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LAPORTE WORKERS FIGHT AGAINST PAY POLICY

"The trouble at the moment is that we are all pushing at the door separately - if we pushed together we'd soon have the door down." This is how a local factory worker summed up the present situation on Humber-side where every night in the local papers there is news of one strike after another. All have one thing in common - pay.

At Laporte Industries where 1000 hourly paid workers are employed there has been a growing frustration since the TGWU Conference voted for a return to unfettered bargaining. Workers now realise that this was only a paper victory since the TGWU mis-leadership are refusing to lead the move to free collective bargaining. Every claim that the Stewards at Laportes have put forward has been knocked back by the Department of Employment. The news that Laportes Warrington had recently concluded

a pay deal was the last straw and the Stewards asked for a copy of the agreement. The Company refused to give one and blocked Union phone calls off site to Warrington, they also refused permission for stewards to visit the Warrington site - all in a frenzied attempt to hide the deal! In the end 700 general workers walked out in an attempt to force the issue. The Company threatened that they would lay people off if they walked out and yet after only a day's strike the Company informed the Stewards that they were now prepared to give details of the deal and discuss it with the stewards. The workers have returned to work pending the discussion; but the struggle continues to screw money out of a firm that boasts profits up from £4 million to £15 million last year.

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WHO GAINS FROM GOVERNMENT 'BLACKLIST'?

Government departments have been circulating a 'blacklist' of firms where workers have broken the Labour government's wage-cut policy. So far 3 firms have been directly named: Reynolds Tanker Services, S. Redfern and J.W. Spencer Engineering. The instructions to the departments are that they should not accept tenders for new contracts, and should not renew contracts with these firms.

At H.J.Heinz and Co., workers deferred their phase 2 claim, and won a 17-20% increase from August 1st. Heinz made increased profits of £17.2 million last year. After talks with the Labour government Heinz withdrew the agreement.

The press is presenting all this as though the poor capitalists are having big wage increases demanded now by the workers. The firms they say would love to pay out, but because of government restrictions they cannot. They present the government as having a totally 'independent' policy, and the firms as being stuck in the middle between the workers and the government. The big lie of all this can be seen by a simple test which always works. The question is who gains from the government policy. The workers get a further cut in real wages. The capitalists on the other hand don't have to pay the increased wages. Their profits go up.

Behind all the press distortions the government is acting directly in the interests of capitalists. They are holding a shield for the capitalists to hide behind.

The answer to such government tactics is to unite the struggle against the social contract as much as possible. Much can be done now by building stronger contacts between different shop stewards committees, particularly between firms in the same industry.

Most importantly it shows the need for the working class to have its own political party to unite the class and lead the struggle.

That party is being built. The working class will have its own revolutionary Communist Party!

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STRUGGLE AGAINST SOCIAL CONTRACT EXPOSES OPPORTUNISTS

The struggle against wage cuts is deepening every month. In the course of this struggle, the Labour Party in government is proving itself the best bosses' party, while the Labour TU leaders under pressure from rank-and-file workers twist and turn and use all sorts of manoeuvres in an attempt to continue support for the wage cut policy. Despite militant resolutions and phoney speeches the TUC is still trying to prop up the government.

SOCIAL CONTRACT ATTACKS WORKERS

Figures released by the Department of Employment last month showed that average earnings rose by 9.7% over the last year up to June, while prices rose by 17.7%. No wonder the Labour government say that the social contract is working! It is working - to the advantage of the bosses. This wage cut has led to an average increase in profits of over 40%.

The social contract we are told keeps down unemployment. "One man's wage rise is another man's loss of job" they say. In fact, while real wages are cut each year - unemployment has more than trebled under the Labour government. It is now 1,635,950.

The Labour government always talks about the social contract being 'voluntary'. "We believe in negotiations, we won't restrict wages by law", they say. No, but they are blacklisting firms, threatening to cut off government contracts if the workers, through struggle, win a pay rise. Their talk is just cosmetic to cover up a policy that is in essence no different to Heath's wage cut policy of the early 70's. There is no real difference between Labour and Tory - they serve the same masters, except that the Labour government has had the support of the TUC opportunist leaders. Labour is the best bosses' party.

WORKERS ATTACK THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

Despite all the social-democrat propaganda through the press and TV, workers are mounting fiercer and fiercer struggles. The experience of the last few years has exposed the lies of the Labour party, both as government and TU leadership. The repeated promises of the beautiful green land just round the corner are shown to be more empty month by month.

Many workers deferred their stage 2 claim till August 1st, and are now fighting for bigger wages. No one is claiming less than 10%.

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DEMONSTRATORS DENOUNCE SOVIET AGGRESSION

Nine years ago, on Aug. 21 1968, the Soviet social imperialists mounted a brutal invasion of Czechoslovakia in order to maintain it as a colony of the new Tsars of the Soviet Union.

Throughout Europe the anniversary of this bloody imperialist aggression has been taken as a day to expose the true nature of the Soviet imperialists, and to warn the working people of Europe of the real threat of aggression from the Soviet Union.

This year for the first time, a demonstration, organised by the RCLB, also took place in Britain. A militant rally took place in Hyde Park. The speaker for the RCLB attacked Soviet imperialist aggression throughout the world. He pointed out that Soviet social imperialism was out for a redivision of the world, and to spread its domination over more and more countries. He warned that, behind all the talk of peace, the 2 superpowers were preparing for war, the focus of their struggle being Europe. Warning that we could not rely on the other superpower US imperialism in any struggle against Soviet aggression, he pointed out that the people could only rely on their own strength. Speakers from the Joint Action Committee of Marxist-Leninists, the Revolutionary Communist (Marxist-Leninist) League, and the East London Marxist-Leninist Association strongly condemned Soviet social imperialist aggression, condemned the ruling revisionist clique that restored capitalism to the USSR after the death of Stalin, and warned of the need to stand up to Soviet bullying and prepare for war. A speaker for the Workers Institute of



Marxism-Leninism Mao Tsetung Thought also made a contribution.

A contingent of Bangladeshi comrades of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party took part in the march.

After the Hyde Park rally a disciplined demonstration bristling with placards marched to the Soviet Embassy. Slogans demanded "Soviet social imperialism hands off Eastern Europe... Keep out of Western Europe", "Soviet tanks out of Europe", and "Fight for independence-Resist the Soviet threat". Slogans warned "Don't rely on US imperialism - Workers unite for people's war".

Across from the Embassy, after a closing speech, the Internationale was sung.

Working people in Britain are beginning to join their fellow workers in other countries in struggle against Soviet social imperialism. This struggle will intensify until Soviet imperialism is destroyed by the people of the world - as it surely will be. ■

STRUGGLE AGAINST SOCIAL CONTRACT EXPOSES OPPORTUNISTS (cont'd from p2)

The union leaders who have worked hand in glove with the monopoly capitalists and their government have actively assisted in the wage cuts of the last 3 years. Now they say that we should follow the 12 month rule. Even where they say they are opposing the 10% pay limit, they are doing nothing to lead the struggle.

One worker in a small engineering firm in Liverpool said: "I don't give a damn what Scanlon says. We're not supposed to get another increase till November, but we've already got it. We need the money. If the union bosses don't like it, they can stuff it."

'RIGHT' AND 'LEFT' OPPORTUNISM WORK FOR THE BOSSES

There are all sorts of people undermining the struggle. Right opportunists among the

union leadership at national and plant level will not take a firm stand and fight for our just demands. When the going gets tough and we have to take action they are the first to talk about 'independent arbitration', and call in government sponsored bodies to sell out the struggle.

At the same time the 'left' opportunists are just as dangerous. Supermilitants put in up to 40 or 50% claims. They pat themselves on the back and say "see we fight for more than anyone else, we fight harder than anyone for the working class." In fact they only serve the bosses by dividing the workforce, instead of uniting the majority and taking a really firm stand.

Both 'left' and 'right' opportunists are enemies of the working class, and damage the struggle. ■

REVISIONISTS SPLIT

In the middle of July the revisionist 'Communist' Party of Great Britain (CPGB) split. The breakaway group calling itself the 'new Communist Party' (NCP) appointed Sid French, who had been secretary of the CPGB's Surrey District Committee, as its secretary. French claims 800 members and 65 branches in his new party.

WHAT CLASS DO REVISIONIST SERVE?

All parties without exception serve the interests of a class. That is how parties come to be. It is the struggle of opposing classes, and different interests within classes, that is expressed in the political struggle between parties. The bourgeoisie have a number of parties; the Tories, the Labour Party and the Liberals for example, are all bourgeois parties.

The revisionists also are anti-working class parties. Both the 'C'PGB and the split, the NCP, are revisionist. The 'C'PGB mainly serves the British monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie. The NCP mainly serves Soviet social imperialism. Beneath all the distorted marxist phrases, the anti-working class stand of these two revisionist parties is plain to see, in the arguments over the issues of the split.

The argument between the revisionists surfaced over the new draft of the so-called 'British Road to Socialism'. There are 3 basically connected issues - the concept of a 'peaceful road' to socialism, the dictatorship of the proletariat, and the attitude of the revisionists to the Soviet Union.

'C'PGB AND NCP REFORMISM

The 'Morning Star', the revisionist 'C'PGB's daily paper reported the split on July 18th. In the same issue it carried an article by Percy Rodwell, a leading French supporter who is part of the split. The article attacks the draft of the 'British Road to Socialism'. The article says:

"The argument that the changing balance of world forces between socialist and capitalist states creates conditions for a "peaceful" revolution is false as history has shown us."

True enough! Marxist-Leninists have consistently attacked the revisionist 'C'PGB for sowing illusions in a 'peaceful' road. It is true that the bourgeoisie will never give up their wealth and power without a fight. The Chile events are a powerful reminder of this to workers all over the world. The reformist arguments of the

'C'PGB disarm workers against such a threat - they certainly serve the British monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie well!

But can Rodwell, who made the criticism really have forgotten that it was the Khrushchev revisionists in the Soviet Union who peddled the general line of "peaceful co-existence", "peaceful competition" between socialism and capitalism and "peaceful transition" from capitalism to socialism as long ago as the late 1950s. Yet Rodwell and the Frenchite split are slavish supporters of the Soviet revisionists. Rodwell says that:

"If in November the Draft (of the 'C'PGB's 'British Road to Socialism') is adopted, the Communist Party will cease to be a Marxist party".

But the 'C'PGB has been peddling its 'peaceful road' for well over twenty years! It ceased to be a marxist party long ago! Yet those who are splitting from the 'C'PGB have actively worked to build it ever since! They, too, are reformists.

REVISIONISTS REJECT THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

Rodwell, and the NCP, attack the draft of the 'British Road to Socialism' for abandoning the concept of the 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat'.

The 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat' is central to the matter of "who will win" - the workers or the capitalists. It is the only state form which can build socialism. It is a new state - a state of the working class. It entirely destroys the old state - a bourgeois dictatorship with a sham democracy which is not for the people, and a bureaucracy against the people. In its place the working class establishes a dictatorship over the minority, the bourgeoisie, in order to smash their attempt to return to power. It is a democracy for the great majority, the working class, and the working people.

The revisionist 'C'PGB, in practice, long ago rejected the 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat' alongside its propagation of the charms and possibilities of the 'peaceful road'. This, too, is nothing new.

But Rodwell, French and the NCP also reject the dictatorship of the proletariat! Certainly they talk about it a lot! But revisionists are liars who turn the truth upside down. French is such a reactionary diehard. For French and his fellow revisionists nothing is finer than the fascist dictatorship in the USSR. To him the dictatorship of the proletariat means the

a setback for Brezhnev

dictatorship of the Soviet state monopoly capitalist ruling class - the rule of the Soviet tank. The revisionist leaders cannot imagine a situation where the workers will take power, have their own state, which suits the purposes of the people and boldly build socialism by relying on the people's creative industry. They long ago broke faith with the masses and are now entirely engaged in begging crumbs from their masters. This is true of both McLennon, the 'C'PGB General Secretary, and French. The only question is - which imperialist bourgeoisie do each of these traitors beg their crumbs from?

REVISIONISTS ARE AGENTS OF SOCIAL IMPERIALISM

French and the NCP make no secret of their total commitment to Soviet aggression. They express extravagant praise for Soviet imperialism invading Czechoslovakia. Opportunistically, they liken the situation to that in Hungary in 1956 when the then socialist Soviet Union came to the aid of the workers' government faced with armed counter-revolution. But Czechoslovakia in 1968 resisted the attempts by the new imperialist bourgeoisie of the Soviet Union to turn Czechoslovakia into a colony. This was an act of imperialist aggression by the USSR.

French believes that the dictatorship of the proletariat can only be enforced by the Soviet bayonet. If the Soviet Union invaded Yugoslavia, French would be in full support. If the Soviet army entered West Germany he would cheer himself hoarse, and if the Soviet fleet sailed on Britain he would be standing at the quay ready to play the role of quisling.

No, Mr French! The dictatorship of the proletariat will deal with traitors of your sort as it will settle accounts with the monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie.

The 'C'PGB mainly serves British monopoly capitalism, but secondly it also acts as agents for the USSR. It criticised the invasion of Czechoslovakia, but only in a luke warm way. Like French, they supported Soviet aggression in Angola, and covered up its invasion of Zaire. Like French it promotes the myth of 'detente' and covers up Soviet expansionism.

It criticises the USSR occasionally, but only because Soviet fascism is so blatant, that only outright agents like French can deny Soviet oppression totally. The 'C'PGB still proclaims the USSR as 'socialist'.

REVISIONIST SPLIT IS INTERNATIONAL

This split in revisionism in Britain is not an isolated instance. The same divisions are occurring throughout the world. This is because the class basis of the split is the same all over. Since revisionism turned many working class parties into anti-working class parties, the revisionists are torn between mainly serving their own bourgeoisie or mainly serving Soviet social imperialism. In Norway, and Australia for example the revisionist parties have already split. In some European countries a so-called Euro-Communist trend is dominant. This is mainly in Italy, France and Spain. At times these parties, which are similar to the revisionist 'C'PGB, have publicly squabbled with the USSR. This split is excellent. It weakens the forces of revisionism, and the two wings are busy exposing each other to the working class.

LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM-MAO TSETUNG THOUGHT!

The revisionist 'C'PGB and French's revisionist faction are sworn enemies of the working class. They have continuously peddled the cowardly line of the peaceful road to socialism and they distort the Marxist concept of the dictatorship of the proletariat. The 'C'PGB is firmly in the pocket of the British monopoly capitalist bourgeoisie and is selling out the workers' struggle everywhere it can. Sid French offers himself to the Soviet social imperialists as a would-be quisling.

But Marxism-Leninism goes from strength to strength. Internationally the countries of the third world are dealing blows against imperialism especially the hegemonism (domination) of the two superpowers. This is making an excellent situation for all workers and oppressed peoples. With the example of People's China leading the way, the people are seeing off their enemies one by one. Armed with the strategic concept of the 3 worlds we have orientation internationally.

In Britain we are grasping the central task of building the revolutionary Communist Party of the working class to kick aside the revisionist shambles that is misleading our class on all fronts.

The working class will have its Party. The working class will have power!

LONG LIVE THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT!

SUPPORT GRUNWICK WORKERS

The enquiry into the Grunwick dispute led by Lord Justice Scarman has recommended that Grunwick accept unionisation. Some people may find it strange that a court of enquiry set up by the bosses' state, and led by a long-standing servant of capitalism, should come up with such a recommendation. In fact it is not at all strange.

DIVISIONS AMONG THE CAPITALISTS

Not all capitalists have the same interests. In particular, the main force of capitalism, the monopoly capitalists, have a strategy not of smashing the unions, but of incorporating the unions into capitalism, and of turning them into props of capitalism. For several years the aim of the big capitalist combines like Leyland, Fords, British Aerospace etc. have been working to use the unions to their own advantage. They have found many Labour party opportunists willing to co-operate! The social contract is just one outstanding example.

SWP OPPORTUNISM AT GRUNWICK

The opportunist TU leaders are not the only opportunists involved in the issues around Grunwicks. The 'Socialist Workers Party' (SWP) have also displayed their own particular brand of 'left' opportunism. The SWP opportunists have talked of "national strike action to break the solidarity of the employers with Grunwicks." The employers are not all in solidarity with Grunwicks. As the article above points out, the monopoly capitalists want to turn unions into their opposite and use them against the working class. The monopoly capitalists are the main enemy of the working class, but the SWP is hiding the strategy of the monopolies. In the same way the SWP says that Grunwick "is a test case for the right of workers everywhere to belong to a trade union". Do they really believe that if the Grunwick struggle is lost that Plesseys will refuse to recognise the EEIPU anymore, or that Fords will tell the TandG to take a jump? Of course not! The reason that the SWP says it is that the SWP has no faith in the working class. They want to frighten workers into supporting the Grunwick struggle instead of leading workers in solidarity. So they tell lies and miseducate workers and hide the more real danger of the monopoly capitalists. They disarm the working class. Chairman Mao said "COMMUNISTS MUST BE READY AT ALL TIMES TO STAND UP FOR THE TRUTH, BECAUSE TRUTH IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE". Only by understanding what is really happening - and why - can the working class build up its strength and defeat the bourgeoisie.

The class interests that do support Ward are the small and middle employers. They see his fight against union recognition as a ray of light for them.

These class interests are reflected in the stand that the main bourgeois political parties have taken. Labour, Liberal, and a significant wing of the Tory party have all attacked Ward. The Tory employment spokesman, James Prior, is himself a member of APEX. They are angry that Ward is going against their grand plan of using the unions against the workers, and is stirring up class struggle.

The big capitalists, and their political representatives, whilst working for union recognition are also strongly opposed to direct class action to win the dispute. The working class learns through struggle, and workers are learning a lot in the course of the struggle to unionise Grunwicks. One of the most important lessons is that when the class is united, black and white, men and women, the class is strong. Another lesson is that the Labour opportunists are enemies of the working class.

The Scarman enquiry has duly come up with a report representing the interests of monopoly capitalism.

It urges union recognition, but attacks the workers for fighting for it. As well as being anti-Ward it is anti-worker. Whilst supporting reinstatement of the sacked workers, it says this should only be for those for whom jobs are available! They hope this will weed out the main activists. It attacks the great solidarity action shown by other workers, in particular the postal workers blacking of mail, and the picketing.

LABOUR TU LEADERS SHOW OPPORTUNISM

Grantham, the APEX General Secretary, has welcomed the report. On the TV news he even said he accepted the criticism of the workers' struggle. He agrees with the monopoly capitalists that class solidarity is a bad thing. He has consistently sabotaged the struggle, and alongside the Postal Workers' Union leader, Jackson, he attacked the postal boycott of the factory. The class solidarity that the monopoly capitalists and the TU leaders oppose is precisely the weapon that is winning the dispute.

SUPPORT GRUNWICK WORKERS

The Grunwick strike must be won, because it is a fight against superexploitation and oppression. Small employers employ

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A WORKERS' NOTEBOOK

THE EQUIPMENT OF A FRENCH TRAWLER HAS been smashed after 5 Russian trawlers sailed across its lines. Cables and lobster pots belonging to the Petit Fanch were destroyed. This is the second time this has happened in recent months.

The incident occurred within the European 200 mile limit. The Russian ships are part of a fleet of 17 authorised to fish European seas, but they act arrogantly as though European trawlers have no right to be there.

The Fisherman's Union made a protest to the Soviet embassy in Paris.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS IS NOW DESCRIBING private enterprise in agriculture as "convenient, profitable and necessary for society." The newspaper Izvestia described the private farmer as "a man interested in bringing down market prices." However because of the resistance of agricultural workers, Izvestia had to admit that: "It is difficult sometimes to surmount the psychological barriers of ill will towards private property."

DURING THE INVESTIGATION LAST YEAR INTO the bombing of the British Ambassador to Ireland, police released the name of a well-known republican saying that his fingerprint was found on a helmet at the site. In fact, other fingerprint experts who checked the fingerprint found it belonged to one of the investigators. Because they insisted that the statement be corrected they have been transferred and demoted.

IN THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR 47,000 people emigrated from Britain and 31,000 came in. A net emigration of 16,000. This has been the trend for years. So much for those who claim the capitalist crisis is due to immigration.

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many black and women workers on lousy wages. In turn this holds down the wages of other workers. The Grunwick workers are standing against their exploitation. This is in the interests of the whole class. Through victory the working class will be more united and stronger.

RISE IN PRICES, WITH PEGGED WAGES, HIT US all everyday. It was recently disclosed that as a result of this milk sales in July were 2,000,000 pints a day down on last year.

A GROUP OF ELEVEN SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES from Europe and including Japan strongly protested to the USA last month. The USA has unilaterally broken 30 international agreements by introducing a law that aims to divert cargo into American ships. American companies doing foreign trade can be fined \$25,000 a day if they do not transport in American ships. Initially the law is being applied to oil imports. This act of the USA is a direct response to the same monopolistic practice exercised by the USSR, which was reported in CS 14. The two superpowers are trying to get a stranglehold on cargo trading.

THE US SUPERPOWER IS MOVING MORE DIRECTLY into Northern Ireland. An article in the Daily Telegraph on Aug 9th reported that Carter has sent American agents to Ulster.

ON JULY 15TH SIX WOMEN WORKERS AT THE Forward Trading Company in Coventry were dismissed. They had joined the TGWU the previous November, and the Union had been pressing for recognition. The management refused to meet the official, and eventually sacked the women. On July 25th the workforce struck and picketed the factory. Their normal wages are £13 to £15 for a 42 hour week.

At the end of the first week in August the owner of the firm was forced to agree to union recognition and pay talks. Afterwards he said he was thinking of closing the factory and reopening somewhere else.

What makes this dispute special is that the owner was a member of Foleshill branch of the 'Communist' Party of Great Britain! It is true that the 'C'PGB told him to recognise the union or resign, but this was only after picket lines were on the gate. A spokesman for the 'C'PGB could not see any contradiction in having such people as members. The revisionist 'C'PGB is so rotten and servile to capitalism, there obviously isn't any.

SOCIALISM ADVANCES IN PEOPLE'S CHINA

The last year and a half has seen the people of China withstand many great tests. They lost many of their older revolutionary leaders, most notably Chairman Mao Tsetung and Premier Chou En-lai, who died in September and January of 1976. They were hit by several natural disasters, like the huge Tangshan earthquake of July 1976. But through all of these trials the Chinese people have come back stronger than ever and more united in their determination to carry on socialist revolution and socialist construction.

Under the correct leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), they have made many advances and victories. They

have a new leader - Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. Like Chairman Mao before him, Hua is both wise and bold. The happiness and enthusiasm of the workers and peasants all across China, show they support his leadership.

THE 'GANG OF FOUR' SMASHED

The infamous 'gang of four', after conspiring for four years to grab power in their own hands, were defeated in one blow. It was then, in October 1976, that Hua was chosen as the new leader to succeed Chairman Mao. With the news of this twin victory, the working people of China streamed onto the streets beating gongs, cheering and holding massive spontaneous rallies of support.

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BRITISH IMPERIALISM OUT OF IRELAND

In her Jubilee speech the Queen told us all that she could not forget she had been crowned Queen of Northern Ireland as well as England and Scotland. Neither can the people of Northern Ireland! Rotting in British and Irish gaols, lined up in dole queues, facing the daily threat of torture and murder from police or army - they don't forget.

Each generation learns the facts of imperialist life. In West Belfast 55% of school-leavers are unemployed and another 25% are in Government training centres with no prospect of future employment. The British ruling class have always used Ireland for cheap labour and cheap goods. They have always crushed opposition by using police state methods and by stirring up the divisions amongst the Irish people.

When the Queen visited Ireland she cynically told them it was time they started healing their divisions. What stinking hypocrisy! The best 'contribution' British imperialism could make to 'healing divisions' is to get out of Northern Ireland.

But British imperialism will not leave of its own accord. They will continue to try to bring the people to their knees. They will continue their policy of murder and torture in Northern Ireland backed up by harassment and false imprisonment of Irish people and sympathisers in Britain. They wage their campaign throughout the 'United' Kingdom.

We must reply on the same scale. We must stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Northern Ireland and fight our common enemy side by side. We must build the revolutionary Communist Party in Britain and in Northern Ireland. The struggle to throw British imperialism out of Northern Ireland is a part of the struggle for

socialism. United in a common revolutionary organization, the working people of Britain and Northern Ireland will answer the bourgeoisie with a united and successful onslaught throughout the length and breadth of the United Kingdom. ■

MANIFESTO OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE OF BRITAIN

The founding congress of the RCLB has adopted a Manifesto, which is a major step towards the programme of the future revolutionary Communist Party.

The Manifesto is an important advance in integrating the universal truths of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought with the concrete practice of the British revolution. It spells out firmly the general line on the way forward for the working class in Britain and on the part it must play in the struggle in the world as a whole.

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CHAIRMAN MAO: A GREAT LEADER AND TEACHER OF THE WORKING CLASS

One year ago this month, on September 9, 1976, Chairman Mao Tsetung died in Peking. Chairman Mao was a truly great leader and teacher of the working class and oppressed throughout the world. His passing was a huge loss, not only to the people of China, but also to all people around the globe fighting against imperialism, revisionism and hegemonism.

Chairman Mao was the greatest Marxist of our present time. He followed in the footsteps of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. He held high the red banner of Marxism-Leninism which the modern revisionists in the Soviet Union tore down after the death of Comrade Stalin.

Chairman Mao always based himself on Marxism-Leninism and integrated it with the actual practice of the revolution. Like the great Marxist leaders before him, Mao was able to sum up the past revolutionary theory and practice, concentrate it, and make a breakthrough in a new line or policy to guide the class struggle forward. Time and again he would correctly solve the really basic problems facing the socialist revolution in China and the world.

Chairman Mao put forward the great concept of the three worlds. This strategic class analysis of the forces in the world today, gives workers everywhere a deeper grasp of events. It tells us that the chief enemies of the world's people are the two superpowers, the social imperialist Soviet Union and the imperialist United States. Together they make up the first world. The main force opposing these two biggest plunderers are the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. These, together with the socialist countries like China and Albania, make up the third world. And that sandwiched in between these forces are the minor imperialist powers, like Britain, the second world. Even these powers can be vacillating allies of the third world in opposing the hegemonism, the striving for world domination, of the two superpowers. This analysis of Mao's guides us in our fight for socialist revolution and against superpower hegemonism.

Chairman Mao has been a great leader and teacher, dedicating his whole life to the cause of the working class and oppressed throughout the world. He led the people of China in fighting for socialism and then in socialist revolution and socialist construction. He taught workers the world over how to fight for socialism and defeat revisionism, imperialism and the hegemonic



superpowers. By studying and applying his teachings to our own class struggle the working class in Britain, led by a new revolutionary Communist Party, will surely be victorious. ■

11th NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CPC CONFIRMS GREAT VICTORIES

In August the 11th National Congress of the Communist Party of China was held. Chairman Hua Kuo-feng delivered the political report on behalf of the Central Committee. The Congress resolution on the report was passed unanimously. The resolution states that Chairman Hua's report "has comprehensively summed up the basic experience in the eleventh struggle between the 2 lines in the party, accurately expounded Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, profoundly analysed the international and domestic situation and explicitly set forth the tasks for the present and for some time to come. It considers that the report is a militant programme guiding our party, our army and our people in the struggle for new victories in socialist revolution and socialist construction."

The resolution hailed the victory over the 'gang of four', and welcomed the successful conclusion of the first great proletarian cultural revolution.

SOCIALISM ADVANCES IN PEOPLE'S CHINA

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The Chinese people's hatred of the two-faced traitors Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao, Chiang Ching, and Yao Wen-yuan, the 'gang of four', goes very deep. These four lorded it over the workers and peasants. Acting like the emperors and empresses of old China, they tried to arrest and throw into prison many who criticised them and opposed their rule.

For example, the four persecuted workers at the Shanghai Library. Why? Because staff there discovered written evidence showing that Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao had counter-revolutionary backgrounds. But they wouldn't own up. Fearing the just criticism of the masses, Chiang and company tried to suppress the truth. They conspired ever more to rule over the people. This only made the aim of their crimes clearer: the four wanted to over-

Vice Chairman Yeh Chien-ying made the report on the revision of the party constitution which was warmly adopted by the Congress.

Vice Chairman Teng Hsiao-ping made the closing address to the Congress. He militantly called on the party to revive and carry forward the party's fine tradition and style which Chairman Mao fostered in the party. He paid particular attention to the need to practise the mass line, seek truth from facts, practice criticism and self-criticism, to be modest, to follow the style of plain living and hard struggle, and to practice democratic centralism so that there is a situation where there is both centralism and democracy, both discipline and freedom, both unity of will and personal ease of mind and liveliness.

The 11th Congress of the CPC is a Congress full of great victories and will be welcomed not only by the Chinese people, but by all oppressed and exploited throughout the world. ■

throw the political power of the working class, turn China from a people's republic into a fascist state and the CPC into a fascist party.

COMRADE TENG HSIAO-PING - A SCOURGE OF THE 'GANG OF FOUR'

The 'gang of four' though saved some of their worst double-dealing tricks for Teng Hsiao-ping, a Party member just reinstated to his old leading posts. In 1974-75, Teng waged a fierce battle against the four's splittism. In response, the clique made false charges against him and tried to get him expelled. But Teng fought back, and is now working harder than before for socialism and in the interests of the working class. While the rotten four, like bosses the world over, are being put in the dustbin of history! ■

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