

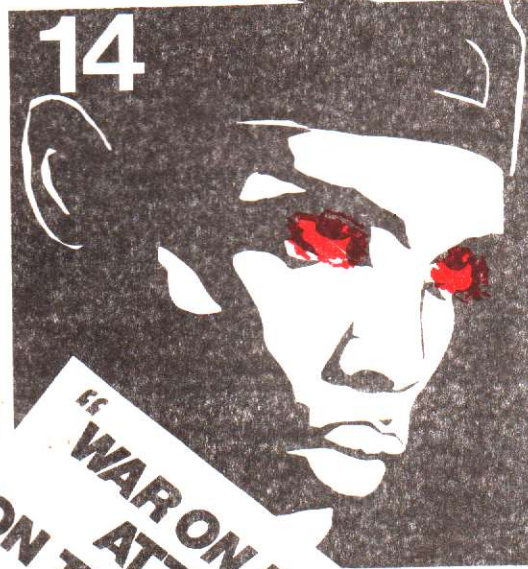


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**THE FUTURE BELONGS TO US
IF WE DARE RISE UP!**

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THE QUESTION FOR US, IS HOW DO WE GET FROM WHERE WE ARE TODAY, WHERE A MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE LIVE UNDER IMPERIALIST OPPRESSION, TO WHERE WE WANT TO BE - A WORLD FREE OF IMPERIALISM, A WORLD FREE OF OPPRESSION? TO ACHIEVE THIS LEAP, WE HAVE TO BUILD A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE TODAY. THIS BRIDGE HAS TO BE BUILT THROUGH THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE MASSES OF PEOPLE. AND THE EXPERIENCE OF BUILDING THAT BRIDGE HAS TO BECOME CONCENTRATED IN A PROLETARIAN VANGUARD ORGANISATION. THE REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV) IS THE AGITATOR AND ORGANISER FOR THIS TASK IN BRITAIN, AS ONE DETACHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT.

TODAY, WE HAVE A PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONAL, THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALIST MOVEMENT (RIM). A VITAL AND YOUNG ORGANISATION. THE BATTLE-LINES ARE BEING DRAWN AROUND THE WORLD, BETWEEN THE OPPRESSED AND THE OPPRESSOR. IT'S OUR DUTY TO THE MASSES OF PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO STEP UP AND JOIN OUR COMRADES IN STRUGGLE. IF YOU'RE OPPRESSED BY THIS SYSTEM, IF YOU DREAM OF A FUTURE WHERE THIS SYSTEM IS RUBBLE, IF YOU'RE A REBEL, ILLEGAL, DOWNCAST, NOTHING TO LOSE, THEN STEP FORWARD. TAKE UP THE TASK AND HELP PREPARE THE GROUND FOR REVOLUTION!

OUR IDEOLOGY IS MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM.
OUR ORGANISATION IS REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV).
OUR NEWSPAPER IS RED REBEL.

IF YOU WANT TO BURY THE SYSTEM, THIS IS YOUR PAPER. TAKE IT UP!

**REVOLUTION IS THE HOPE
OF THOSE WITH NO HOPE
AND R.V. STANDS FOR
Revolution!**



RV... Declaration of Intent...

IMPERIALISM DECLARES A WAR ON THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE, UNDER THE COVER OF "WAR ON DRUGS". IMPERIALISM DECLARES A WAR ON WOMEN, THROUGH THE ATTACK ON ABORTION RIGHTS AND OTHER VICIOUS WAYS. REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV) SAYS, WE'VE GOT TO DECLARE WAR ON IMPERIALISM. THE PEOPLE ARE THE MAKERS OF HISTORY, THE PROLETARIAT ARE THE FORCE FOR REVOLUTION AND WHAT WE NEED IS A REVOLUTIONARY WAR OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM.

FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED, LIVING UNDER THE POWERS-THAT-BE GETS HARDER EVERY DAY AND WHEN THE PEOPLE LOOK OUT THERE, THEY DON'T HEAR NO VOICE SPEAKING FOR THEM. THIS PAPER IS A VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE AND IT'S GOT TO BECOME MORE OF A VOICE. IT'S A PAPER FOR ALL THOSE BRUTALISED BY THIS SYSTEM. ALL WHO REFUSE TO TURN THEIR EYES AWAY FROM OPPRESSION. ALL WHO

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Guildford 4 The Maguires

Tottenham 3



SAVAGE ATTACKS BY SAVAGE RULERS!

"Being Irish, you get nothing. You're at the bottom of the heap and they shovel sand and cement over you, so you don't get nothing at all". (Gerry Conlon of the Guildford 4)

"All systems have an element of unfairness. We have to make sure the system works as well as possible". (Tory MP Ivan Lawrence)

A series of blatant frame-ups by the Powers-that-be have brought sharply into question, for broad sections of the people, just what the British in-justice system is all about. The majority of people in Ireland as a whole have absolutely no faith in the British in-justice system, after the cases of the Guildford 4 (G4), the Maguires, the Birmingham 6 (B6) and the Winchester 3 (W3). For the masses of oppressed people in Britain, the Tottenham 3 (T3), the Alban Turner frame-up for murder at Notting Hill carnival, the deaths of 9 black brothers in Brixton prison last year and the police brutalisation of the people, under cover of "War on Drugs" - not to mention the seriously exposed West Midlands "Serious Crime" squad - have confirmed the apartheid basis of British "democracy". Public confidence in the police and legal system is running at an all-time low and the people's spirit to fight the power is on the rise.

British imperialism has been criticised by Amnesty International for its violation of human rights. British imperialism has also been criticised by its fellow reactionaries, the "European Court of Human Rights", describing its Prevention of Terrorism Act as "unlawful". A US Congressman, chairman of the (in)human rights caucus said on the B6 case, "we have the highest regard for British justice, but even the best system of justice can go

astray". (sic) This congressional Caucus was set up to gloss over and refine US puppet regimes. They concentrate mainly on South Africa and Latin America or the USSR, their rival bloc. But with deep embarrassment they were forced to turn their criticism to British imperialism. Why? What's going on here?

Britain's bad record in the "democracy and freedom" game is getting rather scratched. The powers-that-be in Britain are trying to restructure their in-justice system to win back public support for further savage attacks against the people. The exposures around the T3, G4, B6, W3 and the Maguires etc have formed gaping holes in their so called democracy/hypocrisy. When they talk about "making sure the system works as well as possible", they ain't talking about stopping the daily brutalisation of the oppressed people. They're talking about making sure the blind is firmly covering the window and the door is firmly closed, so they can do it all the more efficiently in private. The frame-up cases we've listed have become hot potatoes which are burning the rulers' fingers and they've been forced to drop some of them. With all these cases, they're either saying there's been a "miscarriage of justice" or they're holding the people in prison as hostages. They're trying to cover over their crimes. When Gerry Conlon of the Guildford 4 was released, they asked him to leave by a back entrance. He said, "you's put me in prison... through the back door, I'm going out through the front door". When they are forced to release people, they try to set conditions, to cover their dirty ass. But they ain't got no right to set no conditions, and they ain't got no right to imprison nobody. When they have to drop these hot potatoes, don't believe the hype that we got a chance for change through this system. We got to keep the pressure on to get all the brothers and sisters released. It ain't a question of whether the people are "guilty" or "innocent", **this system is guilty of everything and innocent of nothing. FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS NOW!**



**WOMENS
ANGER
WOMENS
POWER**

PROLETARIAN WOMAN SPEAKS OUT!

From the earliest age and throughout her life, a woman is subjected to the most vicious and thorough offensive by this system. An offensive to try and crush her spirit and grind her down into submission, deny her rights of the most fundamental nature and turn her into a slave to family, husband and nation. Growing up, she has it pushed at her in a thousand different ways that she is "inferior", that there is something "wrong" with her. What is it that she's done wrong? Nothing, except to be born a woman in a woman-hating system.

Every day this system declares its war on women. Here, a proletarian woman speaks of the bitter experiences she's had in this war on women. One woman's voice that is the voice of millions under this woman-hating system. One droplet of anger added to the millions of other droplets from the world's women, that will add up to a mighty torrent to advance revolution. A woman whose experiences are those that her mother experienced and those that her daughters, who are now mothers, also experience. Because so long as this oppressor system is in place, each generation of women faces its brutality and has to fight against it.

Barbara says she is speaking out, "because I know there are so many women in this world who have suffered and had a lot of pain, some telling no-one of being abused sexually when they were young or being battered women".

She talked about her first experience of being abused as a child, by a 20 year old cousin.

"I was shocked but was not saying a word. I was not sure what to say or do. I was only 10 at the time. He told me not to tell anyone at all and I never. This went on for a few months... I was getting very upset about this and blamed myself for what he was doing, even though I did not know what it was, I somehow knew it was wrong. I had to tell someone about it so I told my nan. She never told me off, she just said she would talk to my mum about it. Well, it was as if I was the one to blame. They said they asked my cousin about it and he said I was lying and he would never do something like that. The whole family got to hear of it, so it was another black mark for me... They said I was



a dirty-minded little girl... I felt rotten and bad, as if I was the one who had done wrong. But no-one believed me, not even my nan. So when my uncle started touching me I told no-one, because I would have been called a liar again. I just tried to stay out of his way as much as I could."

When she was not much older, Barbara was followed home one night by a man who'd asked her directions. He got into the house, smashed her about the face when she tried to fight him off, knocked her unconscious and raped her. When her mother found out, she phoned the police and Barbara describes their attitude:

"I had to go to the police station and be examined and was asked what had happened. I swear that if any of my daughters were raped, I would never take them to the police. It was the most degrading thing I have ever known. It's like being raped over again. It was a male doctor who examined me, it was male police who asked me what had happened. And would you believe it, they said it was my fault, because I spoke to the man. So does that mean if you talk to a man he has the

right to rape you? Does it mean I was to blame for my cousin and my uncle touching me as well? I know now that none of it was my fault, but all my years of growing up I blamed myself.

Like so many women, Barbara was put on tranquilisers by the doctor to dull the pain of this women-hating reality. She was on tranquilisers for six months. Then, with the same lack of feeling as when the doctors put her on tranquilisers, they just as quickly took them away. Barbara says when she was outside and saw a man coming up the street, she would freeze, thinking he was coming to attack her. To try and cope with this and the sudden withdrawal of the tranquilisers, she got her own drugs. She was eleven years old at this time.

"I spent a couple of years trying to handle things, trying to forgive, and forget I did, by taking drugs, any drugs that came my way".

She found out later that the rapist was the 'respectable' cousin of one of her school-friends.

For a while she enjoyed growing up with her friends at school, "Well, for them they were growing up. I grew up a long time before them". Next, Barbara described the situation when she had her first boyfriend, at 15.

"I ended up having sex which was a nightmare for me. I knew nothing about birth control, in fact I didn't know much about anything... I was afraid to stop him because I loved him and was afraid of losing him. I could not face that. I had found someone who loved me and I was not letting go... I just went along with everything he done or said by this time. I could not refuse because he was getting violent towards me, always saying sorry afterwards. Well, what do you think happened? Yes, I got pregnant... No-one liked Justin and there was always rows between him and mum or my sister. This was getting me in trouble with him and he was hitting me about everytime they had words or sometimes for no reason at all".

"I was six months pregnant... Justin told me to meet him at his father's house at six. My feet were so swollen I could just about walk, which made me late. As soon as I got in the house he started to beat me. He was kicking me to the floor and dragging me up by my hair. Punching me in the face, biting me, throwing me about like a rag doll. It went on and on until there was a knock at the door. He told me to be quiet as it might be the police. The neighbours had called them before to stop him hitting me, but this time it was my mum and sister. Someone had gone and told them I was screaming and would they come and get me out the house? Was I glad to



see them. I got out of the house and mum got Justin by his hair and she pulled him out in the street. My sister and her beat him up. He was screaming at them to leave him and stop hitting him. People were standing around clapping them for hitting him. I felt nothing, just horror at the whole thing. I stopped seeing him for a while, but I felt sorry for him and believe it or not I loved him. Things were not good for me, I was losing weight instead of putting it on. I ended up in labour at 6½ months and almost lost the baby". Barbara stayed in hospital recovering for 2 months and soon after had her baby, a girl. She was seeing Justin again, "he was behaving much better, he could not do enough for me". She noticed the hospital's attitude to her as an unmarried young mother:

"When the time came for the visitors to be let in, I could not wait for Justin to see her. The nurse came to me and asked me if the man outside was the baby's father? They would keep calling me 'Mrs' and I would tell them 'No, Miss, and yes, he is the father, we are not married'... It wasn't good to have young unmarried mums in the ward. It was upsetting for all the married women and husbands. So I left them with their smug ideas and went home".

Barbara was now looking forward to moving into the first home of her own. Her family's home, with all the arguments, was "like being in prison". She had a new life, her baby Liza,

"it was mine to love and care for and I promised myself to bring it up the way I thought was right and that meant nothing like I was brought up". She married Justin at 16, and they bought new furniture and things and moved into a flat. Looking back at it now, Barbara says, "it was like a child playing with a doll's house".

"We moved in and things were fine. I could not wish for anything else. At last I had a purpose in life, I was useful to someone and was showed affection for it. Justin started to get very violent again and when he raised his voice I would shake, hoping he would not hit me. After a row one night, he kicked me in the face with boots on. I felt a terrible pain all over my face and blood was pouring everywhere. I sat with a towel at my face crying and he just laughed at me and asked me what I was crying for? By this time, I was pregnant again and knew I was not going to take any more beatings. I got up the next morning, got Liza ready and started packing. I walked past the mirror in the bedroom and saw the most horrible face looking at me. It was like a pig but it was human. I nearly screamed at it and then realised it was my face... I left that day and never went back. I got one room at the top of a house... It was a dirty place but I soon got to work on it and cleaned it up. At least I was not living a nightmare with Justin".

Barbara became very ill with her second pregnancy and after being let out of hospital, she stayed at her mother's. "Someone had told Justin where I was, so I was in for more beatings. I was still at mum's and he would come there and make a fuss if I did not see him. So to stop him kicking mum's door in, I started seeing him, just to keep the peace. I had nowhere else to go, so I tried my best to do what I could to stop him from coming to mum's house. But he got so bad after I had my second daughter, Jane, I left mum's and went to live with Justin and his sister. I could not stay at mum's. It was not fair on her to keep having her door kicked in. When Justin went to work or just went out, he would lock me in the bedroom all night or day. When he came home, he would make me sleep on the floor like a dog. He told me he was seeing another woman and I was over the moon about it, thinking he would now leave me alone... Justin had gone to live with his girlfriend. I did not care that he had left me. It was a godsend to see the back of him".

Barbara found herself expecting her third baby in as many years.

"I was pregnant again and I did not know where to turn. It was hard enough with two of them, how was I going to cope with three?"

I had to tell mum about it. She was raving mad at me. She could not understand how I was still having sex with Justin, after all he had done to me. It was no good trying to explain to her I had no choice. He would take it even if I said No and it only lasted about 15 minutes. To me that was better than being beat up again. She thought it would be best to have an abortion, if I could get one. What I thought didn't matter to anyone. No, I did not want another baby, but I could not bear to think of it being taken away from me. But I went to the doctor and asked him if he would write me a letter to get it done. He refused, being a catholic. And said things would work out right in the end". Barbara had her third baby by the age of 19.

When she was 21, Barbara was involved in a better relationship with a guy, Jeff. She was faced with a situation of explaining her attitude and pain, what had happened to her in the past and how this was affecting her today.

"How was I going to explain to him that I was raped and so many people had just used me for sex? But I had to do it, or I would lose a good thing in my life. So I decided to tell him how I felt and why I had so much hurt inside that I could not explain to my-



Red Rebel Flying-High Flyer!

MAY DAY 1990: RAISE

THE RED FLAG OF MAOISM - all over the world!



May Day is a day that belongs to the struggle of the oppressed & exploited all over the world & those at the bottom of this shit-hole country. A day that belongs to our sisters & brothers internationally who are daily pushed down & bled dry by this oppressor system, imperialism, but whose hearts burn & whose minds dream of a place where the downpressors have no place. May Day is a day when the class-conscious international proletariat declare anew our determination to see this system gone, because this system is like a mountain weighing on the backs of the people & the day we throw it off won't be a day too soon. On this day, people all over the world raise up the red flag & this makes the enemy see red. Our comrades all over the world give their life to mark this day. In countries like Turkey, to go on the streets with a red flag is to risk being shot down by the army, but the risk of death doesn't stop the people raising up the red flag. This flag is stained red with the blood of the masses & is freshly stained by the struggles of the people. But their struggle & sacrifice inspires us & only increases our determination to do away with this monster system.

The red flag belongs in the mines of Azania, the plantations of Haiti, the sweatshops of Thailand, the streets of Belfast & Dublin, the ghettos of Peckham & Toxteth, the barrios of the US. & everywhere the people are brutalised by this system's bloodthirst for profit & desperate attempts to stop the rise of revolution. It doesn't belong in the hands of the bloated bureaucrats of the Russian & Chinese so-called Communist Parties. For years, these dogs have passed themselves off as communists & it's been nothing more than a cover to get rich & fat off the backs of the masses. But today in the eastern bloc, this cover of phony communism is falling away & the dogs ruling China, who seized power from the proletariat after Mao Tsetung's death, have been exposed for the whole world to see, after their foul massacre in Tiananmen Sq. The West likes to say this is a "crisis of Communism", but you know it's just another set of rats like the western rulers, who are finding it all the harder to keep their shit afloat. And through the crisis that is shaking all the rulers, East & west, the people's struggle is bursting through.

The phony communism of the Eastern bloc is dead. Real communism, Maoism, is alive & on the rise all over the world. In Peru, the oppressed masses are being unleashed in a People's War, led by the Communist Party of Peru (Sendero Luminoso). In the belly of US imperialism in Bangladesh, Afghanistan, all over, the Maoists are preparing or carrying out a revolutionary war of the masses, united by the principles of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement (RIM). Our task today is to join the ranks of our comrades & work to overthrow British imperialism. A crazy dream? Not so crazy! The opportunities for revolution are ripening up around the world. Just as the rulers in Britain are coming down harder on the people, so the people's struggle



Revolutionary art from Peru.

is getting higher. Witness the ass-kicking the powers -that-be got in the Poll Tax rebellion in Trafalgar Sq. This is fertile ground for the advance of revolutionary politics & Mao is the time for people to take them up. REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV) is taking up the task of putting hard-edged, all-the-way revolutionary politics on the agenda, in this shit-hole country. If you've had enough of the problem, imperialism, & you want to be part of the solution, revolution, CHECK OUT THE RV!

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THE 90's: A TIME FOR HARD-EDGED, ALL-THE-WAY REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS! MAO IS THE TIME!

self let alone him. I had to have a few drinks before I started to talk about how I felt dirty if I enjoyed sex and also I thought he would think that of me, too... he was shocked to think a woman of my age with 3 kids didn't know anything else. He was the most gentle man I have ever known. He explained to me that it was not supposed to be like that and it was for two people to get enjoyment from and not just the man... It took a lot of guts to tell him and I was afraid that he would reject me, but he was great. He tried to understand what it was like for me and said he would help me but I must learn to trust him... If I had not met Jeff, I would still have no idea about love, warmth or sex at all".

Later, when she started a relationship with a black guy, Leroy, she got to experience first hand some of the racism of the society towards oppressed people. Because she'd experienced oppression herself, as a woman, she could feel for the situation Leroy was in. As a white woman going out with a black guy, she was attacked as somehow a 'lesser' woman, by this society. It was as though going out with a black guy, she became black, too. On one occasion, they were both arrested and held in local police cells. Barbara was targeted by the pigs, for having a black boyfriend and the most vicious, woman-hating abuse was thrown at her. For the 3 days she was held, she was the only prisoner there to receive no food and no change of clothes or washing facilities. The police officers threatened to enter her cell late at night in force and carry out a gang rape.

Later on, Leroy wanted her to go and earn money working in Germany, she thought in a nightclub. She didn't want to, but he pressured her and she went with her friend, Kay. The work turned out to be prostitution and when they tried to get out of it, they were literally imprisoned.

"it was a hard time for both of us... Two girls were from Thailand... two other girls from Spain and a German girl who was killed at the house by one of the punters... That first night was a shock to me and Kay. We expected to sit at a bar and smile and earn money by men buying us drinks. Instead, we were told to go back upstairs to our room and take off most of our cloths, as they said we had too much on... We started to pack our clothes and were going to go back home. We never had a penny between us, but we were not staying there. Kay was crying all the time and I had to be the strong one and told her to pull herself together. We crept down the stairs at two in the morning, only to find the doors locked. So we were stuck. We could not get away. So we would have to work

until we had enough money to get home. So we started a new life of being a prostitute, not an easy life at all. We worked and saved every penny to get home".

Barbara and her friend got in touch with their boyfriends to come and get them, thinking that the men mustn't have known what type of work it was.

"We met them at the station at Frankfurt, only to get a good beating, which was not expected from me or her. Leroy took every penny I had saved to get home and spent it on new clothes and shoes. We booked into a hotel, which I had to work for to keep us there. So I was told I was not going home. I was going to make money for at least a couple of months and like a bloody fool I did".

Barbara told us that during this time she managed to put some money aside into her bank account. She had plans, when she returned to England, to open a small shop of some kind. When she got back home, she had difficulty in getting the money transferred. She later found out that Leroy had forged her signature, while still in Germany, and taken out all her savings, leaving her with nothing.

Barbara told us she had to return to England because her mother and friends had found out what she was doing in Germany. Also, the Social Services found out that she was not in the country and they were preparing to take her children into "care". She returned within a day to stop them.

"When I came back from Germany, I had lost a lot of friends and my mother would not talk to me. This was because they knew I was a prostitute and they felt it was a terrible thing to do". **Barbara made the point that she didn't see the difference between her being forced into prostitution and women being forced to please their husbands, to get the housekeeping money.**

We said at the beginning of this article that this system declares a **war on women** and carries it out every day in a million different ways and the life of this sister testifies to the fact. Barbara has the scars of living and fighting this war on women, both mental and physical. She tells us that the years of struggle have built up a strong and good relationship with her daughters, forged by the shared experiences, one of her daughters becoming pregnant at fifteen. "We all have a lot of respect for each other, they see me as a mum and a friend, someone who they can tell anything. If they have problems they come to me, if I have a problem, I can go to them".

Barbara says that her experiences in life have brought her to the point where she refuses to take any shit from the system and from men. The struggle against this woman-hating system has given rise to a system-hating woman. And like so many women with her experience and deep-rooted hate for oppression, they are enemies of this oppressor system and a mighty force for revolution.

We asked Barbara to sum up how she sees things today.

"There is a light at the end of a tunnel. And that light is to free us from being oppressed and treated as a slave. We must stand together strong and fight for our rights. We must stand up against anything or anyone that tries to keep us down as a lower person."

We must fight against this government which sees a woman the same as a dog. There will come a day when women will be able to walk the streets alone without the fear of being raped, when we are treated as human and not like an animal with no brain.

Together we can make this happen. Together we will make it happen. Join the R.V. and fight the oppressor." ■



R.V. 'S THREE POINTS

- 1** WOMAN OPPRESSION IS AS INSEPARABLE FROM THIS SOCIETY AS THE WEAVE IS FROM THE CLOTH. WE DON'T WANT TO PAINT A NEW DESIGN ON THE CLOTH AND CALL IT A NEW CLOTH. WE WANT TO TEAR THE CLOTH TO SHREDS AND PUT SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT IN ITS PLACE.
- 2** WITHOUT WOMEN PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION, THERE WILL BE NO PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION. WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY. THEY ARE ALSO AMONG THE MOST OPPRESSED BY THIS SYSTEM. HOW CAN YOU HAVE A PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION WITHOUT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF HALF THE WORLD'S OPPRESSED PEOPLE?
- 3** THE SYSTEM-HATING WOMEN MUST BE UNLEASHED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST THIS SYSTEM-HATING SYSTEM AS A MIGHTY FORCE FOR REVOLUTION.

**BREAK THE CHAINS:
UNLEASH THE FURY OF WOMEN
MIGHTY FORCE FOR REVOLUTION!**



R.V. SAYS **WOMEN: FIGHT THE POWER!**

TWO ASPECTS TO WOMAN OPPRESSION - BUT THEY BOTH SERVE THE POWERS-THAT-BE.

THE TRUTH IS THAT THIS SYSTEM OF IMPERIALISM IS A PARASITE SYSTEM. IT DRAWS ITS LIFE FROM MAKING THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE A MISERABLE EXISTENCE. IT SAPS THE STRENGTH OF THE OPPRESSED AND EXPLOITED, SO AS TO GIVE ITSELF STRENGTH.

THE POLICE, COURTS, SOCIAL SERVICES, MEDIA, ETC, ARE THE INSTRUMENTS OF THIS MONSTER. AND THEY SERVE TO IMPLIMENT ITS CLASS INTERESTS OVER THE PEOPLE. OUR SISTER GIVES LIVING EXAMPLES OF THESE INSTRUMENTS OF OPPRESSION AND THEIR TREATMENT OF HER. BY THE POLICE, WHEN SHE WAS ARRESTED AND WHEN SHE WAS ABUSED AS A CHILD, AND BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES, TRYING TO TAKE HER CHILDREN AWAY, WHEN SHE DIDN'T MEET THE HYPOCRITICAL STANDARDS THAT THIS SYSTEM ENFORCES. ALL THESE FORCES ARE THE WORKING ARM OF THE STATE, EXTENDED INTO THE DAILY LIVES OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEIR MASTERS ARE THE POWERS-THAT-BE.

SO, THIS IS ONE ASPECT OF WOMAN OPPRESSION, THAT OF THE SYSTEM, THE OPPRESSOR ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE, IT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL INTEREST OF THE POWERS-THAT-BE TO OPPRESS WOMEN. THE BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY IS A WOMAN-HATING IDEOLOGY.

THE OTHER ASPECT OF WOMAN OPPRESSION IS WHEN THE SYSTEM WORKS THROUGH MEN TO CARRY OUT ITS WAR ON WOMEN. AND THIS IS OFTEN THE MOST OBVIOUS FORM IT TAKES. MEN CAN BECOME THE FOOT-SOLDIERS FOR THIS WOMAN-HATING SYSTEM. IT IS NOT IN THE FUNDAMENTAL CLASS INTERESTS OF PROLETARIAN MEN TO OPPRESS THEIR SISTERS. IT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL CLASS INTERESTS OF THE PROLETARIAT AS A WHOLE TO LIBERATE AND EMANCIPATE THEMSELVES AND ALL THE OPPRESSED FROM THE CHAINS OF SLAVERY. THIS SYSTEM OFFERS TO MEN A BRIBE, THE "MALE RIGHT" TO OPPRESS WOMEN, WHICH IS BASED ON NARROW, SELFISH INTEREST AND IS COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THE LIBERATING TASK OF THE PROLETARIAT. THIS "MALE RIGHT" EXTENDS AS A BOURGEOIS PRIVILEGE TO ALL MEN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITION IN THIS IMPERIALIST WORLD. "MALE RIGHT" IS WHERE THE OPPRESSORS INFECT THE MINDS AND LIVES OF THE MEN, WITH THEIR OWN BOURGEOIS CLASS OUTLOOK. THIS "MALE RIGHT", IF TAKEN UP, IS A VIRUS AND DIVIDING FORCE AMONG THE OPPRESSED, WHICH ONLY SERVES TO STRENGTHEN THE CHAINS OF OPPRESSION. THE MAJORITY OF MEN WHO HAVE BECOME INFECTED WITH THIS WOMAN-HATING IDEOLOGY, WILL BE STRUGGLED WITH NOT AS ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE BUT AS THE PEOPLE WITH THE ENEMIES IDEAS. THROUGH THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE, THEY WILL BE RE-EDUCATED TO BREAK WITH THESE INFLUENCES. SUCH ADVANCES IN TRANSFORMING THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE ESSENTIAL IN ADVANCING THE REVOLUTION AND WEAKENING THE BOURGEOISIE.

ADVANCED PEOPLE TODAY WHO STEP INTO THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE HAVE GOT TO TAKE ON THE QUESTION OF WOMAN OPPRESSION, BECAUSE THERE IS A LINK BETWEEN WHAT WE DO TODAY AND WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

THE PROLETARIAT WILL NEVER TURN ITS FACE AWAY FROM ANY FORM OF OPPRESSION, BECAUSE ITS DESTINY AS A CLASS IS TO WIPE OUT ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION. THE PROLETARIAT WILL PREPARE AND CARRY OUT A REVOLUTIONARY WAR OF THE MASSES, UNLEASHING WOMEN IN THE STRUGGLE, SIDE BY SIDE WITH REVOLUTIONARY MEN, AND DEFEATING IMPERIALISM AND REACTION THOROUGHLY, RESOLUTELY AND COMPLETELY. AND THE POWERS-THAT-BE, THE BOURGEOISIE, WHO ENFORCE THE WAR ON WOMEN TO SECURE THEIR POWER OVER THE MASSES OF PEOPLE, WILL THEMSELVES BE ANNIHILATED BY THOSE THEY OPPRESS.

Can we move this mountain of imperialism off the backs of the people?

"THE FOOLISH OLD MAN WHO REMOVED THE MOUNTAINS" (MAO TSE-TUNG)

THERE IS AN ANCIENT CHINESE FABLE CALLED "THE FOOLISH OLD MAN WHO REMOVED THE MOUNTAINS". IT TELLS OF AN OLD MAN WHO LIVED IN NORTHERN CHINA LONG, LONG AGO AND WAS KNOWN AS THE FOOLISH OLD MAN OF NORTH MOUNTAIN. HIS HOUSE FACED SOUTH AND BEYOND HIS DOORWAY STOOD THE TWO GREAT PEAKS, TAIHANG AND WANGWU, OBSTRUCTING THE WAY. HE CALLED HIS SONS, AND HOE IN HAND THEY BEGAN TO DIG UP THESE MOUNTAINS WITH GREAT DETERMINATION. ANOTHER GREYBEARD, KNOWN AS THE WISE OLD MAN, SAW THEM AND SAID DERISIVELY, "HOW SILLY OF YOU TO DO THIS! IT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU FEW TO DIG UP THESE TWO HUGE MOUNTAINS". THE FOOLISH OLD MAN REPLIED, "WHEN I DIE, MY SONS WILL CARRY ON; WHEN THEY DIE, THERE WILL BE MY GRANDSONS, AND THEN THEIR SONS AND GRANDSONS AND SO ON TO INFINITY. HIGH AS THEY ARE, THE MOUNTAINS CANNOT GROW ANY HIGHER AND WITH EVERY BIT WE DIG, THEY WILL BE THAT MUCH LOWER. WHY CAN'T WE CLEAR THEM AWAY?" HAVING REFUTED THE WISE OLD MAN'S WRONG VIEW, HE WENT ON DIGGING EVERY DAY, UNSHAKEN IN HIS CONVICTION. GOD WAS MOVED BY THIS, AND HE SENT DOWN TWO ANGELS, WHO CARRIED THE MOUNTAINS AWAY ON THEIR BACKS. TODAY, TWO BIG MOUNTAINS LIE LIKE A DEAD WEIGHT ON THE CHINESE PEOPLE. ONE IS IMPERIALISM, THE OTHER IS FEUDALISM. THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS LONG MADE UP ITS MIND TO DIG THEM UP. WE MUST PERSEVERE AND WORK UNCEASINGLY, AND WE, TOO, WILL TOUCH GOD'S HEART. OUR GOD IS NONE OTHER THAN THE MASSES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE. IF THEY STAND UP AND DIG TOGETHER WITH US, WHY CAN'T THESE TWO MOUNTAINS BE CLEARED AWAY?" (MAO, SELECTED WORKS VOLUME 3)

1 In 1949, the Chinese people, led by Mao Tse-tung and the Chinese Communist Party, rose up and knocked down imperialism and seized political power. A quarter of the world's population was liberated from a world of misery and darkness. What this meant for women was summed up by one sister, who said "My life reached a turning point. I began to see the sunshine and live like a human being". Just like today, drugs were a part of the oppressive mountain that the system pushed on the backs of the people. But when the proletariat seized power in China, the people had something to live for, and 70 million opium addicts were cured in 2 years. Although the imperialists got their claws back into China after Mao's death, nothing can take away that nearly 30 years of precious experience, when the people weren't treated like animals anymore - they were free, free to change the world, and the thought of this haunts the imperialists to this day.

2 Imperialism is like a mountain on the backs of the people and the day we rise up and throw it off, won't be a day too soon. The very foundations of imperialism are rooted in the oppression and exploitation of the world's people. When the people shake with anger and rise up, so too does imperialism shake with fear.

3 The question we face today is the same question Mao faced in his lifetime. Can we throw this mountain of imperialism off the people's backs? Well, we say it's happened before and it's gonna happen again. Yeah, this is a big mountain. It's weighing heavy on the backs of people all around the world. But like everything, imperialism came into existence and it's going to go out of existence. This oppressor system will be wiped out by those it oppresses.

4 We've got to struggle today to make this happen. The way to get rid of a big mountain is to start digging. Today we've got the organisation in Britain to do this, the Revolutionary Vanguard (RV) and we're building it. We've got the outlook to do this, the outlook of the international proletariat, Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, and we're building it. So we've got to show resolve, we've got to be committed. Our work today is preparation for the revolutionary war of the masses tomorrow. Only by starting to move the mountain, working for revolution today, will we ever move it. So give me a shovel and let's start digging. MAO IS THE TIME!

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“WAR ON DRUGS” ATTACKS ON THE PEOPLE!

*BROTHERS HAVING THEIR DOORS AXED IN, BEING PINNED TO THE FLOOR WITH GUNS TO THEIR HEAD. THIS AIN'T NEW YORK, IT AIN'T INTER-GANG FIGHTING. IT'S ARMED HIT SQUADS OF SO-CALLED ANTI-DRUGS POLICE CARRYING OUT A WAR ON THE PEOPLE UNDER THE COVER OF "WAR ON DRUGS".

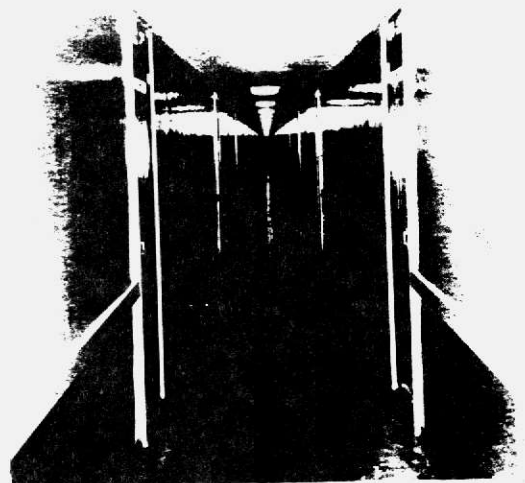
*THE TIME THESE POLICE HIT SQUADS BEST LIKE TO OPERATE IS 4 IN THE MORNING WITH MASSIVE MILITARY POLICE BACK-UP. IF THE FIRST BANG ON THE DOOR GETS NO ANSWER, THERE'S A SLEDGEHAMMER COMING THROUGH.

*BLACK BROTHERS WALKING HOME FROM WORK LATE AT NIGHT GET STOPPED BY POLICE AND ASKED FOR I.D. IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT, YOU'RE DOWN TO THE POLICE CELLS. APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA? NO. APARTHEID BRITAIN IN THE 90'S UNDER COVER OF WAR ON DRUGS.

*SPECIAL DRUG HIT SQUADS BEING SET UP BY THE HOME OFFICE TO TERRORISE AND BRUTALISE THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE. £2½ million BEING SPENT BY THE POWERS-THAT-BE, TO TARGET PEOPLE IN PECKHAM, LEWISHAM AND DEPTFORD, SOUTH LONDON.

*THE POWERS-THAT-BE SAY THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT DRUGS. THE FACT IS, THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE EXPLOSIVE CONDITIONS THEY'VE CREATED FOR THE PEOPLE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHIT-HEAP SOCIETY. THE "WAR ON CRACK" IS JUST ANOTHER EXCUSE TO CRACK DOWN ON THE PEOPLE.

THE POWERS-THAT-BE ARE TRYING TO WIN PUBLIC OPINION FOR THEIR CRIMES OF BRUTALITY. IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR THEY CARRIED OUT A MILITARY-STYLE OPERATION AGAINST THE COMMUNITY AT BROADWATER FARM. RIOT PIGS WENT IN, FULLY TOOLED UP WITH AXES, SLEDGEHAMMERS, BULLET-PROOF JACKETS AND DOGS, FOLLOWED HOT ON THE HEELS BY THEIR MEDIA MACHINE OF NEWSPAPERS AND TV, TO RECORD THE EVENT AND USE IT AS PROPOGANDA AGAINST THE PEOPLE. IN FEBRUARY, PIGS RAIDED AN ESTATE IN DEPTFORD, SOUTH LONDON. THEY WERE JOINED BY "OBSERVERS" AND LOCAL LABOUR MP JOAN RUDDOCK. SHE SAID SHE WAS "SATISFIED" WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE OPERATION/BRUTALISATION.



PRISON CELLS? LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE MASSES OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE IN LONDON.

RECENTLY, POLICE HIT SQUADS TRIED TO ENTER PECKHAM ESTATE TO GET HOLD OF A BROTHER. PEOPLE IN THE AREA SAW THIS HAPPENING AND BLOCKADED THE STAIRWAYS. THE PIGS COULDN'T GET IN AND THE BROTHER GOT AWAY.

"WAR ON DRUGS IS A COVER FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMES OF THE IMPERIALISTS.

THERE'S A REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S WAR LIGHTING UP THE SKY IN PERU, LED BY THE MAOIST COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU, AND THE IMPERIALISTS ARE SHITTING THEIR PANTS IN THE FACE OF ITS ADVANCE. THE US IS USING THE "WAR ON DRUGS" AS A COVER TO SEND IN THEIR CRACK FASCIST TROOPS, THE GREEN BERETS. THIS IS A NEW VIETNAM WAR SITUATION DEVELOPING. AND THE POWERS-THAT-BE HAVE GOT TO BE OPPOSED AND EXPOSED IN THEIR WAR ON THE PEOPLE UNDER THE COVER OF "WAR ON DRUGS".

THIS SYSTEM IS DEPENDENT ON DRUGS. PUPPET GOVERNMENTS IN COUNTRIES LIKE PERU DO AN ESTIMATED \$1.3 BILLION IN DRUG BUSINESS A YEAR. BRITAIN IS A MAJOR BANKING CENTRE FOR LAUNDERING DRUG MONEY, AN ESTIMATED £1.8 BILLION A YEAR. AFTER THE BRIXTON UP-RISING, THE PIGS PUSHED CHEAP DRUGS INTO THE COMMUNITY TO KEEP THE PEOPLE DOWN. **DRUGS ARE A WEAPON OF THIS SYSTEM AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND THEY MAKE MASSIVE SUPER-PROFITS TOO FROM THE PEOPLE'S SUFFERING.**



"WAR ON DRUGS"...R.V.'S THREE POINTS.

DRUGS ARE A BIG PROBLEM FOR THE PEOPLE, BUT NOT AS BIG A PROBLEM AS THIS 'JUNKIES FOR PROFIT' SYSTEM THEY ARE FORCED TO LIVE UNDER EVERYDAY. IMPERIALISM IS UP TO ITS UGLY NECK IN DRUG PUSHING. THIS SYSTEM CREATES THE KIND OF INHUMAN AND DESPERATE LIVING CONDITIONS THAT MAKE THE PEOPLE TURN TO DRUGS IN THE FIRST PLACE. THIS SYSTEM IS THE REAL DEALER.

THE POWERS-THAT-BE SAY THEY'RE CLEARING THE COMMUNITIES OF DRUGS. DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE! THE "WAR ON DRUGS" IS A RACIST WAR AND ITS ABOUT STRENGTHENING THEIR POWER OVER THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE MUST EXPOSE THEM AND THEIR BRUTALISATION. WE WANT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF DRUGS, BUT IN THE PEOPLE'S WAY AND TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE. DON'T GO ALONG WITH THE POWERS-THAT-BE PROGRAMME BECAUSE ITS THE OPPRESSORS PROGRAMME AND IT DON'T SERVE THE PEOPLE.

WE GOT TO DEVELOP OUR OWN PROGRAMME, INDEPENDENT OF THE POWERS-THAT-BE. WE GOT TO PREPARE TODAY TO SEIZE THE POWER, THE ONLY WAY WE CAN FREE THE PEOPLE FROM DRUGS AND ALL THE OTHER PROBLEMS THIS OPPRESSOR SYSTEM CREATES. WE GOT TO BUILD A WHOLE NEW SOCIETY WHERE THE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THIS NO MORE.

"margaret thatcher on tv, shocked by the deaths that took place in Beijing, it seems strange that she should be offended, the same orders are given by her". (Sinead O'Connor, Black boys on mopeds)

TIANANMEN - TRAFALGAR SQUARE.

THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE LAST YEAR, EXPOSED AND EMBARRASSED THE PIGS RULING CHINA ON TV SCREENS AROUND THE WORLD. AFTER THEY'D MASHED THE PEOPLE UP WITH WESTERN-SUPPLIED WEAPONS, THE STATE SECURITY SYSTEM WENT INTO OVER-DRIVE, TARGETTING ACTIVISTS, ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO INFORM ON FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS, FAMILY WHO'D BEEN INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE. THEY GOT A MOTHER TO INFORM ON HER SON, AND THEY COULDN'T PUBLICISE THE FACT ENOUGH ON THEIR PROPOGANDA NETWORK. THEY RELIED HEAVILY ON RALLYING PEOPLE TO "SOCIALISM" AND DEFENDING THE "SOCIALIST" SYSTEM, AT A TIME WHEN THAT SYSTEM WAS SHAKING. THERE WAS ONE BROTHER WHO BECAME A SYMBOL FOR THE PEOPLE, WHEN HE STOOD IN FRONT OF A TANK AND STOPPED IT IN ITS TRACKS. THIS RIGHTEOUS DEFIANCE WAS SEEN BY MILLIONS ON TV SCREENS AROUND THE WORLD. THE AUTHORITIES HOUNDED HIM AND WHEN THEY GOT HIM THEY KILLED HIM. BUT THEY CAN'T KILL THE INSPIRING SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE IN STRUGGLE AND CRACKS IN THE SYSTEM OPENING UP.

THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE IN THE POLL TAX DEMO, EXPOSED AND EMBARRASSED THE PIGS RULING BRITAIN ON TV SCREENS AROUND THE WORLD. THEY DIDN'T GUN THE PEOPLE DOWN THIS TIME, BUT THE RIOT PIGS BRUTALISED THE PEOPLE, WHEN THEY WEREN'T BEING FORCED TO RETREAT; THEY HAD CS GAS AND PLASTIC BULLETS ON STANDBY AND THEY GOT THEIR PLANS FOR GUNNING PEOPLE DOWN, LIKE THEY DO IN NORTHERN IRELAND. AFTERWARDS, THE STATE SECURITY SYSTEM WENT INTO OVER-DRIVE, TARGETTING ACTIVISTS, ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO INFORM ON FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS, FAMILY, WHO'D BEEN INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE, PUBLISHING PHOTOS OF PEOPLE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED, IN THE TABLOIDS. THEY GOT A MOTHER TO INFORM ON HER DAUGHTER AND THEY COULDN'T PUBLICISE THE FACT ENOUGH ON THEIR PROPOGANDA NETWORK. THEY RELIED HEAVILY ON RALLYING PEOPLE TO "DEMOCRACY" AND THE "DEMOCRATIC" SYSTEM, AT A TIME WHEN THAT SYSTEM WAS SHAKING. THERE WAS ONE BROTHER WHO BECAME A SYMBOL FOR THE PEOPLE, WHEN HE AIMED A STEEL BAR THROUGH THE WINDOW OF A COP CAR, AS IT SPED AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE'S FURY, SPED AWAY FULL OF PIG SHIT. THIS RIGHTEOUS DEFIANCE WAS SEEN BY MILLIONS ON TV SCREENS AROUND THE WORLD. THE AUTHORITIES HOUNDED HIM AND WHEN THEY GOT HIM THEY LOCKED HIM AWAY FOR 15 YEARS. BUT THEY CAN'T LOCK AWAY THE INSPIRING SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE IN STRUGGLE AND CRACKS IN THE SYSTEM OPENING UP.

"DEMOCRACY" - CAN'T WE DO BETTER THAN THAT?!
DEFEND ALL POLL TAX REBELS AGAINST STATE ATTACKS!

**POLL
TAX:
Justice
Is A
Street-
fighter!**



**Double
Justice
Is A
Streetfighting Woman!**

THE POWERS-THAT-BE LIKE TO PUT IT OUT THAT THIS PIG SYSTEM OF THEIRS AND OUR POSITION IN IT, IS THE BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR IN LIFE. THIS IS "DEMOCRACY". YOU ARE "FREE". IF YOU GOT DISAGREEMENTS, IF YOU GOT GRIEVANCES, SHIT, YOU CAN VOTE ABOUT IT! THE FACT IS, THEY ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE ABOUT IT, BECAUSE THEY GOT THE POWER AND THEY RUN THEIR LITTLE VOTING GAME, SO THAT IT DON'T CHANGE NOTHING FOR THE OPPRESSED AND EXPLOITED. AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, IF YOU SEE THROUGH THIS VOTING GAME AND THEIR "DEMOCRACY", THEY PUT IT OUT THAT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. BECAUSE THEY'VE GOT THE GUNS, POLICE AND ARMY, THEY GOT THE POWER. THEY SAY, THIS IS THE WAY THINGS ARE AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN AND THIS IS HOW THINGS ARE GONNA STAY. AND IF YOU REFUSE TO LIVE LIKE THIS, REFUSE TO LIVE ON YOUR KNEES, AND HAVE YOUR FACE PUSHED INTO THE DUST BY THE DAILY WORKINGS OF THIS PIG SYSTEM, WELL, YOU'RE "MAD", YOU'RE "CRAZY" AND, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. AND IF YOU DREAM OF WIPING THIS SYSTEM OUT, THEY SAY YOU'VE GOT NO CHANCE. THEY SAY YOU'RE JUST DREAMING. THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT PEOPLE TO THINK. THAT'S WHAT THEY LIKE TO THINK THEMSELVES, THAT THEIR SHIT IS PERMANENT. WELL, THE POLL TAX REBELLION, RIGHT IN THE HEARTLAND OF THE POWERS-THAT-BE, SHOWS THAT THEIR SHIT AIN'T SO PERMANENT. IN FACT, THEY'RE GETTING MORE AND MORE PERMANENTLY INTO THE SHIT. SO THOSE PEOPLE WHO DREAM OF A BETTER WORLD, WITHOUT THESE POWERS-THAT-BE, WELL, IT AIN'T SUCH A CRAZY DREAM AFTER ALL! AND IT'S BECOMING MORE AND MORE OF A REALITY.



"The powers-that-be called what happened in Trafalgar Sq. in the Poll Tax demo 'the worst violence against police and property for 100 years'. We call it **justice!** The rulers of this pig system **lost control of the streets** they got a good ass-kicking and a taste of what's to come! The state had its riot pigs tooled up to brutalise the people. But the people took up the lessons of Brixton and Broadwater farm. They saw that when they stood together and fought, **they had strength**, and they made those riot pigs turn their pig-let arses and run away squealing!

The South Africa embassy, hated symbol of torture and murder, was burning! Barclays bank, Israel Airlines, the Territorial Army and other signs of oppression, they were smashed and trashed. People hit out at the obscene values of this society, the expensive cars and luxury shops, on the very same streets as thousands of homeless people, reduced to begging and sleeping in doorways. Everywhere the pigs went, they were met with cries of 'Sigg-Heil!' and 'Stasi!' (E. German secret police). The streets of central London were getting like the streets of Belfast!"
(Extracts from Red Rebel Flying-High Flyer.)

On Saturday March 31, Poll Tax demonstrators tried to storm 10 Downing street. A group of youth did a sit-down protest outside its guarded entrance. Things developed into open street-fighting with the down-pressor police. Mounted pigs charged the demonstrators. The people resisted with everything they could get their hands on. Scaffolding, paving slabs, traffic cones, anything that wasn't tied down or could be loosened up, was hurled at the pigs, forcing them to retreat. The pigs retreat inspired the people to advance.

You could see the fearless defiance of the youth in the face of the enemy, the people caring for each other and hating the enemy. You could see rebel women, breaking through all the chains of what a woman's "supposed" to be, going right into the face of the pigs and grieving the bastards with a scaffolding pole. In Trafalgar Sq. people climbed up the scaffolding and drummed out a war beat that electrified the crowd, the biggest percussion sound you've ever heard. Justice was done to the British flag when it was beautifully torched. Anarchists seized LBC radio station and broadcast an anti-Poll Tax message. Outside the Houses of Parliament, the parliamentary pigsty, the people chanted



"burn it down". Black youth danced on top of a double decker bus. **Through all the weight of oppression that this system pushes on the backs of the people, through all the deadness of the "british way of life", the sunshine burst through.**

When a storm explodes, it cleans away a lot of the shit that's lying around, blows out a lot of dead wood and brings some fresh air onto the scene. This Poll Tax rebellion was a fresh and righteous storm. It threw the powers-that-be on their ass. It exposed the dead wood of the so-called "left", who were left behind. And it thrilled anyone who's ever dreamed of a better world than this on-so "civilised" shit-hole. Like one youth put it, "if this is civilisation, who needs it?"

The widespread support among the people for fighting the power made the rulers shit their pants. The Home Secretary, Waddington, whined that, "sadly", these scenes would be seen on TV around the world. In fact, the sight of one of the world's biggest oppressors. British imperialism, in deep shit right in their capital, will fill up the hearts of oppressed people world-wide with joy.

You got to know that this was some serious shit, a very significant political event, when the powers-that-be howled in response like a wounded hyena. They immediately launched an investigation into how they "lost it", in the words of one battered pig. Thatcher blamed

Kinnock. Kinnock blamed Thatcher. They both blamed the un-Militant Tendency, who said, no sir, it was nothing to do with them (and for once they were right, and they would show their unbending loyalty, by promising to name names to police).

The imperialists financial system felt faint and took to its sickbed. The pound fell, the London stock-market was "depressed" and, as the good news spread, the stock-market in Tokyo "plunged", to use their phrase. The media machine went into over-drive and frothed at the mouth like a rabid dog. We can only hope that, for once, some of their reports were true. Like the Irish brother, who they quoted as saying, "I've come over from Dublin to put some policemen in hospital". And the guy who screamed, to loud cheers from the crowd, "This is the revolution, you will all perish", as he systematically smashed in every window of the National Westminster Bank.

A RIGHTEOUS RESPONSE TO SAVAGE ATTACKS FROM SAVAGE RULERS.

Among the basic people in this society, the answer to the Poll Tax has been defiant and angry protests, up and down the country. The radical nature of the protests reflects the fact that the poorest and most oppressed sections of society are being hit hardest by this ruling class offensive.

The official figures say there's 75,000 homeless people on the streets of London, many of them youth; particularly since the Social Security changes which removed any benefits from 16-18 year olds. There's an estimated 100,000 squatters in London alone. The Poll Tax will mean a lot more people made homeless, by a system that boasts of it's "democracy" (for the rich) while having the highest number of homeless in Europe. The Poll Tax will mean youth, unemployed, the poor being hounded for money they haven't got. Poor families, living in over-crowded housing, are going to be particularly badly hit, since the Poll Tax taxes every adult. In areas like Tower Hamlets in the East End of London, oppressed people crowded into slum

housing are living 8, 10, 12 people in one house, often Bangladeshi people already in crippling poverty. This Poll Tax, which is going to quadruple some people's bills, could be the shove that pushes people over the edge. **People forced to live in the poorest areas, in the worst conditions, are being told to pay for the "privilege"**.

To take one example, the "socialist" borough of Lambeth (S. London) set a Poll Tax of £547 per person, one of the highest in the country. At anti-Poll Tax protests in Brixton, angry black youth laid down what this Poll Tax is really going to mean. They were saying people have got to struggle just to survive. One middle-class guy, maybe a journalist, showed that he knew nothing of the people's situation, when he asked "Where's the struggle"? The brothers saw red at such a stupid statement. They said, *"Where's the struggle? You go and ask the single black mother struggling to bring up 3 biddies (babies) on Income Support, where's the struggle? You ask the brother with 5 kids, who can't get a job because of the colour of his skin, where's the struggle?"*

This Poll Tax has been one straw too many on the backs of the people, that made them rise up to throw this weight of oppression and hardship off their backs. Across the country, protests have burned effigies of Thatcher, stormed council chambers and fought the police. This was the storm brewing up that exploded in Trafalgar Square.

"DEFENDING DEMOCRACY" VERSUS GOING UP IN THE FACE OF THIS SO CALLED- "DEMOCRACY".

In response to Poll Tax rebellions, the Powers-That-Be, Tory, Labour, the whole pack of jackals, screamed about **"threats to democracy", "threats to freedom"** and about **"violence against police and property"**.



Thatcher says: "People have a right to demonstrate peacefully. The place to discuss this is in parliament. These people are totally against democracy".

The proletariat say this: **"Don't talk to me about freedom and democracy until you ask and answer the most basic question. Freedom for whom to do what? Freedom for the exploited to rise up and get rid of exploitation - or - freedom for the exploiters to keep us down, dictate to us, keep us in our place, suck our blood, and literally murder us? It's one way or the other"**. (Bob Avakian, Chairman RCP, USA)

When they talk of "democracy", they are talking about imperialist democracy; when they talk of "defending freedom", they are talking of defending their "freedom" to oppress and murder the masses of people all over the world, and here in "democratic Britain" too. That "right" to "freedom and democracy", the oppressed and exploited, the world over, do not recognise. Let's talk about their "democracy", and what it means for us.

These dogs ruling over us, these British imperialists, they get rich and bloated because they're starving our sisters and brothers, robbing their land and forcing them to work for a few pence, in countries like Jamaica, Azania (S. Africa), India, all over the globe. They get fat and bloated, 'cos they got apartheid systems and fascist military regimes enforcing this oppression, all over the globe.

When they get to Britain, they want to feel a bit safer than they feel in Azania. So they use some of their blood money to try and buy some "peace" in their homeland, to try and take the edge off the people's struggle here. That's what their "democracy" is for - to give people the idea they have a say in running things, to allow some people to say what they think, so long as they don't say

...ing people can never
... "democracy", is the
... democracy", and what it does
... the world, and what it does to the
... people and women in this
... "democratic" shit-hole some people are so
proud of.

When the people have had enough of the
hypocrisy of the parliamentary pig-sty; when
they've had enough of the empty "left" chorus
of the official labour movement and the
official "left" and Trotskyists; when they've
had enough of being told of the "freedom of

The efforts of the rulers to enforce the
Poll Tax show, on an everyday level, that when
their "democracy" doesn't get the results they
want, they use their dictatorship. A 10,000
name petition against the Poll Tax handed
in to Leicester Council, is being used to
trace all the non-payers they can find. In
Birmingham, 120,000 court orders have been
prepared against non-payers and, in the
"socialist" borough of Hackney, they were
talking about booking 3½ months court time
this summer, to deal with Poll Tax "offenders"



Doing a spot of banking at Barclays.

speech" they have, but hear no voice for them,
and see nothing happening that will really
change their situation, they take to the
streets to demonstrate, and they group
together as one voice and they fight to-
gether as one body. They fight this system
and break the limits of that "freedom"
granted them and threaten the real interests
of the system - its 'right' to rule over and
oppress the people. And the Powers-That-Be,
all the shades of this pig system, in one
chorus, shout "these people are against free-
dom, they are against democracy". And our
reply must be, "too right! We are against you
and your "democracy", your 'right' to rule,
and we are for the people who fight you and
your system, because that is REAL Justice and
righteous. And when they call our demonstra-
tions "a negation of democracy", we say that
there's a lot of people out here who look
forward to seeing this "democracy" negated,
and will fight for that and die for that,
because this "democracy" ain't worth shit for
the poor and oppressed.

"It is time we found out what is going on
in a society where law and order is breaking
down", shrieked one of the Labour Party pig-
lets in the parliamentary pig-sty. The rulers
are trying to "find out" and work out how to
avoid getting another ass-kicking in the
future. In doing this, quite a lot is revealed
about their dictatorship, the real basis of
their power.

For every major demonstration in this
country, the pigs have plastic bullets and
CS Gas on standby, and they had them in the
streets at the back of Trafalgar Sq. As soon
as the Poll Tax upsurge broke, they had armed
pigs round 10 Downing St and, shortly after,
the army was put on guard round Thatcher's
private house in Dulwich, S.E. London (quite
close to Brixton!) The Home Office's massive
Holmes computer was cross-checking police
information on a nation-wide level. The
Special Branch piglets went into over-drive
with their extensive spying network, gather-
ing information on so-called subversives
and real subversives.

The powers-that-be thrashed about, over whether or not to ban demonstrations and introduce a "Riot Act", making it "illegal" for people to gather, whenever the pigs didn't fancy it. They also proposed having **snipers** on the roofs for demos in built-up areas. They've been creating public opinion for some time to have more armed pigs on the streets, particularly to use against the oppressed people. They first began to talk about this, after the Brixton and Broadwater Farm uprisings, when the pigs said they felt like some of the youths were firing guns at them. Well, **are we gonna believe that there were black youth out there taking shots at the pigs, and they missed?!**

Allowing people to demonstrate is important to the rulers, because they hope it will act as a pressure valve for letting off the people's anger, in a way they can handle. So, when the people's anger gets too much for the rulers to handle, they threaten and carry out repressive measures. As the pressure on them gets greater, so will the repression. Ask the sisters and brothers in N. Ireland, whether or not they'll gun people down in demos. Ask the people in the ghettos here, whether or not they'll murder people in the jails. **(In Brixton jail, 9 brothers died in 1989).** But the truth is, their repression can't stem the people's anger; it only gives a harder cutting edge to the people's struggle.

So, this ruling class wants to talk about violence? Let's talk about it. First, you've got the **reactionary violence** of this pig system, and there was plenty of that in Trafalgar Sq. Pig vans drove into the crowd at speed; riot pigs on horses trampled people underfoot and the pigs lashed out with their batons at anyone and everyone. All in a day's work for the bobby on the beating.

Then you've got the **revolutionary violence** of the people against this pig system. This is just and righteous violence, something to hold high and celebrate. As the Red Rebel Flying-High Flyer put it: **"We are completely opposed to the reactionary violence that this pig system carries out against the poor and oppressed every day and everywhere. And we are completely in support of the revolutionary violence of the people against this pig system".**

Mao Tsetung laid out the correct attitude for the people, towards the imperialists and reactionaries who oppress us:

"wipe out some, some satisfaction; wipe out more, more satisfaction; wipe out the whole lot, complete satisfaction".

THE SO-CALLED "LEFT" - LEFT BEHIND.

The Poll Tax storm blew out and exposed

a lot of the dead wood of the dead old "official left" that's lying around. Through the cracks that this storm caused, you could breathe some fresh air and see some fresh ideas. There's a lot of groups out there who call themselves "socialist", "communist", even "revolutionary", but when an upsurge comes in the society, you get to see what they're really about and where it is they want to lead the people.

What is the position of the official Trotskyist left?

"Of course no socialist believes rioting will beat the Poll Tax" (SWP, Socialist Worker, April 7)

"...this does not mean we support any old violence. We would argue against youth who, in desperation at their miserable plight in Thatcher's Britain hurl missiles and smash windows...it is not effective, it does not serve a useful purpose" (Workers Power, April)

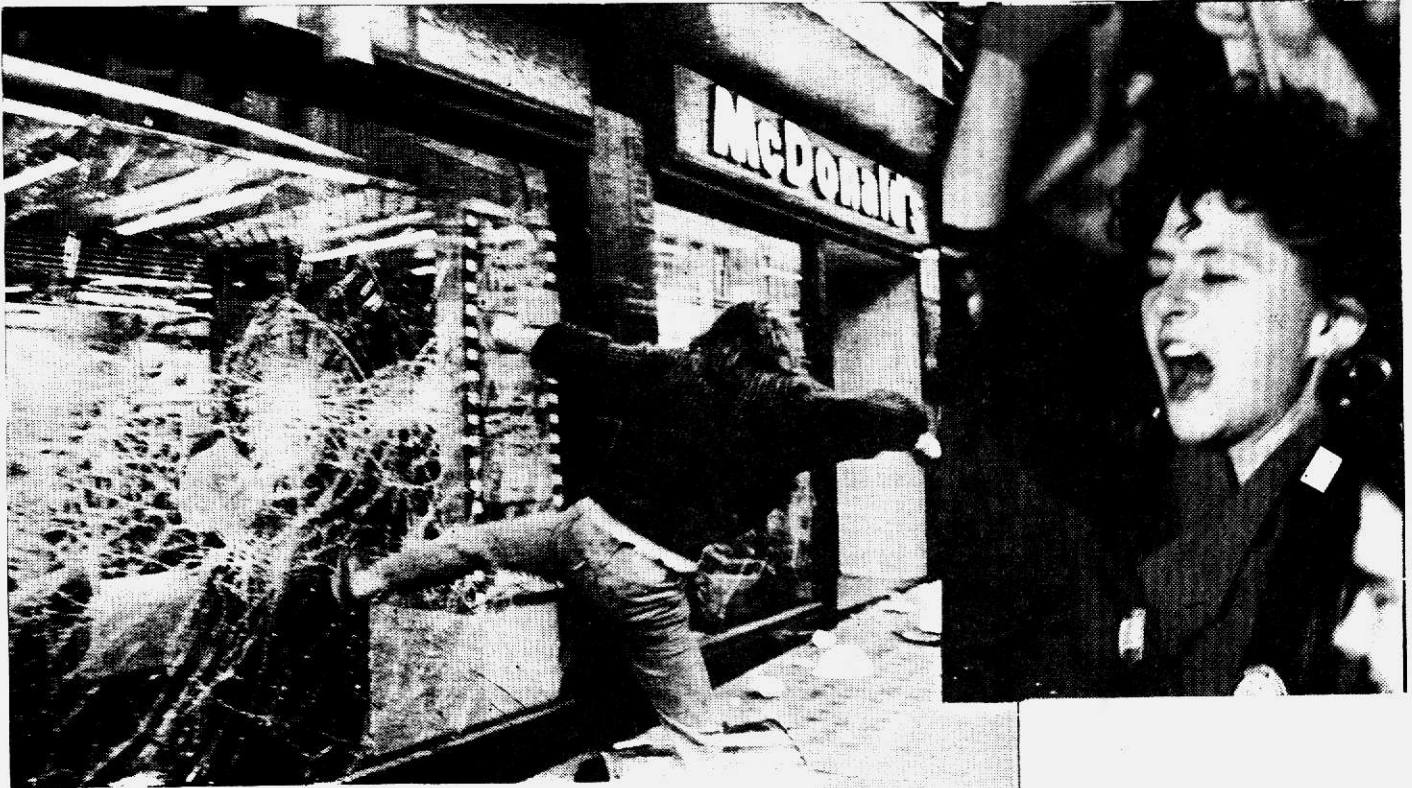
"We emphasize however that an outpouring of popular anger does not amount to a political alternative...This is also why the revolt yields no immediate benefits, even for the campaign against the Poll tax" ("RCP" The Next Step, April 6)

"...the police eventually came out on top" (The Next Step, April 6)

"drunken yobboes", (the un-Militant Tendency's Tommy Sheridan, on Poll Tax rebels)

The official labour left sees no revolutionary quality to this uprising by the people. In fact, they said it was limited in what it achieved, because it was not led by them. The fact is, if it **had been** led by them, **it would have been limited** - to some peaceful demo to "get the Tories out". They downplay the real significance of this event and try to cover it over, with phrases like, 'desperate youth', 'rioting', 'drunken yobboes', and 'no immediate benefits'. Some of them openly oppose the revolutionary violence of the people, while others "refuse to condemn it", but say it doesn't really achieve anything anyway and never has. But the reality is, the people took on the system for what it really is, a fist of oppression. And the "left" were left behind and exposed - some of them promising to be informers (the un-Militant); some of them as apologists (SWP); some of them pessimists on the sidelines ("RCP"/TNS)

The official labour left were so embarrassed and ashamed by the revolutionary violence of the people, they spent a significant part of their articles, trying to prove the police started it and the people were just defending themselves.



Happy Hour at Macdonald's. A shattering experience.

"The truth of the Trafalgar Sq. revolt was that it was provoked by the police and organised by nobody" ("RCP/The Next Step", April 6)

"It was police violence which turned the massive peaceful march into a battleground". (SWP, Socialist worker, April 7)

"The responsibility for the violent confrontations... must squarely be placed at the feet of Thatcher and her riot-trained police... forced the demonstrators to take serious measures to defend themselves" (RCG, Fight Racism/Imperialism, April-May)

Workers Power put out the headline, **"Violence - Who Is To Blame"?** (April issue. Their answer, the police and "their determination to render our action ineffective"). Considering the way the people fought, we think the question to ask is really, **"Violence - Who Is To Praise"?**

What all these "left" quotes do is make it a question of who fired the first shot, who attacked first? And the people just defended themselves. The point is, it doesn't matter who fired the first shot. The violence of the people against this oppressive system is justice from any angle. We don't need apologies for the people's struggle and saying the people were only defending themselves, when it was obvious that the people also went on the offensive.

For example, at one point, people surround-

ed a pig van full of pigs, blocked its wheels with barriers, smashed in its windows, attacked the pigs and stuffed a rag down the petrol and tried to torch it. The pigs said afterwards, it reminded them of the time in Belfast, when 2 undercover British soldiers were dragged out of their car at a Republican funeral and beaten to death.

Red Rebel Flying-High Flyers distributed at the Poll Tax demo, put out the call: **BE OFFENSIVE! GO ON THE OFFENSIVE!**

There was also a correct and good point made by an anarchist leaflet on the day -

"Remember, the best form of defence is attack"

When the official labour left cover over such a basic point, you kind of wonder how much of this oppressive system do they want to get rid of, anyway?

In fact, most of them just want to get the Labour Party in. Militant, SWP, Workers Power, all called for Labour to "lead" the Poll Tax fight. Or they want to get themselves into the parliamentary pig-sty, like "RCP/TNS" (the "Red Front" of the last elections.)

SWP suggested that if Labour had led the demo, the pigs "wouldn't have dared launch their attacks". In fact, a future Labour government, just like the last one, not only won't support the people, they will give the orders to the riot pigs to attack the people. When you look at the reality of what these groups say and do, you realise that if the official "left" didn't exist, the powers-that-be would have to invent them.

CLASS WAR AND THE ANARCHISTS.

Following the rebellion in Trafalgar Sq, the rulers were baying for blood. Unlike the official left, some progressive forces went up in the face of reaction and told them exactly what they thought of them and their system.

BBC Radio interviewer: "Did you think the attacks on the police were heroic"?

Class War spokesman: "Yes, definitely. Given the level of weaponry currently employed by the police and the assortment of bits and pieces the people managed to find to fight back with, yes, they were definitely heroes. They had no shields, no truncheons, no horses, no vans, no helicopter surveillance, in these circumstances they were definitely heroes".

BBC: "So, are you suggesting that there was no violence which sprang from the crowd, without provocation?"

Class War: "Oh, not at all. The police were attacked, and quite rightly so".



"Helping the police with their enquiries".

Class War defended the struggle of the people and exposed something of what this system is and does, and this "in your face" attitude is to be upheld and built on for the future. Class War took on something of the responsibility for the struggle when they went up in the face of this pig system.

There will be a lot of people who were involved in the demo, or who supported it, who will say, 'yeah, that was good, Trafalgar Sq was an important day; it was good to see the people grieving the powers-that-be, right in their Babylonian heartland'. Some people will leave it at that. Others will say, 'yeah, that was good, but how can we build on it for future battles'? They ask the question, 'where do we go from here'? And they look to the political forces to see what they're saying and doing. And a lot of progressive people look at the labour left and just feel sick. It makes some of these progressive forces think that political organising ain't the way, because it leads you to this bunch of arseholes.

This is an understandable sentiment when you look at the dead old wood of the dead old official labour left. But just because they're a bunch of opportunists dressed up as revolutionary parties, doesn't mean that the proletariat don't need a real revolutionary party to lead and represent them. A party that has its heart and mind with the poor and oppressed all around the world, a party that belongs to them. Look, the class enemy has got the power, they've got the State, the army, they've got their leadership. The prol-

etariat have got to work and prepare to seize the power and smash the state; we've got to have our leadership, our class leadership, to achieve this. They've got a reactionary army; we've got to prepare and build a revolutionary army of the masses and carry out a revolutionary war of the masses, and that means building an advanced force, a proletarian party, and sowing the seeds of this today.

Class War say: "Class War doesn't believe it is the be-all and end-all of people's lives. We don't demand all your time and energy". (Issue no. 39) We say, if we're gonna get rid of this imperialist system, this blood-sucking system, we got to be down for it, take on the responsibility for it and give everything to bring it about, including our lives. We say, yes, we need the people's time and energy, because this system is like a mountain weighing on the backs of the people all over the world. It takes their time and energy and lifeblood every day, and we want to see the life of this system ended and the people to be free.

HARD-EDGED DEVELOPMENTS CALLING FOR HARD-EDGED, ALL-THE-WAY REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS!

The Powers-That-Be said that the events in Trafalgar Sq. were worse for them than the hot year of 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War. The beginning of the nineties is already

hotter for the powers-that-be than the end of the sixties. If you thought the sixties were wild, check out the nineties 'cos it's gonna be wilder!

This upsurge has brought a lot of new things to the political arena, things that have been bubbling up for a long time. This upsurge has not just come and gone; it brought with it an attitude, a harder-edged attitude of the people to the system.

For example, there's a slogan that the Trotskyists have been peddling for years, "Maggie, Maggie, Maggie - Out, Out, Out", and what they really mean by it, is "Neily, Neily, Neily, In, In, In" - it's a straight-up parliamentary pig-sty slogan. One of the fresh, new developments that came out of the Poll Tax upsurge, was some young black women in Brixton,

got to do is shove the rulers offensive back in their face and shove it down their throat so that they choak on it". (Extract from Red Rebel Flying-High Flyer. **FIGHT THE POLL TAX! FIGHT THE POWER!**)

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At the beginning of this article we've got 2 slogans. The first, **JUSTICE IS A STREET-FIGHTER**, and this whole article has been geared to showing how justice lies in street-fighting this system, going up into its face and kicking its ass - not looking for concessions from the government, or using the struggle of the people as a pressure tactic, to push parliamentary politics. **Real justice lies in fighting this system and preparing the ground for a real revolution.**



Brixton. "Maggie, Maggie, Maggie - Burn, Burn, Burn!"

... this slogan around and gave it a new meaning: "Maggie, Maggie, Maggie -

... after the Poll Tax demo, ... Boris Botulism, and ... former pacifist, said, "If ... approve of throwing ... the police, the answer ... you nowhere".

... load off their ... the poor and ... and oppressed have

The second part of the slogan is the key part. **DOUBLE JUSTICE IS A STREETFIGHTING WOMAN.** It's a key part of recognising the forces in the field and their importance and the vanguard position they take. It's like a thermometer. Such forces show you how deep the system's crisis is getting and how high and hot the struggle of the people is reaching. It's important for the revolutionaries to understand this, and when the reactionaries see it happening and feel it happening, it sends a shiver of fright right down to the marrow of their bones.

That picture at the start shows a rebel

woman stepping out, being vanguard. She's got a steel scaffolding pipe in her hands, firmly gripped and with a strong leverage to swing it forward, and she's striding forward in a firm, determined pace. She's got a riot pig in her sights. He's got a helmet, a baton and a shield. Hell, he's even wearing protective gear, but that ain't gonna help him. Such weaponry, such protection as these reactionaries have, ain't gonna protect them. Because what you see with this sister is the seeds of the future revolution. This sister is armed with something very fundamental for the struggling people, and that is a deep hatred for this system that on a daily basis oppresses women like her. The legal system, the education system, shit, the whole system is about trying to keep women like this down. But with all that, this sister is striding out, being vanguard, and this system don't stand a chance. This sister's seeing red and she understands something of where freedom lies, because it's in her sights and it's in her hands.

What this uprising showed was that there's a hard-edged rebel youth out there and stepping onto the political scene. This was a higher expression of what's gone before. The system's coming down harder on the people every day and for masses of people

it's becoming clear this system ain't worth shit to them, and they wouldn't defend it with one drop of blood. And there's many examples like Trafalgar Sq, where the people are willing to lay it on the line to fight this system.

WHAT'S LACKING IN THIS SITUATION IS NOT THE DETERMINED SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE TO FIGHT THE POWER. WHAT'S LAGGING BEHIND IS THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HARD-EDGED, ALL-THE-WAY REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS, TO INFLUENCE AND LEAD THESE PEOPLE, THOUGH IT'S CLEAR THAT REACTIONARIES HAVE GOT SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM THE PEOPLE'S SPIRIT TO STREETFIGHT. WHAT WE NEED ON THE SCENE IS THE POLITICS THAT REPRESENT THAT REBEL WOMAN STREETFIGHTER. THE POLITICS THAT REPRESENT THE CLASS INTERESTS OF THOSE OPPRESSED AND KEPT DOWN, EXPLOITED AND BLED DRY. THESE POLITICS ARE MARXISM-Leninism-MAOISM AND THEY NEED TO BE DEVELOPED FURTHER IN THIS COUNTRY, BECAUSE THEY'RE THE POLITICS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT; THEY NEED TO BE LINKED UP FURTHER WITH REVOLUTIONARY-MINDED PEOPLE; THEY NEED TO BE CONCENTRATED INTO A REAL REVOLUTIONARY ORGANISATION. AND THE PEOPLE HAVE GOT TO STEP FORWARD AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THIS. WE SAY THAT THE ORGANISATION FOR THIS TASK IS THE REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD (RV). CHECK US OUT! ■

THE 90's: A TIME FOR HARD-EDGED, ALL-THE-WAY REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS! MAO IS THE TIME!

R.V. GRIEFING THE POWERS - THAT - BE.

"Up front, police said, were marchers belonging to groups with names like Class War, Crowbar, Spartacus and the Maoist Revolutionary Vanguard - all hard-core leftist organisations".
(Time magazine, April 16)

"one of the strangest ideological revivals in Britain is of Maoism... one of the newest fragments committed to achieving social and political change by violence is the Revolutionary Vanguard... their ideological presence on demonstrations is evident in leaflets and journals in which the analysis of any issue, from drug busts to the Poll Tax, is seen in class terms, and the solution in the violent overthrow of the political system... R.V. has taken its inspiration from Mao for the class war which it believes needs to be fought in the West because, as one member puts it, Maoism "represents the highest expression of the struggle of the proletariat... they're vocal, they don't eschew (reject) violence and they know their likely adherents... 'We're talking about the rebel youth and the nothing-to-lose people'." (The Guardian, March 19, April 2, "Shadowy source of violent revolt").
The Guardian called one article, **Revolution is back in fashion**. Actually, it's never been out of fashion. Because, as long as the people are oppressed, **there's gonna be revolution!** They also called R.V. an **"extremist limpet (explosive) group"**. Too right! The Maoists want to lead the people to blow this imperialist system apart! This is an **extremely repressive** system and it needs an **extremely revolutionary** solution. And there there ain't nothing more extreme than **Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, the science of revolution!**

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THE FIGHT AGAINST OPPORTUNISM IS TIED TO
AND PART OF THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM.

At every stage of the struggle of the proletariat to break the chains that bind us to this imperialist world there rises up so-called opponents of imperialism and so-called advocates of proletarian revolution under the banner of the proletariat. These opportunist forces, while speaking the phrases of the proletariat, plot and scheme in defence of imperialism. They try to convince the people that imperialism isn't so bad, that it is not at heart what it seems to be. They try to confuse its blood soaked history and cover its nature, they try to place a white glove on a bloody claw.

The fight against these opportunists is tied to and part of the fight against imperialism. Lenin and Stalin had to fight their opportunists in their time, such as Kautsky and Trotsky. Mao Tsetung also had his opportunists in his time, people like Deng Xiaoping, Liu Shao-ch'i, and the capitalist roaders who seized power in Russia after Stalin's death, Khrushchev and Brezhnev.

Today the Maoists in Britain have their modern day opportunists, their Trotsky's and Deng's and one section of them are the 'Socialist Workers Party' (SWP). This article will deal with a booklet written by the Irish based Socialist Workers Movement, Part of a trotskite international grouping. This article will attempt to go some way to exposing and disposing of these opportunists. Because they are nothing more than the left-wing of British imperialism, the servants of imperialism.

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Trotskyism:

The S.W.P won't set us free!

THE BIRTH AND RISE OF CAPITALISM.

The birth of the capitalist system was the birth of a parasite system. The rise of this parasite system saw the rise of mass blood-letting in the factories, mines and sweatshops and in the political arena, through wars. The guiding law of capitalism is the advance of profit and the exploited proletariat and the oppressed nations are the means to this bloody end. The birth and rise of capitalism means colonisation, slavery, mass genocide on a scale before unheard of, but today far surpassed. This so-called "free" system was born in the throes of the world market. It was born dripping from head to foot, from every pore of its being, with blood and dirt. THIS WAS THE CONDITION OF ITS BIRTH AND THE POISONED FRUITS OF ITS EXISTENCE.

"The discovery of gold and silver in America, the extirpation, enslavement and entombment in mines of the aboriginal population, the beginning of the conquest and looting of the East Indies, the turning of Africa into a warren for the commercial hunting of black skins, signalled the rosy dawn of the era of capitalist production". (Karl Marx, CAPITAL Volume 1.)

THE RISE OF CAPITALISM TO THE LEVEL OF IMPERIALISM.

The rise of imperialism was a transformation from 'old' capitalism to 'new' capitalism. This transformation was not of a fundamental nature, but it was a higher level

of social organisation for capitalist accumulation. The first stage, 'old' capitalism, was characterised by the development of national markets in the industrially advanced countries of Europe and N. America. 'Old' capitalism began to transform into 'new' capitalism through the concentration of capital, the formation of monopoly. Whole sections of industry became concentrated; single industries left the ownership of single capitalists and became concentrated in syndicates, banks, cartels etc. Monopolies were formed controlling whole sections of industry. The rise of monopoly gave rise to a higher level of capitalist organisation, greater concentration of productive power and finance in the hands of fewer, more powerful capitalists. This in turn laid the basis for even greater levels of concentration and greater profits, forcing the capitalists to look further afield, to open up new markets for their products and new markets for investment. To put it figuratively, the national capital of the advanced countries burst its national boundaries and sought to develop its already existing colonies and conquer new ones. Whereas the 'old' capitalism was characterised by the export of goods to the colonies, the 'new' capitalism was characterised by the export of finance capital to invest in the colonies. 'New' capitalism was about more than developing world trade. It was about developing and integrating the world market on a higher level; developing the economies of the colonies into an integrated world system, precisely to serve the national capitals anchored in the 'advanced' countries. The rise of monopoly and the export

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of finance capital gave rise to a new era of capitalism, the era of imperialism, the last stage of capitalism.

"...the development of premonopolist-capitalism, of capitalism in which free competition was predominant, reached its limit in the 1860's and 1870's. We now see that it is precisely after that period that the tremendous "boom" in colonial conquests begins, and that the struggle for the territorial division of the world becomes extraordinarily keen. It is beyond doubt, therefore, that capitalism's transition to the stage of monopoly capitalism, to finance capitalism, is connected with the intensification of the struggle for the partition of the world".

(Lenin, Imperialism,
Highest Stage of Capitalism.)

THE TROTSKYISTS GIVE THEIR VERSION OF THE RISE OF CAPITALISM TO THE LEVEL OF IMPERIALISM.

"Countries made the transition to capitalism in the nineteenth century under the aegis of nation-state".

Socialist Workers Movement (SWM)
"Is Southern Ireland a neo-colony?"
(All quotes from here unless indicated).

SWM present the rise of capitalism as though every country made this transition. The nineteenth century did see the rise of 'nation-states', that is economically powerful capitalist countries, but they were few, and concentrated in Europe and N. America. The rise of these 'nation-states' was inseparably linked to the domination of other nations. This colonial domination of other nations secured the further rise of European 'nation-states', because of the exploitative relationship that developed. With the rise of the 'advanced' nation-states into imperialist countries, the vast majority of nations in the world could not develop into independent 'nation-states'. In fact, these dominated nations became the basis for the rise of capitalism to its final stage, imperialism.

SWM go further in an attempt to confuse the transformation from the 'old' to the 'new' stage of capitalism:

"Nations such as Ireland and India were drawn into an economic relationship with Britain, by which they supplied raw materials in exchange for manufactured goods. The fact



The rise of "western civilisation".

that these developments occurred through the imperceptible economic laws of free trade led many to claim that fair competition was involved rather than imperialism".

The 'old' capitalism was characterised by the supply of 'raw materials in exchange for manufactured goods', but this is not what characterises the 'new' imperialist stage. The transformation from the 'old' to the 'new' capitalism inside the rising imperialist countries, saw things on the open market turning into their opposite. The majority of capitalist producers were being pushed out of the market by the growing syndicates and cartels. These powerful groupings had a financial and political power that made it difficult for the smaller, weaker capitalists to compete. The 'free market' of the developing industrially advanced countries was becoming not so free with the rise of monopolies. The free market was becoming an ever decreasing market. And this market was becoming more and more dictated to by the big financiers.

The economic relationship of the colonies like Ireland and India, never was subject to free trade. British imperialism rose up as

one of the first industrial countries because of its exploitation of these countries. And with the rise of 'new' capitalism this colonial relationship intensified and the imperialists penetrated more thoroughly than before these countries. With the rise of the imperialist era, colonies like India and Ireland also went through a transformation. The 'old' form of colonisation became 'new' colonisation and resulted in still greater levels of exploitation and oppression, through the total control of the market and national development. SWM try to confuse the 'old' with the 'new' stage of Capitalism. Imperialism is not about the free trade and exchange of goods. Imperialism is about domination and violence of the oppressed peoples and nations. Lenin said that the rise of imperialism led to a world..

"...divided into a handful of userer states and a vast majority of debtor states".

Growth of Foreign Investment of Selected Leading Capital-Exporting Countries: 1870, 1885, 1900, 1914, and 1930 (in millions of U.S. dollars to the nearest \$100 million)

Country	1870	1885	1900	1914	1930
United Kingdom	\$4,900	\$7,800	\$12,100	\$19,500	\$18,200
France	2,500	3,500	5,200	8,600	3,500
Germany	-	1,900	4,800	6,700	1,100
Netherlands	500	1,000	1,100	1,200	2,300
United States	-	-	500	2,500	14,700
Canada	-	-	100	200	1,300

Between 1870 and 1914, the export of finance capital by British imperialism quadrupled. From 1900 to 1930, the export of US. finance capital had increased over 29 times! The rising amounts of foreign investment outside of the imperialist countries marks the rise of imperialism and **the division of the world among a handful of developing super-powers.** Between 1876 and 1914, the colonial possessions of the 6 biggest capitalist powers increased by over 50%. In 1876, one-tenth of Africa's total area had been colonised. By 1900, fully nine-tenths was under foreign rule! The four richest capitalist countries, Britain, US, France and Germany, together owned nearly 80% of the world's finance capital (479 billion francs) by 1910.

"In one way or another, nearly the whole of the rest of the world is more or less the debtor to and tributary of these international banker countries, these four 'pillars' of world finance capital".
(Lenin, Imperialism.)

The Trotskyists picture of 'nation-states' being 'driven into an economic relationship', where they exchange goods with bigger 'nation-states', is the view of the world not of the proletariat, but of a petit-bourgeois. This class outlook does not see a world divided between oppressed and oppressor, the owners and the ownerless. But a world of small owners, small shopkeepers, being driven into unfair deals by bigger owners, bigger shopkeepers and suppliers. For the Trotskyists, there is no question of national strangulation of whole nations and peoples and the control of their economic lifelines by imperialism. The national question is reduced to no more than the small nations getting a bad deal on the world market.

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In the pre-imperialist stage, there were parts of the world which were not yet divided among the developing capitalist nations of Europe. But the rise of imperialism meant the rise of the division of the world into colonies and a handful of imperialist countries that profit off their backs. In the transition from 'old' to 'new' capitalism, territories passed from ownerless (in the sense of not being dominated by a foreign capitalist country) to owner. Today, in the stage of 'new' capitalism, territories can only pass from one imperialist to another, short of revolution. The world is completely divided up and integrated into a world imperialist economic system.

The re-division of the world is carried out through imperialist world wars, like the First and Second World Wars. World war lays the basis for a re-division of the world among the imperialist powers. In its wake, the victors take new spoils and divide it among themselves. **It is out of such mass blood-letting that the ground is cleared for the post-war bloody "boom".** New markets are opened up; capital develops onto ever higher levels of accumulation and exploitation. For example, US imperialism saw its share of the world's total foreign investment rise from 35% in 1930 to just under 60% in 1960, as a result of becoming top dog imperialist through WW2 and re-structuring capital relations internationally in its interests. The re-division of the world has seen ever greater rises in super-profits, ever rising levels of oppression and exploitation and ever rising levels of financial crisis for

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Union Carbide disaster, Bhopal, India.
The people pay the costs.

the imperialists - to the extent that, today, in this developed world system of imperialism, a crisis for one is a crisis for all.

TROTSKYISTS GIVE THEIR VERSION OF THE BASIS OF IMPERIALIST BOOM.

"Despite the world economic boom that followed the end of the Second World War in 1945, Britain's role in the world- both economically and politically- was declining. In this context, it was inevitable that close-knit neo-colonial links, far from being forged more tightly, would in fact be prised apart in an expanding world system".

The Trotskyists do not see imperialism for what it actually is and what it does, a parasite system of violence and domination. For SWM, imperialism is nothing more than the unequal exchange of goods in a world of bigger and smaller 'nation-states'. They dismiss outright the idea of a world divided between creditor and debtor countries, oppressor and oppressed. They do not see that the imperialists go to war to re-divide the world for greater super-profits, to advance their own national capitalist interests.

The reality is that the imperialists are driven towards war, because it is part of their competition with each other. When contradictions reach a certain level among themselves, when the signing of treaties, the settling of trade agreements, when these forms of economic warfare are no longer sufficient to enforce imperialist interests, and all these begin to break down; when the existing division of the world becomes more and more a barrier to further profitable accumulation, it leads them to competition on its highest political level- all-out war with the competing imperialists. Out of war comes the post-war restructuring of the 'new' colonies and the imperialist citadels themselves, as happened after 1945. The result is imperialist exploitation on even higher levels of world barbarity and competition; imperialism becomes an even bigger junkie for profit, developing an ever increasing insatiable appetite for ever greater exploitation. It is never satisfied at any stage, but always looking for more, because it is in its nature to do so and it will only stop when it is killed.

Far from the Trotskyists reactionary dreams being reality, the re-division of the world, the intensification of exploitation and oppression of the colonies and peoples, does not lead to 'neo-colonial links' being "prised apart in an expanding world system". The opposite is the case. The "world economic boom" following 1945, was a "boom" for the imperialists. Their 'neo-colonial links' became ever tighter on the backs of the people. Their very lives depended on this increased parasitism. Just because British imperialism "declined", that is, it lost its leading position to US imperialism, doesn't mean it changed its nature as a vicious imperialist gangster. It just became the second or third biggest vicious imperialist gangster in the western bloc, instead of the first.

Mao Tse-tung, when talking about imperialism, powerfully stated,

"...just because it is dying, it is all the more dependent on colonies and semi-colonies for its survival".

(Mao, On New Democracy)

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IMPERIALIST SUPER-PROFITS.

So, in a world of independent 'nation-states', where the neo-colonial links of 'declining' imperialist powers, like Britain, are being 'prised apart' in an expanding world system, this raises the question, "Where do the super-profits come from?"

"...workers in the 'core' countries still generate the bulk of profits for the giant multinationals... Workers in the 'periphery' are, of course, subject to super-exploitation but often... at the hands of their own local ruling class as well as the multinationals". (SWM)

These trotskyites are trying to convince us that the 'bulk of profits for the giant multinationals' comes from the super-exploitation of the workers in the imperialist countries! This bunch of opportunists are trying to turn reality up-side-down! This is an attempt to turn the nature of imperialism as a gangster into nothing more than a bad guy in his youth who's reformed himself in the 'expanding world system'. British imperialism is a 'super-power' exactly because it profits from a number of nations under its domination or joint domination within its western bloc. The benefits from this massive wealth allows the imperialist powers to develop their own national economies and technology, which they export to develop further their imperialist interests abroad. This results, in the imperialist citadels, in a highly developed industrial and technological base. But in no way do these industries 'generate the bulk of profits for the giant multi-nationals'. On the contrary, these industries serve to develop further the imperialist interests internationally. These industries are certainly not the basis of imperialist super-profits. The fact is that the massive investment for the development of these industries itself comes from the super-exploitation of the colonies, not the other way around.

The logic of the Trotskyists argument is that the imperialists have self-contained economies within their national boundaries. But the imperialist country is integrated into a world market of exploitation achieved through the colonies. Through violence and domination, the imperialists get cheap raw materials, land and labour power in the colonies. Trotskyism looks at the advanced industry in the imperialist capitals, and tries to cover over the essence

of imperialism, as simply 'advanced capitalism' rather than **world parasitism**.

An important result of this parasitism is that, with the rise of imperialism, a split takes place inside the proletariat in the imperialist countries. A labour aristocracy arises, a bourgeoisie pole within the upper sections of the working class, whose interests are tied to and part of imperialism; often concentrated in specialised, individualised, highly-paid labour. Also, there are broader sections of industrial workers who become relatively influenced by imperialist prosperity, which blunts the edge of their class struggle. The upper sections of the proletariat in the imperialist countries develop a standard of living and a quality of life that is linked to imperialist domination of the world. In contrast, there is a lower section of the proletariat, mainly composed of oppressed minorities and women, who are super-exploited; often concentrated in service industries & sweatshops. Their standard of living and quality of life, like that of oppressed people around the world, is the result of the dominated position they are in, under imperialism.

Trotskyism turns imperialist reality on its head, when it tells workers in the imperialist countries, in the upper sections of the proletariat, that their standard of living has been achieved by fighting the capitalist class and winning - when in fact this standard of living is the bribes of the imperialists and the fruits of imperialist plunder of their proletarian sisters and brothers internationally. It is the super-exploitation of the oppressed peoples and nations that lays the basis for the imperialists to give a few extra crumbs to these workers. Instead of giving the facts to these workers, and raising their consciousness from narrow self-interest to class-consciousness of the international proletariat, Trotskyism places these workers back into the hands of the imperialist masters, where the security of these privileges lie.

IMPERIALISM'S DEADLY RELATIONS.

Imperialism keeps the oppressed countries in an enforced state of economic backwardness and dependency. By pushing the masses there into increasingly desperate conditions of living, and a daily struggle just to survive, imperialism can make massive super-profits off the backs of the oppressed, who

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face the choice of working for pennies or starving.

In India alone, there's an estimated 50 million children working in conditions of slave labour. Six year olds working 12 hour days, 6 or 7 days a week for pennies; their health destroyed, or dead, by the time they're 13. In India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, there's an estimated 25 million "bonded" child labourers, working for nothing to pay off "debts". The Philippines and Taiwanese sweatshops, the Moroccan and Turkish carpet industries, the sugar plantations of Haiti, the British-owned tea plantations of Sri Lanka and many other hell-holes, are not "independent" of the advanced capitalist countries, but an indispensable part, the very lifeblood of imperialism's massive wealth.



Working conditions in Brazil.

Imperialism means parasitism. The imperialists wheel and deal with the lives of the people all around the world, reaping massive profits, causing mass starvation and economic disaster.

"14 million children under 5 years old died in 1987 in the Third World. Diarrhoea (a preventable disease) strikes down 4½ million children a year in the Third World—roughly 10,000 times the rate among United States children. More than a thousand children continue to die each day in Africa. This is a direct consequence of a dependent and crisis-ridden economic situation, characterised by declining prices for what these countries sell on the world markets, very little new money coming into these countries

and huge repayments they must make on past debts".

(Revolutionary Worker, RCP, USA.)

But for Trotskyism, this is a world of 'nation-states' where, if there is 'national oppression', it's nothing more than big capitalists dominating smaller capitalists. With the 'expanding world market' and with the bigger imperialists, like Britain, 'declining', falling a few places down the imperialists league table, this results in them being 'prised apart' from colonial domination. This automatically leads Trotskyism to conclude that these 'independent nation states' of the "Third World" also have the opportunity to rise up in the league table of capitalists. They see the relationship between imperialism and colonialism in nothing more than **quantitative** terms, bigger and lesser amounts of capitalists. They cover over the reality, that there is a **qualitative** difference between the imperialists and the oppressed nations. They stand as opposites of the production relation that has developed to the level of imperialism.

So, how to explain the severe economic crisis of the "Third World" in the 1980's? For Trotskyism,

"the dreams of the modernisers came crashing down in the 1980's. Southern Ireland, in common with other countries as diverse as Poland, Mexico and Argentina, found that growth could not be sustained once the world economy entered a new slump after 1979. The huge levels of debt these countries had accumulated were premised on a continual expansion of the world system. When that did not happen, these countries were thrown back into a deep crisis". (SWM)

Their understanding of 'crisis' is nothing to do with the imperialists loading it off still further on the backs of the oppressed peoples and nations. It's just the "bad management" of the 'modernisers' in the "Third World" countries, who've borrowed too much money. But the debt question can't be reduced to a quantitative question; how much money they've borrowed. Rather, it is a question of the role the debt plays, as a major means of super-profits for the imperialists.

"Between 1984 and 1988, when you add up payments and interest on their foreign debt the oppressed countries wound up sending

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\$140 billion more to the rich countries than they received...Today,many of the oppressed countries are being drained of 5 and 6 per cent of their gross national product(the value of the goods and services they produce)and 30 to 50 percent of their export earnings each year,in order to make payments on their external debt."
(Revolutionary Worker,RCP,USA)

The so-called growth that 'could not be sustained' in the "Third World" countries, as SWM put it, was not the national growth of native capitalists, but the growth of foreign interests. It is not to the benefit of the dominated nation that such investment takes place. On the contrary, such investment only serves to chain the peoples and nations still further to foreign interests. For example, the expansion of the State sector in Mexico, over two decades, was essentially financed through an influx of foreign finance capital in the form of loans. This resulted in the external debt growing from \$4 billion in 1970 to more than \$72 billion in 1983.

Mass starvation and poverty are the necessary conditions for the masses of the oppressed peoples, while massive super-profits and luxury life styles for the imperialist ruling class are the fruits of this super-exploitation. Imperialist foreign investment does not and never has served to advance the colonised countries as a whole but has served only to advance the investors interests. So while there is 'industrial development' in Brazil, Mexico etc, it is lopsided development. Advance in one section of the economy is often followed by forced stagnation and backwardness in another, such as agriculture.

"Twenty years ago, there were hardly any soybeans grown in Brazil. But by the end of the 1970's soybeans had become Brazil's chief export - and almost all these soybeans were going to feed Japanese and European livestock. Meanwhile, hunger spread from one-third of the Brazilian population 20 years ago to two-thirds by the early 1980's... Much of the destruction of forests taking place in Central America is related to cattle ranching and meat-packing by US. multinational corporations. What for? A lot of that beef is exported to the US. and goes into your fast-food hamburger. But while two-thirds of Central America's farmable land is used for cattle, consumption of beef in these countries is decreasing. Today the average domestic cat in the United States



LIVING CONDITIONS IN BRAZIL.

now consumes more beef than the average person in Central America".
(Revolutionary Worker,RCP,USA.)

The imperialist nations operate like world bankers. Through investments and loans to the oppressed countries, they develop their foreign interests. They attach conditions, 'development policies', 'austerity programmes' etc, all designed to secure their foreign capital and investment. They reap massive profits from interest payments on these loans. The loans are used to purchase technology and industrial equipment at high prices, dictated by the imperialists. This equipment is used to develop sectors of industry and agriculture, dictated by the imperialists. The products are sold on the world market at low prices, dictated by the imperialists. The imperialists control the world market and they call the shots and these are the conditions for the deadly relations of imperialism.

Just as the oppressed peoples and nations are the basis of imperialist wealth, so too they become the means to try to stem the crisis, through more intensified, brutal exploitation. The crisis of the 80's was not simply about "the crisis of capitalism". It is the crisis of imperialism.

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THE POISONOUS FRUITS OF A TROTSKYIST ANALYSIS.

"It is not the case that regions as a whole are exploited - it is class exploitation that is at the root of capitalist accumulation"(SWM)

"...as in any other country in the world, the key division in Ireland today is one of class, between the employing class and the working class"(SWP, Ireland's Permanent Revolution.)

The rise of imperialism, according to Trotskyism, saw the rise of 'nation-states' and the resolution of the national question. Lenin's position, is that the rise of imperialism saw the rise of the division of the world between oppressed and oppressor nations. Far from the national question being resolved, it was firmly placed on the agenda for the proletarian revolution. And the form this takes is two streams...

"From this reality flows the Leninist view, confirmed by history, that the world proletarian revolution is composed essentially of two streams - the proletarian-socialist revolution waged by the proletariat and its allies in the imperialist citadels and the national liberation, or new democratic revolution, waged by the nations and peoples subjugated to imperialism. The alliance between these two revolutionary currents remains the cornerstone of the revolutionary strategy in the era of imperialism".
(Declaration of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement)

For the Trotskyites, the subjugation of whole nations and peoples to the imperialist citadels, is not a characteristic of the era of imperialism. If they talk about 'national oppression', it's nothing more than in the most superficial sense of political domination and not in the fundamental sense of economic domination. SWM, the so-called Marxists, criticise Gerry Adams, leader of the revolutionary nationalists in Ireland, Sinn Fein, for saying,

"economic dependence translates into political dependence", when in fact this statement has more Marxism in it than the Trotskyites do in all their organisations put together.

SWP/SWM both claim they're Leninist. But they uphold nothing of Lenin's thesis of imperialism. They also say they are Trotskyists and they do uphold everything of

Trotsky's thesis, an imperialist chauvinist thesis. Quote Trotsky, one of the original imperialist chauvinists,

"An all-Ireland movement such as the nationalist dreamers had expected simply failed to materialise...the basis for national revolution has disappeared even in backward Ireland...the experiment of an Irish national rebellion...is over"(Trotsky, 1916)

Trotskyism denies completely that national liberation struggles have a revolutionary quality in the era of imperialism. They ridicule the national struggle, whether in Ireland, Brazil, Mexico etc, as "reactionary dreams"(SWM). Far from the dream of the people to be free of imperialist domination being "reactionary", that title goes to the Trotskyists and their imperialist masters, who hope to deny the oppressed peoples and nations their fundamental right to self-determination.

In the oppressed countries, covering vast parts of the world, there are masses of peasants, whose land is robbed by imperialism, who are firm allies of the proletariat in the struggle against imperialist domination. Also other sections of the petit-bourgeoisie, the intelligensia, small owners and sections of the national bourgeoisie (who the imperialists keep down, so as to control the national market) can be won to the united front against imperialism. To the extent that these forces oppose imperialism, their struggles are progressive. In these countries, the proletariat can unite a majority of the people against imperialism. The only section of the population to benefit from imperialism, is that section of the native bourgeoisie who become administrators for foreign imperialist capital - the compradors who govern these countries on behalf of imperialism.

When the Trotskyists say that class exploitation is the key question in oppressed countries, as we know them, they actually cover over and excuse imperialism - the principal target of the revolution in the dominated countries. When they try to make the contradiction between the proletariat and the native bourgeoisie in the oppressed countries, the principal contradiction, they are trying to push into the background and prettify imperialism, which keeps whole nations and peoples in chains. When the British chauvinist SWP say that class oppression, not national oppression, is the "key division" in Ireland, they are apologising for and denying the vicious role of

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"their own" imperialism, British imperialism, in oppressing the Irish people (and this is their line in relation to all oppressed countries). This is what we mean by imperialist chauvinism.

Lenin insisted that, "The revolutionary movement in the advanced countries would in fact be nothing but a sheer fraud if, in their struggle against capital, the workers of Europe and America were not closely and completely united with the hundreds upon hundreds of millions of "colonial" slaves, who are oppressed by that capital" (The Second Congress of the Communist International).

But Trotskyism turns its back on the struggles of the oppressed peoples and nations against imperialism, and unites with its own imperialists against those struggles. So it is that the British chauvinist SWP actually attacks the national liberation struggle in Ireland, for example.

"The crucial battle is not fought with bombs and guns. It is a battle of ideas... the daily struggle in the workplace, the daily struggle against the foreman" (SWP, Ireland's Permanent revolution)

Freedom for the oppressed lies in overthrowing the oppressor. Peace lies in war and the proletariat have to lead that war to overthrow the oppressor. But for SWP, this "left-wing" of British imperialism, nothing would please them more than for national liberation struggles against imperialist domination to cease, and for there to be "peace" for their imperialist paymasters.

The Trotskyists have tried to cut away this imperialist monster from its roots. They attempt to cover over its nature and the bloody trail it has left as its history, rather than opening it up for the people to see clearly.

Trotskyism is a dividing force set against the unity of the international proletariat and its allies around the world. In the oppressed countries, the Trotskyists tell the workers they have no allies among the masses of peasants and the subjugated national bourgeoisie. In fact, they tell the workers, this capitalist class is their main enemy and that the foreign capitalists are simply an extension of their own capitalists abroad. They tell them not to fight imperialism, but to concentrate on fighting their own capitalists for a few more pennies. They restrict the daily struggle of the people to the "workplace". The fact is, the proletariat must go further than the workplace, must seek out its allies and must lead a People's War with "guns and bombs" and revolutionary

consciousness, against these foreign dominators, imperialism.

In the imperialist countries, the Trotskyists carry out the same dividing tactics. They tell the better-off sections of the workers that their standard of life has been won through the struggle against their capitalist class, when in fact that quality of life is a few crumbs tossed from the imperialists to pacify them. The Trotskyists turn the heads of these workers away from the international proletariat, to defending and fighting for these imperialist privileges. They cover over the fact that this quality of life is at the expense of the miserable life conditions of their brothers and sisters in the oppressed countries all around the world.

They turn away from the super-exploited lowest sections of the proletariat in the imperialist countries, who are the social base for revolution in these countries, and base themselves on the more privileged workers, and their task is to keep them in the pockets of the imperialists. They tell the masses not to fight imperialism and what it does all around the world, not to unite with their brothers and sisters all around the world, but to concentrate on the struggle in the workplace, for a few more pounds from the imperialists pockets. They want to put the preparation for the revolutionary seizure of power off the agenda, and when the time comes, they'll be telling the workers not to fight with "bombs and guns", but to prostrate themselves at the imperialists feet, for a bit more dosh. ■

THE SWP/SWM ARE A BUNCH OF TROTSKYISTS AND A BUNCH OF OPPORTUNISTS. THEY ARE NOTHING MORE THAN THE "LEFT-WING" OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM, THE SERVANTS OF IMPERIALISM, AND THEY NEED TO BE BURIED. GIVE ME A SHOVEL!

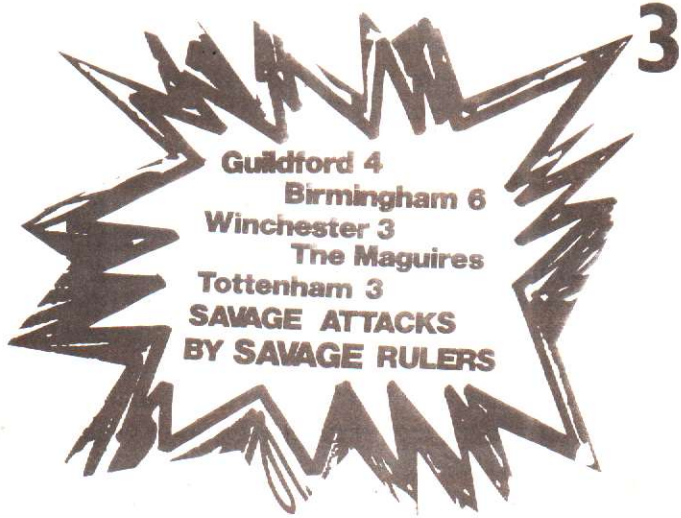
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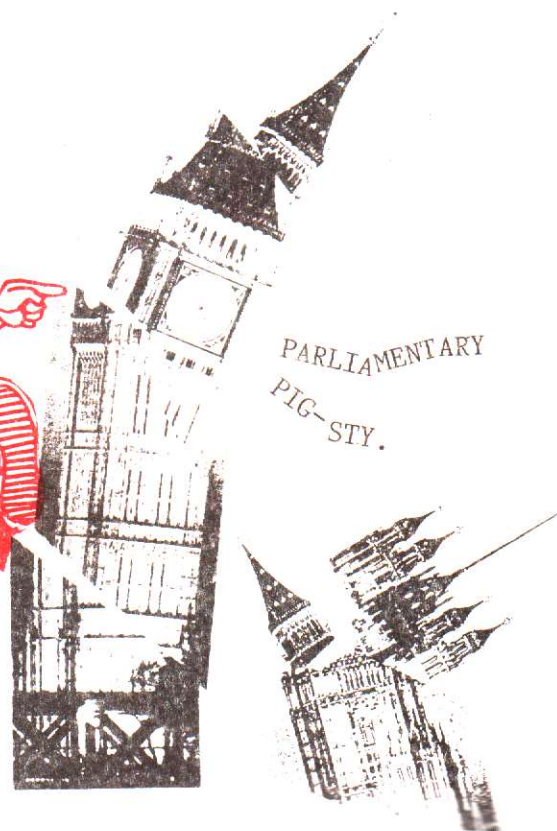
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PROLETARIAN WOMAN SPEAKS OUT. PAGE 9.

After the first section, which ends "If I had not met Jeff, I would still have no idea about love, warmth or sex at all", there should be this:

Barbara talked about when the relationship with Jeff started to break down: "Jeff's drinking was becoming a big problem now and he would not do a thing about it, so I just accepted it and got on with it. We talked about getting married and I got a divorce, but by the time the arrangements were made, I had changed my mind. I did not want to marry Jeff or anyone else. We spent a fortune on the reception. It was all put out in the front room ready for the next day. Jeff was out with his friends on his stag night and all my friends were with me. I had to play the part and pretend to them that I was happy about it all. He come in so drunk and I thought, girl you can't go through with this, and I told him how I felt and I was serious. Jeff picked up the whole lot and started throwing it out the window. I could have killed him. He would not listen to a word I was saying. After he had smashed everything in sight, he fell asleep on the floor. I was up all night cleaning up all the mess and now I would have to go through with the wedding... The wedding went on and everyone enjoyed themselves except me, still that's nothing new... Jeff was sent to prison again in about 6 months after we got married. He got 5 years. I was upset, but not as much as I should have been. I was getting fed up with him and this was my way out".

DOUBLE JUSTICE IS A STREETFIGHTING WOMAN. PAGE 20.

The first section may not have printed clearly. It reads:

"too much. But one thing people can never change through this "democracy" is the nature of this "democracy", and what it does all over the world, and what it does to the oppressed people and women in this "democratic" shit-hole some people are so proud of.

DOUBLE JUSTICE IS A STREETFIGHTING WOMAN. PAGE 24.

Below the picture on the left side, it reads:

"who turned this slogan around and gave it a revolutionary edge: "Maggie, Maggie, Maggie - Kill, Kill, Kill!"

A guy in court after the Poll Tax demo, giving his name as Boris Botulism and described as a former pacifist, said "If you're asking if I approve of throwing scaffolding poles at police, the answer is yes. Pacifism gets you nowhere".

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"The rulers are trying to load off their crisis on the backs of the poor and oppressed. What the poor and oppressed have..."