselves why this happened.

### OBVIOUS

The answer is obvious.

The working-class youth of Corby—and of any other town—do not want a semi-bourgeois debating society, which still stands firmly behind the anti-working class policies of the so-called socialist Labour Party leadership.

Working-class youth all over the country are now rallying behind the Young Socialists, the only real political youth organisation of its kind in Britain, which stands firmly behind the working class of every country, and is

continually taking up the struggle for socialist policies in the labour movement in Britain.

In order to attract more youth into Corby YS, a full summer programme of social and political events was drawn up.

The first of these was a week-end camp at which discussions were held on the subjects: 'What is Theory', and 'Does God Exist?'

Due to the success of this camp, it was decided to organise a regional week-end camp on August 28, 29 and 30.

### MEETINGS

In Corby itself, members are now working a seven-day week in order to attract new youth. They can be found any night on the various estates of the town leafleting, having discussions, and selling newspapers.

Among other important events organised by the YS are factory-gate meetings at which the more theoretically developed members will give talks on the present political situation.

Many members who had attended the national Summer Camp expressed how much they had enjoyed it and how much they had learned from the many lectures and discussions.

Another extremely important goal this summer is that the YS hopes to obtain permission to use a market stall in the busy town centre at which they can sell newspapers and books.

It is also hoped that through discussions held at this market stall, even more young workers and students will be attracted to the Young Socialists.

## NORTHAMPTON MARCH AGAINST VIETNAM WAR

**A**LSO on August 21 Young Socialists from Northampton, Corby and Leicester demonstrated in Northampton in support of the Vietcong and against American imperialism.

The marchers attracted a great deal of attention as they passed through the crowded streets.

Heading the demonstration was the banner of the Northamptonshire Federation of Young Socialists.

Barrie Evans, YS National Committee member for the East Midlands spoke at the meeting afterwards. He described how the uprising in Los Angeles was a tremendous blow in support of the Vietcong and against Ameri-

can imperialism on a world scale.

In Britain the same explosive social forces which gave rise to Vietnam and Los Angeles were also producing a rapid radicalisation in the British working class. The Young Socialists in Leicester had already seen the willingness with which workers responded to a lead given by the YS in the struggle against rising rents.

## Leicester Federation aids tenants' fight

**I**N the middle of July, Leicester's Labour-controlled council announced that all council rents would be increased by 30 per cent from November. Since then many other councils have made similar decisions, with increases in some cases of up to £2.

The Leicestershire Federation of Young Socialists decided to give a lead in the fight against these increases. They saw clearly that there was no difference between a worker's wage being cut and his weekly rent being raised.

### Response

A series of public meetings were organised on most of Leicester's council estates. The response which the YS received from the tenants showed that many older workers welcome any lead given by the youth in the fight against Wilson's betrayal. On estate after estate, the public meetings were attended by large numbers of tenants.

The local press has attacked the Young Socialists for the role they have played in organising the tenants. They have advised all 'sensible, reasonable tenants' to have nothing to do with the YS, and the fight against the rent increases. The reply of the tenants to this uninvited advice has been a pronounced raspberry.

Leaders of the local Communist Party, which is very weak, particularly since the local Young Communist League members all joined the Young Socialists, have made a few attempts to divert the tenants' movement.

### Treacherous

They have argued that 'politics should be kept out' and that the only role of the youth is to push leaflets. Such a policy is completely treacherous and could only lead to the disarming and defeat of the tenants' movement.

In many of the meetings, tenants have paid tribute to the lead given by the Young Socialists. The feelings of the tenants were summed up at one meeting by a Communist Party member who said:

'I don't agree with everything the YS says, but you have done a great job in building this tenants' movement. Every other political organisation in Leicester should be ashamed that they have left the YS to do it on their own.'

An all-Leicester tenants' demonstration has been called for September 11. Many tenants are also supporting the demonstration at the Labour Party conference on September 26.

## Sack Wilson-Macdonald . . .

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part in that demonstration. At the rally afterwards, held in Trafalgar Square, we made it clear that all the promises that were being made at that time about 'modernising Britain', 'fair shares for all', and 'getting Britain moving' would prove to be empty talk unless the Labour government nationalised the basic industries and planned production in the interests of the working population.

What happened? Almost the first action of the Labour government was to deny the old people their much-needed pensions increase until the end of the winter. Thousands of old people died that winter as a direct result.

### Eaten away

Those that lived to get the miserly increase at the end of March found that most of it had already been eaten away by rises in the cost of living.

The reaction of the Young Socialists was immediate. We organised demonstrations and lobbies calling for the payment and backdating of the pensions increase and the nationalisation of the banks. Our Slogan was 'MAKE THE TORIES PAY!'

When Wilson shamefully supported, without so much as a word of criticism, the American government's war in Vietnam, only the Young Socialists came out on to the streets to condemn this betrayal of the revolutionary fighters in the Vietcong.

For the last eleven months, the role of the so-called 'left' in the Parliamentary Labour Party has been to cover up for Wilson. They do not, and cannot, mobilise workers in Britain to have done with Wilson's treachery to socialism. This is the aim that the Young Socialist movement sets itself.

From 1960 to 1964 we fought for socialist policies inside the Young Socialists when it was still part of the Labour Party. Not once did we give way on questions of socialist principle.

### Vicious attack

The reaction of the right-wing leaders and their full-time agents was to carry out a vicious witch-hunting attack against us.

In the summer of 1964, these full-time agents did not hesitate to call in the police to eject Young Socialists from Labour Party meetings. And why? Because the youth were fighting for socialist policies in opposition to the leadership of Wilson and Brown.

The socialist policies for which we fought had been democratically decided at the fourth annual conference of the Young Socialists, held at Brighton during Easter 1964. But the right-wing bureaucrats have no use for democracy when it does not suit their own interests. In the same way, no conference of the Labour Party gave them any mandate to carry out the policies they have

since taking power.

Can any lesson be clearer?

The vast majority of Young Socialists refused to tolerate the witch-hunting attacks, which eventually led to expulsions and closures on a scale unparalleled in the history of the British labour movement.

We maintained the branches, even though we were deprived of our premises in many areas. We organised the demonstration on September 27. We then organised against the betrayals of the Labour government in power. But we did more than that.

At the end of February this year, we held the fifth annual conference of the Young Socialists independently of the full-time Labour agents.

Over 1,000 young people attended. We re-affirmed our support for socialist policies: we demanded then that Wilson and his right-wing gang be called to a reckoning by the labour movement in Britain; we pledged ourselves to build the Young Socialists into a mass socialist youth movement that could provide an alternative leadership to Wilson and the right-wing.

No-one can call into question this record. We are today a rapidly expanding movement. Thousands of young people are coming into the Young Socialists in order to join battle with the employers, the Tories, and Labour ministers who carry out their policies.

### Confident

At the same time, we have never broken with Labour's rank-and-file. We are with them in all their struggles. We know that they will not tamely accept the betrayals of the last eleven months.

On the contrary, we are confident that the latest talk about compulsory wage restraint will only serve to provoke the fiercest opposition from all trade unionists.

That is why we are calling all Young Socialists and all young workers to demonstrate in Blackpool on September 26, the day before the Labour Party conference. That is why we are calling on all rank-and-file members of the labour and trades union movement who want to fight back to support us in every way possible.

The time to fight is now!

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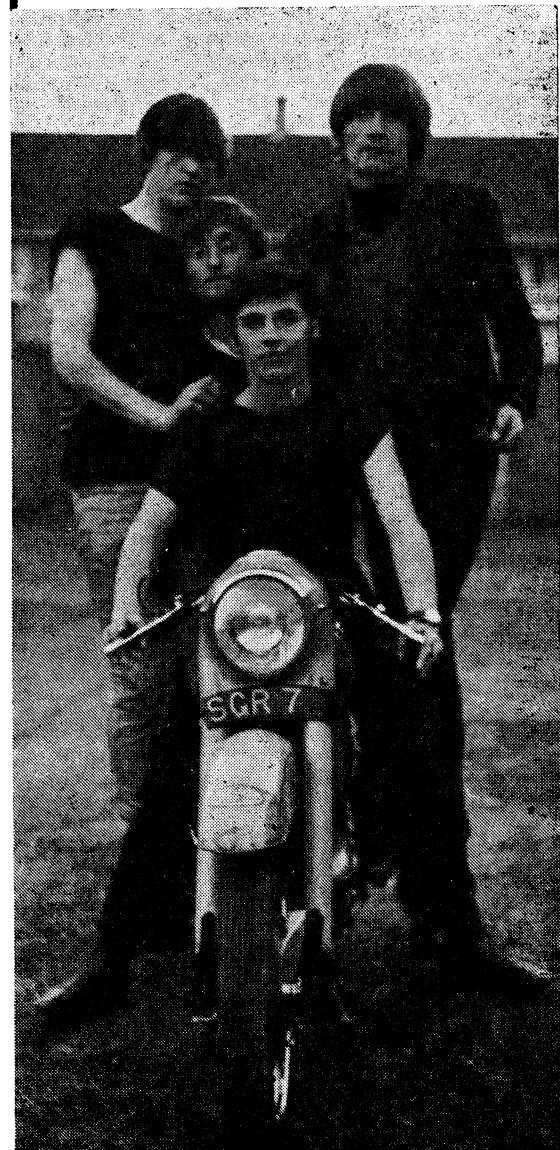
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**KENNETH SHARPE** of East Kilbride, Scotland, seen here with his friends, is the proud winner of the bike of his choice: a 250 c.c. Royal Enfield, the first prize in the Keep Left Spring Draw.