On 21 November Neil Kinnock added to his long list of consciously vicious anti-working class acts. Surrounded by a police honour guard, flanked by a Tory MP, Judith Kinnock unveiled a memorial plaque for Keith Blakelock - the cop killed during the racial police occupa- tion of black Tottenham last year. While a police band played 'God save the queen' and 'Abide with me' Kinnock, truly in his element, laid a wreath at the cop’s plaque. Neil Kinnock is Thatcher in drag. This man does not simply betray - he acts on it too. Kinnock worked to break the heroic twelve-month miners strike through every means at his disposal that wasn’t enough for him. In the aftermath, he openly vows to throw away the keys to the prison cells where miner militants still languish. A souldestroying disgrace to his Welsh mining roots, Kinnock fully fits Jack London’s famous description of that lowest of creatures, the scab, ‘with a cork-screw soul, a water-logged brain, a combination backbone of jelly and glue’.

Praising the ‘honour and sacrifice’ of Blakelock, the Labour leader denounced his death as an ‘atrocity’ ‘beyond the scope of comprehension and the bounds of forgiveness’. But here’s the rub: the Labour Party, after all, claims to be a ‘people’s party’. And a good noisy among the people that Kinnock is supposed to get out to the polls just hate his guts. He is in fact railing so low to please his ruling class masters now that he may well ensure he’ll never get to be the queen’s prince minister.

Neither Kinnock’s treachery nor his inhuman imperialism has dissipated the entire Labourite spectrum from backing him. From Tony Benn and Arthur Scargill to the supposedly revolutionary ‘far left’, the cry is ‘vote Kinnock’. He certainly needs all the help he can get from his left flank. Undoubtedly wishing to give Kinnock some small measure of cover for the Blakelock episode, Haringey Labour councilor Bernie Grant welcomed the same Kinnock to participate in a memorial ceremony (17 May). speculates that Kinnock might manage Brit- ish capitalism in its twilight years in government, Margaret Thatcher is despised the length and breadth of this country for her willful and enthusiastic attacks on old-age pensioners, on striking work- ers, the unemployed, on black and Asian minorities, Kinnock is trying to get out to stop her. The authoritative conservative braintrust, the Economist (17 May), speculated that Kinnock might manage British capitalism in its twilight years in government, Margaret Thatcher is despised the length and breadth of this country for her willful and enthusiastic attacks on old-age pensioners, on striking workers, the unemployed, on black and Asian minorities, Kinnock is trying to get out to stop her. The authoritative conservative braintrust, the Economist (17 May), speculated that Kinnock might manage British capitalism in its twilight years in government, if she’s in.

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Thatcher’s ‘anti-terrorist’ stand was by the Israeli war buildup. Yet 24 October Nezar Hindawi was sentenced to 45 years in prison at the Old Bailey for allegedly trying to blow up an El Al civilian airliner last April. The Thatcher government immediately broke off diplomatic relations with Syria - based on supposedly ‘conclusive’
evidence of direct involvement, including by the Syrian ambassador in London in the plot.

Then the London Times (10 November) published an explosive interview with French prime minister Jacques Chirac, saying he understood from top German officials that the El Al bomb plot may have been a Mossad job, orchestrated by the Israeli spy agency from start to finish. Syria is widely understood to be the tar- get of the Israeli war buildup. Yet the Chinese revelations, which cut the ground from under this latest criminal provocation, have been effectively buried by the British media. The utter hypocrisy of the Thatch- her government screaming about ‘state-supported terrorism’ while the RUC organises out-and-out death squads to roam through Northern Ireland murdering Catholic activists should be enough to turn any stomach. But this did not prevent the political voices of Fleet Street, including the sup- posedly ‘liberal’ Guardian, as well as Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition, from enthusiastically applauding Thatcher’s ‘anti-terrorist’ stand over the Hindawi affair. In the last few years, ‘state-supported terror- ism’ has been a key codeword in Reagan/Thatcher’s war drive against the Soviet Union. And, his occasional muttering about ‘non- nuclear defence’ notwithstanding, Judas Kinnock and his Cold War Labour Party are no less deeply committed to the imperialist anti- Soviet war drive than the Iron Lady herself.

The following is excerpted from *Workers Vanguard* no 415 (22 October).

"On 21 September, for the second time, Soviet General David Dragunsky was denied permission to enter the United States to attend a dinner sponsored by Jewish Affairs magazine in his honor. Earlier, in June 1985, one month after Reagan stipends to British miners still in prison for defending their union; Terry French, Dean Hancock, Russell Shackland and Clive Thompson. Also receiving PDC monthly stipends were Pierre Bauchot, leader of the French, and former Black Panther leader Geronimo Pratt, among others."

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It appears that something very serious or dangerous is going on in the North Sea, where you’re lucky to last two minutes in the near-Arctic conditions before freezing to death. And look what British imperialism has done in Ireland. There is a revolution in self-determination for the Celtic fringe. We do not, however, urge a course of separatism the Scottish and Welsh proletariat have been in the vanguard of the working class movement in the British Isles. The answer is not the false’s gold of Scottish nationalism, which would only be temporary, or the vile separatism of the Labour Party, which revels in its striking and treacherous fealty to its masters. The new class, being stabbed in the back, ‘Judas’ kinnock goes off on a pimplage to the Ierian Wall to lead the Nazi effort to fight off the Red Army liberation of Berlin and then lays a wreath for the racist cop killed during the police invasion of London’s Tottenham ghetto last year.

A revolutionary struggle for socialism can unite the English working class with the downtrodden peoples of the Celtic fringe and the oppressed black and Asian minorities – who all have good reason to hate and fight the British ruling class. Above all, that requires the forging of a Leninist-Trotskyst vanguard, the party of the working-class base of the Labour Party from the pro-capitalist front, which is a party of the bourgeois, mobilising all the working class in this society behind the social power of the proletariat and finally sweeping the racist butchers of a working class into the dustbin of history.

Industrial murder in the North Sea

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hated the militancy of the miners as 'viol-

violence', who worked overtime to deflect any possibility of solidarity strike action that could have toppled

the Iron Fist and secured a miners' victory, is not a complete enemy of the working people. This is tough going. (Arthur Scargill

better realise that he can't walk on water with Judas Kinnock.)

REMEMBER THE MINERS STRIKE

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The fascists are raising their dangerous and ugly heads again at NLP. Early this month, one of these racist pigs turned up in the Kensington and Chelsea Royal Hospital's 'Screwdriver/HINP' T-shirt. The following week, he repeated the provocation time and time again, at Union Jack T-shirt. This is an intolerable outrage which must be met with concerted action. In this country, advertising the INP alongside the Union Jack is like the Ku Klux Klan appearing in white sheets waving the Confederate flag of slavery over the US. This signia means firebombings, stab­side the drive the fascist dangerous and ugly heads again at Harrington off.

A few years ago students here fought the fascist scum hadn't been in Sheffield for a week. 'Preparing the road for the fascists', entitled the Sheffield Anarchist carried the following information under the heading 'in Marks or in Mod?:

"Our congratulations go out to Sheffield RCP, for a rather amusing conversion that they have recently made. The ranks of the RCP must have been shaken by the ex-British movement organiser for Sheffield, known far and wide as the left. For the regula­ity she offered at the Hitler's birthday parties held at her German castle.

When confronted by a Spartacist League supporter on a Fargate street sale in Sheffield on 15 November, on RCP admitted the truth of this report, adding by way of justifica­tion that the British working class was very racist and that this 'con­verted' fascist squad hadn't been in the UK recently!"

At the time of the RCP's disgust ing apology for race-teorists, hammering the fascist scum, entitled 'the prejudices of their parents and the rest of society into action' (Unison, 7 February), we wrote: The RCP is a bad-news outfit whose outright aversion to the class line has taken them to ever stranger and more sin­ister positions in recent years. This gang is virulently anti-Soviet, against the trade union closed shop, opposed to the elementary demand 'no plat­form for fascists,' and denies that Jews and gypsies are oppressed (Unison, 26 June). Its megalomaniacal guru has even admitted

"[We] want to fight against racist capital­ism'. As with the brown-shirted fascists, the RCP does not believe the power of the working class that has been the aim of the RCP! It has only sell-outs for sale. The fascists are the filth that wants to fight against racist capital­ism. It has be made clear to the fascists, the fascists, that they are the ones who shoul­up. Our comrades in the Spartacist League of the United States organ­ised a demonstration in November 1982 of 5000 overwhelmingly black trade unionists and youth which stopped the KKK from marching in Washington, DC. To get rid of such scum for good, you need to build a party capable of leading the working class to sweep away the rule of the bosses and put the workers in power. The Spartacist League sets itself this task. Students have to take a side either you stand with Thatcher, Kimkocks and the bosses or with the working class and minor­ities. There is no third camp as the SWP pretends. If you want to fight for socialism and drive the fascists back into the sewers from which they sprang: join us!

For trade unionists, minority student mobilisations to drive the fascists off NLP! Demand 'Beware Thatcher! No vote to racist scabherder Kimkocks! Smash NATO! Defend the Soviet Union!'
From the moment Ronald Reagan walked out of the non-summit in Reykjavik, Iceland cursing about the disarmament mega-deal that almost was, US Democratic Party liberals and their Labourite brethren in Britain who believe in the 'arms control process' as the road to 'peace' were upset that Reagan insisted on testing (and ultimately deploying) his trillion-dollar 'Star Wars' space weapons scheme, instead of using it as a 'bargaining chip'. Former war secretary James Schlesinger fretted that the 'opportunity of a generation' had been missed. The cynics in the Oval Office, meanwhile, claimed to have almost sealed a pact with the Russians to cut strategic nuclear arms by half within five years and eliminate all 'offensive' ballistic missiles (as well as widespread hopes, but anyone who thinks peace was almost at hand must believe in the tooth fairy.

Unfortunately, it appears that Gorbachev was one of those expecting to miraculously find a peace gift under his pillow. In order to achieve a 'historic' pact, he would need to accommodate, driven by the illusion that an expensive conventional force manoeuvres in Europe to 'ease tensions'. The Reaganites think they can get what they want by slamming the Russians against the wall. And now the US has announced the expulsion of another 53 Soviet diplomats. The Soviets are well aware of the US strategy of nuclear blackmail. In his post-summit speech Gorbachev said:

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Fearing that the Syrians are going to do him in, he bolts and hides in a London hotel where he is conveniently arrested by Scotland Yard, who it turns out had been trailing him for almost two months. Meanwhile, his brother, Ahmed Hazi, is implicated by the Syrian Arab friendship association. (For this edition, see page 8 November). But the let­

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What are they doing with 200 A-bombs?

Zionist madmen target Russia

On 9 November the Israeli cabinet issued a terse statement, without further details, that one Mordechai Vanunu was being held somewhere in Israel. Later, police and prison authorities were quoted as saying that 'the suspect' was not in a regular jail or detention centre. The Guardian (10 November) reported:

"Mr Vanunu is expected to face a secret trial in which neither the precise charge nor the final outcome will be made public on the grounds of national security."

Mordechai Vanunu is a 31-year-old technician employed for nearly ten years at Israel's Dimona nuclear facility. His 'crime' against 'national security?' He was the source for a blockbuster exposé splashed across the front page of the Sunday Times on 15 October under the headline: 'Revealed: the secrets of Israel's nuclear arsenal'. The Sunday Times article trumpeted that it had the first direct evidence that Israel has the bomb. More to the point, it has many, many copies of it.

Vanunu had been dismissed along with 180 others in a cutback a year ago and subsequently left Israel, appearing in London in late September to sell his story (reportedly for $450,000). Shortly after he finished his business with the Sunday Times on 30 September, Vanunu dropped from sight. There were reports he had been kidnapped by the Mossad (the Israeli CIA) in Britain, or alternatively lured onto a yacht with Rupert Murdoch's scab paper is no paragon of accuracy (they bought the bogus Hitler diaries, for instance). But 200 nukes would mean the warthogs in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem have a much bigger target in mind Russia. Is this a joint operation with Washington in preparation for making the Soviets? (They're already in league with the White House in secretly supplying the Iranian ayatollahs with American arms.) Or are the Israelis preparing to go solo? The Zionist madmen could very easily - and perhaps deliberately - trample over the trip wire for World War III.

SECRETS OF DIMONA

In the late 1950s, Israel with the help of the French government (heroically in the Swed War against Egypt) began construction of an alleged 'textile' plant in the Negev desert near the town of Dimona. When an American U-2 spy plane discovered in 1969 that the Dimona plant was being built as a nuclear reactor, Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol asked Washington for support. The U.S. government replied that it could not take action without the knowledge of the United Nations Security Council (hence all the international inspections which have aimed to satisfy the prying eyes of international inspectors. Over the years stories circulated about the Israeli nuclear 'bomb in the basement'. Supposedly it was only a screwdriver away from being operational. Now it appears that they have been turning those screws all along.

According to Vanunu, alongside the 'peaceful' reactor at Dimona, Israel has a building known as 'Macon 2' whose two innocuous floors above ground serve to hide six levels of secret concrete underground bunker. Here, spent fuel rods from the reactor are processed in order to separate out the vital plutonium for making A-bombs. False walls hid the elevators to the secret underground factory from the prying eyes of international inspectors. Vanunu gave the Sunday Times more than 60 photographs of the ultra-secret bunker, one showing a cistern of spent fuel fuel rods covered in concret. Israel-US alliance aimed at Soviet Union. American F-16s, above, used by Israelis in 500-mile bombing raid on Tunisia last year.

The article noted that one would expect 'bigger gaps' in the knowledge of a mere technician', but this might be explained by the fact that he worked at Dimona for nearly a decade. How come he was left alone to photograph the entire secret complex (there are no people in his photos)? The Sunday Times explanation was that Israeli control room technicians are often free to roam around nuclear plants alone to follow up alarms. Reputable scientists said it would have been possible to secretly upgrade the original Dimona reactor from 20 mega-watts capacity to the 150 megawatts needed to produce so much plutonium. But other questions remain - e.g. why did the usual sufficiently Shin Beth (the Israeli FBI) let Vanunu out of the country shortly after his dismissal, and how did he smuggle out his film?

The story has its bizarre aspects. We are told that while working at Dimona, Vanunu became a member of the Israeli Communist party and was an active supporter of Palestinian demonstrations (New York Times, 10 November). Also he was reportedly 'modeling naked for drawing classes at Beersheba University'. In a small desert town where most of the Arabs are pro-Beirut, to be in league with the Jordanian government. Consequently the French government had asked to inspect the sites where these kry-
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a key ingredient in running the nuclear race at Dimona, actually
ally Norway supplied another 20 tons.) American complicity clearly
goes way back.

To be sure, the Zionists’ local ambitions sometimes clash with US strategic interests. In the early 1970s, days of the 1973 October war, when US officials were like Israel might—
actually suffer a defeat by Arab armies, Israel’s Jericho surface-to-
surface missiles were among the nuclear warheads in a frantic three
times of activity centred around Dimona (Colonel William Y. Ken-
nedy, Intelligence Warfare [1983]). The Kerenlim reportedly responded by
preparing to send nuclear war-
heads for Egyptian missiles, where-
upon the US, at the height of Nixons’ war crisis, cut strategic forces on red alert.

‘A sufficient amount of atom bombs... could hit hard all the
Arab capital cities, tear down the
Arab capitals, and tear down the
heads for Egyptain missiles, where-
by the Arab world, the destruction
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of the Arab world can hit other cities and oil in-
stallations, Thermonuclear bombs (H-bombs) can destroy territorial
aims, in concentrations of Palestinians in Lebanon....

‘There are a hundred targets in the Arab world, the destruction
of which will change the face of the area to the extent of not
being recognized.—’ (Uri Zvi Greenberg, 14 November 1980)

And Israel work suffer from the fallout? Yet even in this crazed scenario, what are the other ‘hun-
dred nukes for’? A writer from the Histadrut ‘union’ newspaper last year vitiated:

‘The Soviet Union is the prin-
cipal source of international terror-
ism... Syria is the root of terrorism in the Middle East, especially against the State of
Israel. The western world in gen-
eral and in particular... butt out of
this headache, if necessary by force.’ (Davar, 1 January 1988)

War with Syria is openly project-
ed in the Israeli establishment. And the nuclear delivery systems are in place. The ‘nuclear capable’ Jericho-2 surface-to-surface missiles, with a range of 700 kilometres (about 435 miles), have reportedly been deployed in the Negev and on the occupied Golan Heights overlooking Syria, Israeli Kfir and F-4 Phantoms reportedly have also reportedly deliver nuclear bombs. But if it’s ‘no six-day war’ if worse comes to the Middle East, like the Zionist generals may be preparing to attack the Soviet Union, and let the Americans pay the price. This may be crazy, but crazy is what they are.

TARGET RUSSIA?

At first glance, the Soviet Union may appear to stand as an endless target of the Israelis. The delivery of a large number of nuclear bombs onto this huge country, the superpower of the long-range planes or missiles. One should note, however, that the

Israelis old man to manage to send up to
targeted F-15s on a 1500-mile bomb-
ning run on Tunis in October 1985, apparently having failed to refuel after refueling
procedure (with the likely connivance of the US Eighth Air Force) the Israeli bomber now being developed by
Israel with about one billion dollars of US military equipment, mostly American.
The plane incorporates Israel’s

the bureaucratic Stalinist degenera-
tion, is the prime target of the
Western imperialists. The Zionists
have sought to make themselves the
instrument of one imperialism after
another, from the British Balfour Declaration to Shimon’s of-
ffer to litifer to build a fascist
‘New Order’ in Palestine to the
Zionists’ chosen men, the cop point
men for the anti-Soviet war drive.

Sanctions...

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African coal was undermining his
job, went on to draw the racist logic of this argument straight out:

‘It was because there were already too many black people to do the work
and to top it off the site of this “holocaust” demonstration was after-
towards turned into a “wharf”, sufficiently so that a prom-
ised contingent of Coole IGW dockers were noticeably absent.

The Dooncaster miner subsequently told Workers hammer that among the part-
ticipants on this occasion demonstration were outright scabs during miners strike who had
never been members of Anti-Apar-
theid Movement.

The Spartacist League warned miners during the strike that Scare-
gill’s call for import controls to save the British coal industry plays ‘the bosses’ game, pit-ting worker a gainst worker in the scramble for a dwindling number of jobs. Support controls is a favourite call of the Labour ‘lefts’. Thus do they hit to say British workers have to pay for their “own” ruling class, against the working

class in other countries. It has nothing to do with economic nationalism, not to speak of fighting apartheid.

Indeed, anti-imperialist poison is distinctly reminiscent of the Zionist slogan, “British jobs for British work-
ers only” while the advance of classless mobilised miners to travel from Yorkshire pit villages to “march against South Africa’s war” in London.

And worse, the fake lefts (hold meetings at these ‘apar-
hite’ pubs). It was the case of this sort of division and backwardness in the working class which the miners strikes served to break down, the Labourites’ nationalist/protection-
ism schemes reinforce such garbage and are intended to bury the power-
ful class lessons of the miners strike.

But for the centrist Workers Pow-
er (WPO) this demonstration was a wet blanket. We wonder if any of their solicitude for the miners was really paral-
pered to be on a march based on an anti-imperialist, anti-white “wing” of a pro-sanctions popular front which stretches to the queen, WP) that betray the revolution.

And the revolutionary overthrow of apartheid by the black proletariat but with putting Labour back in Number
Ten to manage the British capital-
list state. Like the Tories and Rea-
gan, the Labour Party wants to keep
South Africa safe for the ‘free world’. The sanctimonious appeals for sanctions mean in the real world

that some sharp speculators turn a good profit on the world market. The latest example of that is the announcement by Barclays (bank that it is disinvesting from South Africa, met with hosannas by the liberal-leftist anti Apartheid Movement) which is the same of seventeen years’ ef-
fort, but all that is happening is that lots of rand are moving from one column of the ledger sheet to another column of the ledger sheet.

The racist British rulers posture as somehow morally superior to the Afrikaner white, but the point is that it was Britain which, emerg-
ing from the Boer War at the height of imperialist ex-
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WORKERS HAMMER
In South Africa a number of black unions have been equivocal about the effects of divestment. Alec Erwin, former organiser for FOSATU, now merged into the giant COSATU black union federation, explained that his organisation opposed the withdrawal of assets from South Africa 'because we view them not as the simple property of foreign companies but as assets which have been built up through the sweat and labour of South African workers. Nonsense! We have in large part supported sanctions and the ideological hold of petty-bourgeois nationalism on the black trade-union movement. Revolutionaries must fight to win black anti-apartheid fighters steadfast to the programme of proletariat internationalism. American and British car workers' best defence of their striking black union brothers in South Africa is militant labour action against the car company magnates at home. South African unions have shown the way forward for real international solidarity. In February 313 workers there struck in solidarity with locked-out 313 workers in Freehold New Jersey. From Detroit to Detroit, workers to power! Not imperialism's sanctions and capitalist 'divestment fraud', but expropriation of capitalism by a victorious workers' revolution. To paraphrase Marx, apartheid has created in a six-month strong black, coloured and Indian proletariat 'its own gravedigger'. The wealth of South Africa belongs not to the capitalists, be they Wall Street, French or London bankers or Johannesburg industrialists - but to the toilers belong the fruits of their labour.'

Kinnock...

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lving for the international working people is below those of southern European countries like Italy and Spain! The Iron Lady他の her boot in whenever and wherever she can. The Labour Party offers more of the same. We communists stand uniquely against the servile Labour-Liberal orientation of the rest of the British left. We seek to forge a programmatically and organisationally qualitatively different kind of party - a Lenin-Trotskyst kind of movement which will serve as the general staff of the working class. Such a party would offer an alternative to that broad swathe of British society alienated from the Kinnocks and their 'left' lapdogs. It will be an instrument for the seizure of state power by the working class, which necessarily means a struggle to break British workers from their illusions in Labour.

That a specimen like Kinnock could be embraced by so-called leftists and even self-proclaimed 'revolutionaries' underscores the desperate need for such a party in Britain, drawing to its ranks those with the revolutionary fibre to reject social democracy in all its treacherousness. It will be a socialist revolution modelled on the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 to win for the minimum programme for the workers and oppressed of this country: Abolish the monarchy, licensing laws, House of Lords and established church! Forward to a Soviet Britain as part of the socialist united states of Europe!"
GM disinvestment leads to mass sackings

South African workers fight for their jobs

South African black car workers have struck General Motors in the wake of GM’s announcement that it was ‘divesting’ itself of its operations there. Following a meeting with GM’s managing director Robert White on 29 October, some 2000 workers staged a sit-in at the company’s two plants in Port Elizabeth. Called by the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union (NAWU) and joined by members of the Motor Assembly and Component Workers of South Africa, the strike effectivly shut down GM’s production in Port Elizabeth.

Now that ‘divestment’ is here, the first effect is that the workers are fighting for their jobs. While GM says no jobs will be lost through the sale of its operations to a South African outfit, the workers rightly don’t trust such assurances. There is, moreover, no guarantee the new owners will recognise the union. The union is also demanding payment of pension funds, and severance pay of one month for each year worked for GM upon its withdrawal. In the face of the strikers’ militancy, the company is reportedly hardlining it, trying to get the apartheid rulers to declare the strike illegal.

In an exceptional display of class solidarity cutting across racial lines, white workers initially downed tools along with black workers (Weekly Mail, 31 October-6 November). The bosses’ answer was to call out riot cops and troops to evict the workers. Some 427 militants were sacked; in the face of continued strike action, GM has announced that it will hire scabs and resume production ‘with or without the unions’. And on 17 November, cops viciously attacked the Port Elizabeth strikers with snarling dogs and whips. Simultaneously the largest American manufacturer announced a sweeping programme for domestic disinvestment; it will shut nine automotive assembly and stamping plants outright and partially close two more, terminating 29,000 workers. The massive cutbacks in GM’s American operations, the most sweeping in its 78-year history, will result in an anticipated 120,000 layoffs, including workers in related industries.

GM’s bruttal treatment of its South African unions exposes the liberal lie that disinvestment schemes and pressure from American and British corporations will liberate the black masses from apartheid slavery. From South Africa to America, GM attacks unions and lays off workers in pursuit of only one goal: higher profits. If ever a situation cried out for militant, joint labour action from Port Elizabeth to Detroit to shut down a bloodsucking capitalist giant and seize the plants, this is it. But the American United Auto Workers misleaders do nothing but appeal to the Democratic-controlled Congress to bail out the bosses. GM’s attack on Solidarity puts the fight against GM’s South African operations in new perspective. As a South African auto worker wrote: ‘The basic problem’, Smith said, ‘one which all corporations must pay attention to—is the fact that our South African operations have been losing money for several years’. In any case, GM’s ‘divestment’ does not mean it is pulling out of South Africa. GM cars that are assembled in South African plants will still be in the showrooms, and the company said it will continue to sell automotive components to its continued on page 11

‘Sanctions’ mean racist protectionism

Even as militant car workers were striking in Port Elizabeth, South Africa to defend their jobs and union against the effects of General Motors’ recently announced ‘disinvestment’, a couple of hundred demonstrators marched from Curroes Wharf at Scunthorpe demanding ‘Run South African coal’. The demonstration, called by Hatfield Main NUM and Doncaster NUM, was attended by 200 people. Anti-Apartheid Movement, was billed by pro-South African coal, demanding ‘Solidarity with South African miners’. Nothing could have been further from the truth! During their heroic year-long strike, miners got a solid lesson in proletarian internationalism, as workers from around the world assembled in South African plants will still be in the showrooms, and the company said it will continue to sell automotive components to its

 Smash apartheid! Workers to power! (particularly the Soviet trade unions) rallied to their aid. But the ‘left’ reformists who head the NUM are committed to the reactionary utopia of ‘saving’ bankrupt British capitalist industry. Down the line this march was just one more traditional Labour/TUC ‘left’ appeal for racist/protectionist import controls — and a particularly gross one at that. Some of the small number of miners who turned out may well have been impelled by genuine solidarity with the anti-apartheid struggle. But others told us they were there because a ban on South African coal would ‘protect’ their jobs.

One not only argued that South

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