Thirteen weeks into the present coal strike, a BRS poll found 35% of Britons supporting the claims of the leadership of the National Union of Mine-workers -- not many fewer than the 41% supporting the National Coal Board. To the sort of people who read or write The Economist, this extent of public support is astonishing. (Economist, 30 June)

What astonishes this ruling-class organ is that sixteen weeks of hard class struggle have won the miners widespread support and respect.

Neither hunger, arrest nor murder has intimidated the miners through one after another pitched battle with the capitalist strikebreakers. On 18 June, in the most climactic of a series of fierce battles at Orgreave, ten thousand miners engaged thousands of cops and forced BSC to temporarily call a halt to coke deliveries there. But with two strikers dead, more than 1000 injured and nearly 4000 arrested, and after sixteen weeks of bitter struggle and hard sacrifice, the miners are fighting alone against Thatcher/MacGregor. And the fault for that lies squarely at the feet of the trade union bureaucrats, who are stabbing the miners in the back and sabotaging class solidarity.

Millions of workers and minorities chafing under this viciously strikebreaking, racist, anti-Soviet warmongering government are looking to the miners for a lead. 'If the miners can WE CAN' reads a sign in a small factory occupation in Dundee. When the miners marched through London on the 27 June day of action, they were greeted, cheered and applauded by old-age pensioners, young women wheeling prams, printers in their thousands lining Fleet Street, thousands more office workers in Holborn, pinstriped-suited clerks in the City. There were continued on page 3

Joe Green, union martyr

On 15 June Joe Green, a 55 year old miner at Kellingley colliery in Yorkshire was murdered. He was crushed to death by a scab lorry while on picket duty at Ferrybridge power station. Exactly three months after the murder of David Jones on a picket line at Allerton colliery Joe Green became the second miner in this strike to have given his life for the cause of the miners and of the whole working class.

It is as a courageous fighter for the union that working people will remember Joe Green. Speaking to a Spartacist Britain reporter on the day of his funeral, his old friend and fellow striker Cliff Grant requested that he be remembered in the following way: 'A great worker. As active in '72 and '74 strike as he was in this one. He was very much a loner in his social life but always willing to join in a laugh and a game. He will be missed by a lot of guys who knew him.' Like many miners Joe Green had experienced the hardship of pit closures. Twenty years ago he was forced to leave Fife in Scotland when the pit where he worked was closed down.

On June 22 in Pontefract many thousands of miners, young and old, marched quietly behind his funeral cortego in a solemn display of respect, strength and determination. Hundreds of people from the town lined the wayside in silent tribute. There were NUM banners from virtually every mining area in Britain with Kellingley and continued on page 4
Workers Power on the miners
Waiting for Murray

What can you say of an organisation which at the same time as demanding a general strike to smash the Tory attacks on the NUM, disgustingly supports in principle the call of ‘left’ leaders for a scab ballot? Or that characterised the leadership of Reagan/Thatcher’s ‘favourable' moment? Posing Solidarome as to ‘support the capitalist' and says it defends the Polish planned economy? And moreover supported Solidarome’s counterrevolutionary bid for power in 1981? Or of an organisation that pronounced ‘No to an Islamic Republic' before Khomeini came to power in Iran, but called for an ‘armed united front’ to put him to power and halted his victory? For an organisation that ‘fused'? You bet! Trotsky defined ‘socialist’ as ‘crystallised confusion' and this description fits none better than the centrist Workers Power (WP) group.

WP-a’s coverage of the miners strike has been full of left criticisms of the sellout Labour/TUC muddle. They attack Benn, the hero of this uneasy Labour-liquidatorist fake Trotskyists, for his parliamentary reformism, they denounce the SWP’s political leadership, they criticise the ‘left’ leaders of the rail unions. But share the capitalist viewpoint that the miners strike was a class war.

Workers Power, you would think this was the work of a member of the Trotskyist TUC bureaucracy — from Murray’s open denunciation of even a token one-day strike in Yorkshire in May to the TUC steel committee’s ‘final appeal’ to Bill Siri’s blatant scab-herding in the steel industry. The mistrust of militant trade unionists in Murray’s TUC is so well illustrated by the WP’s ‘excuse’ for not supporting the miners on 1 June forced to note:

‘The strike is not an immediate general strike to win the miners strike and smash the anti-union laws. Put in plain English, WP’s position amounts to telling NUM strikers that their strike is over to a bunch of proven scab-herders and strikebreakers. How could we be more clear to the miners and smash the anti-union laws. Put in plain English, WP’s position amounts to telling NUM strikers that their strike is over to a bunch of proven scab-herders and strikebreakers. We are fighting for a general strike, not a scab ballot. The Socialist League has consistently pointed out, ashort weeks of bitter class war. Then came the 1 June strike.

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of primarily Asian workers from the giant Ford Dagenham complex; black workers from Tottenham, Notting Hill, Dagenham, Woolwich, virtually every trade union in the London area; and, everywhere, the banners of the coalfield workers. "If the black在我esin a mass meeting, we are going to fill the office and print workers', reported the Times (28 June) "helped to ensure there was no trouble' In so many words does this Tory mouthpiece reveal that it is not the workers but the professional strikers paid to make them sick who are the trouble. Everybody now knows: the cops and the scabs have laid the law down in the streets. The struggle in the steelworks. When young David Jones was murdered one week after the miners were given a licence to kill strikers. 'Pavements filled with virtually every trade union in the London area; office and print workers', reported the Welsh striker remarked bitterly, 'Why don't they have their own self-defence funds? The power of the working class against the capitalist state. We say: Dump the class traitors! The reformist leaders who stand at the head of the bosses: Don't mourn, organise!'

As the flowery speeches of solidarity droned through the weeks of the Orgreave battle, one Welsh striker commented bitterly, 'Why don't they comment one printer on Fleet Street. Yet the organised infrastructure that seems to have a shroud on the labour movement would rather see seventy years of hard-won union rights destroyed and the bosses safe from any power of the working class against the capitalist state. What have the miners must not stand alone - Spread the strike to rail, steel, power, transport and the docks! Break the strikebreakers before they break up!'

Stop scab coal — shut down steel!

The miners are right in this. The battle for the overwhelming might of the capitalist state arrayed against them is nothing but a battle to split off the miners - to buy for miners' blood. Over fifty miners, including strikers at Betteshanger and Tilmanstone, have already been sacked for occupying their pits to prevent blacklegging.

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On 24 May, two days before the spring shutdown, 300 mainly white internal transport drivers at BL's Longbridge plant launched a determined strike for the reinstatement of Zedekiah Mills, a Black worker of 13 years standing. Brother Mills was harassed, racially abused and manhandled by a white foreman. When he defended himself the BL management sacked him. His union brothers in Longbridge struck, and over 1000 workers occupied the parts in the factory. Only the intervention of a full-time TUC official prevented pickets going in. Most of the drivers stayed out, bringing the whole of Longbridge to a standstill. The Mills strike eventually led to 19,000 layoffs throughout Austin Rover plants in the Midlands, as production of most of BL's revamped new model ranged ground to a halt.

This anti-racist strike, even though kept isolated and eventually defeated by union leaders' connivance with the management attack, stands out as a hard fight by organised labour to defeat a minority worker. Despite an avalanche of management propaganda in the local Evening Mail, and backtracking of racist statements from local union officials, the strikers showed the potential for class unity in this factory (the biggest in Birmingham) where large numbers of West Indians, Asians and Irish worked, against the racial divisions which the capitalist class in­

tends to use to bring down and destroy the strength of the organised working class.

The management at Longbridge, in a statement which literally nobody would believe, maintained that there is 'no racial prejudice' at their plant. Zedekiah Mills' own experience just in the last 24 hours must come as a reminder to all black workers. In BL: first a foreman swears abuse and harassment from another foreman, who immediately struck, paralysing the movement of all black workers. When he defended himself the BL sacked for defending himself for a black worker in BL: first a foreman swears abuse and harassment from another foreman, who immediately struck, paralyzing the movement of all black workers. When he defended himself the BL sacked for defending himself for a black worker in BL: first a foreman swears abuse and harassment from another foreman, who immediately struck, paralysing the movement of all black workers. When he defended himself the BL sacked for defending himself for a black worker in BL: first a foreman swears abuse and harassment from another foreman, who immediately struck, paralysing the movement of all black workers. When he defended himself the BL sacked for defending himself

The union should be declaring war on these racist managers, and the bosses. BL workers have got enough to strike over. A determined fight is needed to bring the bosses to heel, to win the reinstatement of Zedekiah Mills today.

On Thursday, 24th May, Zedekiah Mills, a black Starcha truck driver who has worked in Longbridge for 13 years and who had defended himself against a vicious stream of racist abuse from a foreman, Blacks, Asians, Irish and other minority workers had to face the kind of racist abuse day in and day out at BL. The management at Longbridge has harnessed 'divide and rule' tactics of the management. An injury to one is an injury to all! The whole of Longbridge should come out now and stay out until Brother Mills has been reinstated with full back pay -- and the strike should be 'up and running' to the whole of BL if necessary:

All the future of BL workers cannot be separated from the life and death fight that the miners are now locked into. They are fighting, for the rights of all workers. If the miners lose, we all lose! Spartacist militiants have been fighting to stop the Scab coal in the foundries at Longbridge (see report in Spartacist Britain no 56, May 1984). This week the miners strike launched by the Labour 'lefts' call for import controls to 'save' British capitalism, fuelling deadly racist divisions against the class struggle, em­
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Scotland leading the arse. A lone Scottish pianist played as the coffin was borne into the crematorium. The mourners were all Black, including one from the family of David Jones with the age: 32. His voice and life had been forgotten.

The blood of Joe Green and of David Jones is on the hands of Thatcher and MacGregor. The bourgeois press tried to cover up his murder, and organise the defeat of the NUM and the entire trade union move­

ment. Their lying press describes Joe Green's murder as a 'road accident'. As miners they died, and we are all Black workers. The NUM's statement that Harper once worked with the bosses' immigration laws!

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The strike was 'absolutely stupid'.... Everybody in this company knows that if someone hits another person it means instant dismissal. No one got injured, but you had to do something to have some sort of discipline. This was the open face of union racism and incidentally an object lesson in the logic of simple wage militancy where all the Socialists Workers Party that Harper once belonged to were blacklisted.

The national TUC officials responsible for the organisation of the Mills strike was a 'local issue' to be resolved at local level -- ie the union wouldn't back the strike. Infuriatingly of the strikers, Jack Adams himself announced on local radio before the first mass meeting that he expected the union to call out on the whole plant.

Zedekiah Mills is part of the capitalist war on workers and minorities that is the reflection of both imperialism's anti-Soviet war drive. Against the all-sided attacks on minorities we say: Down with the bourgeois nationalism! Down with the racist Nationality Act! No racist deportations -- full citizenship rights for all workers and their families! The 5000-strong labour/black mobilisation which drove the fascist Ku Klux Klan out of Washington DC two years ago and the successful defence of Lauren Noyee and Ray Palmero, an interracial couple, both phone worker militants against racist employers forced to a stop the Mills strike last year -- both initiated or heavily supported by the Spartacist Britain's campaign for a programme of class struggle to sweep away this racist, capitalist system once and for all.

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The fourth anniversary celebrations of the D-Day landings once again revived this time for the purpose of linking them with the anti-Soviet war drums — the myth that World War II was an "anti-fascist" one, a "people’s war" waged by Britain and the United States. For the Morning Star and sections of the Labour left the war is viewed as a golden age of "anti-fascism", national unity and friendship with the Soviet Union. This is a lie. The imperialists fought for the same reasons they fought in 1914: to defend their "right" to oppress and exploit the toiling masses of the world. Whilst Nazi Germany was unparallelled in its barbarity, the Anglo-American Allies were by no means fighting for "democracy" or "freedom". Hundreds of thousands of German civilians died at the hands of Allied Bomber Command firebomb terror raids, hundreds of thousands of Japanese were killed and maimed in a nightmare, exterminated the Jewish people, and against the Trotskyists who alone defended them, wailing about "Nazi infiltrators" and "subversive forces". This campaign continues even today: a 30 March 1986 article in the rabid anti-union Sun ralls against the Betteshanger miners' strike of 1942, "They went on strike in war — They're still pig-headed!"

During World War II only the Trotskyist movement defended the workers' struggles, sought to give them a lead and consistently politically opposed the imperialist war. As war approached in the mid-1930s Leon Trotsky spelled out the necessary revolutionary working-class stand in his "War and the Fourth International": "Defining the determined and devoted defender of the workers' state in the struggle with imperialism the international proletariat will meet, however, becomes an ally of the imperialist allies of the USSR. The proletariat of a capitalist country that finds itself in alliance with the most despotic and completely its irreconcilable hostility to the imperialist government of its own country... The transformation of imperialist war into civil war is that general strategic task to which the whole work of a proletarian party during war should be subordinate." (Writings 1929-34, emphasis in original)

As the news media cramped up the old wartime propaganda machine, the chieftains of the Allied imperialist powers scurried off to the Normandy beaches for the fourthtieth anniversary of D-Day. That brought these assorted imperialists, warring nations and monarchs together, more than a celebration of the past, was a reaffirmation of their commitment to the next world war, and to the anti-Soviet NATO alliance. A piece in the Times (6 June) said, "The D-Day landing in Normandy on June 6 1944 represents the zenith of achievement for the Anglo-American wartime partnership."

It was the last popular war for the Anglo-American imperialists, and it was soon over. It was popular because it was advertised as a "war against fascism", against Nazi Germany — a genuinely evil empire which turned Europe into a nightmare, strangled millions of Slavs and other peoples, strangled all working-class organisations and threatened to destroy the Soviet Union, the world's first workers state. Reagan and Thatcher would dearly like to revive the crusading atmosphere of World War II to mobilise war against Communism.

Once again the US and British imperialists are trying to claim credit for "defeating fascism". It was a lie then, and it's still a lie, except to the Russians who crushed Nazi Germany. In a column entitled "Chernysko Deserves To Be At Normandy", an anti-fascist liberal, Allan Aryan, Jr, pointed out: "In July 1943, the battle of Kursk broke Hitler's back in the East — an estimated 70,000 Nazi died and 5,000 tanks, planes and artillery were destroyed. Had the outcome been different, there almost certainly would have been no Allied landing in June 1944 and the swastika might have flown in Europe until 1950." (New York Times, 6 June 1984)

In fact, during most of the war in Europe there were two World Wars — nearly 95 percent of all German troops were engaged against the Russians until the 1944 invasion as Soviet Marshal Stalin put it bitterly last week.

But even as Reagan paid lip service to the 20,000 Belgian citizens who died in the war (the US lost 292,000), he managed to turn the ceremony in to a celebration of his so-called "liberation". "Some liberated countries were lost",

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Communist Party leader Harry Pollitt addresses pro-war 'Open the Second Front' rally at Trafalgar Square in 1942. A 1942 CP poster says 'Take the chains off production'. Stalinitists hailed strikebreaker Churchill, denounced miners strikes.

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Stalinitist bureaucratic rulers of the USSR. Scores of Trotskyists were shot by the Nazis throughout Europe, including 65 French and German Trotskyists shot in 1943 for building revolutionary cells in the German armed forces. Ceylonese Trotskyists who had gone to India to spread anti-imperialist propaganda and set up the Bolshevik-Leninist Party of India were tracked down by the British and jailed. As the German army attacked the USSR stalled had thousands of imprisoned Trotskyists, who had asked to be released to fight the imperialists, taken out and executed instead. Merchant seamen members of the US Socialist Workers Party were lost on Allied convoys sailing to Burma where they sought to distribute copies of Trotsky's 'Letter to Russian Workers'. In 1944 the Roosevelt government jailed 18 SWP members for their opposition to the imperialist carnage.

Here in Britain the Trotskyists, fighting under the Leninist banner 'The Main Enemy is at Home!', were denounced as 'Hitler's Agents' by the imperialists, taken out and imprisoned Trotskyists, who had asked to be released to fight the imperialists, taken out and executed instead. Merchant seamen members of the US Socialist Workers Party were lost on Allied convoys sailing to Burma where they sought to distribute copies of Trotsky's 'Letter to Russian Workers'. In 1944 the Roosevelt government jailed 18 SWP members for their opposition to the imperialist carnage.

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Stalin relied on the paper promises of the 1939 Nazi-Soviet pact to avoid war. Even when Operation Barbarossa was clearly imminent, he tried to save face by ordering his armed forces to resist the German invaders, to prepare the front lines, not to provok the Germans at all costs. Chief Marshal of Artillery N. Voronov later recalled: "My heart was very troubled. The war was drawing closer with every hour... But at the People's Commissariat of Defence little attention was paid to the danger signals... 'It's possible that there would he war in 1941. This view emanated from Stalin. (Seyrnyi Blask: I he Red Army in War, 1940-1945)"

What saved the day was the devotion of the Soviet working people. Stalin was in Berlin by October 1917 despite Stalin. In Leningrad the entire city was mobilised for a determined battle. Trotsky, the leader of the revolutionary episode when the giantIabor factory, which produced V-1 and V-2 missiles, tanks, canteens, under fire from German artillery, the workers formed a battalion and went to the frontline. The Army of the Labour Front halted, the city dug in for a siege of 900 days, a true defensive period which tested the limits of human endurance when starvation ran rampant in the winter of 1941-42. Over 400,000 died within the city itself, but the Nazi never succeeded in taking it.

The historic turning point of World War II came when the troops advanced later attacked by even such an arch-Communist as Winston Churchill's war machine. The population fought street by street, house by house, for an entire year in defense of all the war ravaged European peoples, its allies so less than the defeated Axis.

It was the sort of war that surprised its people. The Soviet Union, Spain, China, Morocco, India, and the United States immediately joined the anti-fascist war. For the Western 'democratic' allies, who had let the Soviet Union bear the brunt of the Nazi war machine for three years, the question now arose: 'Who gets Berlin?' And thereafter lies the origin of D-Day -- the race for Berlin and Germany, the key to Europe.

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I spent four days with a striker's family in Mansfield, and this is what I found. The police occupation — the cops are everywhere, patrolling on foot and in cars. Near a colliery or an estate where there have been strikes, they have set up picket lines. The police are on the lookout for young, and not so young, miners instead of blacks and Asian youth. As for the picket line at Sherwood on the Wednesday morning I was stopped by two cops, and I was told that if I went to the picket line I would be arrested.

The other tactic the cops are using is the 'mobilise every able-bodied man and woman for the war'. Any scab with a grievance simply has to ring up the cops who then undertake 'investigations'. The 'mobilisation' of workers and management to boost production and overcome such difficulties as union demarcation lines and the unwillingness of workers to work longer hours. The 'national interest'. The police are not to be tolerated. Speed the training and placing of women in all industries to release large numbers of men for the armed forces."

Trotskyism v Stalinism in the coalfields

Due largely to conciliation, the wartime increase in the demand for coal had to be met by an older and smaller workforce. After June 1941 the CP set itself the task of mobilising its considerable numbers in the coalfields and overcame such difficulties as union demarcation lines and the unwillingness of workers to work longer hours. Churchill mobilised every able-bodied man and woman for war service in the armed forces, civil defence and industry. No evasions to be tolerated. Speed the training and placing of women in all industries to release large numbers of men for the armed forces."

The Trotskyists intervened: "Clear out Hitler's gang of thugs who had gathered shortly before the attempts of Yorkshire Miners Association to make the SS, the 'national interest'. The Trotskyists' ideas were beginning to make an impact on the mass movement of the working class. The CP leadership, however, remained determined to continue on the same line, while the Trotskyists were being driven underground."
Complete with extensive Big Lie quotations from Rothemere and his decade before had been screaming 'Hurrah for the Wales miners were on strike against a pay award which does not contain a minimum of five lies.' back ing for Hitler's 1939 'peace' moves. The colonial independence and exposed the prentices greeted the proposal with outraged publications in the pamphlet detailed the dramatically, lies but also recommended its readers should the pamphlet which less than a reward 'To

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at pits and engineering factories throughout the country. Needham was in his usual strident mood, announcing in the Daily Worker 'Lads
duped to aid Trotskyist and ILP anti­war

Nine of the sixteen apprentices pleaded guilty for being too ignorant on an apprentice brought to court 'on the instructions of the CP' members, not the Stalinists who were watching the Trotskyist's activity with trepidation. On 22 February the Daily Worker, in an article by Bill Whittam, wrote, 'it think it is clear from this [reports] that the militant socialist movement is playing an active part in the mineworkers apprentices agitation but also in the miners smashing the CP's dictatorship. It will be asked to take steps to intern these agi­tators' (quoted in Richard Croucher, 'Engineers

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dition, turned down by virtually every Western government! From the standpoint of Western demagoguery, for medical treatment were turned down. I could appreciate the full advantage of democracy or as a campaign issue. For example, in the last chapter (The Planet Without a Vote) of his 1929 autobiography, My Life, he contrasted the war in Greece and Italy. The enemies of Peraio and the king of Afghanistan had no difficulties obtaining asylum from one of the crowed heads of Europe. Nor would the 'dissident' Sakharov.

It is perfectly clear that Dr Sakharov would be the last to know to the West. Even today he has valuable secrets which haven't necessarily been deceived by time and we have a mostly very proposal. Since the Cold Warsters and Reaganists claim their only concern is 'humanitarianism' and not strategic-alleging that the Americans must do. They must support in every way the union's fight to mobilise the unions in gigantic combat against its bosses. And that makes all their left criticisms even the appearance of unity with the opportunist leaders of the Labour Party and the trade union bosses. (Prefix to Miners is Britain Going?, 6 May 1986)

Miners who have been reading our paper will know that it is the only one that does not whitewash and excuse the betrayals of the Labour and trade union misleaders or coddle cops and scabs. This is a sharp contrast to the message of the fake left. The supposedly Trotskyist claims that the MP's speech went onto their front page just in time for him to return at the miners. Socialist Worker urges 'Turn sympathy into solidarity' but refuses to fight for solidarity that counts — spreading the strike. 'Militant' wants cops unmanned and scabs gives 'dispensation'. And the Morning Star is busy peddling lies that Kinnock is backing the miners. And where Socialist League supporters in the NUR in London and the T&G in British Picardie. His was a major threat to the workers' struggles in giant herds. But for that, the Bolsheviks must be unmasked and their 'far left' valets must be unmasked.
The Europe of workers struggles against the Europe of NATO

We reprint below (translated from Le Bolchevik no 58, June 1984) a statement by our comrades of the Ligue Trotskyiste de France (LTF) on the recent elections to the so-called 'Parliament' of the European Economic Community. The most dramatic and ominous result of these 'Euro-elections' came in France, where the fascist Front National (FN) under Jean-Marie Le Pen gained more than 11 per cent of the vote, nearly surpassing that of the French Communist Party (PCF).

The present growth of French Fascism is graphic testimony to the dangerous consequences of an evasion of class struggle, of the虚伪 austerity government of Francois Mitterrand, including PCF ministers. When the fascists staged a race-bate march through Paris 14 June, the reformists organised a large counter-demonstration away from Le Pen's rally. But more than forty demonstators joined in with a spirited LTF contingent, drawn behind our banners calling for mass trade union/minority mobilisation to sweep the fascists off the streets and for a general strike to smash Mitterrand's austerity drive and open the road to a revolutionary workers government.

Most of the self-styled 'left' in Britain responded to the Euro campaign with pathetic pleas for workers to get out and vote for Neil ('I deplore the miners' violence') Kinnock's PCF, labelling the FN a 'bourgeois extremist', unopposed in the Common Market. Socialist Action (1 June), self-appointed spokespeople for the Labour bureaucracy, called only for an easy job of marshallig the ranks and getting Labour's supporters to the polls... and indeed only 31 per cent of the electorate even bothered to vote. Most striking, however, was the contrivt Workers Power group's (WP). Its 6 June article correctly labelled the EEC a 'business market', pointed to the EEC's significance to European imperialism's 'role as junior partner to the USA in its attempt to put pressure on, undermine and to break upon the Soviet union and Eastern Europe to capitalistic exploitation', and then urged... a vote for Labour 'and for what? So that the strikebreaking, pro-imperialist Labourites would have 'a tribute to undermine the policies of Europe's capitalists'? Don't hold your breath. Trotskyists draw conclusions from their analysis. We said: Boycott the 'elections' to NATO's Common Market!

For the second time since 1979 elections are taking place for the European 'Parliament' against the background of a West Europe deeply shaken by the combined effects of the rise in class struggle throughout the continent, and of the preparations for war against the USSR and the deformed workers states where the bourgeoisie has been expurgated, in order to give a new lease of life to its sclerotic veins of capitalism.

The 1979 elections preceded the Second World War, 'war requires "civil peace"'. The bourgeoisie cannot wage war against the USSR without having first defeated the proletariat.

Already, hundreds of thousands of Europeans have mobilised against NATO's decision to make Europe the 'theatre' of its 'limited' nuclear war, even polarising certain countries like West Germany. To be sure, the missles (6 or 8 minutes from Moscow) are an accomplished fact. But, today, the fantastic social power of the proletariat is finally on the rise, countering through-out Europe against the capitalistic austerity plans. And in France, if the immigrant workers, above all in the car industry, are the spearhead of the 'Europe of workers', those workers, above all in the motor industry, are the special target of Mitterrand like the reactionaries of all stripes, this is precisely because they are the spearhead of workers' struggles for the past three years and are the least susceptible to the chauvinist propaganda of the 'West German' 'bureaucrats'.

The West German metalworkers like the British miners or Italian workers are engaged in class battles against the countries of the most important known in these countries. And it is these sorts of battles which will decide the fate of Europe and of the planet.

Boycott the 'European' elections!

Revolutionaries generally seek to participate in elections and in national bourgeois parliaments in order to use them as tribunes for propaganda and agitation for the revolutionary programme. But the Strasbourg 'Parliament' is a parliament only in name. A structure without power, its political function, alongside that of the EEC, is finally on the road to self-destruction... a constant concern among the European parliamentarians.

But, for example, Mitterrand's recent speech about 're-launching the West European union' was concretised in one only initiative: a noisy campaign by the EEC in favour of the pro-imperialist dissident Sakharov. (The imperialists would like to blackmail the USSR and force it to send the father of the Soviet H-bomb to the West, and with him his vital military secrets which even the New York Times says are 'probably still of major value to foreign governments'.) We defend the right of expression for the dissidents, including anti-socialists and reactionaries, so long as they are not actively engaged in an attempt to overturn the gains of the 1917 Revolution. In the case of Sakharov, there is no doubt that he would proceed to tell all he knows to the West and, in this case, we insist that the USSR has the right to take measures of self-protection.

Such anti-Soviet campaigns orchestrated around a Sakharov or the counterrevolutionaries of Solidarnosc, signed up with the biggest lies possible (like the so-called 'victories' of the Afghan mujahids who are in fact, and happily, reinforcing the Red Army in the Soviet union and Eastern Europe, etc). But for the workers, the NSF, the socialists and the communists, the only place for the 'victories of the West European union' founded on a Europe of workers, the only place for the 'victories of the West European union' founded on a Europe of workers, is in the streets, in struggle... a constant concern among the European parliamentarians. The Europe of workers, the only place for the 'victories of the West European union' founded on a Europe of workers, is in the streets, in struggle... a constant concern among the European parliamentarians.