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Workers escalate struggle against bosses

Fascist Industrial Relations Act

Racist Immigration Act

Militant workers sent to prison

Police guilty of murders

**British
imperialism
in deep crisis**

we have to fight - as never before



introducing CLASS WAR

A paper for the working class

"CLASS WAR" comes off the press at a time of working class militancy unparalleled for decades. We are entering a period of fierce battles with the ruling class who are launching all out attacks on our living standards and democratic rights.

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— fascist laws

The Industrial Relations Act which came into operation in March '72, is meant to shackle the labour movement lock, stock and barrell to the capitalist state machine. Every effective industrial tactic evolved by the workers to fight the bosses is now illegal, punishable by fines and imprisonment.

Let there be no doubt about it, identical laws paved the way for fascism in Germany. Identical laws exist today to suppress fellow workers in Greece and Spain.

The Immigration Act is the latest instalment in a sickening campaign to whip up racism to divide the working class. The Act is intended to perfect the conditions for making black workers the scape-goat for all the ills of capitalism. The British ruling class is resorting to the same disgusting methods employed by their colleagues in Germany against the Jews.

At the same time the bosses are tightening up and strengthening their state machine. Police and executive powers have been increased phenomenally.

- As their crisis deepens the British ruling class inevitably turns towards fascism. One by one "democratic" fig leaves are ripped off to expose the naked dictatorship of the State. The fight for a decent standard of living and for democratic rights and the right to work, is a fight against the whole system of modern capitalism which breeds fascism.

- The fight is on and the London Alliance is proud to join in.

-imperialism: doomed

In the past British imperialism plundered virtually the whole world and amassed enormous wealth by mercilessly exploiting the colonies. Consequently it could afford to palm off the British working class with a few concessions and divert it to reformism and away from the fight for power. Capitalism embellished its dictatorship with democratic illusions.

But the world has changed. Not only has British imperialism been pushed into a back seat by others especially the U.S. but the whole imperialist system is being beaten to a pulp by the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Each victory scored for national liberation and socialism aggravates the crisis. As the imperialists have fewer and fewer areas to plunder, they fight amongst themselves. Peoples' China is the great bastion of Socialism in the world today; an example to working people everywhere. Not so long ago though, she was the happy hunting ground for imperialism. China was liberated after many hard years of Peoples' War led by the Communist Party and Mao Tse Tung.

This is the era in which imperialism is heading for total collapse and socialism is advancing to world wide victory.

WORKERS ORGANISE !

British imperialism is on its deathbed. It is being torn apart by contradictions at home and abroad; under attack by the people of Ireland and Rhodesia; squabbling bitterly with its U.S. masters, that is why it is joining the Common Market.

That is why the ruling class is becoming more vicious at home, and that is why we must fight harder.

- WE must oppose monopoly capital: to improve our living conditions. The miners showed us how.
- WE must oppose the menace of fascism and defend our democratic rights.
- WE must oppose racism and fight for the unity of our class.
- WE must oppose the traitors such as the Labour Party and TUC bosses who want to sabotage our struggle: to build stronger organisation and leadership for our class.
- WE must oppose imperialism headed by the U.S. and support the revolutionary struggles of the oppressed and working people of all countries.

**TODAY WE ARE ORGANISING TO DEFEND!
TOMORROW WE WILL BE ORGANISING TO ATTACK!**

Soon the question of "Who will govern?" will be put on the agenda in Britain. The fight against growing fascism is a fight for working class power: Socialism.



ALLIANCE COMRADES ON DEMONSTRATION IN PECKAM, IN PROTEST AGAINST SAVAGE POLICE ATTACKS AGAINST BLACK YOUTH.



POLICE ATTEMPT TO BREAK UP ALLIANCE DEMONSTRATION IN WOOD GREEN.

TWO MILITANT WORKERS JAILED

Dave Mackinnon and Kobad Ghandy, members of the Alliance have been sent to Brixton for three months. They were convicted on trumped up charges at Middx. Quarter Sessions on 7/2/72. A young mother was fined £100. This was just another example of the rail-roaded injustice meted out to the people in the boss' courts.

Back in July 1971 the Alliance held a series of public meetings, street meetings and demonstrations against the two fascist Acts the bosses were bringing in against the working people. At one such street meeting in Turnpike Lane, North London, about six comrades took it in turn to speak while others handed out hundreds of leaflets. It was a busy Saturday and more and more people stopped and listened attentively. The speakers explained how the bosses are intensifying exploitation and pushing up prices and rents, concocting reactionary legislation and moving towards fascism.

The message went out to the local State branch to break up the meeting. The State cannot tolerate workers organising and saying what's what. Squad cars, panda cars and vans began to converge on the meeting until there was a whole bloody army of rabid coppers. When there was enough of them they attacked, literally attacked. They assaulted and cursed Alliance members and shoppers alike, made four arrests. The police are anti-working class and racist to-boot as was demonstrated in their treatment of Kobad Ghandy, an Indian comrade.

Despite the fact that all police evidence was contradictory, despite the fact that charges against our comrades were changed five times, they were convicted. So much for justice. The police and the courts are cogs in the capitalist state machine. Their function is to serve the bosses.

- POLITICAL TRIALS -

Political trials are fast becoming a regular feature in our lives. We are experiencing a growing number of rail-roaded court cases against militant workers and pickets, black people and revolutionaries; court cases invariably preceded by police violence. They are part of the systematic campaign to smash the developing movement and whip up racism. It is essential that all police brutality and political frame-ups be fought and exposed.

SEIZE THE TIME - ORGANISE!



FUND RAISING CONCERT TO FIGHT POLITICAL TRIALS

trumped-up charges: heavy fines following Alliance demo

The week after attacking the street meeting, the very same cops attacked an Alliance demonstration, again witnessed by hundreds of people. Following an inspiring rally over two hundred workers, black and white, together with contingents of women and school students marched denouncing growing fascism in Britain. They shouted militant slogans, held banners and placards calling on the people to organise. The march was led by four young comrades carrying Red Flags. The police were out in force, obviously putting in a bit of overtime before the summer holidays. They also saw fit to exercise horses and dogs that day.

The police attacked and made 3 arrests including two black comrades, but were unable to prevent the demonstration from regrouping and carrying on. During the long trial our comrades exposed the political nature of the trial. Strong pickets at the court informed passers-by of the injustice going on. Again with typical ruling class cynicism the comrades were convicted of assault charges on trumped up and contradictory evidence exposed by 13 defence witnesses. They were all given suspended sentences for three years, which is intended to blackmail them into "good behaviour" i.e. keep out of politics for the period. Between them they were fined over £500.

WORKERS' CULTURE

Each class in society has its own culture. The international proletariat, including the British working class, has a rich culture reflecting its glorious history of struggle. In 1871, the workers of Paris rose up, smashed the ruling class State and established workers' power, the Commune. Their anthem the 'Internationale' has become the battle hymn of workers everywhere.

THE INTERNATIONALE

Arise ye prisoners of starvation,
Arise ye wretched of the earth,
For justice thunders condemnation,
A better world's in birth.
No more tradition's chains shall bind us,
Arise ye slaves no more in thrall,
The earth shall rise on new foundations
We have been naught, we shall be all.

'Tis the final conflict,
Let each stand in his place,
The International Working Class,
Shall be the human race.

BE MODERATE by James Connolly

Some men, faint-hearted, ever seek
Our programme to retouch,
And will insist, when'er they speak
That we demand too much.
'Tis passing strange, yet I declare
Such statements cause me mirth,
For our demands most modest are
We only want THE EARTH

"Be moderate" the trimmers cry,
Who dread the tyrants thunder,
"You ask too much and people fly
From you aghast in wonder."
'Tis passing strange, for I declare
Such statements give me mirth
For our demands most modest are,
We only want THE EARTH

Our masters all, a godly crew,
Whose hearts thro' for the poor,
Their sympathies assure us, too,
If our demands were fewer.
Most generous souls! But please observe
What they enjoy from birth
Is all we ever had the nerve
To ask, that is, THE EARTH

The "Labour Fakir" full of guile,
Base doctrine ever preaches,
And while he bleeds the rank and file
Tame moderation teaches.
Yet in his despite, we'll see the day
When with sword in its girth
Labour shall march in war array
To seize its own, THE EARTH

For Labour long, with sighs and tears
To its oppressors knelt,
But never yet, to aught save fears,
Did heart of tyrant melt.
We need not kneel, our cause is high
Of true men there's no dearth,
And our victorious rallying cry
Shall be "WE WANT THE EARTH".

children's corner



Here is a beautiful drawing from Vietnam for you to colour. The drawing shows a Vietnamese man and woman standing over an American plane they have just shot down. This plane was sent thousands of miles to bomb and murder men, women and children in their schools, fields and factories. The greedy bosses who run America want to run the world and send thousands of soldiers and planes all over the world. The American people oppose their government and want peace. The Vietnamese people want peace and freedom so they are heroically fighting and defeating the invaders.



JILL, JANE, TOM and BILLY were playing outside the factory waiting for their fathers to finish work.

Jane ran out to catch the ball when, suddenly, a big silver Rolls Royce came charging out of the factory gates and nearly ran her over. The car stopped and the big ugly boss sitting in the back, his name was Sir Percy Fat-Ponce, shouted out "Why don't you filthy brats play somewhere else" He pointed at them with his big fat cigar and bawled, "If I'd run you over it would have served you right." John, Billy and Jill helped Jane up and said to Sir Percy Fat-Ponce "Learn some manners you fat bully." At that, the tyrant got so angry he leaped out of the car without even waiting for the chauffeur to open the door. But he was so fat and clumsy, so unused to using his feet, that he tripped up on the curb and fell flat on his face in a puddle.

The friends roared with laughter and pounced on the tyrant. He was so terrified he swallowed his soggy cigar and crawled back into his Rolls. He bellowed "Look out, I'll get you, I'll set my police on you." But the friends weren't scared of him and shouted back "Shut your rotten mouth you fat slob, don't you try and bully us again, there are more of us than you."

Just as Sir Percy, shivering with rage and fear was about to drive off, the fathers and their work-mates came out and joined the children. They had seen and heard everything from the factory window. "Well done", they said to the children. "You've certainly taught him a lesson, and you've taught us a thing or two as well. In future that's just how we will deal with that ugly toad Sir Percy."



WORKERS' STUDY PAGE

the State (part 1)

quotations from LENIN

The State is a machine for maintaining the rule of one class by another

There was a time when there was no state. It appears whenever and wherever a division of society into classes appears, wherever exploiters and exploited appear.

Where there appears such a special group of men who are occupied with ruling and nothing else, and who in order to rule need a special apparatus of coercion and of subjugating the will of others by force-prisons, special detachment of men, armies etc. then there appears the state.

The power of capital is everything, the stock exchange is everything, while parliament and elections are marionettes, puppets.

A standing army and police force are the chief instruments of state power.

The Alliance is at present conducting a series of study classes on the State. All those interested are welcome; Please contact us for further information.

Take the fundamental laws of modern states, take their administration, take the right of assembly freedom of press, of "equality of all citizens before the law" and you will see at every step the evidence of the hypocrisy of bourgeois democracy with which every honest and class-conscious worker is familiar. There is not a single state, however democratic, which has no loopholes or reservations in its constitution guaranteeing the bourgeoisie the possibility of dispatching troops against the workers, of proclaiming martial law, and so forth, in case of a "violation public order" and actually in case the exploited class "violates" its position of slavery and tries to behave in a non slavish manner.

The forms of bourgeois states are extremely varied but their essence is the same; all these states, whatever their form, in the final analysis are inevitably the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

Where do correct ideas come from? by MAO TSETUNG

May 1963

Where do correct ideas come from? Do they drop from the skies? No. Are they innate in the mind? No. They come from social practice, and from it alone; they come from three kinds of social practice, the struggle for production, the class struggle and scientific experiment. It is man's social being that determines his thinking. Once the correct ideas characteristic of the advanced class are grasped by the masses, these ideas turn into a material force which changes society and changes the world. In their social practice, men engage in various kinds of struggle and gain rich experience, both from their successes and from their failures. Countless phenomena of the objective external world are reflected in a man's brain through his five sense organs—the organs of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. At first, knowledge is perceptual. The leap to conceptual knowledge, *i.e.*, to ideas, occurs when sufficient perceptual knowledge is accumulated. This is one process in cognition. It is the first stage in the whole process of cognition, the stage leading from objective matter to subjective consciousness, from existence to ideas. Whether or not one's consciousness or ideas (including theories, policies, plans or measures) do correctly reflect the laws of the objective external world is not yet proved at this stage, in which it is not yet possible to ascertain whether they are correct or not. Then comes the second stage in the process of cognition, the stage leading from consciousness back to matter, from ideas back to existence, in which the knowledge gained in the first stage is applied in social practice to ascertain whether the theories, policies, plans or measures meet with the anticipated success. Generally speaking, those that succeed are correct and those that fail are incorrect, and this is especially

true of man's struggle with nature. In social struggle, the forces representing the advanced class sometimes suffer defeat not because their ideas are incorrect but because, in the balance of forces engaged in struggle, they are not as powerful for the time being as the forces of reaction; they are therefore temporarily defeated, but they are bound to triumph sooner or later. Man's knowledge makes another leap through the test of practice. This leap is more important than the previous one. For it is this leap alone that can prove the correctness or incorrectness of the first leap in cognition, *i.e.*, of the ideas, theories, policies, plans or measures formulated in the course of reflecting the objective external world. There is no other way of testing truth. Furthermore, the one and only purpose of the proletariat in knowing the world is to change it. Often, correct knowledge can be arrived at only after many repetitions of the process leading from matter to consciousness and then back to matter, that is, leading from practice to knowledge and then back to practice. Such is the Marxist theory of knowledge, the dialectical materialist theory of knowledge. Among our comrades there are many who do not yet understand this theory of knowledge. When asked the source of their ideas, opinions, policies, methods, plans and conclusions, eloquent speeches and long articles, they consider the question strange and cannot answer it. Nor do they comprehend that matter can be transformed into consciousness and consciousness into matter, although such leaps are phenomena of everyday life. It is therefore necessary to educate our comrades in the dialectical materialist theory of knowledge, so that they can orientate their thinking correctly, become good at investigation and study and at summing up experience, overcome difficulties, commit fewer mistakes, do their work better, and struggle hard so as to build China into a great and powerful socialist country and help the broad masses of the oppressed and exploited throughout the world in fulfilment of our great internationalist duty.

murder police exposed !

Police crimes against the people, including murder, are becoming more brazen and are on the increase. The police force was created as the willing servant of capitalism and so the working people, who have always suffered at their hands, have never had any illusions about the 'British bobby'. In protecting capitalist "Law and Order" and "Property" the police have not only zealously attacked pickets, meetings and marches but have taken excessive delight in harassing, intimidating and brutalising ordinary people.

Because of their anti-working class and racist mentality, the police always pay special attention to militant workers and sections of the working class such as Jews and the Irish before the Second World War and black people today. The police, in collusion with their partners in crime, the millionaire press lords and T.V. chiefs have conspired to conceal their acts of brutality, racism and murder. These lackeys and servants of the capitalist state, along with the boss' courts have deliberately distorted the facts or else suppressed them.

The London Alliance Tribunal Committee was formed to investigate and expose those crimes against the people. This will be a Peoples' Tribunal: dedicated to finding the truth, as opposed to the official tribunals set up to suppress the truth. The people must know the facts, especially of murders committed by the police.

The London Alliance will work with all organisations and individuals genuinely concerned with police crimes. We appeal to all victims and witnesses of police crimes to contact us. We have already started a campaign against police crimes. Our organisation has taken part in the Stephen McCarthy Memorial March, we attended a Black Unity and Freedom Party meeting on the death of Aseta Simms and last year we marched to Hornsey police station to protest against police brutality.

We intend to present a full account of specific police crimes in each edition of 'Class War' and below we begin with a report on the murder of David Oluwale.

DAVID OLUWALE victim of psychopaths in uniform



In 1949, a nineteen year old Nigerian stowaway David Oluwale came to England to study engineering. He was welcomed by a prison sentence of 28 days in Armley jail in Leeds. On his release he eventually found work as foundry labourer but was unable to secure admission to a technical college.

The young Oluwale was popular, "he was well dressed and an excellent dancer." He faced hostility as a black man, constantly harassed by the racist police, planted with drugs and framed with charges of assault on the police, the common experience of any black man.

In 1953 he was sentenced to two months imprisonment for disorderly conduct, assault and damage. The prison authorities delivered him to the mental hospital where he remained for 8 years. In 1961 he was set free on the streets without a job or a home. (he was regarded as unsuitable for admission to one of the local authority hostels for mental patients.) However the police soon found him accommodation, 6 months at Armley jail. In the subsequent 4 years he was arrested and

sent to prison 6 times, 2 for 'wandering abroad' (walking the streets). Again the prison authorities handed him over to the mental hospital where he was confined for a further two years. By this time the police the courts, prison and hospital had almost accomplished their transformation of David Oluwale. In the daytime, sick and hungry he shuffled about the streets of Leeds clutching a bundle of old newspapers that kept him warm. At night he slept fitfully in shop doorways, and under railway bridges. Always his main preoccupation was to keep out of the sight of the police.

On the night of 18 April 1969 20 years of suffering came to an end. David Oluwale's body was dragged from the river Aire. Over two years later a former police inspector Ellerker and police sergeant Kitching were brought to trial and evidence presented by police constable Seager revealed a deliberate campaign of harassment, brutality and torture, extending over many years against the dead man.

Seager gave evidence that in 1968 he had seen Kitching and Ellerker beating Oluwale up in

a shop doorway, and as Oluwale attempted to escape, Ellerker brought him down with a flying tackle and the three policemen bundled him into Seager's patrol car. They drove him to the village of Bramhope, some 6 miles outside Leeds, leaving him to manage as best he could. Later the same team picked Oluwale up and drove him to Middleton Woods where they left him "down in the jungle", as Ellerker said, "where he belongs." In September, Kitching found Oluwale sleeping in a doorway. He called Ellerker up on his personal radio. "They told him to get up. He was on his hands and knees, and the sergeant and inspector kicked them away, causing him to fall down. The inspector started to beat him about the head and shoulders." Kitching gave Oluwale "a hefty kick up the backside."

The next day Kitching, Ellerker and Seager picked up Oluwale and ran him into Millgarth police station. In the van "Ellerker and Kitching started hitting Oluwale about the head and shoulders with their feet and hands." They arrived at the station with Oluwale bleeding



Stephen McCarthy

Stephen McCarthy aged 19, died on November 16 1970, as a result of being beaten up by police from Upper Street police station.

Andrew Savvas

Andrew Savvas aged 25, died of a fractured skull at Hornsey Road police station on 29 April 1971. The police claim that he was drunk, and the coroner's verdict was death by "misadventure". Witnesses testified that Andrew had been sober.

Gordon Gaynor

Gordon Gaynor, aged 22, a building worker, died on New Year's Eve 1971. According to the police, Gordon had been arrested drunk and had fallen over at Watford police station and fractured his skull from which he died. The doctor insisted he was not drunk



Aseta Simms

Aseta Simms aged 42, died after spending the night of 15 May 1971 in Stoke Newington police station. Again the police and coroners insist that Aseta was drunk and her death "misadventure".

police serve the bosses not the people

Police constable Batty supported Seager's evidence, adding that on one occasion, when he was off duty, he saw Kitching urinating over Oluwale, who was lying on the ground in a shop doorway, Ellerker was standing on the side holding a torch. Sergeant Atkinson and a woman constable, both gave evidence that on one of Oluwale's many arrests they had seen him screaming on the ground while Ellerker kicked hard at his private parts.

It became well known in the police station that "when 'Uggie was sighted a message had to be passed to Kitching or Ellerker, so that they could deal with it!"

Two civilian witnesses testified that they had seen 2 police officers chasing Oluwale along the river bank at Warehouse Hill during the night on which he was alleged to have died. They swore they saw 2 police officers, one wearing a helmet and the other a flat cap, chasing a man near the river. But the judge dismissed this by saying that "The evidence that the men were police officers was not in his view satisfactory" In fact, "there was no evidence that anyone was guilty of any unlawful act" or even "that Oluwale was ever at the scene of the crime." (!)

Judge Hinchcliffe threw out the manslaughter charge, despite all of the evidence of murder. On the perjury charge he said; "The prosecution had failed to prove that the police had made a statement other than what was material at the trial of Mr. Oluwale for assault." On the grievous bodily harm charge: "The prosecution had failed to prove that Oluwale had suffered any grievous bodily harm." "It is my duty as a judge" he thundered, "to ensure that no-one shall run the risk of being convicted on suspicion, rumour or gossip."

In his summing up he identified the role of the police as "the prevention of chaos" "They do their best to enable people (like you and me) to sleep in our beds in safety." He said "Oluwale was a menace to society a nuisance to the police, and a frightening apparition to come across at night."

Even after the jury had convicted Ellerker of 5 charges of assault on Oluwale and Kitching of 4, the fascist judge showed himself only to be concerned about the reputation of the police force and that Ellerker and Kitching "had brought disgrace on their wives and families and the police force of this country" "The verdict of the jury will add fuel to the fire of those who spend their time sneering at the police and making brash criticisms of police officers."

This no doubt was the justification for this nazi judge for only giving less than two years prison sentence to these two pathological, racist murderers.

from the mouth. He appeared to be terrified. Oluwale was charged with assaulting the police and subsequently sent to prison.

Only in one of these cases was any entry made in the duty book - and that says Seager, was false. This entry was however produced in court the next day at Oluwale's trial.

fascist judge covers up for racist killers

Three hours before Oluwale is thought to have died, Kitching and Seager again discovered him sleeping in a doorway and called Ellerker up. Seager testified: "I heard blows being struck. I saw Oluwale run out of the doorway covering his head with his arm. I saw Kitching and Ellerker come out. They were smiling. They seemed quite content with themselves."

After the death had been discovered Kitching expressed the opinion that: "A lot of them would be better off if they went for a swim like David."

LEEDS POLICE CRIMES

These show the need for a genuine People's Tribunal into the police force as a whole.

Leeds police - Feb. '69 - Nov. '70

- Seven convictions of theft: Four of them officers.
- One - Stealing from bodies awaiting inquests.
- Aug. '70 - Constable sent to prison for only nine months for indecent assault on 2 boys and 1 girl.
- Nov. '70 - Inspector Ellerker and a Sergeant, sentenced to 9 months for 'conspiracy to pervert justice', after running down and killing an old lady on a zebra crossing and then moving the body.

THE RED FLAG

The workers' flag is deepest red,
It shrouded off our martyred dead,
And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold,
Their life blood dyed its every fold.

Then raise the scarlet banner high,
Beneath its folds we'll live and die
Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here.

SPAIN ; 2 STRIKERS KILLED

At least 2 shipbuilders were shot dead and over 28 injured when fascist police sprayed machine gun fire into a demonstration of 3,000 strikers. The workers fought back heroically with stones and clubs forcing the police to take refuge in their barracks until reinforcements and 3 destroyers were sent in. There followed militant protests and walk-outs all over Spain.

The shipbuilders from Bagan, North West Spain, were striking for better pay and conditions and against victimisation. Franco's fascist regime is doomed. It has only survived so long thanks to gigantic economic and military backing by U.S. imperialism. Over the last year there has been a new upsurge against the dictatorship with numerous and bloody clashes between the police and people.

WHEREVER

FRANCE ; WAVE OF PROTEST AGAINST WORKERS' MURDER.

Statement of solidarity sent to a fraternal
organisation in France.

COMRADE PIERRE OVERNEY DIED FOR THE PEOPLE!
HE WILL CERTAINLY BE AVENGED!

The cold blooded murder of Rene Pierre Overney at Renault is a fascist crime against the whole French working class. Comrade Overney, 23 years old, the son of a poor peasant family, who had started working at 14, knew and hated capitalism only too well. He and the many other martyr sons and daughters of the French working class will certainly be avenged. Capitalism's days are numbered.

Mao Tsetung has said:

"Lifting a rock only to drop it on one's own feet" is a Chinese folk saying to describe the behaviour of certain fools. The reactionaries in all countries are fools of this kind. In the final analysis, their persecution of the revolutionary people only serves to accelerate the people's revolutions on a broader and more intense scale."

We were shocked and disgusted to hear how comrade Overney had been shot down while distributing leaflets to his workmates by a fascist security guard on 25th February '72. The leaflets protested against the discrimination suffered by foreign workers in France.

The atrocious killing touched off mass demonstrations all over France. In Paris thousands of workers joined by students erected barricades and fought off police attacks and tear gas grenades.

On March 4th over 150,000 people marched in a 4 mile long funeral procession. Comrade Overney's coffin was draped with the Red Flag and carried by his factory mates. Speakers at the ceremony expressed determination that the working class and people of France would wage resolute struggle against fascist oppression.

We fully support the struggle of the great French working class. We are sure that the death of Comrade Overney will only serve to strengthen your determination to march onward towards the complete victory of the working class cause.



MINERS PROVE "MILITANCY MEANS VICTORY"

The 50 days show-down ended in defeat for State monopoly capitalism: The National Coal Board basically accepted the miners' demands, thereby breaking the government's sealing on wage increases.

The miners and vast sections of the British working class demonstrated its spirit of unity in struggle during the strike. They picketed power stations, coal depots and ports day and night, and fought the police in a resolute battle against capitalist sabotage. Over 300,000 miners won support and co-operation from power workers, drivers, dockers and students. Hence the strike became a joint fight against monopoly capitalism.

During the strike thousands of police were sent in to smash up pickets, invariably without success. They were responsible for scores of arrests and indirectly responsible for the death of Fred Mathews, who was pushed under the back wheels of a scab lorry. At the inquest the scab driver was let off scot free and the fascist coroner commented "He was doing his best for his employers." Brother Fred Mathews' funeral was attended by over 8,000, including his young widow and four young children.



IF THERE IS OPPRESSION THERE IS RESISTANCE



Industrial Relations Act

FASCIST LAWS AGAINST WORKERS

The essence of the Industrial Relations Act is:

1. To make State control of the unions legal.
2. To take away the democratic right of immediate protest by outlawing the threat of and actual unofficial strikes.
3. To hamstring official strikes by:
 - a) Making practically all issues over which strike action would be called "unfair industrial practices"
 - b) 60 days cooling-off periods and compulsory ballots.
4. To make class solidarity impossible by making 'blacking', sympathy strikes and closed shops illegal.
5. To force people to enter into legally binding contracts.

The Industrial Relations Act begins however, by setting out the main principles which it is meant to fulfil. These include incredibly, that "collective bargaining should be freely conducted" and "workers should be free and secure and protected from unfair treatment at the hands of the employers or any one else." One wonders who the Government is trying to kid, as the rest of this article should show. It should also show why the Alliance labels this Act fascist.

STRIKES, THREATS TO STRIKE, GO-SLOWS

OVERTIME BANS ETC. "UNFAIR"

The main attack is launched on strikes and the previously hard fought for democratic right to strike is virtually abolished. The Act first defines 32 industrial practices as now "unfair" and says that any strike action in support of any of them will also become an "unfair industrial practice". Anyone who "calls, organises, procures or finances a strike or any irregular industrial action short of a strike" or who just even threatens to do so, can now be hauled in front of the National Industrial Relations Court (N.I.R.C.), which has powers of imprisonment. Thus the main target of this Act already becomes clear - the militant shop steward on the factory floor. However, even if it is not immediately clear who led the strike, an employer should have little difficulty in finding out, as plenty of firms already exist willing to supply him with planted spies among the workers, indeed, Robert Carr himself and Ray Gunter used to be directors of such a firm (Securicor). The clause is not only aimed at the organisers, as anyone who "finances it by contributing to a strike fund or who encourages (procures) it by publishing newspaper articles or leaflets in support of the strike can also be prosecuted. The last part of the clause ("irregular industrial action short of a strike") is obviously designed to catch go-slows, works to rule, overtime bans, overlengthy works meetings, etc. Strangely enough, the Act then goes on to say no court shall have the power to "compel an employe to do any work"(!) or to "compel him to take part in any strike"(!)

UNOFFICIAL STRIKES ILLEGAL

Another important "unfair industrial practice" is designed to make unofficial strikes illegal, another main target of this Act, or strikes called by unregistered trade unions. A worker (other than a registered trade union or its authorised official) can thus be sued if he "induces or threatens to induce another person to break a contract" in the course of an industrial dispute. Even if the strike is called in response to a breach of agreement by an employer, it will still be illegal, so an employer can break his agreement without being prosecuted, but a worker cannot. However, he will not be liable to prosecution if two conditions are fulfilled; first, that he gives "due notice" of his intention to strike, and second, if there is no "no strike" clause written into his contract. Even assuming, this second condition is satisfied, which is doubtful, as the employer can always have such a clause written in, this "due notice" section will of course be of no help whatsoever in the majority of local and unofficial strikes where circumstances compel immediate action to be taken, such as dangerous conditions etc. Moreover if both conditions were fulfilled an employer could still complain that a contract had been broken, namely his own commercial contract, e.g. to supply another firm with goods, as the clause does not merely say the contract broken must be the workers'. In short, therefore, all unofficial strikes will be found illegal.

SYMPATHETIC ACTION UNLAWFUL

Another defensive weapon of workers now made "unfair" (or rather unlawful, as it has always been unfair from the boss' point of view) is sympathetic action. This covers any sympathetic strike called in support of action by others already defined as an "unfair industrial practice". Moreover, if the union then declares the strike official they will also be sued as well as the original callers of the strike. Not only will sympathetic action be illegal under this clause, but also under the previous one, as the blacking of goods provided by an outside employer would cause him to break his contract. It is only unfair if this employer is "extraneous", i.e. is not a party to the dispute and "has not taken any action in material support of it." But the Act also defines him as extraneous even if he is a subscriber to the employer's strike fund and even if he is a member of the same employer's organisation and even (incredibly) if both companies are controlled by the same parent company. This whole section is pointless, as obviously no one else is left who is not extraneous so virtually all calls for sympathetic action will be illegal.

Under this same clause, any effective picketing will now be illegal, and also any picketing outside a scab's home. (although no contract would be broken). It seems that the Government have a soft spot for scabs!



COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS TO BE LEGALLY BINDING

Collective agreements between unions and employers about wages and negotiating procedure have never been legally binding on either party until this Act, under which they will be unless they contain certain provisions saying they are not intended to be binding in law, (but even this must be mutually agreed to) Even those made before this Act will now be presumed legally binding. It follows, therefore, that it will be an "unfair industrial practice" to break these agreements and so under this alone, virtually all strikes, even though officially called, will be illegal. Even if unions refuse to agree to a particular agreement, it can be imposed on them and made legally binding by the N.I.R.C., thereby making nonsense of even the words used - an agreement is no such thing if it is not agreed to! It will also be an "unfair industrial practice" for any union not to take "all such steps as are reasonably practicable" to prevent or end any action by its members against the agreement, otherwise the union would also be liable to a fine, as well as the individual involved. This will legalise the 'policing' of union members by their officials. An application can also be made to the N.I.R.C. by an employer or a union (or even if they don't, by the Minister of Employment) that their procedure agreement is not satisfactory for settling disputes properly. The NIRC can then impose a new agreement on unions. In short, the Court will be given power to compel people to enter into legally binding contracts against their express wishes, under which they are liable to pay heavy fines if in breach. This is a power unheard of in our entire legal history.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES TO BREAK "FAIR" STRIKES

The final hurdles in the anti-strike obstacle course are two so-called emergency procedures: the 60 day waiting period and the compulsory ballot, which are designed to catch any strike which by some miracle can still be termed "fair". If the Minister (not even the NIRC) thinks(!) a strike will threaten the national economy, national security, public order, or it will endanger people's lives or their health, and if he thinks a settlement would be more probable if the strike were postponed he can get the NIRC to ban it for 60 days. Immediate imprisonment would await anyone who defied this ban. At first glance, not many strikes would appear to cause riots and plagues etc but it is obvious that nearly all strikes threaten the national economy (especially when it is so shaky as now). The compulsory ballot will be enforced if the Minister thinks that a strike carries any one of the risks named above or is likely to be "seriously injurious to the livelihoods" of many of the workers in a particular industry and there are reasons for doubting whether the strikers are acting "in accordance with their wishes". The Court will then prohibit the strike while it organises a ballot, where it will not only decide the field in which it should be taken (which means that workers in factories which would be affected by a strike in another factory can be asked to vote) and where it will not only instruct everyone to vote (non-unionists incl.) but will also decide on the questions to be voted on (and presumably count the votes as well!) Here again, it is obvious that every strike causes financial hardship to workers. These procedures have only one purpose - to disorganise and sabotage, by delay and uncertainty, strikes which cannot be stopped in any other way.

THE ATTACK ON ORGANISATION

Under this Act every worker has the right to be or not to be a member of a trade union i.e. closed shops as are now known will cease to exist. In order to protect non-unionists, the Act declares it an "unfair industrial practice" to discriminate against such a person. Pre-entry closed shops are completely outlawed and agency shop agreements (apologies for closed shops) can, in certain circumstances, take the place of closed shops. First of all, such an agreement can only be made with a registered trade union and then only after half of those workers eligible to vote (not of those actually voting) want it. It can be challenged by only one fifth of the workers concerned (who do not even have to be members) who can ask the Commission for Industrial Relations to organise a ballot. If it is defeated, the decision cannot be challenged for two years, although if a shop exists, it can be challenged at any time. In an agency shop, most workers will belong to the registered trade union, but even then they do not have to, for instead they can pay to the union the equivalent amount members give, or if they have a 'conscientious objection' pay it to some charity. The Act then allows the Commission for Industrial Relations at the request of employers, to determine which union shall represent the workers at any particular factory, shop or site. This is done firstly in the hope that wherever possible, they can get a company union accepted as the "sole bargaining agent", and secondly, to avoid "fragmented bargaining" where the employer has to deal with more than one union. It follows naturally that it will be yet another "unfair industrial practice" to organise any action concerning the recognition of the "sole bargaining agent".

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INTERNATIONALISM

"The socialist of another country is a fellow-patriot as the capitalist of my own country is a natural enemy."
James Connolly.

More and more workers in this country are understanding the significance of this quote from the great working class leader of the 1916 uprising in Ireland; they are seeing the relationship between our struggle against the boss' attacks on our democratic rights and living standards with the struggles of workers and oppressed people in other countries suffering under similar and often crueller oppression. This quote is particularly relevant at a time when British troops, in the service of the British ruling class, are murdering the ordinary Irish people. Those same troops will soon be used against British workers, for they were nearly called in against the miners, as has happened in the past.

Britain does not exist in a vacuum, for she not merely trades with other countries, but has enormous investments abroad, e.g. South Africa and Rhodesia, as well as U.S. having huge investments here, and so it is also obvious that most events abroad will affect us here. This is particularly true at a time when the national liberation struggles of oppressed peoples are scoring victories daily. For hundreds of years, Britain plundered the world and created the "British" Empire. Because of the wealth robbed from the colonies, the British bosses were able to drop a few crumbs off their banquetting table to the workers in the form of concessions like the National Health Service and Welfare State, in order to quell their struggle. Although many countries now have paper independence and are not formally controlled by Britain, enormous British investments do a similar job. For example, the Middle East is one of the world's richest areas in oil, and yet the ordinary people are one of the world's poorest, robbed by British and American concerns like Shell, B.P. and Esso. Inevitably, the people there are now rising up and demanding the ownership and control of their own natural resources. The British bourgeoisie, never one to let a penny be taken back from it without fighting, have taken it out of the workers' pockets home here by putting up the price of petrol and bus fares. Only when looked at in their international context can the reasons be understood for our falling standard of living, welfare cuts etc. Then it is clear it is due to the ruling class' attempt to maintain its profits by shifting the burden of its economic crisis on to the shoulders of the workers, by making them work harder for less real money and increasing unemployment.

Therefore, only by being internationalists in looking at world affairs can we see the real reasons behind events to draw lessons for our struggle. British capitalists have no qualms about co-operating with foreign capitalists, when it is to their advantage, e.g. The Common Market. Workers are realising that what unites them to others is not nationality but Class. The interests of one class can never be the same as that of another - what's good for the working class e.g. a rise, is bad for the capitalist class. Just as the bourgeoisie try to spread racist ideas among workers in this country to divide and so weaken them, trying to make white workers blame black workers for all the ills of capitalism, they also use chauvinism to try and divide them on an international scale with slogans such as "Keep Britain Great". They hope thereby to prolong their rule by preventing workers uniting and aiming their blows at their real enemy - the bourgeoisie of whatever country.

British Imperialism is like a monster with two legs - one foot standing on workers in its neo-colonies and the other standing on workers at home. Unless both legs are attacked it will not collapse. As Lenin, the first person to lead a country to a victorious socialist revolution, said in 1916; "The social revolution cannot come about except in the form of an epoch of proletarian civil war against the bourgeoisie in the advanced countries, combined with a whole series of democratic and revolutionary movements, including movements for national liberation, in the under developed, backward and oppressed nations." The 'leg' abroad is already under attack, and we must support our class brothers in a more conscious and organised way, by making our demands not just for more money, but for the only thing of any lasting value - Political Power. As Mao Tsetung, the leader of the greatest socialist country in the world today, said, "The just struggles of the people of all countries support each other."

Finally then, there exists a unity between workers and oppressed people everywhere. It is this growing unity which imperialism, terrified, tries to crush. The recognition of this unity is a major pre-condition for the overthrow of the whole vile system of imperialism/capitalism based upon the exploitation of man by man, the exploitation of the many by the few.

WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE!



The cold blooded murder of thirteen unarmed Irish patriots by the British army at Derry is only one of the latest episodes in a history of barbarities. Ireland is Britain's oldest colony. For hundreds of years the Irish people have struggled against cruel oppression and exploitation. In Easter 1916 they rose up to fight for liberty and socialism. Led by James Connolly, Irish working people, Catholic and Protestant, took up arms against British imperialism. Despite legendary heroism, the patriots were defeated and a reign of terror was unleashed by the Black and Tans. Connolly and many other fine sons and daughters of Ireland were butchered. In 1948, most of Ireland was granted "independence" with the British ruling class in effective control through successive quisling governments and their huge investments. While the Northern six counties were directly controlled by Britain. When the people began to demand their rights, the Labour government sent over thousands of troops to help the fascist R.U.C. suppress them. But bullets, bay-

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

ONE ENEMY ONE FIGHT



ZIMBABWE people say NO to racist «settlement»

"NO!", loud and clear has been the answer from the people of Rhodesia, (real name Zimbabwe) to the racist "settlement" concocted by the British government and Smith regime. Heath sent out the so-called "Pearce Commission" to conduct a "test of acceptability" but this new trick aroused even stronger indignation and opposition among the Zimbabwe people. They have been holding protest demonstrations, rallies and strikes ever since the arrival of the "Commission" on January 11. They angrily shouted "No sellout" "Power to African majority" and other slogans. The urban and rural areas of Rhodesia resounded with the reply "NO!". To show their determination to oppose the colonial rule, many Africans tore up in public the pamphlets containing the clauses of the agreement released by the British "Commission". The panic-stricken fascist Smith regime called in large numbers of armed troops and police to suppress the African people and hundreds of Africans have been arrested.

To free themselves from colonial rule, the Zimbabwe people have waged an unyielding struggle for a long time. The struggle gained momentum especially after the Smith racist regime unilaterally proclai-

med "Independence" of Rhodesia in November 1965. The Africans who account for the overwhelming majority of the population put forth the slogans "Down with the Smith white minority regime" and institute "majority rule".

British and U.S. imperialism support the Smith racist regime with all their efforts because they have colossal strategic interests in Rhodesia. Rhodesia is rich in strategic materials such as chrome and lithium ores. Lithium is a raw material for hydrogen bombs and chrome is used for making steel and a catalyst for uranium. Rhodesia's chrome is exploited by a joint British and U.S. mining com-

pany, while Lithium is extracted by a company mainly controlled by U.S. capital. Britain's investments in Rhodesia amount to £200 million and Rhodesia is a big trade partner of Britain.

Not long ago the British government resumed its selling of arms to South Africa in defiance of the opposition of the people of Africa and the world as well as the U.N. resolution on sanctions. Furthermore, the British government has now openly reached a so-called "agreement" with the reactionary authorities in Southern Rhodesia.

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onets, U.S. gas and concentration camps have not been able to put down the people. A genuine working class leadership will emerge to mobilise the whole people against British imperialism and its stooges. The struggle for a united and socialist Ireland will be victorious. British workers have a special responsibility to support the Irish people and oppose imperialism. After all it is British lads, recruited mostly from the depressed areas with the highest unemployment, who are sent to oppress Irish workers. Is it worth killing, and dying in the service of the British ruling class? The question has been answered by those troops who have deserted.



DHOFAR: Britain's Vietnam

British officers commanding more than 600 mercenaries launched "mopping-up" operations in February 1971, but after 3 days of fierce fighting were forced to retreat from the People's Liberation Army supported by the militia and revolutionary masses.

In September-October 1971 the ruthless enemy massed its forces to 800 troops including British paratroopers and heavy artillery units. However, neither economic blockade, political deception, wanton bombing, nor frenzied "mopping-up" operations nor brutal acts such as destroying villages and killing whole families could shake the firm determination of the awakened people to support the revolution.

Through hard work and self-reliance the revolutionary army men and people in Dhofar today are building up the liberated areas. Braving air raids and against all odds they are developing grain production, have sunk wells and built reservoirs in water deficient areas and mobile schools have been set up in the rural areas where before revolution 95 per cent of the population was illiterate. In addition great attention has been paid to the development of medical and health work.

Through armed struggle against the British colonialists and their stooges, the People's Liberation Army and revolutionary people in the Dhofar area under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arabian Gulf have, in more than six years of national revolutionary war, liberated over 90 per cent of the area's countryside.



Fighters of the People's Liberation Army of Dhofar

INDIAN WORKERS OPPOSE AGGRESSION AGAINST PAKISTAN

The Indian Workers' Association, an organisation of Indian workers living in Britain, has strongly condemned the armed aggression against Pakistan by the Indian government with the full support of the Soviet government.

The condemnation was made in an open letter sent to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi recently. The letter states: "To justify this naked aggression against another sovereign state, Pakistan, your government asserts that it has attacked Pakistan in order to realise the 'National aspirations' of the people of East Pakistan and to send back the refugees which your government enticed in the very first place. This assertion is being made to hoodwink the oppressed masses of India in particular, and other people of world in general. The oppressed masses in India are rising in a revolutionary armed struggle against the system led by you. You and your government tried every means in the past four years since Naxalbari* to extinguish the revolutionary spark of Naxalbari, but your attempts were fruitless. Now you have launched an aggressive war against Pakistan to achieve the following aims:

1. To fulfil your expansionist policy by capturing East Pakistan and thus installing a so-called Bangla Desh government which will be subservient to your reactionary regime. Dismember Pakistan and turn East Pakistan into a base against the People's Republic of China as desired by your masters the Soviet social-imperialists and imperialists.

2. To achieve the success of the policy to contain China, it is necessary for you and your masters to suppress the growing armed revolutionary struggle in the Indian subcontinent. Having failed to suppress it in the past four years your government is using the aggression against Pakistan by whipping up national chauvinism in India. "Apart from this, your masters are eager to extend their sphere of influence to the Indian subcontinent."

The open letter emphasises "before your government talks of self-determination, democracy, etc. in East Pakistan, you should put your house in order first."

Enumerating the criminal acts committed by the Indian government, it states, "It is your government which suppressed the wishes of self-determination of the Kashmiris to which your father Mr. Nehru agreed 23 years ago. It is your government which is killing the Nagas and Mezos by military force ... It is your government which is responsible for the crimes against the millions of 'untouchables' and Muslims and other minorities. It is your government which is suppressing the just struggles of the peasants and workers with the power of the bullet. It is your government which is killing, murdering the revolutionaries and their families. It is your government which dispatched 100,000 military to West Bengal to suppress the people's struggle."

The open letter notes, "the great revolutionary masses of India will surely rise up as a great tide and sweep your government away. We are sure the revolutionary people of East Pakistan will throw away the Indian aggressor troops along with the puppet 'Bangla Desh' regime. You and your master's dream will not be fulfilled."

*Where Peoples War in India against the ruling class started. Led by the Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist), war has spread to over 12 states.

'NO' to Heath-Smith 'Settlement' con.

The racist regime of Ian Smith is in itself a direct product of the British colonialist policy. Back in 1923, when the British colonialist authorities declared "the so-called 'internal self-government' in Southern Rhodesia, it concentrated all power in the hands of the minority white racists of Southern Rhodesia. After World War Two, the storm of the struggle for national liberation swept the whole of Africa. In order to preserve its colonial interests in central and southern Africa, British imperialism rigged up in 1953 a so-called "federation of central Africa" with the white colonialists as the main body. It devised a "new constitution" for Southern Rhodesia, which provides in explicit terms for white minority rule and deprivation of the political rights of the Zimbabwe people. However, these tactics have failed one after another. With the disintegration of the "federation of central Africa" in 1963 and the mounting struggle of the Zimbabwe people for national independence and liberation, the colonial interests of British imperialism in Southern Rhodesia have been jeopardised. In these circumstances, the white racists headed by Ian Smith, with the connivance and support of Britain, declared their so-called "independence" on November 11, 1965. The British government sanctimoniously indicated their readiness to impose 'sanctions' on them, but in fact it is giving direct military, political and economic support to them in many respects through the South African racist and Portuguese colonialist regimes.

The fraud played by the British government and the reactionary authorities in Southern Rhodesia is like a rock they have lifted only to drop it on their own feet. Where there is oppression, there is resistance. The national independence of the Zimbabwe people will never come from the "favours" of British imperialism, nor from the so-called "constitutional reform" by the Smith white racist regime. It can only rely on the unity and struggle of the 5 million Zimbabwe people who will intensify their struggle for national liberation with guns in hand.

RIO TINTO-ZINC CORPORATION

Nearly half of Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation's £110 million profits come from the mines of South Africa and Rhodesia. The company provided much needed support for the apartheid regime when it announced in May that it would go ahead with a uranium mining project at Rossing in Namibia (South West Africa) involving an investment of £175 million. The International Court of Justice in the Hague ruled this year that South Africa was illegally occupying Namibia and that no action should be taken which implied a recognition of South Africa's presence.

Their chairman is Sir Val Duncan, whose salary is £51,000, and other directors are: Lord Byers, leader of the Liberals in the House of Lords and former Liberal Party chairman and Lord Clitheroe, former Conservative Party chairman,

ANTI-UNION ACT cont.

UNIONS TO BE CONTROLLED DIRECTLY BY THE STATE

All unions whether registered or unregistered, must frame their rules in accordance with the Act's "guiding principles". Failure to do so is yet another "unfair industrial practice". Under these, every applicant to join a union must be admitted if he is "appropriately qualified for employment" which means that the union has no power to exclude unwanted members like known blacklegs. Moreover, no member can be disciplined for refusing to take part in union activity, such as solidarity action, which the NIRC would consider "unfair". To be registered, a union's rules must be scrutinised even more, which will be done by the Chief Registrar, who is given wide powers of control and interference in the administration of union affairs. He can insist that the union has a precise disciplinary code (and if he doesn't like it, he can demand it be altered), insist that the rules show exactly how the union will control the activities of its branches, demand that the election and appointment of officers be done in a certain way, and demand that the rules lay down exactly which bodies and which officials can instruct members to take industrial action and the circumstances in which this can be done. Finally, the Registrar must be satisfied with the way funds are disposed of and with the accounts which must be submitted to him. All this legalises the complete State control of unions, just as happened in fascist Germany in the 1930s.

FAVOURS? A worker can now appeal against the sack, but even if he wins his case, the employer can pay him compensation instead of reemploying him, so any militant shop steward can be got rid of. Another sop? is the extension of notice. Presumably they expect us to grovel in gratitude now that we have to be told earlier before getting the boot!

ANGELA DAVIS

Angela Davis has spent the last 18 months in solitary confinement in San Jose Prison charged with conspiracy on the grounds that she bought guns which were used by Jonathen Jackson in his heroic attempt to free black revolutionaries from a courthouse. This charge of conspiracy carries possible convictions for murder and kidnapping. The fascist U.S. State machine has now granted bail, just five days before the trial started, giving Angela practically no time to prepare. The first stage of the trial is selection of a jury and with most candidates for this position being middle class whites, this further exposes the attempt by the authorities to deal with Angela Davis in the same way as they dealt with Joe Hill, Sacco and Vanzetti and the Scottsboro Boys. However, Angela and all revolutionary people of the US refuse to cringe before racist,

AN ACT LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR BUILDING FASCISM

In a situation where "unfair" strikes are illegal and "fair" strikes are impossible, where is our so-called democracy for all? In fact, this Act finally makes it obvious that British democracy for workers is nothing but a myth, (although there is plenty of democracy for the bourgeoisie) for it actually gives the Government the legal freedom to implement fascist laws. This it will need to do in the very near future if it is going to keep the working class down and continue to make huge profits out of them, in order to get the ruling class out of the financial mess their capitalist greed has got them into. But British workers have a history of fighting fascism, for they prevented it in this country before the Second World War and defeated it during the war in a world united front against Hitler and his allies, a front which was led by the then Socialist U.S.S.R. and Stalin. However in the 1930s the ruling class still had room to manoeuvre, possessing an empire overseas, from which it obtained vast profits which it could use to make concessions to the workers here. But now the bourgeoisie can no longer afford to give in to even some of our demands, and so the struggle to defend our democratic rights becomes a struggle against capitalism in decay and the resulting fascism, which grows naturally from it. Fascism is the only means by which the capitalists can desperately try to cling on to power. Fascism can now only be defeated by the complete overthrow of the system of oppression and exploitation of man by man, and the establishment of socialism, where the majority of people who produce everything, the workers, have all the power and rights and the handful of parasites, the bourgeoisie, no longer have the right to exploit. The Alliance has full confidence that the British working class will continue its fight against fascism and will smash it completely.



fascist courts and despite many adversities they will continue to struggle. Angela has no illusions about the character of the legal system and states without reservation, "The current trials of political prisoners pose a great danger to the people of the U.S. and the cause of liberation and peace throughout the world."

We are witnessing a qualitative step-up in the use of fascist methods to carry out political frame ups.

THE REGISTRAR, INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS

The Registrar, R. Farquason Keith, was previously an under Secretary at the Department of Employment, where he got £6,750. In his new job he gets £9,000.

The President of the Industrial Tribunals, Sir Diarmaid Conroy, (chief justice Northern Rhodesia 1961-65) gets £9,000. The regional chairmen will get £7,850 and part-time chairmen will get £22 a day when sitting.

A YEAR OF VICTORIES IN S.E. ASIA



Over the last year the heroic peoples and Liberation Armies of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia have scored tremendous victories against U.S. aggression and for national independence and have liberated still more areas.

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The south Vietnamese people and Army wiped out, wounded and captured nearly 250,000 enemy troops, including 20,000 U.S. and satellite troops.

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The Lao Patriotic Army and people wiped out and disintegrated over 90,000 U.S. aggressor and puppet troops. About 60 U.S. planes were shot down.

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The Cambodian armed forces and people killed, wounded or captured nearly 80,000 enemy troops.



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