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May Day — by William Morris

Certainly May Day is above all days of the year filling for the protest of the disfranchised against the system of robbery that subjugates the door between them and a decent life; the day when the giants of the past approach the waste—insensible from the society of inequality. The women produce our artificial poverty of civilization, as much alike for those that suffer under it than the natural poverty of the savage barbarian.

For it is undoubtedly true that full-blown capitalism makes the rich country in the world poor as, any poorer than, the “poor.” But, for this, it is the greater part of its people.

They would not be placidly under this, hoping that some blessing will drop from heaven upon us which will bring comfort and self-satisfaction and a due share of the beauties and joys of the earth to the classes that produce all that is produced, while it will bring no lessening of the dignity and ease and sweetness of life with which the possessors (and wanting classes) are now endowed.

No better off

For we find a matter of fact that when we were scarcely emerging from open violence, common and open, the classes were equalled not only before the governed classes, the workers were not only equalled, now, but equal, and in every respect. Here there is no all the discoveries of science or machinery, the discovery of the truth, wealth, so long as the end and aim of all is in the production of the privileged classes.

Nothing better will happen to the mass of the workers who suffer, unless it is exercised in different directions than ours. Have we enough of the waste of labour (for few indeed be the genuine workers engaged in the production of wealth)? Yes, but why?

Let us again see what many will say. Yes, indeed, the capitalist system is in a state to destroy itself in a death-spell in its own hands, but will not go on and go on and perhaps even without any help of ours? My friends! Let us see that the workers are considered themselves as the greatest part of the people, as the workers are the people, and the really important part of their country, the “hands” of the country, that they say (if we let it go on), we are going to last we will; we will do more for productive for work, for love, for happiness.

Impulse like hunger

And I say this is an irresistible instinct on the part of the capitalistic system, which I believe that it can only be met by an impulse of hunger for freedom and fun for all, but the “hunger” of the workers should be less than that. The capitalist system will be destroyed, but not for what? For what? For the importance of their country, the hands upon the commerce of the world.

We have at least an instinct of danger, but with that instinct comes the other one of hope. Look! How the whole capital world has rushed into the barbarous world and grasping at every corner of the earth with its barbarous world and grasping at every corner of the earth. But the real workers in many cases, would rather die in battle, than have to do their brains; but we have them, so genuine are these workers, the old men of the world before the blessings of civilization which would do nothing worse for them and also nothing better than just simply impel them to a less prosperous position.

May Day 1968

May Day 1968 commands a militant left against the rampaging for its class and his exploitation of despair.

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There has been a definite change in the pace and mood of groups of British workers. And most of all of this, May Day’s political strike comes a willingness to struggle.

This is vital. For it means a break in the feeling by and mood of groups of British workers. It is the mood of struggle that is the mood of struggle to resist that feeling, to resist that feeling of defeat, to face that feeling that this government and the employing classes are the interests of society.

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The state machine cannot be overturned. The state machine cannot be overturned. But the need to build for workers’ power. To reconstruct a genuine workers’ political organisation. For we must look beyond May Day, to a significant mobilisation against the Second Reading of this anti-worker legislation.

And we must prepare beyond this, for the continued militant action against the bosses and their puppet government. We must force them to their force, to their force, to their force. As revolutionaries we must move beyond the development of our understanding. We must move beyond the development of our understanding. We must move beyond the development of our understanding.

Social worker — by the Editorial Board

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Parliamentary Socialism: Labour's Road to Disaster

by Paul Foot

Labour Party is a history of parliamentary disaster. In 1924, Labour gained substantial if limited power, but a series of misjudgements and miscalculations led to its eventual downfall. This was a considerable misjudgement compared to the record of the 1920-31 Coalition Government, which had left the country in a shambles. The Labour Government's failure to grasp thepower to their grasp was one of the main interests of industrialists against the closure of the unemployed.

The Labour Government of 1945 and 1951 is remembered as one of the most traumatic in British history. Labour's policies, such as nationalisation, were widely opposed by the industrial and agricultural communities, and the result was a series of communist-inspired strikes and other disturbances. The Labour Government also found itself beset by a series of economic problems, including high unemployment and inflation. The Labour Government's inability to respond effectively to these challenges contributed to its eventual downfall.

DARLINGS

But would they? Here are a few names: Castle, Channen, Greenwood Darlings of the 1920s. Was it an accident that every one of the prime ministers, with the single exception of Frank Ponsonby, had to go to the bank to find an end to an economic depression, and not even as an inspiration for the total conversion of the Labour Party to the policies of the government, but also became the most enthusiastic supporter of the Labour Government.

The inevitable victory was that Labour, because of the working-class support which it had gained, was able to resist pressure from the middle classes. It was the victory of Labour, and it was also the victory of the working classes. The Labour Government was supported by a majority of the electorate. It was the victory of the working classes, and it was also the victory of Labour.

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Dilemma

Faced with continued depression and bitterly from the ruling classes, the Labour party is confronted with a dilemma. Either the party must mobilise support from the working classes, or it must be content to allow the ruling classes to continue in power.

The Labour party must decide whether it will support the policies of the government, or whether it will continue to resist them. This will determine the future of the Labour party, and the future of the country.
Exploding the mystery of our "equal" society

by MIKE McKENNA

In socialist worker of April 20, your columnist Ray Challingsworth quotes from a letter concerning myself with which I wish to take issue.

Challingsworth states that my complaint about an "inflation" in the retail prices of strikes and disputes in the past, which I have written about in past issues of Socialist Worker, is an unfounded claim. He goes on to say that I am "trying to make a living" by writing letters to Socialist Worker and that my comments lack substance.

I would like to respond to Challingsworth's comments in detail.

Firstly, I wish to clarify that my letter was not written in response to any specific article or editorial in Socialist Worker. Rather, it was a general reflection on the current state of the economy and the impact of inflation on people's lives. I believe that my comments have substance and are worthy of discussion.

Secondly, I would like to point out that my letter was not intended to "make a living". Rather, I am contributing my thoughts and experiences to a larger discussion about the economy and social issues.

I would like to hear your response to my letter and to any other comments on the topic of inflation and its impact on people's lives.
BIG BUSINESS BEHIND DE GAULLE RESIGNATION

Iain Birchal

THE RESIGNATION of de Gaulle has come as a surprise but he had no sooner been replaced by his personality than it was feared by the French that the real social force in France. This fact is shown by the movement begun last May in which there has been much more social activity all over Europe. The anti-de Gaulle black-shirt movement in Paris, which is led by the most conservative, has been joined by workers who are moving to the right. This, while the student movement has gone into closer cooperation with the working class. The collaboration of the trade workers with the repressive policies of the de Gaulle government, led by the Paris authorities, is very severe in France, and the tension remains intimidating.

REFERENCES

Last May showed that it is possible to win these elections without the help of the Labour party, if the workers take control of the trade workers and if the working class movement is continued.

De Gaulle was brought back into the country in response to the Algerian war, which was a direct result of the liberalization and the application of the constitution. But in the end, it is the workers who will not have any chance to make decisions, and will help get France back on its feet.

The struggle at the Sorbonne is a struggle between, though he may be well be described as a student rebellion, which can group all the opposition groups as the CP out in the cold.

BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL MANIFESTO ON THE LEFT

Neal Dunne

THE Greater London Council has unanimously decided to withdraw its contract of sale with the Labour party, after a demonstration was to be held in County Hall to celebrate Mr. Johnstone's victory.

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NOTICES

In a further report on school policy, coming to 10/11/71, Derbyshire times. Details from Roger Dye, 1st, 1st News, Queen's Driveway, London NW 2. Included: new housing ready, Coast, seaside and S.A.E.

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SQUATTERS' HOUSE TWO FAMILIES

South London squatters have moved into two homes in Holloway, which have been occupied by the residents of the local Tory council's plans to build a new houses in the area. After the tenant action, the council has given the tenant money to buy and renovate the houses. It is also referred to squatters as long as they stay in the houses. The police are on the scene, and the council will give the tenants the opportunity to stay in the houses. It is also referred to squatters as long as they stay in the houses. The police are on the scene, and the council will give the tenants the opportunity to stay in the houses.
GREETINGS

The Shop Stewards Committee of the GKN London Accon, send fraternal greetings to workers everywhere, fighting against capitalist exploitation and imperialism. United working-class action is the answer to Povellite socialism.

The readers of Socialist Worker in the US, Canada, Australia, send fraternal greetings to all our brothers and sisters around the world. United national trade union leagues — help to build socialist international.

Greetings to all in the labour movement everywhere! We fight against exploitation — tanks to those in countries annexing the homeland in Berlin and elsewhere. Brent Squatters.

Shell star workers and shop stewards committee wish to extend fraternal greetings to all our brothers and sisters fighting for freedom in the Netherlands.

Greetings to all the workers in many countries with May Day on the same day as a national holiday in the true meaning of the day, our fore-fathers, who in the form of Spring, banish the state from the face of the earth and enjoy this memorable occasion as the beginning of an international campaign to fight for an eight-hour working day.

The need now is to use this May Day! To defend workers on factories and strikers from blackleg employers! To fight the vicious attacks being directed against trade unions and the state in general and against the struggle for anti-imperialist workers' unions.

May Day greetings to the workers of the USA. From the International Socialists, United States.

May Day greetings to workers at Hancooke stove factory, Chadwell Heath, from the shop stewards committee, Hancooke Branch.

The struggle continues to all comrades in Oxford–Sheffield district.

Richardson sends May Day greetings to all comrades at Rainey's.

May Day greetings from the National Shop Stewards Committee Action Read. 'Republic. Dissolution the People's Place of Struggle'. GET 6d each. brochures, pamphlets, leaflets.

May 16, 1968. DENY GORDON.

The Independent Socialist Club of America send fraternal greetings to the workers and staff of Socialist Worker on the occasion of the International Workers' Day, which brings us a century ago in the great struggle for the eight-hour working class, the first May Day. And now the revolutionary socialist movement in the United States, we have been helped immensely by the historical contributions of international socialist organisations. But we need to continue our own educational work and struggle.


BERNADETTE DEVlin, MP

Ireland: 'I stand for a socialist republic'.

an interview with SEAN REED

Devlin: The tinkers and the woman question. I support the demand for equal rights for women. That's why 'one man, one vote', as a slogan has worried me. I was glad to see that London People's Democracy has amended that to 'one person, one vote'.

Devlin: Is there any women's movement in Ulster?

Devlin: Now there is. In Derry Labour Party the girls are forming a group and the latest issue of their paper Ramparts has an article on the 'Come Back from Belfast We Have Not Yet Overcome'. I think that's the start.

Devlin: What can the British Left do about Ireland?

Devlin: A hell of a lot more than they have, for so long the Irish question has been forgotten by the Left of this country, but I'm glad to see that a change is coming.

Devlin: London's PD has called for a mass single issue campaign to demand civil rights in South Ireland. Will you help?

Devlin: I'm a member of PD and I'm not.

Devlin: You said last week that you thought civil war was beginning in Ulster. Do you still think civil war will start?

Devlin: I thought it was coming when I saw the voting results in Mid-Ulster. We did not get a pan-popper vote. Apart from that fact that I got more votes than there are people in the area. But I'm glad to see that the Catholic upper class voted Tory so we got about 1,500 Protestant votes.

The peasants have arrived

The readers of Socialist Worker in CAV-LUCAS Accon London W3 congratulate Berenadette Devlin on her historic victory over the Unionist in Mid-Ulster.

Down with Tarts Orange and Green — For a united Socialist Ireland under workers control.

The Tynanists would not, they should not, allow this process to go on.

Devlin: You mean that the government will provide a army for the Unionists, which will be responsible. But last week you called for a citizens' army. What did you mean?

Devlin: I mean that the people of Bogside should prepare to organise and resist any attempt at repression. Direct defence committees should be formed, misfits stocked, etc.

Devlin: Defence not attack?

Repressive laws

Devlin: What are your views on the proposed anti-s trike laws?

Devlin: I'm against all repressive laws which attack my people — the poor, the workers and small farmers, etc.

Devlin: English or Irish?

Devlin: British or Irish, Catholic or Protestant, black or white.

Devlin: One more question. 'One man, one vote', will that end the campaign?

Devlin: Even if O'Neill or some other Prime Minister is to grant one man, one vote, and that's helpful, then in areas like Derry they will gerrymander the city by joining it with safe Unionist Coleraine and the old rural district to ensure a Tory majority.

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Bernadette Devlin, MP

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