by SEAN TREACY

THE VIOLENCE, LOOTING and abuse involved in the British army's rampage of the Falls Road area of Belfast last weekend is in keeping with the last 20 years in British government policy.

Westminster has clearly decided to continue the development of their defences by setting up a new army of loyalist paramilitary groups. In the face of opposition to their policies, the British army is now actively recruiting the local population for their paramilitary units.

ENSURE

The official excuse for this is the need for the security forces to maintain law and order in the area. But it was known to the British government that the workers in the Falls and elsewhere had taken steps to ensure that they and their families were not defenceless as they were during the Orange parades last August.

At the same time the British military has been involving - or using - Sinister Volunteer Force (the ex-Brigadiers) and their colleagues in neighbourhood areas. In Parachute districts, arms are being distributed to the anti-socialist, Catholic-Catholic front and others encouraged by the activities of approximately 150 political parties.

The decision of the Chichester-Clark executive, with Brian McCauley, to launch a ‘final Orange march’ this weekend - including the area) - will also encourage those who have talked all along about the need to ‘complete’ the job they began last August.

BREAK OUT

The right-wing extremists know that in any showdown with the Catholic workers, they can now probably rely on the forces of the Orange state but of the 19,000 strong force of occupation as well.

One reason why the authorities have decided to try and drive the resistance movement is because the Catholic-Catholic and socialist republicans would successfully form workers' defence groups and break out of the sectarian framework in which so much of the conflict takes place.

Hear Eamonn McCann

Revolutionary socialist from Derry

THURS 16 JULY - Anson Hall, Willesden. Chairman: John Hogan, AKC

FRID 17 JULY - Clissick Town Hall, Bideford. Aberdeen's (HCRC) and other socialists and trade union speakers

SAT 18 JULY - Free Frank Keane Social at Kings Road pub, Fulham.

Orange police state hits out at socialist left

THE REAL FACE of the Orange state in Northern Ireland was revealed in Ardglass, Co Down, last week when People's Democracy held a meeting on the quayside to protest against the importation of cement in a move to break a strike in the 35 counties.

There was nothing disorderly about the meeting, but it was broken up by 50 members of the BUC Special Patrol Group (the riot squad) who were charged with assault and obstructing the meeting. Last Thursday, savage sentences totaling 57 months imprisonment and 148 in fines, were meted out to 15 PP members.

These are some of the measures the Unionist police state will take to smash class solidarity and support strike-breakers and scab employers. Although the cement strike is now over, the men - who have been living on £5 a week for 25 weeks - are still in need of funds. PP will also require money to pay the fines.

Please send donations to Communaire Dept and PPD Fund, PPD Treasurer, 28 Ladybrooke Park, Belfast 11.

ALL OUT ON SUNDAY

12 July

Assemble Speakers' Corner 2pm march to Trafalgar Square. All IS branches to support
Magnificent Mersey!

Strikes of 1911 helped build Britain's most militant area

by ROSS HILL

THE DOCKERS are again preparing to take on the port employers. In Liverpool 58 years ago their fathers and grandfathers were whooping the foundation of the Independent Labour Party and railways. By the end of the strikes that summer, trade unionism was firmly established for the first time in Britain's second port.

But this time the strikes by Liverpool's dock labourers was not an isolated dispute. It was a part of a series of stoppages both in Liverpool and in the rest of the country during that year, 1911, including national strikes by railwaymen and railwaymen.

They were part of the biggest wave of industrial action since the Chartists some 70 years before. The year saw men-man days lost through disputes during the years 1910 to 1914 never before exceeded that year by a million mark.

In 1911, the figure reached 18 million, which has never been surpassed since, and the result was the General Strike, 1926.

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Dockers face massive attack on jobs and conditions

by Harold Youd

TGWU, Manchester docks

DOCKERS FACE MASSIVE ATTACK ON JOBS AND CONDITIONS

FIVE YEARS ago the Devlin Commission of Inquiry into the problems of port labour presented a strategy for a combined government and employers' offensive against the dockers. This was seen in two main stages.

Stage One which started in September 1967 had its objective, as Devlin saw and described as the main enemy — the militancy and exaggerated sense of solidarity of dockworkers.

General wage was to end and the employer was to be given back the right to discipline the dockers. Since Direct Dock antigen had been jointly in the hands of the union and the employers in the National Dock Labour Board.

The dockers were to get a wage increase and it was hoped, a feeling of job security. This nature was expected to produce a slackening of the dockworker's combativity and of his loyalty to his mates and the union. This time help was given to his suspicion and hostility towards the employers by a sense of assistance of, mutual responsibility and even — loyalty.

Stage Two would reap the main fruit that the employers then believed they would have produced.

Locally improved productivity agreements hailed as an answer to the Dockers' demands would be sponsored by agreements having been worked out by the employers.

But there is neither peace nor tranquility in the management ranks and the dockers are not the same men. The dockers have taken action on the existence of the promises.

Already the employers' attitude that accompanied Stage One succeeded in convincing the dockers that it was wrong for them to believe that the dockers, and the dockers have been the striking weapon that held the officials on strike of dockers.

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If only Harold had got the date right...

by Paul Foot

In THE offices of Tribune in Smithfield, London, a myth has been born. Like many similar myths before it, it is likely to be believed following the shock and disillusionment of the selection.

The theme is a simple one: that Harold Wilson and his advisors in the leadership had decided the faction on a one-man basis and that the decision to go to the country in June, with a full general election campaign, were the real reasons for the 1964 defeat.

With an election later in the year, being, as a high-pitched campaign, the Tory disaster would never have occurred, and Harold Wilson would be back in Downing Street for most of the seventies.

Richard Clements, Tribune's editor, wrote on 26 June: "Nothing that the government had done before this election so forcibly hit home some of the wounds which had been opened by the government of the past; and which had become deeper and more lasting in the seemingly beneficent, but essentially hollow, years of the 1960s.

"In fact, however, remains unanswered: what evidence is there that this politicalideological partnership had held on till October any more of the

"wounds" inflicted by the government work of the past six years.

Was it not just as likely that the "wounds" that would have "festered" would have been inflicted right from the time of the 1964 election, and that the "fighting spirit of 1964 and 1966" would have been further damped?

"Wounds" is a basic term throughout the last six years, and those who have lived through the pain and suffering of capital, and the "wounds" inflicted by the government work of the past six years.

Made a dash

He played this game brilliantly. As soon as the "winds" were set on fire, he made a dash for the bows. The classic closed in just in time to stop him. But those who criticized his tactics before, even when he decided on his (Tribe's) aim, have to prove that a dash at some other time would have been more successful.

Although Tribune is free in its criticism of the government's work of the past six years, it is clear that a dash at some other time would have been more successful.

The Labour government is entitled to press the working class when 'Britain in the red', but this 'Britain in being' should not be used to the workers. This was clear from the start.

The recent Budget, which has been a disaster, can be seen by the workers that there was a "beastly" and "wound" left to the workers. This was clear from the start.

WILSON: waiting for the election

As though the plottings of the workers, the "beastly" and "wound" held in till October any more of the

"wounds" inflicted by the government work of the past six years, and that the "wounds" would have been more successful if the decisions were taken in 1964 and 1966.

Lost support

Workers and students outside parliament reacted in the most powerfully effective way since the war. None of this was reflected in the Labour Party, which, as the election results showed, was totally discredited.

The Left and Tribune reacted against the siege of socialist and socialist Labour League in Tribune on 5 June. It isolated the anger for socialism within parliamentary boundaries and met in the old socialist and student organizations and new groups of militants around election dates and forcing different policies for Budget Day.

Tories versus the unions — don’t miss this article next week
CS: THE LETHAL GAS GUSHED BY THE TROOPS IN ULSTER

by Anna Paczuska

JERRY CRONIN, the Irish defence minister, said last week: 'CS weapons are viewed as a military employment'.

This explanation was offered during a stormy debate in the Irish Dail in which a number of people urged that the same 'crowd control' weapons as those being used by the British army had in the north.

The situation in Northern Ireland, he said, had changed, the Taoiseach declared in 1959. The situation had changed from being a war of resistance to a war between the two communities. The main aim of the British government now is to ensure that the peace process is not undermined.

The statement is that CS gas is not just a military weapon but a tool of crowd control.

Kid us

The term smoke is generally understood as a concentration of smoke, and in this case, its purpose is to obstruct vision. It is previously achieved by burning heated crush dust or oil.

It is not illegal for governments to try to kid us CS gas comes into this category. The smoke is not just a smoke but a tool of crowd control. Smoke is also an effective and popular weapon with large class police forces.

The statement refers to the police's use of smoke as a tool of crowd control.

Ghastly mistakes

Since the experiments were conducted in the 1960s, the use of CS gas and similar chemicals is widespread in conditions of crowd control. The chemicals are used to control large crowds of people, usually in urban areas. The aim is to prevent the crowd from moving or causing disturbance. However, the use of these chemicals has caused significant problems, including deaths and serious injuries.

The statement refers to the use of CS gas in crowd control.

Leaves scars

But no work has been done on the permanent damage to the body tissues caused by inhaling the gas. This permanent damage is caused by the nerve endings in the lungs and the damage is caused by the nerve tissue in the brain. This damage is caused by the nerve tissue in the brain.

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PETER LATHAM

MAGNIFICENT MERSEY

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for greater power and at one stage the government was attempting to have the government arrested.

The events that followed showed that the situation was not as clear-cut as might have been expected.

The government had established a committee to investigate the situation and had recommended that the government should take action.

The political situation, however, was quite different. The government had not been able to control the situation immediately before the strike.

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Yet in Britain, the SocialDemocratic Party
How the British troops brought peace’ to Ballymacarrett

from George Collinson

AS THE traditional sectarian orgy, as Orange Order approaches, the situation in Belfast looks grim for the Catholic population.

On Monday night, the British troops followed up their attack on the Falls area by sealing off another Catholic district, Ballymacarrett.

This action was aimed at setting more areas and leading the population into submission.

Ballymacarrett is a small Catholic enclave of 11 streets, totally surrounded by Unionist areas. Both troops and RUC refused to disperse as orange mobs which had barricaded themselves on the north end of Lower Newtown Street. The crowd were directing hostile and provocative insults at the people of this tiny area.

The Marine Commandos scattered into a confused manner. For the next six hours the people of Ballymacarrett were treated as subhuman and they themselves as no police or troops approved.

At 12.30am a breathless policeman ran up to a soldier on the corner of Mountpottinger Road and pleaded with him to do something. The soldier said he could do nothing as he was serving as a policeman and that the police man sought refuge among the Catholic population.

The Marines watched as Paisleyites entered the house of a church caretaker, two pubs and six shops. The attacks on the Falls are now able to defend themselves and can live their daily lives in safety so long as they do not depend on the troops to defend them.

Pointed the way

By dismantling the population and isolating the Catholic areas, republican leaders, the army has pointed the way to the continuation of the pogrom that the McKeever and McGinnollas had planned to start last August.

The action placed the Catholics in a position of extreme danger.

Walking around the ‘loyalists’ areas of Belfast, it is hard to pick out the pervading air of hospitality that has resulted from last weekend’s events. The mean little working-classees huddled around Sandy Row are decorated with burns and fear and there is a growing awareness of the conscious living in the area marked by violence and sickness.

To see the Protestant working population so taken up with religious and imperialist divisions is frightening. They seem so concerned with hounding the Catholics that their own extreme poverty has been pushed into the background. The age-old capitalist tactic of ‘divide and rule’ can be seen all the more perversely swept away.

‘TEARS’ SAY ENGINEERS

by Ted Jones

Fifty engineering workers — members of the Alliance of Cambridge Instrumentmakers — had been on strike for three weeks as the Highlands, North-east and other groups of Cambridge Instrument makers. They are represented by the National Union of President and Engineer.

They voted at a mass meeting last week to accept a new contract which after a week to show the management that a determination to strike is not the end of the line. There is part of the George Ken group and the broken link of their wages is among the lowest in the combi.

Determined

The strikes are determined to win an increase without ‘bribery’. Wages are underpaid and productivity concessions, to the workers will not be met.

Workers at Evesham and Vickers in Stafford, on which the kettle combines, threatened solidarity action if the page 12 report was not followed up.

The Alliance of Cambridge Instrumentmakers is a non-union, non-employment based union. The contract workers were never unionised.

Donations to: B Worker, 12 Parnes in, London NW1.

Italy: unions call off strike as government goes

by Norah Carlin

When the Italian Centre-left government announced its wage negotiation on Monday for the third time in two years — the third this year — union federations immediately called off the general strike for social and economic reforms which they had called for Tuesday.

It might be thought that the Communist Party could have used the general strike to demonstrate their support in the working class. But to achieve the recognition they want, Communists must show they will use this support only in a responsible manner.

They have recently pursued a policy of cooperation between the social movements and the PSDI, ‘their link’ union federation. They are anxious to suggest that the federation is not the party in government.

It is also a "responsible" gesture to demonise the government and its policies as a whole and not as a group which are responsible only in some cases.

The Centre-left government has been in power since 1976. The Italian working class was militantly active in the early years of the Centre-left government. The party plays the game of parliamentarism, though that the party will be invited to join a coalition government of some kind— though that possibility was avoided in a coalition government.

In that case, any action will have to be taken by the workers themselves, without illusions in as much as they have both eyes on the ballot box.