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ENGLAND AND VIETNAM

Four years ago how many in England thought Vietnam could defeat the U.S. invasion, could survive a heavier bombing than the whole of Europe received in the Second World War? Today all can see that it is the U.S. invaders, not the Vietnam defenders, who are being beaten.

One year ago how many in England, or in France, thought the French people, 10 million or more, would occupy their factories, railways, postal and telegraph offices, radio and television, schools and universities, for several weeks, defeat the riot police in street battle, and fail to establish workers' power - to develop a socialist classless society - only because they lacked a revolutionary party that had earned the trust of the workers and was ready and able to face up to the seizure of state power?

THE U.S. IN VIETNAM

The U.S. has been trying to colonise Vietnam, to turn it into a country ruled and exploited by Americans, with puppet quislings as a mere cover.

The U.S. is already colonising both France and England, not by armed invasion but by financial invasion instead.

In France the world renowned firm of Citroen is in process of being bought up by Fiat, and Fiat is largely owned by Lazard Bros. of New York.

In England more than half our motor industry is owned by Americans - Vauxhall belongs to General Motors, Ford to Ford, and Rootes to Chrysler. And what goes for the motor industry largely goes for industry as a whole.

THE U.S. TAKE OVER HERE

Why do we call this a financial invasion? Are English workers and their class brothers from other countries - Scotland, Wales, Ireland, the Caribbean, Pakistan - who work with them, any worse off because their exploiting employers are American and not English?

Ask the Vauxhall workers in Luton, ask at Rootes, ask at Fords in Dagenham and Halewood, ask at Roberts Arundel in Stockport or at E.N.V. or Kodak in North-West London, where trade union rights, won by years of struggle, have been destroyed by their U.S. owners in their ruthless search for higher profit.

But above all let us ask ourselves - WHY ARE OUR WAGES FROZEN?

THE WAGE FREEZE

Our wages are frozen

"to save the pound"

"to increase exports"

"to keep Britain from going bankrupt"

or to sum it all up, TO INCREASE THE PROFITS for the owners of industry in Britain.

Of course employers always want to increase their profits as much as they can - this is the basic law of capitalism, the supreme commandment in a profit-seeking society -

Thou shalt seek maximum profit.

But why especially now, these last four years?

What is this balance of payments crisis all about?

IMPERIALIST RULE CAUSE OF THE WAGE FREEZE

Imperialist Britain is buying, bringing in as imports more than it is selling, its exports.

Then why not control the imports, as was done during both World Wars?

Ah, that would not do! Big business wants a free market for its capital to obtain maximum profit. And profits are much higher in the slave state of South Africa and in all the "undeveloped" super-exploited countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America, than they are here at home. So the rich want to be free to EXPORT THEIR CAPITAL.

The English rich, those few thousand families who live on unearned income, are willing to sell out to U.S. business, since this is the price for their own freedom to go on investing in South Africa (Azania), "Rhodesia" (Zimbabwe) and the rest of the semi-slave world, collecting thereby approximately twice the rate of profit they could earn from investing here at home.

THE TRUE COST OF MILLIONAIRES

Not only, crisis or no crisis, do the millionaires demand the freedom to do this, whatever the damage done to the nation.

They also demand and obtain the "defence" of these investments at the cost to the nation of some £2,000 million yearly. The millionaires collect the dividends, the nation pays for the protection.

And it is to maintain this immoral, loathsome system of imperialist exploitation of the poorest countries in the world, that OUR wages are being frozen.

Without this export of capital and the free market in dollars and the pound sterling to maintain it, and the consequent heavy expenditure on arms and foreign bases, THERE WOULD BE NO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CRISIS AT ALL.

The freeze-and-squeeze is the price the people of Britain - whether English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Caribbean, Asian or European - have to pay for the Government's Tory policy of imperialism.

WILSON THE QUISLING

Wilson's support for Johnson's colonial war in Vietnam is another part of this same price. Government spokesmen are now themselves proclaiming, and even complaining, that they are not free to practise the social policy they would like because "Britain is in debt and debtors are not free to choose".

Quite so. And since he became Prime Minister Wilson has greatly INCREASED this foreign debt, while at all times maintaining the free export of private capital and all it costs the nation for arms and other waste of hundreds of millions of pounds.

Wilson's hypocrisy over Zimbabwe (Smith's "Rhodesia") - pretending to oppose this white apartheid while in reality leaving Smith and Salisbury free to rackmanise - is another aspect of this same Tory imperialist stop-go freeze-and-squeeze - though the "Stop" is now only to wages and the "go" permanently to prices and profits. All that Wilson has added is his extra dose of hypocrisy.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

Those who profit from this horrible system of economic exploitation of the poorest people of the world are not more than about 2% of the English people and even fewer of the Scottish and Welsh. Those who suffer in some degree from its effects are therefore some 98% of the whole people. National unity could thus be achieved on a programme to express the direct interest of every man and woman who works in this country for his living.

Such a programme will also represent the direct interest of all humanity, of peace and of the economic development of all poor countries, so that they may feed themselves instead of receiving useless dribblets of patronising charity from Oxfam.

If you are against the WAGE FREEZE

If you want PEACE not war

If you hate this class society and want
SOCIALISM and HUMAN FREEDOM

Then you must

repudiate IMPERIALISM
repudiate AGGRESSIVE WAR
fight the Tory FREEZE-AND-SQUEEZE

This has been imposed on us in order to retain imperialism (the cause of the war in Vietnam) and for no other reason.

Imperialism, the war in Vietnam and the freeze-and-squeeze are all aspects of a single thing; to fight any of these effectively you must fight all three.

THE MENACE OF RACIALISM

For centuries Englishmen have been brought up to believe in the racial superiority of the "white" man.

Just as an Englishman was held to be naturally superior to a foreigner, so any "white" man was held to be naturally superior to anyone with a dark skin, a "native".

The reason for this was again imperialism, starting with the slave trade in the days of Elizabeth I.

Powell, the ambitious Tory who wants to capture the leadership of the Tory Party and become Prime Minister, has seen

attrition", as if they want to frighten their own troops before the battle. Is this a leadership for victory, or merely left gesturing on the way to anticipated defeat?

The workers need generals who intend to win, to fight not "to the death" but to victory for the workers, and this in turn requires that they put forward a solution for this national economic crisis from which 98% of the British people are suffering.

A national strike to be useful must be a political strike, to provide a solution to our national economic problem.

The engineers must necessarily, if they want to win, speak and act not just for themselves, but for the whole working people of our country. The more boldly they take on such national responsibility and set an example, the wider will be the popular support they will win, the more other workers will join them and form a solid working people's national army demanding that this worn out and disgusting imperialism be scrapped, together with its supporters and profiteers, and that a new society, with the working people in power, be brought in to replace it.

The class question of a century ago has now reached the stage of having become a national question, demanding a national programme and national mobilisation to provide a national answer.

Over half the motor industry of this country is U.S. owned. Why should our workers continue to sweat out fat profits for Yankee tycoons?

HORNSEY AND OUR STUDENTS

Hornsey College in North London has won for itself the honour of leadership of our students' demand for a new kind of education and a new kind of university - education not for a privileged class but for the people.

The Hornsey and many other students have rightly claimed that education should be open to all who want it and conducted to prepare the students for their life and work, and not to pass often meaningless examinations typical of a society based on class.

Our students are repudiating this rat-race society and demanding a human society, i.e. a socialist society, instead.

Engineers and students together can give a lead to the whole working people to demand not just a wage rise or better student grants, but reorganisation of their whole industry and of our whole social life.

When a man is doing work he knows and loves he does it well and enjoys doing it.

When a man is working for an aim which he feels is just he will work well and will be glad to do so.

But why should any man sweat for an unearned income to shareholders?

REVOLUTION

The Working People's Party of England calls for state power to be taken by the working people and for the total removal from state power of the 2% who are the real rulers at present, and who will remain our rulers whoever is Prime Minister, so long as we the people allow them to go on doing it.

France in May 1968 showed once more how immensely strong is the working people as soon as it is united and acts to continue and develop this unity.

A National Strike developed from the shop floor and led to achieve the political victory of taking state power, will be irresistible, though it will certainly be resisted.

The 2% at present in power, and their government led by the scab Wilson, will do everything to retain power, as Baldwin did in 1926 and as de Gaulle has done in 1968.

This means that the working people must recognise that we have in this country what is at bottom an imperialist dictatorship, that ultimately relies not on votes but on police batons and prisons, and behind that on guns and the armed forces.

This means that the working people, the 98%, must also be prepared to fight batons with batons and guns with guns.

The 2% are both highly organised and - even more important - financially, culturally and ideologically dominant. Socialists have to destroy this domination in all its aspects as medieval feudal reaction had to be destroyed.

To do this and to win our own freedom is also to give the most effective possible support to Vietnam. And just as Vietnam can only win its freedom with guns, so we too must be prepared to meet force with force until the 2% are removed from power.

Workers Democracy means the people armed. "Without a People's Army the people have nothing".

An effective General Strike would of course at once pose a problem of armed protection for the working people who seize their work places and take charge of them.

When enough of us understand that the only solution to the present political and economic crisis is to take charge ourselves instead of leaving it to the 2%, we shall in the same breath understand that to take power has nothing in common with legal or electoral formalities, but depends entirely on organised strength.

Guns must be met with guns. But a gun with no one willing or able to use it against the people - his own people - will not help the 2%. They will have to go, and good riddance!

The only way we shall get the Yankee Imperialists off our backs, and establish national independence and prosperity, is through workers power. The only answer to U.S. domination is socialism.

DEFEND OUR ALLY VIETNAM
FIGHTING OUR ENEMY U.S. IMPERIALISM!

UNITE OUR WORKING PEOPLE
AGAINST THE U.S. ECONOMIC INVASION!

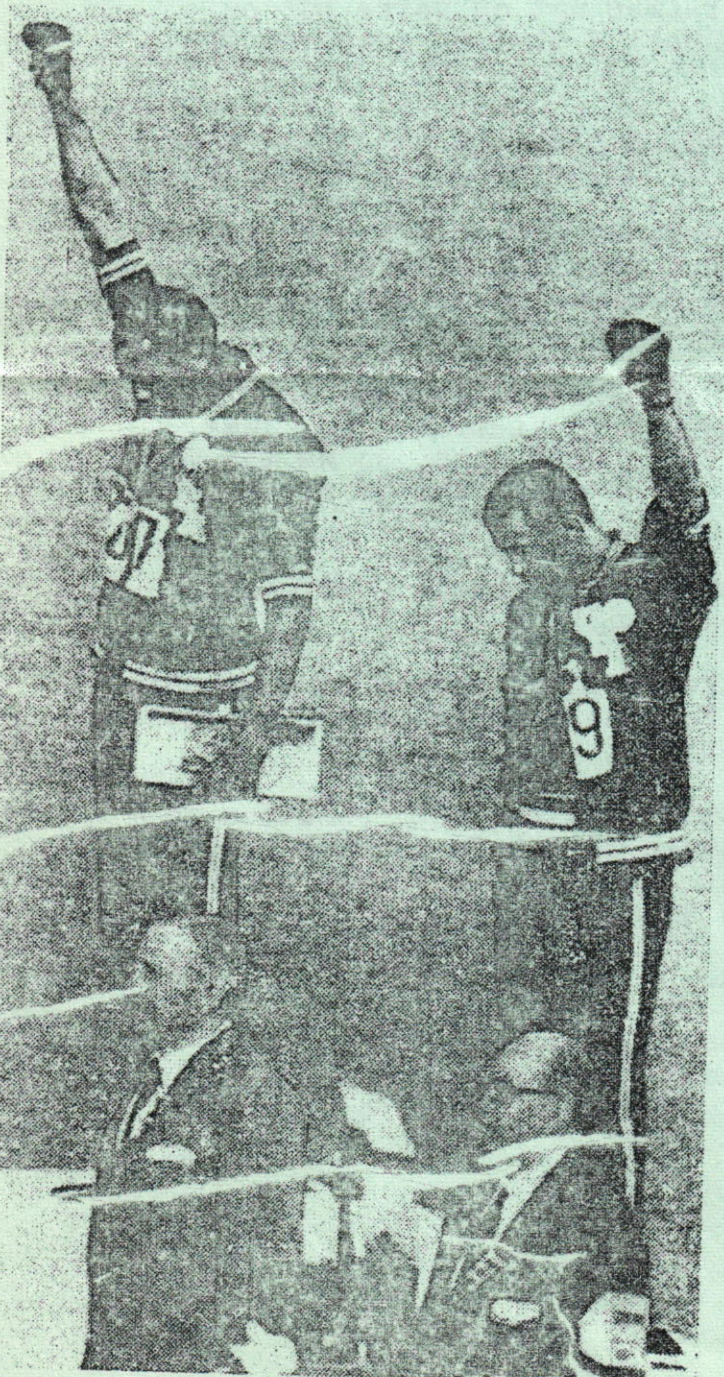
DOWN WITH BRITISH QUISLING IMPERIALISTS!

WORKING PEOPLE ORGANISE TO TAKE POWER
FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND PROSPERITY!

PROFIT SEEKING - NO

WORKING PEOPLE'S POWER - YES

Black Athletes Fight Racism



Here are Tommy Smith and Johnny Carlos with black fists raised and black heads bowed as the white imperialist "Star Spangled Banner" is played after their victory in the 200 metres in the Olympic Games.

Their Australian colleague also wore an anti-racist badge to express his support and British athletes commented "A jolly good show!"

But the U.S. team manager tried to send these protesting medal winners back home, only to find all the succeeding black winners following Tommy Smith and Johnny Carlos fine example.

Does the U.S. want to make the next Olympic Games all white, like South African cricket?

Those Black Power salutes from Gold medallist Tommie Smith and Bronze medallist John Carlos, both of the USA.

Fists clenched in black gloves, they gave the salute and looked at the ground as the American flag was raised and their national anthem played.

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ARTHUR HORNER

Arthur Horner, who died last month, was one of those socialists who during the First World War, before 1917 and when still very young, was already denouncing the inter-imperialist war and fighting it, not as a pacifist, as so many were doing who later became leading members of the CPGB, but as a militant revolutionary. He even went to Ireland in the hope of joining the Irish rebels instead of submitting to conscription into the British army. He had several spells in prison, and at the time of the formation of the CPGB (1920-21) was one of a half dozen or so who had shown in practice their capacity as revolutionaries -- by his agitational work as a very young miner in the coalfields of the Rhondda. By the end of the war he was the recognised leader of revolutionary socialism for the South Wales coalfield, and a staunch supporter of the October Revolution.

In the 1920s when the communist party was painfully trying to become Leninist, Arthur Horner failed to play a decisive part, and in 1929 was in trouble with the Party for opposing the RILU/Comintern sectarian line for communist unions to replace the reformist unions. In this opposition his line was correct and that of the Comintern was subsequently recognised to have been sectarian. Nevertheless, Arthur was right only to the extent that he could see that revolutionaries must not cut themselves off from the actual main class organisations of the workers, i.e. existing trade unions, and that he had the moral courage to fight for the correct line of staying within the unions, while he never fell into the opposite error of abandoning the Party because of its sectarianism. However he never reached the fully revolutionary line of carrying class resistance over from defence to attack. He failed, as did all the CPGB leadership of the 1920s and 1930s, to achieve the initiative by attacking the attackers. The Party remained essentially on the defensive after the betrayal of the General Strike and subsequent defeat of the miners in 1926.

However the unemployed marches with Arthur Horner in the lead did achieve massive support, even though they never got as far as occupying a railway station or even suggesting a simultaneous occupation of Labour Exchanges. There was splendid class solidarity but as yet no revolutionary initiative.

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Early in 1934 Arthur Horner was elected, against/official opposition, by the miners of West Wales as their full-time agent. He did this job well, but from then on, in spite of his class feeling and solidarity, he illustrated Lenin's dictum that the trade unions are the highest point of working class consciousness that still falls short of socialist consciousness.

There can be no question but that Arthur Horner always considered himself a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist, while he in fact became merely one of those numerous trade union officials who continue to think of themselves as workers, as distinct from the class traitors who become knights or peers, or directors of the Bank of England or perhaps of the PIB. He remained loyal to his class alignment but had ceased to be a revolutionary.

RHODESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS EXAMINED

BY ELTON RAZEMBA (FOR SUE)

Today Rhodesia is in a turmoil. Well over a thousand guerrillas entered the country during the year ending August, 1963. We mean those who were detected and reported in the Western Press. The Africans are demanding independence. The British Colonial machinery with full backing from the international business community is adamant on sticking on to the reins of power. At last week's conference constitutional proposals were made. Rhodesian Africans I have met agree that it would be strategically inappropriate to put trust in constitutional solutions and rightfully too. We are victims of History.

In 1890 our country was occupied without our consent. Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company was the administrative board up to 1923 when Rhodesia was granted internal self-government without African consent or African participation. Thirty years later the Federation of Central Africa comprising Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) was formed amidst African disapproval and storm protests. Two years before the dissolution of this institution in 1963, Rhodesia was granted a new constitution that for the first time allowed about 15 Africans into a parliament of 65 members. This was an innovation in Rhodesian political life. At any rate this gesture was not appreciated by the Africans populace. The Africans were demanding complete independence. Our cries fell on deaf ears.

In 1965 the Rhodesian authorities, after usurping all power from the Africans by overtly declaring Rhodesia independent, instituted a new constitution. Africans did not participate in its draft nor in its approval.

Last week witnessed another document. The constitutional proposals would bring in about 17 Africans out of a parliament of 67 members. The new proposals are racialistic in tone and content and ensure perpetual white domination in Rhodesia. Understandably African have unequivocally disassociated themselves from these proposals. It is an excellent and wise decision. The unrepresentative constitution is a blessing in disguise. Acceptance of any constitutional proposals by the British Government - with at least 200 British firms operating in Rhodesia behind it - and the Rhodesian administration with vested interests in Rhodesia would be tantamount to postponement of the revolutionary war the masses of Zimbabwe have initiated. We welcome the present arrangements. They will promote rather than distract the inevitable armed struggle.

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It was a sad end, and there is reason to think that Arthur himself may have felt it to be so. To have tried to be revolutionary, and to have failed, is grim. It is still perhaps better than never to have tried at all, but a politically revolutionary situation such as we had in 1919, in 1926, possibly in the middle 1930s, then in 1945 and again continuously since July 1966, demands leadership that is not just would-be-revolutionary but effectively so - the difference between Lenin with his close supporters and all the variety of other self-styled revolutionaries of 1917.

Let the dead CPGB bury its dead, and let us attack the attackers - the only way to defeat them.

PRESS

STATEMENT

I have spent the last five weeks at home here examining the political, economic and social conditions of my people. After travelling up and down the country, meeting various groups and listening to first hand experience from many individuals, I am convinced from the evidence before me that the situation is terrible for the masses of the Guyanese working people.

Wages are still very low, nowhere keeping pace with the high cost of living but profits for the big businessmen are soaring. And when as in the cases I have seen, the workers have struggled and arrived at settlements with the capitalists or the government, these negotiated settlements are dishonoured .. e.g. Sugar Workers have not received their hard earned Once for all Bonus for 1965, 1966, 1967; are forced to accept a paltry loan of \$65 Government employees and Civil Servants are fed up with waiting on the fair promises year after year of Ministers including the Prime Minister; their protests, demonstrations and now reported rejection of the P.M.'s offer of a loan, tell its own story.

Working people generally are fed up.

Unemployment and Underemployment is still racing away higher and higher and the closing down of the Manganese Mines putting the wellbeing of some 600 families in jeopardy adds up to a terrible state of affairs. In Guyana today at a conservative estimate there are some 25-30% of the people available for work, unemployed and/or underemployed. As a direct result of this high unemployment, the crime rate is soaring and the solution is not the one mooted by people with full bellies, many of whom are the causes of the present situation. It is not flogging, it is revolutionary changes which will bring full employment.

Nepotism, Corruption, Bribery and Graft is rampant in high places inside and outside the government and the behaviour of some of these people towards our young women who seek employment is downright immoral and criminal and it is widely known by the Guyanese people.

Politically the Guyana government in any estimation is bureaucratic, inefficient and adopts bullying tactics towards the Guyanese people generally. This so-called coalition government has been and is a marriage of political convenience between the PNC and the UF. This government is allowing our enemies the US and British imperialists, the white imperialist power structure to run our country from the Whitehouse and Whitehall. In plain language this government is the junior partner of our bitterest enemies. I would say without hesitation that I foresee the ushering in of a US backed Guyanese Police State.

The opposition party, the PPP has no intentions nor are they really interested in any revolutionary changes. It is with deep regret that I have to say that this party's degeneration is due mainly to bad leadership. A leadership which prattles about Marxism/Leninism but does not even understand the ABC principles, cannot make revolution. At present, I am told by some of their activists that

running business successfully is more the leadership's concern, than building a revolutionary party.

I have seen some new buildings, travelled on some decent stretches of new roads, visited some new industries, including the industrial site on the East Bank Demerara. But again on the other hand the Public Hospital and health facilities for the masses of our people are indescribably scandalous no doctors for days, no drugs, waiting for two, three days to receive treatment etc.

I am pleased to see that Guyanese all over the country are demanding radical changes. I have faith in my people that they would move from mere demands into action for these changes in the near future. Our Guyanese womenfolk in my opinion still remain 'the greatest' and this opinion is strengthened by my having travelled widely. But I want to see our sisters given equal pay for equal work and I want them given equality of opportunity in every sphere of activity in our society.

I shall soon be back home in Guyana permanently and my concern is to play my part in serving the interests of the Guyanese working people. If there is any Guyanese in politics who claims that he does not know the revolutionary demands of our people for jobs, regular food, clothes, proper housing, health, education and other social welfare amenities, for real freedom and independence asserting our ownership of our lands and all that is in it for our people's benefit then such a person is either a knave, a fool or an imperialist running dog.

But the people are moving forward, they are understanding more and more that elections and constitutions manipulated from afar by the people in the Whitehouse and Whitehall are not in the Guyanese Nation's interest.

Yes, this visit home to my beautiful Guyana, my wonderful people has strengthened my faith in the Guyanese working people and I know, that led by their own vanguard party which they are sure to build, the day is not far off when Guyanese will own their country, lock, stock and barrel, when the Guyanese working people will have power in the state, power in their own hands, will finish with the exploitation of man by man and will proudly say:-

"THIS LAND AND ALL IN IT IS OURS"

I feel confident it will happen in our life-time.

JOHNNY E. JAMES

3rd September, 1968
Georgetown.

AFRO ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION,
69 MAIN STREET,
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, South America.

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THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL

by Our Own Correspondent

When the question of succession arose in Portugal, ruled during the last 40 years by the dictator Salazar, Western imperialism got upset. As it was announced in this and even by Fleet Street Press, U.S. State Department hastened to send CIA repression agents to reinforce the PIDE - Portuguese political police. The Diplomatic service was also made to work effectively. Why?

The Western Powers have huge investments in Portugal and in the colonies. British capitalists alone have full control over the Lisbon Tramways, Telephones, Mozambique's copper belt, zinc mines and Beira Harbour. The profits of these investments are entirely dependent on the continuation of Salazar's brazen policy at home and overt tyranny in the Colonies. So, they had to have a say on the appointment of the new dictator. But the situation was so confusing, the interests to be defended so varied, and the pressures so strong that the State Council took 19 days to choose a successor. He is supposed to defend those interests - mainly West German, American, British - and safeguard white supremacy in Africa in close co-operation with Rhodesia and South Africa. The Portuguese capitalists - not to speak of the people - had no say. They only represent a minority and are subservient to their masters. But contradictions have already started to develop and are gaining ground.

The new Prime Minister seems to be more interested in defending local capitalism. He plans some liberalisation of the regime.

In a tactical move, Frente de Libertacao Nacional e Colonial, Portuguese Workers and Peasants Movement, has taken the step of backing Caetano, the new Prime Minister. By doing so they expect to develop a clash between the local and foreign capitalists, which undoubtedly will bring closer the day when people contribute towards the extirpation of the whole system of capitalist exploitation. His liberalisation policies will also provide better grounds for the formation of underground revolutionary cadres. But their backing is subject to two conditions: immediate release of political prisoners, and the proposal of an honourable solution to the colonial problem.

All those interested in Frente activities and in the release of Portuguese political prisoners are kindly invited to contact Frente c/o Workers Broadsheet

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A REMINDER to those comrades whose political line grows out of the barrel of a gun

"Weapons are an important factor in war, but not the decisive factor; it is people, not things, that are decisive".

Mao Tse-Tung

Robbery with violence in the streets of the Easton area, curiously limited to Pakistani workers, having occurred regularly for three years, miraculously ceased for a couple of months after street patrols had been organised and had succeeded almost immediately in arresting and handing over to the police one of two such robbers.

Recently this man, arrested in flagrante delicto as the lawyers say in Latin, or in plain English while on the job, was acquitted at the Old Bailey, apparently because the police, his alleged prosecutors, found themselves curiously unable to produce adequate evidence! Attacks started again immediately.

Superintendent Child, the police liaison officer to Camden Committee for Community Relations, recently assured a public meeting that these coincidences were purely coincidental. He expressed doubt as to whether these robberies had really taken place at all or to any significant extent.

The meeting, reported very inadequately by the "Guardian" and the "Telegraph" alone among the daily papers, had been called by the Pakistani Workers' Union in association with the North London Branch of the WPPE, to announce the re-organisation of street patrolling which had been suspended as no longer required when in July and August the police had suddenly found themselves able to organise their own patrols in the area, and the robberies had ceased.

The police spokesman was challenged publicly by the Chairman of the WPPE speaking from the same platform. Alex Hart accused the police of having arrested two Pakistani workers in June for allegedly causing an affray and put them up for trial at the Old Bailey without any adequate evidence against them. Meantime, these workers who speak almost no English have been deprived of their passports and one of them is unable to return to his sick wife in Pakistan. We are assured by our legal advisers that if untrue this statement is clearly a criminal libel and Dr. Hart challenged the press to publish it and so force the police to act. The press decided, like the Superintendent, that silence would be more effective in keeping the matter from undesired publicity.

The question must be put - is there a police state not merely in East Pakistan and Northern Ireland, but also here in England?

We invite the ever-useful though much burdened National Council for Civil Liberties to investigate this case. Let all those English lawyers, who claim to be so liberal, come forward now to defend the plainest of civil liberties, freedom from arbitrary arrest and molestation, for men working in our capital city whom a police station sergeant described to our reporter as "unfortunately small and inoffensive" and so inviting attack.

We are determined both to defend the arrested Pakistanis and to end the robberies. All those interested and willing to help should contact the Pakistani Workers Union or the North London WPPE, c/o 67 Charlotte Street, W.1.

IMMIGRATION SOME FACTS

- * 5% of the British population are first-generation immigrants. Only 2% of the British population is black.

- * Between 1964 - 1966, on average, 24,000 people came every year from the Common Market countries. In the same period only 10,861 came from Commonwealth countries - white and black.

- * In 1966, work permits were given to 48,000 white aliens. Only 5,461 were given to white and black Commonwealth citizens. In 1967, only 4,978 white and black Commonwealth citizens were given work permits.

- * In 1965, 74,000 more people emigrated than immigrated.
1966, 83,000 more came in than went out.
1967, 79,000 more came in than went out.

These official figures give the lie to Powell's clap trap about overcrowding.

- * Black workers do the jobs nobody else wants to do.

In West Yorkshire, Pakistanis and Indian workers do night shifts in the textile industry - without them, the industry would collapse in the face of competition from Hong Kong and South Africa.

In Sheffield and other steel towns, Pakistanis and Indian workers do the dirty, heavy shift work.

London Transport has 15% black drivers and conductors and 20% black railway staff.

Half the Junior Hospital Doctors are Asian, African and Caribbean. They are the majority of junior staff in provincial hospitals. Without them the hospital service would collapse.

Over one-fifth of all nurses and midwives are black.

- * The National Institute of Economic and Social Research published a report "Immigrants and the Social Services" in August 1967, which showed that black people receive on average £17.8.0. per year in welfare services, whereas white people receive an average of £31.14.0. per year. The report pointed out that the contribution in stamps and tax per head by the "immigrant community" towards the social services is "higher than average".

VIETNAM

It is a dead soil
That bears the imprint
Of the enemy's heel
It is a great love
That resolves to wipe out
Every cursed trace of it.

She holds his letter;
Her hand is shaking,
She cannot keep the tears from coming:
"O, I tremble
For my brave soldier,
Far away, in a distant land,
Fighting the people's war".

"Can there be a love
Without liberty ?
Or can there be
A love of slavery ?"
He asks.

"The bombs are falling
Like a fiery cloud
Burying the dead and the dying:
Our green fields are drowned in blood.

Yankee tyrant, you will not escape us !
We have recorded the balance-sheet
Of your love of gold
And hate of people.

Unfurl the scarlet flag
Before the East Wind !
At Dien Bien Phu
It was the last time

The bamboo-flute will sing
Over the mountains and jungles
And the blood-red river of our martyrs.
We will sow again
Green paddy and sweet soya beans:
There will be peace again.

We will rock the cradle
Of our new-born
in liberty."

A.K.D.
(Bangalore, India.)