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WHO IS STAGING
A REAL "NOOSE
TRIAL" TO PUT
OUR WORKING-
CLASS RIGHTS
AND LIBERTIES,
OUR INDEPENDENT
ORGANISATIONS
BEHIND BARS!

W A R N I N G !

TO ALL WORKERS AND MILITANT TRADE UNIONISTS !
TO ALL WORKING PEOPLE, WHATEVER YOUR POLITICAL
PERSUASION !
TO THE WORKING YOUTH AND ALL PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE !

THE MOST POWERFUL SECTIONS OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS - THE MIL-
LIONAIRE BANKERS, FINANCIERS AND MONOPOLY-CAPITALISTS - HAVE
JOINED FORCES TO TURN THE GENERAL ELECTION INTO A TRAP TO EN-
SNARE THE WORKING PEOPLE OF BRITAIN. BY MEANS OF THE SO-CALLED
"INCOMES POLICY", ANTI-TRADE UNION LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD MAKE
STRIKE ACTION ILLEGAL, AND STATE ASSISTED MONOPOLISATION, THEY
AIM TO USE THE WILSON GOVT. AS A FOIL BEHIND WHICH TO DISMANTLE
OUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES, TO ROB OUR TRADE UNIONS AND
OTHER ORGANISATIONS OF STRUGGLE OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE. THE
PLAN THEY ARE HATCHING IS DIRECTED AT THE VERY HEART OF THE WOR-
KING-CLASS MOVEMENT, TO STRIP IT OF ITS HARD-WON WEAPONS OF
STRUGGLE AND TO TIE IT HAND AND FOOT TO THE STATE WHICH IS CON-
TROLLED 100% BY THOSE SAME BANKERS AND MONOPOLY-CAPITALISTS
AND ACTS IN THEIR INTERESTS. WITH THE WILSON GOVT. AS THEIR SER-
VILE TOOL THEY WILL SUBORDINATE BRITAIN EVEN MORE THOROUGHLY
TO U.S. IMPERIALISM - THE MOST VICIOUS REACTIONARY POWER SINCE
NAZI GERMANY - AND PREPARE THE GROUND FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE
DIRECT DICTATORSHIP OF MONOPOLY-CAPITAL AND BIG BUSINESS, IN
WHICH EVEN OUR PRESENT LIMITED DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS WOULD BE TAK-
EN AWAY. 17 MONTHS OF THE WILSON GOVT. HAVE GIVEN THE WORKING
PEOPLE THEIR "EARLY WARNING" OF WHAT LIES IN STORE.

IT WAS THROUGH SUCH MEN AS HAROLD WILSON - REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE CLASS ENEMY WITHIN THE WORKERS RANKS - THAT FASCISM
WAS IMPOSED ON THE WORKING PEOPLE OF GERMANY, ITALY AND SPAIN.

IN SHORT, THE BRITISH RULING CLASS, FACED WITH INSOLUBLE CRISES
AT HOME AND ABROAD, WITH THE STRUCTURE OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM
GRAVELY WEAKENED, IS PREPARING TO SOLVE THESE CRISES AT THE EX-
PENSE OF THE WORKING-CLASS BY MANIPULATING A FASCIST FORM
OF GOVERNMENT INTO POWER.

Use your own judgement - and you will see that this is the reason why the whole
Election Campaign - the angry words, charges, accusations and counter-accusa-
tions - all sound so false. They are false, because all the political parties
of capitalism, the entire propaganda machinery of the Press, B.B.C., I.T.V., are
united in conspiring to suppress and distort the real issues in order to ensure a
bigger majority for Wilson. They desperately need to give Wilson a veneer of pop-
ular support, to portray him as "progressive", so that, behind this disguise, they
can carry through their reactionary programme which, if unchecked, will lead to
FASCISM !

Only one force can counter this fundamental threat:

THE INDEPENDENT AND ORGANISED STRENGTH OF THE WHOLE WORKING - CLASS.

Only when the working-class has forged its own independent revolutionary weapons of struggle, has built its own independent organisations free of the paralysing grip, the deception and fraud of capitalist politics, can they begin to use these organisations to call the bluff of capitalist "democracy" and expose the naked class violence of the state which lurks behind it. ONLY THE WORKING-CLASS CAN CREATE THE WEAPON WHICH WILL DEFEAT THE GROWTH OF FASCISM.

But to prepare the working-class for this task, the whole traitorous role of the Labour leaders must be proved beyond all doubt.

HOW DOES IT COME ABOUT THAT THE LABOUR PARTY, FOUNDED OVER 60 YEARS AGO TO PROMOTE WORKING - CLASS INTERESTS, HAS NOW BECOME THE MAIN TOOL OF THE MOST REACTIONARY SECTIONS OF MONOPOLY - CAPITALISM AND THE CHEIF INSTRUMENT FOR INTRODUCING FASCIST MEASURES INTO THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE OF OUR NATION ?

The answer lies in the fact that Britain is a capitalist country, in which all the means of life, all the vast productive wealth created by the sweat and skill of our labour - the factories, mills, workshops, railways, mines - are owned privately by a relatively small class of wealthy owners, the capitalists, who make a profit out of exploiting the labour of the working-class. The state is essentially an apparatus of force to protect this system of exploitation. Real political power is kept permanently in the hands of the capitalist class through their control of the organs of force of the state - the army, police, the law courts - which parliament does not control directly. Governments and parliaments may come and go, but those permanent organs remain. Parliament's main purpose is to act as a disguise to conceal the true nature of the state as an organ of force against the working-class. The political parties which compete for votes at elections reflect the division of society into classes. But because the capitalist class, through its wealth, controls all the means of information and propaganda, it is the capitalist parties - Tory, Liberal and yes, Labour too - which dominate parliament through their influence on ideas and manipulation of "public opinion". Thus, in practice, parliament becomes a "management committee for the entire capitalist class - and should a situation ever arise where a genuine working-class party had gained sufficient support to win an election and form a government, then the organs of force would be brought into use, the law changed, parliament abolished, the working-class party declared illegal, and fascism imposed - as actually happened in Germany, Italy, Spain and other countries.

But the Labour Party purports to be precisely such a party of the working-class, whose aim is to establish socialism gradually and peacefully, bit by bit. The Labour Party may once have been a party representing working-class interests. But the capitalists seek continually to penetrate all working-class organisations and parties, to win them over as disguised instruments of capitalist rule. The Labour Party became this disguise many years ago - that is why successive Labour Govts., in 1924, 1929, 1945 and again in 1964 - have brought our country not one whit nearer to socialism but, on the contrary, have been used by the capitalists to introduce anti-working class measures which the open parties of big business - the Tories - would be too unpopular to get away with. Socialism will never be achieved via the ballot-box and parliament, and any political

party which says that it can be deceiving the working class in order to save capitalism. Only the revolutionary action of a united working-class led by an incorruptible party armed with scientific theory - Marxism-Leninism - will achieve this through destroying the structure of capitalist power and its state by force, and replacing it with the truly democratic structure of working-class power based on the people's organisations. The Labour Party, then, is a sham and a fraud, designed to permeate the working-class with capitalist ideas. The Communist Party of Gt. Britain was once a revolutionary working-class party. But under the impact of home and international reaction, it too has now succumbed to capitalist ideas and preaches the same false line of peaceful, gradual advance to socialism as does the Labour Party. Thus there now exists a situation where no political party of the working class independent of the capitalist framework remains in Britain.

How, then, should workers use their vote on polling day? THEY MUST USE IT TO EXPOSE WILSON AND HIS MEN AS CAPITALIST POLITICIANS. This can only be done through the actual experience of a Labour Govt. which demonstrates their betrayal of working-class interests, their support for the most reactionary sections of monopoly-capitalism. Were a Tory Govt. to be returned, Wilson and Co. would be able to pose once again as "progressives" and "socialists". It is therefore necessary to keep them in power and to cast our votes for them.

But to leave matters at such a pass would in itself constitute a betrayal of every fundamental interest of the working people. For Wilson's policies are preparing the ground for fascism in Britain. So long as there remains no independent political force to lead the working-class into action, it will be impossible to stem the tide of reaction and to begin the long and arduous struggle for the socialist future.

THE MOST ADVANCED SECTIONS OF THE WORKING-CLASS MUST NOW RALLY AND ORGANISE IN ORDER TO BRING THIS FORCE INTO BEING. CENTRES OF LEADERSHIP MUST BE ESTABLISHED IN EVERY AREA, WHICH WILL TAKE UP EVERY ISSUE OF STRUGGLE AND OPPOSE THE REACTIONARIES WITH MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF THE WORKING-CLASS. IN PARTICULAR, WORKING-CLASS CANDIDATES MUST ENTER THE FIELD TO CREATE A REAL WORKERS OPPOSITION AND TO DEFEND THE LIMITED DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AGAINST ALL ATTEMPTS BY REACTION TO REDUCE THEM STILL FURTHER. ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUNDS MUST BE OPENED TO FINANCE THIS VITAL STRUGGLE. THE WORKING-CLASS MUST NOT REMAIN LEADERLESS.

WORKING PEOPLE OF BRITAIN! ONLY YOUR INITIATIVE CAN MAKE GOOD THE BETRAYAL OF THE LABOUR AND C.P. "LEADERS"! TAKE THAT INITIATIVE INTO YOUR OWN HANDS! ESTABLISH YOUR OWN INDEPENDENT CENTRES OF STRUGGLE! SET UP ACTION COUNCILS IN DEFENCE OF THE TRADE UNIONS AND ALL WORKING-CLASS RIGHTS! SECURE YOUR OWN INDEPENDENT M.P.s! ALL OVER THE WORLD THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS, THE EXPLOITED AND THE OPPRESSED, ARE UNITING TO DEFEAT THE COMMON ENEMY, U.S. AND WORLD IMPERIALISM! WE, WORKING PEOPLE OF BRITAIN, MUST NOT LAG BEHIND OUR BROTHERS OVERSEAS IN THIS WORLD-WIDE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM! UNITED AMONGST OURSELVES AND WITH OUR CLASS BROTHERS THE WORLD OVER, WE ARE UNCONQUERABLE, AND OUR JUST STRUGGLE WILL SURELY TRIUMPH!

THE ACTION CENTRE FOR MARXIST-LENINIST UNITY.