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Vietnam, Cambodia, Kent University — the Big Business slaughter mounts

MURDERER

March, demonstrate, strike against war

BY THE EDITOR

THE AMERICAN RULER’s war machine rolls on, killing and looting. After the slaughter of Vietnam, the rape of Cambodia, the bloody murder at Kent University, Ohio.

The ordinary people of the world have to pay a high price in order that the planet is kept under the iron heel of big business. Nixon says he wants peace. He is a liar. Nixon says he wants freedom. He is a murderer.

The peace and freedom he wants is in the right for the American ruling classes to invade any country, anywhere, anytime, to unleash the most modern and frightening weapons and resort to pogroms which people struggling for the basic right to run their own affairs.

The giant corporations of America believe that they have some god-given law to dominate and divide the world in the interests of profit.

... and then they profit, millions, slave. Those who do not directly face the bullets of American imperialism confront a darker, slower death from disease and hunger.

This is the great contribution to mankind of the big business capitalistic system. It has developed the most spectacular scientific advances.

The factories churn out an endless stream of modern equipment, the computers tick away, men labor for the noon.

But the fantastic possibilities which such developments open up for the whole world are stifled by the endless race for profit, a race which is at the expense of the vast majority.

The benefits of modern capitalism can be seen at work in SE Asia. Instead of being used to fight against bombings, bombs, instead of food, defoliation, burning land into desert.

‘Aggression’

Nixon speaks of defending freedom. He means the freedom of the bayonet and the bomb. And in the poor land of the free, where millions rot on the dole, people, the only security, freedom lies in a pool of blood in Cambodia.

We have the power to stop all this. The exploitation and domination of the world by big business can be defeated when the great mass of working people organise to take power away from the tiny groups that twist and distort our lives.

In Vietnam, the people are fighting back — and winning. In America, the black people, the day-to-day, the oppressors and students are organizing. We support them unconditionally.

... But more is needed. The system must be fought in every country and in every factory. America. France. Japan. Russia. Britain. In every country, the system must be fought.

Support

The enemy against whom the people in SE Asia are fighting is our enemy too. Their struggle is our struggle.

March, demonstrate, strike, against the war. Give unconditional support to SE Asia. Stand with America and Mexico who are fighting the murderer.

Our most vital contribution is to fight the enemy at home, by building a mass revolutionary working-class movement which will put an end to capitalist oppression once and for all.

Students face sack

Old May Day march

LIVERPOOL — 20 students have been suspended from Kirkby college of Further Education for taking part in the official May Day march called by Liverpool Trades Council last Friday.

The college principal said this week that the students will be expelled unless they signed a statement agreeing not to go on further demonstrations. He has also suspended the students’ union and its representatives.

... The students have replaced the elected officials of the college.

We condemn

Fleet Street witch-hunt

THE HALF AND A DIME PRESS showed last week how worried it is to the growth of the revolutionary socialist movement when it launched an hysterical witch-hunt. Our title is Mrs. Whipper, who was sacked from her job at the Goring Hotel.

Mr. Whipper is a member of the Socialist Labour League. The press, including the Evening Times, spent much time and energy in driving into Mrs. Whipper’s political past in a desperate attempt to paint a picture of disruption and subversion throughout the hotel.

Socialist Worker condemned this vitriolic character assassination and threatened that the accused has no right to answer the lies and half-truths. We express our solidarity with Mrs. Whipper and her organisation.

We defend the right of revolutionary socialists to work where they choose. Socialists are not ‘disrupters’. We work patiently to build up a body of working-class opinion that will accept our programmes for transformation of the big business system that dominates and threatens all our lives.

It is in this system, with its chaotic scramble for markets and profit, that is behind the strikes and turmoil in industry. Big business pays an enormous army of private detectives and security men to spy and hound militant workers and socialists in our so-called democratic society.

Reactionary

We call upon all industrial workers to ignore this reactionary Tory witch-hunt. In particular we call on all the journalists to refuse to write and print these vicious lies.

THE TITANIC PRESS

We condemn

Fleet Street witch-hunt

9 May

assemble Trafalgar Sq 1.30pm

March on Grosvenor Square

Assemble and march behind IS banners.

Bring branch banners, posters, red flags — and every member and supporter.

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Notebook on US aggression: page 2
THAILAND
Population: 33 million
Number of doctors: 4,832
Capital: Bangkok
Government: military, by order of the regime
General: Chief of Staff, Deputy Prime Minister, etc.
Per cent of budget spent on military/police: 63 per cent
Number of men under arms: approx. 400,000
(250,000 in Vietnam and 150,000 in Laos)
US aid: 3 per cent of the Gross National Product
US expenditure on military bases in Thailand: $189 million
US troops in Thailand: no information available

S. VIETNAM
Population: 17 million (including 2 million war refugees)
Number of doctors: 1,220
Capital: Saigon
Government: military, by order of the regime
President: President of the Government (defacto General—Thieu)
Per cent of budget spent on military/police: 65 per cent
Number of men under arms: approx. 2 million
US aid: $678 million (large underestimate)
US military assistance (on paper): $450 million
US military expenditure: at least $300 million per month
Number of men under arms: approx. 2 million
US aid: $678 million (large underestimate)
US military assistance: at least $250 million
US troops in South Vietnam: at least 340,000
Opposition: National Liberation Front controls much of country outside main cities

LAOS
Population: 3.9 million (approx) (including 600,000 war refugees)
Number of doctors: 100
Capital: Vientiane
Government: "Coalition" controlled by Right and Army (Prime Minister: Souvanna Phouma)
Per cent of budget spent on military/police: 63 per cent
Number of men under arms: 60,000 plus 12,000 irregulars
US aid: 3 per cent of national budget
US military assistance: classified, but will exceed previous year's figure of $400 million in 1968 to 1970, secret US military program, Project 419, the "black" budget, to be admitted, but as many as 25,000 military "advisers" and others, including 100 "assistant military advisors" in Green Beret units, Air America, "civilian" air assistance, etc., plus CIA "special forces" of 50,000 men, several Thai battalions, NB: 15,000 Laotian air force per month in Laos from bases in Thailand, French, Australian, UK, etc.
Opposition: Pathet Lao in military control of two thirds of country in north, east and west.

CAMBODIA
Population: 6.5 million
Number of doctors: 400
Capital: Phnom Penh
Government: formerly Assembly under President Sihanouk
Phnom Penh, now overthrown by 1 March by Prime Minister, General Lon Nol, with阴谋ist CIA coup against King and Queen
Per cent of budget on military/police: under Sihanouk 25 per cent
Number of men under arms: under Sihanouk, 25,000; now projected to increase from 35,000 to 250,000
US aid: 0
US military assistance: 0; small arms now promised
US troops: just入侵 by division of at least 20,000 men
Opposition: minor Right and Left wing rebels in north-west and south-west, support, north-east (with South Vietnamese CIA support) and north-east.

DEENDING "FREEDOM" US troops go into action in Cambodia

THE INVASION of Cambodia by US troops last week is only the latest stage in a long history of US aggression against the border of the US
Despite President Johnson's attempts to obscure the facts of the attack, the US and the South Vietnamese SAIGON forces have been waging a war in Cambodia for at least a year, after the US withdrew from the border of South Vietnam in March. The war has now spread to Cambodia itself.

In mid-March, US forces hit the roads of southern Cambodia with tanks and artillery. The US has been preparing for this attack for months, sending in supplies and building up its forces in the border areas.

The invasion is a direct challenge to the neutralist position of the United Nations, which has recognized the border as an international boundary. The US, by its actions, is seeking to establish a事实 de facto colonial presence in Cambodia.

The invasion has been condemned by the United Nations Security Council, which called on the US to withdraw its forces immediately.

The US has responded to the UN's condemnation by increasing its military activities in Cambodia, sending in more troops and air support.

The invasion has also been condemned by the Soviet Union, which has called for the withdrawal of US troops and the restoration of peace in Cambodia.

The invasion has serious implications for the future of Cambodia. The US is seeking to establish a事实 de facto colonial presence in Cambodia, which will inevitably lead to increased instability and conflict in the region.

The invasion is also a clear violation of international law, as it was carried out without the consent of the Cambodian government.

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Nine days that shook the bosses

by Richard Kirkwood

Forty-four years ago this week the organized labour movement faced its greatest test this century — the General Strike of 1926.

No event is so surrounded by mystery, legend and myth. But in the failure of the strike lie many lessons for the trade union movement of today.

The collapse of the strike was in the prolonged crisis of the big business system which engulfed Europe. In the early 1920s, a wave of strikes swept across Europe. Strikes were to result in the great depression of the 1930s.

The events in Britain were the continuation of this wave. In 1925, the miners went on strike, but their struggle was put down by the TUC. The TUC government under Bonar Law established a Royal Commission into coal nationalization in spite of support from the TUC for the miners. This undermined the major nationalization of the miners' union, forcing the government to offer a six-months' subsidy. Baldwin said he was not ready for a showdown.

But by the beginning of 1926 it was clear that the employers and the TUC were driven to ready to stand and fight.

**Struggle**

The miners were the vanguard of the struggle for the victory of the working class. The TUC's 1925 government was as arrogant as ever. The TUC ordered the miners to return to work but the miners refused.

The TUC ordered a showdown and the miners' union, the National Union of Mineworkers, agreed. The members of the union's leaders, including the British Fascists.

More aggressive sieges were taken. The General Strike of 1926 saw the TUC control the trade union movement, aiming to avoid the result of the General Strike of 1935.

**NEXT WEEK:**

The leaders' betrayal...
Story: John Taylor
Pictures: Chris Steele-Perkins

THE COUNCIL will expose and prosecute every case of Blackmanism brought before it," promised Alderman Arthur Grey, leader of Newcastle upon Tyne Council, in December.

This month's Bulletin of the city's West End Tenants' Association documents the reality. Landlords do as they please, because the Civic Centre refuses to enforce the Rent Act and give tenants protection from harassment and illegal eviction.

Mrs Ann Davidson, for instance, got her rent for one unfurnished room at 70 Elswick Road reduced last year from £2 13s 6d to £1 19s a week. She lived there with her two children.

Midnight visit

The landlord retaliated by locking her out - she had no front door key. With his mates behind him, he banged on her door in the middle of the night, demanding her old rent and trying to force his way in. The landlord threatened to put Mrs Davidson through the window. He threatened her son. He switched off the electricity. Mrs Davidson asked for police protection. They said they couldn't watch her home all the time.

The Tenants' Association took her to the legal department of the Civic Centre. This is the department that prosecutes for Rent Act offences. They didn't have sufficient evidence, they said. So Mrs Davidson was hurried back to her home. There was no prosecution.

'Move out'

Another case. Mr Vic Redman, of 162 Westmorland Road, was thrown out by the landlady's son and was threatened. With a memorandum from the Tenants' Association, he went to the police. They told him not to worry - he had no idea what the law was.

When he was told, he said: 'This is a fine place to be a tenant back home, but there would only be more trouble in the police.'

The police suggested that Mr Redman move out to the Salvation Army hostel.

Mr Redman did sleep there, but left his belongings in the room.

When he returned he found his food and possessions smashed round the room. The landlady's son told him to get out as the room had been rented, which was true. Then he threw Mr Redman's things around some more.

This was illegal eviction, surely, as well as harassment, because the landlord relet the room while Mr Redman's things were still there. Inefficient evidence, said the Civic Centre. Yet there was an independent witness and the landlady later charged with malicious damage, actually pleaded guilty.

But even this reluctant police prosecution was a cover-up. She was charged with causing £1 damage, but the real damage totalled £20.

Her son did the damage, yet she was charged and pleaded guilty. And so the matter was hushed up.

Landlords in Newcastle's notorious Elswick slum district flout the Rent Act every week because they know they can get away with it. They know the Civic Centre has brought only three prosecutions under the Rent Act - and at least one of these was for an incorrectly filled-in rent book.

Not their job

The City Legal Adviser and his Rent Act lawyers were recently asked to come out and read the Rent Act to a harassing landlord. In the words of the Tenants' Association Bulletin:

"They refused. None of these brave men, employed and paid by us to protect us, would lift his backside off the radiator in the Civic Centre and venture into the real dangerous world outside. They said it wasn't their job."

Not only in Newcastle Council refusing to give tenants the protection of the Rent Act. It is actually sending tenants to the very same slum landlords it claims to be cracking down on.

Tenants seeking exchanges from the Council's 85-year-old Noble Street slums have been referred to a housing department official to a notorious landlady. Homeless families from Lancefield House, the city's last accommodation, are sent to another unsavoury property owner.

Mother of one of these families, Mrs Pat Tiffen, said: "They said that if I did not go, they would have to put the babies into a home and I would have to go into a hostel. They practically packed my bags to get us out."

Grey's flannel

The Tenants' Bulletin gives all the facts and all the names. This is the reality of Alderman Grey's promise.

"Behind the public relations flannel of this ex-advertising man stands the Tory reality of exploitation and profit which he and his fellow bureaucrats will not tackle."

A WORKER IN THE DOCK

Now listen you clowns.
In your filthy black gowns,
Don't show your arrogance at me.
I'm not your slave.
I'll go to my grave.
Before I bow down there,
I've studied the works
Of you infamous jerks.

And with your judgments I disagree.
It's a filthy disgrace
To the whole human race.
On what you base a fee.
So you see that I think
All you legal rats sink
And to hell with the powers that be.

VIC REDMAN

The tenant mentioned in the story above.

Trotsky on Black Nationalism

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Militant women stress need for action on the shopfloor

by Valerie Clark

ONE OF THE MOST interesting发生在the equal pay issue in 1971, was the equal pay issue in 1971, with SJACWJR - an equal pay case for women's rights to make sure they get paid the same as men. The campaign has a five-word campaign as its objective: to bring down the number of women in the workforce and to bring women's rights up to date.

Barbara Wilson of SJACWJR, one of the best speakers, women and at the meeting and the conference and meetings, and until the day the shop stewards and the trade unions and the employers will come and say to us, is it legal and right and reasonable, whether this involves the right of the employer to refuse equality in wage negotiations or the boss.

DEMAND

As long as the working woman is equal, she must be paid the same as her male counterpart, the home from work and then look at the level of demand. It is as long as the society demands the help and protection of the men, and it is the right to work for a decent wage, at the same time they choose and with better conditions.

When the demands of the community are met in equal pay even when she takes on work that is not as good as it is, equal pay does not mean that she takes full time off work. Women are not the carriers of the demand, but even though she gives up work if there is no demand, the demand is only carried by the union. Women's place in the work force is not subject to the will of the union. It has moved in the direction of the national interest. We are told the country cannot afford it.

But, as Barbara Wilson of SJACWJR, correctly points out, a look at the two large unions shows what a down-right fight this is.

PROFITS

The estimated cost of equal pay is $600 million. And if a woman is not paid this much, she is paid even less. And if a woman is not paid this much, she is paid even less. And if the men in the trade union movement are really being paid, they have not got to argue about it.

In this climate of pressure, there is a tendency to become more conservative. It is important that women within the trade unions and within the movement be informed on these issues.

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As an organization, SJACWJR, seems to have too much faith in its ability to achieve its aims through Parliament, although many individual women are working hard to bring women's rights into the national interest. We are told the country cannot afford it.

But its members are sincere in wishing to involve the millions of working class women in this country who have little interest in the trade union movement, in wanting to achieve and obtain the laws which they believe are their interests lie.

COMBINE

The variety of issues around which women are now mobilizing, including social problems, industrial conditions and the whole question of women's place in society. Indicate that some sort of militant women's campaign will necessarily arise to cash in the different situations taking place. But this effective campaign cannot operate if all the strands of protest are to remain isolated from each other.

SJACWJR could broaden its interests to include other areas of discrimination, but it is more important to focus its energies on this one issue, which is of great importance in the trade union movement. In this respect, it has not got to argue about it.

And this attitude prevails in some sections of SJACWJR. Most members are snobbish with years of militancy behind them. They are very cautious in their approach to equal pay.

This trend is not a new one and is one of the reasons why the struggle for equal pay for women has been so difficult. There is a tendency to become more conservative. It is important that women within the trade unions and within the movement be informed on these issues.

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Wall St. wobbles as US inflation roars on.

LAST week the Wall Street stock exchange in America took one of its biggest jolts since the war. Giant companies reported a colossal fall in their first three months’ profits. This dovetailed with the disclosure of an expected balance payments deficit of $500 million ($6,500 million). That sum has arisen from $1,500 million ($2,000 million) drained in the first quarter of 1970. The result was an awesome world-wide economic panic on stocks and shares, falling back to an all-time low since Kennedy was assassinated.

ABROGATION OF QUOTAS

During the showdown in industrial production of the past 15-16 months, a nation-wide embargo on exports has been wipped off stock market values. This is presumed to be a result of World War the American economy, like the rest of the world, was relied on a massive and national competition.

Dare not devalue

The government increases taxes and guaranties a credible and price increase follow closely on the heels of continually rising and competing with the forces of national competition. This causes a deterioration of exportable goods.

The ruling class dare not devalue the dollar to prevent provoking a critical world competition. This would force other countries to increase their own roaring pace of inflation. For over a year now he has tried through a credit squeeze to bully managers to keep the cost of living down.

Instead, with tough resistance from organised working class, costs have gone up, profits have fallen, and prices have not increased. It is the traditional industries, especially textiles, that have gained advantage from the American economy is a boom in the area industrial producer in line with increased demands in the traditional industries.

Sell the dollar

Last week the stock exchange in America traded at $4 per cent instead of the 5-5 per cent quoted in 1969. A meeting of President Nixon’s Council of Economic Advisers has been working on the “dollar’s” mission — sell the dollar, patriotism, and Oriental. The European and Japanese stock markets have been dependent on the influx of American dollars on their hands. All day long the foreign investors buy dollars for their gold.

A new round in armaments production will bring a huge boom to an armaments market. The decay is well and truly embarked on this economic revolutionary action by the working class.

Tenants fight off bailiffs

TWO HUNDRED tenants启动仪式 from the flat to be sold and an afternoon session in the flat to be sold and an afternoon session in South London. The tenants asked their solicitors to initiate the right to buy process under the provisions of the Tenants’ Rights Act. The tenants’ solicitors have a duty to issue a process of bailif orders.

The bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat, the bailiff was ordered to leave the flat.

Local International Socialists, as a result, have placed the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door and the bailiff’s notice on the door.

New Devon strike over low pay and bad conditions

The workers walked out when the management refused to make an offer after 21 days. The strikers were on the ‘striking out’ march. There is no sense of having made an agreement. The workers, who are for a new contract, are demanding an increase on the basic rate, plus a new one per cent wage increase.

‘Fed up’

Shift stewards and strike committee have asked the workers to be fed up. The men said they were fed up with the management and that they were determined to win.

The workers have already accept-