AT LEAST SIX DEATHS, hundreds of injured, more homes destroyed—this is the price which workers in Northern Ireland paid last weekend for the policies of British imperialism.

The responsibility for the fighting in Belfast and Derry must be put squarely where it belongs—on the shoulders of the Westminster government and its Sinn Fein allies.

The explosion in the Six Counties is the outcome of a deliberate and calculated policy by the British government (both Labour and Tory) to appease the extreme right wing thugs of the Orange Order.

Westminster has been prepared to do this to get a foothold of miserable and long overdue civil rights on the same hook at Westminster.

In the face of growing right wing repression, however, the reform is not worth the paper it is written on.

To appease the Paisleys and the Unionists, the British authorities have conciliated the demands of the victimisation of Bernadette Devlin.

They also stood by and gave tacit encouragement to three weeks of provocative Orange demonstrations. They even allowed some demonstratives to march through Catholic areas devastated by Orange fanatics just August.

MOCKERY

The trial of Bernadette Devlin is a mockery of justice. It has opened the eyes of many workers to the reality of capitalist justice when the system feels itself threatened.

She has been imprisoned for no other crime than fighting for a basic human right. (Once even recognised in legal theory, the right of self-defence to protect one’s life.)

The conditions in which she is being kept are no better than a concentration camp at least—if not in Ireland—by far worse than those of the inmates of the struggle in the Bogside last summer.

But the Catholics were by no means preventing a mob of armed paramilitary lieutenants hundreds of NUCA and Socialists. 

The Paisleyites made an angry line of their intention to bear the place and guards the border (Catholic) line and for all their public threats against Bernadette Devlin, broadcast across the barricades, were 불구하고, Protestantism did no more than send out payment to the minimum necessary to the struggle.

But she has been selected by the state for victimisation for other political reasons. She is a particularly dangerous example of the Orange state and imperialism.

Disgusting political attack

because she is a revolutionary socialist whose declared aim is to unite all the political workers of Ireland against their common enemies.

Calling Bernadette Devlin to Armagh Jail, British imperialism and we want to express their contempt for the democratic decision of the people of the 6 Counties in the general election. They are also demonstrating their ability to act as they see fit against the most dangerous enemy.

The fight in Belfast and Derry last weekend was the rebellion of a people who have decided they have been terrorised and exploited too long.

They have shown their preparedness to fight back and we have been informed of General Friel and others against all the rest of Northern Ireland.

The following is a contribution to the struggle of the people of the North to break the three month long cease fire.

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Last week in Belfast, a number of socialists met to launch a Socialist Action Committee. It will consist of representatives from People’s Democracy, the Irish Young Socialists, a number of Labour Party branches, as well as socialists, republicans from Sinn Fein, individuals of the Communist Party, and the Socialist Labour League and a group of workers.

COMBAT

The meeting agreed on the need for the defence of all workers’ homes, all Catholic and Protestant. The urgent need to combat religious sectarianism in Belfast industry, notably in Ulster and West Belfast, was also stressed.

The assembled women were represented at a rally called in Dublin last week by the Citizen’s Committee to protest at the situation in the North.

The Prime Minister, J. H. J. Lynch, in a TV broadcast, places the main emphasis on warning workers of the dangers of the struggle of the 6 Counties against attempts to import coal from the North to break the three month long cease fire.

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Socialists must also point out to the British labour movement that the political responsibility for the tragedy in Ireland lies with Westminster, that the Labour Party must give us our unpaid support to all those who work for the defeat of the aggression this week. "Get out of our streets, get out of our country."

The socialist movement in Ireland is going to break out in the coming months. We must see that they get it.

Release Bernadette Devlin immediately! For the defence of all workers and their homes! British imperialism out of Ireland!

Builders on Irish protest march

LONDON building workers decided on Sunday to stage a half-day strike and march to Whitehall on Friday to demand a ban on the British government and the immediate release of Bernadette Devlin.

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British troops - get out of Northern Ireland

Defend all workers and their homes
The classroom counter-revolution: Labour's... treat its the Tories...

by Leni Solinger
NUT, infant teacher
and Tony Clark
NUT, secondary teacher

Selective education - grammar school or comprehensive - was brought in with the 1944 Education Act. Although it was to provide secondary education to all children, it did so on the basis of longevity. It created modern schools for working class children, grammar schools for the middle class children - although in a move to seven working class children could hope to attend grammar schools and keep the 'public' independent schools for the children of the ruling class.

Reactionary attitude

The basis of the grammar school was that some children had 'academic ability'. This was not so. The schools were not set up to meet the needs of the vast majority to the blind, retarded, deaf and the intellectually, the emotionally, the developmentally disabled, the emotionally and socially deprived and the physically disabled.

The increasing intensity of inter-school competition has been fuelled by the eagerness of the grammar schools to win the qualifications and to identify with the exam system. The 'turf', the 'standing' of the grammar school....the 'standing' of the grammar school.

The struggle against the ruling class through the mass organisations has thrown up a new type of opposition, a new way of working of nationalism, for instance, has been transformed to become a national liberation movement. The ruling class is now faced with a new threat.
Mum, dad and the kids on the home production line, struggling to make ends meet

IN LONDON there are thousands of women knocking out their guts out for 2s or less an hour. It's a system known as out-working or home-work.

Plastic flowers, dolls' clothes, sandale, cardboard cage covers, babies' bibs, paper masks, hats, ball-point pens and handbags — just a few of the goods assembled, part manufactured or finished by the home-work system.

Take the toy umbrella, at your son's or your cowor at your daughter's or your umbrella. That little painted cowboy with movable head, body and detachable hat and gun was probably made in a Walkahnow toy factory.

The toy umbrella probably came from Aington made by the same system, one matching covers and ties to frames, another assemblies frames, handles and handles.

Even bought a funny mask or hat. Also made in Walkahnow. The mask sells for 9d to 1s. The home-workers get 3s per day for stitching the elastic bands. 6d per day for putting heads and feathers on the hat.

Take the picture in all these factories is at 1s 2d an hour and you've got to go on to eat it. Do you know the market, you miss up a cage-cover for forlorn. Made in Walkahnow or Walkahnow.

Five pieces of material, machine them together, and an elastic drawing. The home-worker earns a 1s a day. What did it cost you?

Not so different

Buy a nice cheap pair of sandals, 10s to 15s a pair. The home-sweater gets 10s per pair, per dollar for machines-stitching front and back strap to the sole and adding laces and hucke. Again made in Walkahnow.

This is home-work — London

1979. Not so much different from that described by Mayhew in London a hundred years ago. How the job conditions and living conditions for the workers and their families have changed.

Not so much different from the 'colleges' industries' 200 years ago, relative poverty and continuing flexibility of the labour market. Women do the work on an industry-wide scale. The answer in 1779 and 1879 was never the answer is still the same today.

Women are squeezed, continually frustrated, cross with the home-housekeeping amount. In order to maintain their family, they are forced to work. The East End, wherever they are, wherever they go, is their home-work.

Home-workers pay £10-14 per week. After deductions, tax, money is £7-4 a week. Take away the cost of having two or three children under 10, in 4s a week, plus the extra cost incurred by working (coal, tea, milk, preserved food, larder, etc).

A whole week's work only cleans £2-50.
PALESTINE: the time bomb ticking beneath all Middle East rulers

THE RECENT CLASHES in Jordan show that Palestine in a time bomb beneath the ruling classes in the Middle East. Why is this so? Will Palestine be the Vietnam of the 1970s?
The Middle East is kept poor and made poorer by imperialism, by the foreign companies, especially the oil companies, which siphon off the natural wealth of the region which could give its people a decent life.

Instead, oil is shipped off to Europe to boost the profits of the same bosses who attack wages and conditions at home. In return, the oil monopolies and the local ruling classes, giving the oil sheiks the votes they need to rule the country, enough of the profits to keep them happy with their luxury or modern weapons, according to taste.

STRANGLEHOLD

The most basic improvements in the conditions of the workers and peasants cannot be won without breaking this stranglehold. And as all the privileged classes are more or less tied to imperialism, this means that the people can only take control of their own destinies, independently, for themselves, with the aid of their class brothers and sisters of all races, peoples and classes, to do it for them.

That is why every cry for real independence and democracy in the region carries the threat of a nuclear holocaust. And that is why all the governments in the region are forced to make nationalist noises for fear of their skins.

There is another side to the story of the state of Israel. Zionism aimed at the destruction of the Palestinian people through forced removal of the Palestinians.

The war showed that none of the Arab ruling classes can beat Israel.

They have a back-up plan called for a peaceful settlement which would leave the Palestinians without a country, and which is also supported by America and Russia, who want to preserve "stability" (that is, exploitation) in the region.

King Hussein has been forced to sign away his power, to give the guerrillas what they have demanded in the streets, granting them the right to fight.

But at all costs he must stop the guerrillas from attacking the Israelis, to preserve "stability." But all it would stop the question being settled over the heads of the Palestinians. So he tolerates the guerrillas as far as he must, while preparing expressions of the "guerrillas.

SEPARETE

He is helped in this by the leaders of the Arab secret guerrilla force, Si Fatah. They hold that the struggle against Zionism is separate from the struggle against the landlords, the bourgeoisie and the oil companies in the Arab countries themselves. They rely on their own armed forces to give the Arab governments a "police action" against the "guerrillas.

But in fact Zionism can only be beaten by hitting at the landlords and the oil companies, by giving the Arab workers and farmers a share of the powers of decision to fight for - a socialist solution to the struggle against imperialism.

No existing Arab government would risk the reactionaries, the nationalists, the imperialists, the U.S.

This socialist programme is backed by the two groups to the left of Fatah, and the centre of the Jordanian government, most of whose people were Palestinians who were not given the freedom to return to their homes.

KIDNAPPED

By defeating the regular army they can defend their own skins against Israel and against the people and so are able to smash the guerrillas.

Three weeks ago, trouble blew up again in Jordan. The army commander, the King’s uncle, had been preparing special "security forces" to smash the left guerrillas. But the Peasants and Workers Party, which supports the guerrillas, kidnapped an American Embassy official on hostage and the left demanded the release of prisoners and the disbanding of the "security forces.

The army attacked the guerrillas, killing hundreds. The guerrillas fought back, with guns and rocks. Fatah headquarters was bombed, the guerrillas were no longer "disrupters" and "extremists."

DENOUNCE

They are driven to support the moves now being made in Washington to contain the solution. Nixon has produced a new plan with hisandbox to save Palestinian Arabs who have been rehabilitated by the CIA...

The United Nations, the Arab League and Arab governments in Egypt, Algeria, Libya and Tunisia have joined the call for all governments and civil servants instead of on landlords and merchants. In the past they have talked lots! But now they lead the attack on the guerrillas.

Ghadafi, the new ruler of oil-rich Libya, has offered to liberalize the government’s $10 million to strengthen the left army. Recently Israel moved against the guerrillas in Lebanon. The government led them to do it as they smashed the guerrillas. It has stopped the besieged building two roads half a mile into Lebanon territory to the hills above the guerrillas main camp.

PRETENDER

One thing is clear: the struggle will continue, exposed in its nakedness to the leadership of the developing Arab revolution. A dispossessed and angry people is rising up and fighting in each of the false alternatives which the last war left it and turning to the Arab socialist revolution.

As even in Israel realization spreads what the dead-end of Zionism means, as the process that through the gap in the middle East and their struggle, socialists in Britain must prepare for active solidarity with a people fighting the same enemy as us.
Corruption is rife in the trawling industry!

by an Aberdeen trawlerman

The TRAWLING INDUSTRY is one of the most corrupt in the world.

It starts with the skipper of the ship. He gets a bonus based on the size of the catch; it's usually around 10% by weight of all the fish that he catches.

What leads to this is that the skipper and other crew members are often under pressure to maximize catches. There are reports of unlicensed boats operating in the area, and of boats using illegal methods such as trawling for cod, which is protected by law.

A classic example of this was the case of a skipper who was caught using a small boat for illegal fishing. He was fined and lost his licence.

If you're interested in learning more about this, I recommend reading the book "The Trawlerman's War" by Johnnie Brown.

The Board of Trade accepted the evidence that it had been the practice of the fishermen to use false weights and measures, which sometimes resulted in the payment of too little money to the owners of the catches.

Fish on Saturday

As there are between 100 and 200 haddock and lemon sole fishery boats working in the area, the difference between the two is that haddock is harder to catch than lemon sole.

As each boat takes its catch of fish, it is immediately sold to a buyer, who pays a price negotiated between the fisherman and the buyer. The buyer then sells the fish to the processors, who pay a price based on the quality of the fish.

Tory victory makes it an uphill fight

Peter Meddows's 'static view' has already been correctly described as such. There was a general strike against the Government's policies on housing and education, which was justified on the grounds of the capitalist class.

The capitalists who control the economy have no illusions about the TWS. Nevertheless, it does make a good deal of sense that they have to work within the framework of the capitalist system.

However, they also know that to do so would be to undermine their own interests. The only answer is to provide better public services, and to ensure that the principles of the TWS are implemented.

Why Lord Harry prefers GMWU

Lord Harry is a member of the GMWU, and has been for many years. He is well known for his support of trade union rights and his opposition to the activities of the Conservative government.

The natives are restless

The situation is similar to that of the British Labour Party, which is also a socialist party. Its principles are the same as those of the TWS.

Nevertheless, we support the TWS in the belief that it is the only way to achieve a socialist society, and that the Conservative government is responsible for the capitalist's policies.

In the meantime, we must continue to fight for a better world, and to ensure that the TWS is not forgotten.

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DOCKS PAY INSULT: JULY STRIKE TO GO AHEAD

by HAROLD YOUD

TGWU, Manchester Docks

THE INSULTING ‘FINAL’ pay offer made by the port employers on Tuesday means that the national agreement with the employers which ran out on 14 July — unless the leaders of the Transport Workers’ Union get cold feet and attempt to call off. The bosses offered to increase minimum earnings from £16 to £21 per week for dock workers. Even TGWU secretary Jack Jones, who has been making conciliatory noises recently, was forced to say that the union had already made it clear that such an offer was an ‘insufficient answer to our claim’.

The union is calling for an increase in the time rate from £11 to £14 a week to £25.

The problem for Jones is that the claim has been in the pipeline for 16 months, since January 1970, and the employers have even agreed to this level in the past. The rejection of even the last offer is likely to mean a short-term strike and a serious slowdown of the dockers’ work.

There is a growing unease among dockers about their prospects as the run-down of the docks is speeded up at a time when more and more dockers’ jobs are falling to non-docks labour (eg loading ships in the port area).

The employers are determined that any wage concessions will be ‘in return for’. But the union is determined to resist any concessions by the sea, and will insist on the terms of a rate at the basic rate time.

Bargaining

Under the terms of the Devil scheme, locally worked-out ‘moderate’ dockers’ rates have been negotiated, but under the present contract in London. The trouble is, if the dockers go on strike, the dockers have already made it clear that they will not accept the terms of a rate at the basic rate time.

Counters

The change of the Devil scheme, locally worked-out ‘moderate’ dockers’ rates, has been in operation in London and, to a lesser degree, in other areas, but the dockers have already made it clear that they will not accept the terms of a rate at the basic rate time.

The first strike to be called will be a London strike on 8 July unless the employers agree to meet their demands there immediately.

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THE STRIKERS are now considering extending their dispute to other dock companies and have been promised support from spread through the country to fight for their rights.

NOTICES

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How to fight the Tony search: discussion with the TGWU, 10-12 July 70.

TGWU Teaching Seminar: Tuesday 5 July 71am–5pm and Wednesday 6 July 71am–5pm.

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