Arms and troops: the two faces of Labour

THE DOUBLE-DEALERS on the Labour benches have been in full flight this week in the House of Commons.

They have raised and roared their disapproval of the Tory decision to resume arms sales to South Africa at the same time as they approved the government's emergency powers to break the dock strike.

It is a disgrace to a part to a regime which impresses militants and strikers with such contempt, but, sooner or later, when the national interest of the and of the problems is in the air, it is quite right to threaten to use force against intransigent dockers and abolish the rights of assembly, picketing and free speech.

The hypocrisy of the Labour leaders and the great majority of Labour backbenchers is in the case of every genuine socialist and trade union militant is Britain.

Honoured agreement

In office they took no action against the South African regime. They honoured the Simons town agreement which gives British imperialism a moral base in the 'white racists' prison camp of South Africa.

And while everyone on the left with common, sense and demon- stration against the arms flow to South Africa, the and the race Tigers' prison camp of South Africa is, that is Britain, its British big business which maintains the South African regime through its financial stake in that country. It is Britain's big business which imposes the black majority.

The Labour leaders in this part prepared themselves for peace: for the role of British big business, either of -man or abroad. In or out of office, whatever their 'left' phrases, they succumb to that same big business when it cracks the whip.

Not impressed

So Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Castle, we are not impressed by your moral leaders' enthusiasm.

Your party, when it was in power, abandoned its 'lesser evil' stance and sided with the boss of the dock strike.

You have done nothing for the workers of Britain except to increase their exploitation.

Death of Macleod

ONE down, 328 to go.

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All out if the army goes in

SPREAD DOCK STRIKE NOW

CALL OUT LORRY DRIVERS, PETROL WORKERS, MARKET PORTERS - APPEAL TO NUR FOR SOLIDARITY

THE Dockers MUST Win! They are fighting the rich, arrogant port bosses and the new anti-union Tory government. A defeat for one section of the labour movement will be a defeat for us all.

Rank and file dockers are keenly determined to win. But are their leaders equally keen and determined?

All along has been the old story of the Transport and General Workers Union and the Transport and General Workers Union. Who have been dragged unwillingly into action by the militancy of their members.

Now theissue and the leadership of Jack Jones and Tim O'Leary is putting the whole strike in jeopardy. They lead Britain's biggest union, with more than a million key workers in every section of the transport industry.

They could win the docks strike this week if they called a strike in sections of the TGWU.

It is vitally important that the strikers in won quickly. A long-drawn out dispute will allow the bosses and their police to really get to work on the dockers, attempting to split their ranks and the usual窟 filled with the 'national interest' and 'our economy'.

GRIM TRUTH

The TGWU is the only union in Britain which can fight. Other unions have been weakened by the shock of the dock strike.

History must not repeat itself on the docks. It is not just a tired cliché to say that the dockers are fighting for a fight. It is the grim truth.

If the dockers lose the battle for the basic, the face the blackmail of the Dockers' Federation, stage two.

That means 'modernisation', the bosses' expression for productivity deals, massive redundancies, shift work, job mobility and more work from a smaller workforce.

That reality is the last fight facing millions of workers in Britain as big business attempts to modernise at our expense.

The rank and file of the TGWU are right behind their dockers brothers. They should demand that Jack Jones bring the bosses to their knees by calling out:

Lorry drivers Market porters Dockers employed by the private petrol firms' ports

Appeal to the National Union of Railwaymen to black any freight from the docks and to call out their members who work in the docks.

On Wednesday, Southamptom dockers again showed the way. While Jones and co. were deliberating on hours in Southampton House about whether or not to move perishable goods, a mass meeting in Southampton voted not to touch such goods.

There is no room for sentiment in this strike. The dockers' wages are more important than a few tons of rotten bananas.

There is enough food in Britain to feed the people for a considerable length of time. But if the troops are moved in, every section of the working-class movement must spring to the dockers' side.

The socialists and workers of Britain are being told to 'interest' and 'support' the strike. This is a lie. The strike is a struggle for the job, the dockers' job.

We say: Yes, they have plenty of bananas.

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Juliet Crispin

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The end
The dockers’ fight is your fight

A struggle for control, not just money...

NIGEL COWARD answers questions on the ports dispute

THE DOCKERS are making headlines again. Dockers have made many contributions to working-class history. On 5th September 1898 the General Manifesto of the South Side Central Strike Committee demanded 6d an hour from 7am to 9pm, 6d overtime, not to be taken on for less than four hours and four meals as usual.

This was a turning point in trade union history and we are still very close to this past struggle. After all, decasualisation and the 1967 anti-Dock strike continued the fight for job security.

Pacemakers per hour were fought for then, and no worker stood on 6d an hour. In 1898 the docks were open 24 hours a day, but the struggle goes on over the division of the cake between the class of employers and the workers (some 60,000 of them). The demand over meal times is similarly to the dock strike issue any modern productivity deal in any industry. We fight for the extension of the dockers’ strike to make their ‘workers’ pay for their work in the docks.

These great controversies over how much money has been accumu-
lated by the dockers — or by any other strikers — over control.

Who should own the ports — the owners, the state of the new?

Dockers have been involved in a strike at the French port of Le Havre in 1947 when joint trade union and employers’ councils agreed on the National Dock Labour Board. This is an example of the French dock strike’s work helping to plan for a future dock strike in Britain, which was sharpened by the rise in dock strike activity in 1966/7. The strike was a nationalisation plan, which had not been tried yet in the dock strike in 1967.

Are the dockers only after money?

In the terms of the official strikes.

The 28 March issue is itself an ancient demand for it has been enforced principle, respected property and left unfair workers on strike, to the point of the movement's defence. The national movement for nationalisation, for workers' self-management of the docks, which is so much in the press, and by which it is a fact that the government is economically controlled by the dockers.

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London docks strike: watch for the Tommies

In the famous dockers’ Tincer strike of 1889, strikers carried off goods of their children. They opposed their small, under-
nourished children with the robust, well-fed offspring of the employers.

Eighteen years later, the dockers are again in struggle with the port employers. And medical research shows that working-class children are still smaller and worse fed than those of the middle and upper classes.

Do the busses have different information from the workers? We are against the government’s plan to build more docks.

Then why the state of emergency?

Because of the dock strike is a state of emergency.

The state can’t exist without productivity deals and since the employers don’t want any of the dock strikers.

We say a strong incentive for the dockers to guarantee productivity deals — if not that will be an end to their economic and political power.

The very nature of the work differs and production varies. And when that work is done for another man at his beck and call, conflict is likely.

When is the strike?

The strike will last as long as it is necessary for as few of you as doing as much work as you are able to do. While conflict is not.

The strike will be prolonged when the workers’ demands are not met.

Law and order

Why weren’t the spearmen stormed by troops during the 1960 dock strike? Why weren’t the workers hauled off the docks? Because law and order can be enforced by the state.

What’s next?

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Tory arms help put up South Africa’s racialist tyranny

by BASKER VASHEE

SOUTH AFRICA, the racist police state, has executed its most comprehensive and destructive laws in the world, prepared for violence. For the only answers to the domination have been murder and a war against the white population. The government has now turned its attention to the black population, and has begun to implement the most brutal laws in recent history.

The rulers of South Africa know this and are preparing themselves to meet this inevitable situation. The government, itself with bigger and better armed forces, is using its military and police forces to keep the black population in servitude. The most brutal laws have been introduced to control the black population.

The government continues to make new laws and arm itself with bigger and better weapons. This is to stop any sort of rebellion.

The oppressive anti-black laws which dominate government thinking is merely a smoke screen to hide a deep fear of the African majority of the country. Every act by this society to repress and subdue the people is a sign of guilt that it is instigated by the government.

Any rent strike or industrial strike is, to the South African government, a part of a world-wide communal struggle against the government's laws and methods, which challenge the government's authority. This means that the government has created a massive state apparatus at an enormous cost to the country at large.

The South African government has announced an annual budget of $25 million, with a force of 30,000. At a rate of 30 cents per day, this budget would be $11,000,000.

DOUGLAS HOME

Am the racialists

world experts at the end of the Second World War in Germany

The South African Atomic Energy Board make no secret of the fact that South Africa’s government has recently been active in the development of atomic weapons.

This is a new development in which, according to numerous American specialists, South Africa has great potential.

Prominent members of the government have been close to the development of nuclear weapons.

The budget allocated the sum $5 million to research in nuclear energy in 1967.

South Africa has also established two new military bases in countries which are involved in nuclear power, such as Brazil and Argentina.

The military bases are in the heart of the continent, which was once a favorite haunt of the British military and which has now become a missile base for the South African government.

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South Africa is the only country in the world with nuclear power plants, except for the United States, which has the world’s largest nuclear power plant. South Africa’s nuclear power plants are located in the northern part of the country.

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Shift work: danger to workers' minds and bodies

by RUPERT MARTIN

Fed Southamption car worker

Night shift gives alternating on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

No place for the man on 2 pm shift. The kids are at school when he leaves for work and come to bed when he returns home. It is too late to discuss important matters on his own, let alone with his wife.

Active Ihrine. Turn the key slightly for long of dismantling the whole house. Turn try to lock and discover the best time to go to bed.

Shall be got straight to bed and he awake by afternoon and be tired out before he gets to work again. Or shall be wait until midday and turn in when he does he invariably gets up by early evening, feeling

like nothing on earth and with a shock on the next day to everyone to keep their distance.

But there will always be the pleasure of finishing 2 pm on the 8.6. Just think of everything evening and choose to do what you like with adequate forethought. You will know that you must come to bed when your friends are out again set out for the evening. You must not keep your late is 4.30 am to start work at. 4 pm.

Privilege

But don’t be so ungrateful. Don’t be too become a baron for a few coppers extra per hour to give on the privilege of working and finishing work all round the clock. Then there’s a little matter called shift, which seems to get them through particularly these days although it’s been going on for some time now.

Chemast and cement mixers is all very well as a stimulant to help them to work but they are not within the scheme of a shift system. All shift and finds it difficult to stay at this occupation when required to do so.

This does not necessarily cause frustration, which a cold shower will cure. But is a strain on the social relationship of man and woman, who may be great lovers but can’t do it elsewhere.

Two: this problem doesn’t worry the idle rich. As Bernard Shaw said, ‘It is not the act but the act’s which are the real essence of life’. But with most working folk, far more is at stake.

Shift work is an evil to mind and body. Men, women, children, adults and older human beings on the screw heap.

But what of those involved? After all, workers are expensive.

‘Productivity... discipline’ East, West, the language is the same

by CHRIS HARMAN

Editor of International Socialism

THE WESTERN PRESS has been full of renewed speculation about changes among the Russian rulers. This has been encouraged by the determination to put off the next Congress of the Russian Communist Party until next year, after repeated promises that it would meet this year. What lies behind all this?

There is increasing evidence that the Russian economy is facing profound difficulties. In December, according to Pravda, the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party took note of the significant slowdown in the growth of labour productivity and the efficiency of production. An article in Pravda specifically complained of the difficulties behind planned targets in agriculture, forested areas, cattle, cotton and meat production and coal mining. Leaders have referred to these difficulties as a result of the current slowdown in the economy. In a letter to Brezhnev (Pravda 24 April) the Communist Party of the Soviet Union explained that the 5% growth target had been cut to 3%.

‘Minor flaws’

What are the origins of these failures? According to western commentators these flaws are ‘socialist’ in origin, in that the Russian economy’s production of capital is not coordinated with the production of consumer goods. The workers’ pay is dependent on the state’s profit and the workers’ capacity to produce a surplus.

If you look carefully at what the Western figures themselves say, you can easily see that in fact the economic problems of Russia have nothing whatever to do with ‘socialism’ at all. They stem from two other points: the need of the Russian economy to cope with an increasing difficulty in the system that arise due to the ‘indiscipline’ of the workers.

Brežnev: ‘Work time bitttered away’

In a recent speech (according to Pravda 24 April), Comrade Brezhnev dwelt on the question of the ‘socialist’ economy in the Soviet Union. He noted that the problems are not due to the economic system itself but to the current economic difficulties. The problems are due to the current economic difficulties.

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But the increased economic problems of the last few years seem to have drastically reduced the gains for Russia’s rulers. The leaders are now faced with the problem of how to keep the workers and peasants in work. There are also the problems of how to keep the economy going and how to keep the workers in work. But what of those involved? After all, workers are expensive.

Vast formations

After all, it is not yet 40 years since Stalin first decided to compete in this way. In the last the Russian economy has grown enormously, vast formations of tasks which are incapable of being successful for all the talk about their economic potential. The average Russian worker has been much busier than the average man in the West.

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Real solution

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In memory of the Martyrs

Last Sunday, the small poule town of Tplugdale staged the 7th annual memorial service for farm labourers who were arrested, charged and sentenced to death for peaceful demonstrations in Australia for seven years.

The first Tplugdale march was held on 6th March 1905, and the massacre of the 1908 General Strike, and the 1913 strike, have been replaced by this annual memorial service.

There is the need to recognize the sacrifice of those who died for the rights of the working-class history. Among those laborers who were killed in this event were two members of the local union.

GEORGE LOVELESS

unions in Tplugdale, Loveless, Thomas Stansfield and his son John, James, and both men were arrest, subjected, to a forcibly rigged trial in Australia for seven years.

This year the Tplugdale march, which is attended by laborers from the surrounding areas, was again held on 6th March 1905, and it is a significant event for the workers' movement.

Mr. CHAIRMANN Pichler, who is a representative of the Social Democratic Party, expressed his sympathy with the marchers, and noted that the massacre had been suppressed by the police. He appealed for the release of all those who were arrested, and for the establishment of a workers' republic.

Perhaps they qualify for a political miracle?

The Express's tiny Sunday edition is even more packed with these two-front war stories. The threat of a workers' uprising is said to be a major factor in the current struggle, and the police are said to be making preparations for a possible return to the streets. With the government's new anti-riot laws, any attempt to reassert the power of the masses is seen as a danger to the social order. The police are said to be preparing for a massive show of force to keep the streets clear.

More, more, we cry in frustration. And now the workers and farmers are up in arms, and the police are powerless. They have been caught unprepared for the workers' uprising, and they are facing a major challenge to their authority. It is a dangerous time, and the workers must stand united.

Does anyone believe this stuff? They say the workers are ready to fight the bosses. They should agree to set up a workers' council in both branches, but nothing will be the same again after this. The bosses would go back to work, but they will be weaker than ever.

MRS S STEEN has just upped her salary from £18 to £5 good week in Eust. Betterment of the workers' conditions is a must for the workers of this country. It means more. Poorer.

A shadow of his former self

MR ROONEY, the last of the Irish miners, breathed his last in Michael Collins' last goodbye to his comrades in the Red army radio programme to say that the end of the war had come, and that the workers of the world are now ready to take over. He was sure that the time was ripe for the workers to take control of their own destiny.

Michael Poynting, a Tony Blair supporter, was found dead in his flat today. He had been a prominent figure in the Labour Party for a number of years, and was known for his uncompromising stance on the issues of the day. His death has sent shockwaves through the party, and has left many questioning the future of the Labour movement.

Even beyond the bounds of traditional Labour Party politics, the Labour Party has been experiencing a period of crisis in recent years. The party has struggled to maintain its support base, and has faced criticism from within and without for its lack of a clear direction.

The workers of this country are in a state of shock and despair. The news of Poynting's death has sent ripples through the party, and has left many questioning the future of the Labour movement.

Have you had any reactions from the Labour Party?

One prominent local Labour committee said that it was a sad day for all of us. The Labour Party has always stood for the workers, and we have always been there to support them.

But the Labour Party is not the only union in this country. There are other unions, like the Communist Party, who are also fighting for the rights of the workers.

From the letters we've received, it is clear that the workers are ready to take control of their own destiny. They are determined to fight for a better life, and they will not be intimidated by the power of the bosses.

The workers' movement is stronger than ever, and we are confident that we will be able to win this battle. It is a battle that we have fought for many years, and we will not be defeated.

What has been the response?

Very good. In two weeks' time I've had letters from every region in the country and from Scotland. They are all saying the same thing: the workers are ready to take control of their own destiny.

In the past, the workers have been divided, and the bosses have been able to exploit this division to their advantage. But now the workers are united, and they are ready to fight back.

What are your plans for the future?

We have a number of proposals for the future. The first is to establish a workers' republic, which would be based on the principles of the workers' movement.

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DEMONSTRANT JEER VIC FEATHER AT TULPUDI RALLY

From Granville Williams
TUC general secretary Vic Feather was heckled fiercely by militant Devon workers when he spoke at the annual TUC conference in Plymouth on Sunday.

There were angry shouts from workers earning as little as £1 an hour. When Mr Feather told them that class differences in society were disappearing, the only problem was the myth of that society, that of the 1950s, had been broken. Mr Feather then went on to say that the TUC was a socialist force and its members had to make the point that the militants were right and that the TUC was wrong.

A resolution was passed by the delegates condemning the TUC's policies. The resolution stated that the TUC should support the workers' struggle against unemployment and for better wages and conditions.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF A SOCIALIST FORCE

says an ex-member

WAS interested in reading the Executive Committee's statement on the Communist Party's position concerning the resignation from the Communist Party of Dave Rowse. After all, the main emphasis of Party work in co-operation with the Labour Party, Left and Right, is to make people willing to accept the constraints of capitalism, generally held fixed, confused and outdated notions of socialism.

As a tool of the People's Front the PCP is out of date. The important point is that the PCP is not the same as the Communist Party of Great Britain or the Communist Party of the United States. The PCP is a coalition of left-wing groups and individuals who support the People's Front and the People's Front movement.

The main emphasis of Party work is to work with the Labour Party, and to support the People's Front. The People's Front is a coalition of all left-wing groups and individuals who support the PCP's policies.

Anchored

One of the main consequences of attempting 'left unity' with this group has been the reduction of the PCP's influence in the People's Front movement. It has become anchored to the People's Front, which is essentially a form of the Labour Party. The policy of unity with the FTBP comes out of the PCP's own family analysis of power. Power does not reside in Parliament as the British Road to Socialism suggests, but in industry. Parliamentary democracy is an illusion on which so much energy and resources are concentrated.

The PCP have 'temporarily suspended' the FTBP, but they have not abolished it. The important full-time Party post of Secretary was eliminated. This was done because of the burden this job imposed on the Party finances.

Yet, at the same time, 58 Communist candidates were elected to Parliament, frequently receiving 10% of the vote, and demanding 'their' right to demand full-time Party jobs. A Party that has no money is not an efficient one.

Lukewarm

With policy contradictions like this one, it was little wonder that many FTBP insiders had a lukewarm reception to an initiative which looks like seeking money for the FTBP, and requesting their usual donations to the election fund.

The most urgent task for communists in Britain is to develop a broad-based movement possessing a revolutionary socialist programme and strategy. This would make possible a confrontation with capitalism on the basis of the working class's own class interests, and with the help of the TUC's advantage of having the united Trades Union Congress and the Communist Party of Great Britain, a revolutionary socialist movement could develop.

Payner links up with bosses

PATTERNS above are the members of the Pearson Court of Inquiry into the dockers dispute from left to right: Will Payner, Lord Pearson, E.C. Gill and F.H. Fielding.

The simple aim of such inquiries is to establish the truth of the dispute, and to settle the dispute. The inquiry was called by the government to settle the dispute and to establish the truth of the allegations. The inquiry was called by the government to settle the dispute and to establish the truth of the allegations. The inquiry was called by the government to settle the dispute and to establish the truth of the allegations.

This time they have made quite a catch. How has Pearson lured you to his court? What is your aim? It would be useful if you could provide us with more details of the inquiry, and of your aims and objectives. We will be grateful.

Ford workers walk out over bosses' 10s penalty

The workers rejected a clause in the new pay deal which ruled out any further claim for a year. With prices rising at a faster rate than wages, the workers know the 10 per cent increase is not enough to overcome the inflation of a wages fight the end.

The strikers were backed by their union, the Chemical Workers.

The new pay deal means basic rates of pay of £1.35/hr for men and women and at the lower rate for women.

The management were clearly unhappy at the unity and solidarity of the men and women workers, on strike for the first time in seven years. The first final offer, for a 16% increase with productivity savings, was rejected. It was then proposed to replace the 16% offer with a 10% increase, but the union rejected this.

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