

**THE**  
**REAL CHOICE**  
**WE FACE**

SUBMISSION TO  
CAPITALISM

FIGHTING FOR  
SOCIALISM



NOTTINGHAM COMMUNIST GROUP

## GENERAL ELECTION FARCE

For over fifty years in Britain all adults have had the right to vote. During this time we have elected Tory, Labour and Coalition governments. All of them claimed to serve the people. Yet did they? Now we find that once again mass unemployment has returned, living standards are falling and the social services are in decay.

More and more people are losing faith in the myth that we can really defend and improve our conditions of life through the ballot box. And they are right for the fact of the matter is that British parliamentary democracy is a confidence trick, a way in which a tiny minority of parasites can maintain their domination over and oppression of the vast mass of the people.

## CAPITALIST SYSTEM

In Britain today we live under the yoke of CAPITALISM, a system which enriches the few by exploiting the many. Industry and commerce are owned and controlled by only about three per cent of the population, the CAPITALIST CLASS. The capitalists' monopoly of the means of production enables them to exploit the rest of us, the WORKING CLASS and lower middle class, by paying us less than the full value of the work we do for them. Production is organised to make financial profits for just a few capitalists and not to satisfy the human needs of the great mass of working people.

The Monarchy, Houses of Parliament, Civil Service, Armed Forces and Police are all part of the capitalist state machine, the means by which the capitalist class maintain their rule over the rest of us. So it doesn't matter whether we vote Tory, Labour, Liberal, National Front, "Communist" Party of Great Britain or "Socialist" Unity. All of these parties play the same game the name of which is MONOPOLY, upholding the

monopoly of wealth and power of the capitalist class and keeping the rest of us, the real wealth producers, under control!

### WHAT ABOUT THE LABOUR PARTY?

The Labour Party says that it 'represents the interests of the working class' and is 'for socialism'. Some workers are taken in by this election-time sloganeering and still support the Labour politicians. But we say look at what Labour governments actually do and not at what they say they want to do.

Here is the record of the present Labour Government:

Incomes - in collusion with the union leaders the Labour politicians have used the trade unions to hold down and reduce working class incomes by means of their rotten Social Contract. This, together with laws like the legally-enforced closed shop, has gone a long way in subverting the unions so that they are used against their own members.

Prices - as we all know, prices have been rising faster than incomes and so living standards have been falling. Yet the Labour Government has not enforced effective price controls and has tried to blame inflation onto workers. The truth is that inflation is caused by capitalists raising prices and not by workers defending their living standards.

Cuts - the Labour Government has cut public spending on the health services, education and housing by hundreds of millions of pounds. At the same time it has handed out vast sums to the capitalists in the form of tax cuts and investment grants. Labour robs the workers to pay the capitalists.

Jobs - under Labour mass unemployment has risen to the highest level since the nineteen thirt-

ies. What is more, Callaghan and Healey have the cheek to tell us we must "face up" to even more unemployment in the future. Is this serving the working class?

Racism - the Labour politicians say they are against racist policies which seek to divide black and white workers. But Labour governments have passed and supported racist immigration laws. For example, the Immigration Act of 1968 introduced by Labour is specifically designed to keep black, rather than white, people out of Britain. Labour is just as racist as the Tories and Liberals.

Ireland - in Northern Ireland it was the last Labour government (1966-70) which began the policy of armed suppression of the Irish people. The present Labour Government has simply continued with the campaign to terrorise the Irish people into submission to the rule of the British capitalist class.

Clearly these Labour policies add up to a concerted attack on the working class. Their aim is to increase the profits of the capitalist class at the expense of the working class. One thing is very obvious. The Labour Party is not our friend but our enemy.

And let's not be conned by Labour Party support groups like the phoney "Communist" party of Great Britain and the Trotskyist "Socialist" Unity who say a Labour government is the lesser evil, that it's not quite so bad for the working class as a Tory government. The truth is that the Labour Party and TUC leadership are now the main political agents of the capitalist ruling class. A Labour government is worse than a Tory one because it hides its capitalist policies behind a "socialist" smokescreen and thus manages to deceive some workers as to its real aim of supporting capitalism.

## IS THERE A TORY ALTERNATIVE?

Some people, who quite reasonably are fed up with Labour, may be thinking of voting for the Tories. But we know from past experience of Tory governments that they serve the interests of the bosses, the capitalist class, and seek only to trick and oppress the working class. Margaret Thatcher and her cronies are always trying to make out that workers in Britain are lazy and that the trade unions are ruining the country. What rubbish! It's the workers, and not the capitalists, who produce the real wealth of this country. Without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn. As for the trade unions, they have become shackled to the capitalist state and, as Thatcher well knows, have been turned against the working class.

The Tory appeal is mainly directed at the middle classes, people such as small businessmen, managers and some white-collar workers who feel they are being crushed between the giant monopoly firms and the ever-expanding capitalist state machine. Also, some workers are attracted by the attack on the unions as a result of the TUC-Labour Party sell-out which has neutralised the power of organised workers. But let's not be led up the garden path by the Tory Party. Like Labour they have only one master, the monopoly capitalist class, and the Tory aim is to keep them rich and us poor. To vote Tory is to vote against yourself, just the same as voting Labour.

## FASCISM IS NO ANSWER

In times of growing economic crisis and rising working class unrest fascism always rears its ugly head. The fascist National Front tries to divert our attention from the real cause of our problems, the capitalist system, by falsely blaming Jews and black people for present troub-

les. The National Front are disciples of Hitler and followers of his Nazi doctrine of race hatred.

The real aim of these fascist creeps is to maintain capitalism. They are waiting on the political sidelines ready for the day when the Labour, Tory and Liberal parties are no longer able to mislead and keep the working class down. Only then would the capitalist class turn to the fascist National Front as the blunt instrument of their salvation, provide them with funds and police protection and place them in state power so as to quickly and vilently smash any working class resistance and abolish the few rights we have won.

Sometimes the fascist NF makes anti-capitalist noises. But don't be deceived. If they ever get into power we will see who they serve - the monopoly capitalists. And any opposition, however mild, to a fascist government would be crushed by means of the torture chamber and concentration camp, as happened in Hitler's Germany. A vote for the National Front is a vote for death and destruction!

#### WHAT CAN WE DO?

So what can be done, given that a vote for any of these parties is a vote for the capitalists and against the workers? We must remember that the working class and the lower middle class are the overwhelming majority of the population. We must stand together and start to fight back against the capitalist attack on our living standards and economic and legal rights.

Here is what we can do!

Incomes - let's have no more to do with "wage restraint". We must recover rank-and-file control over our trade unions. Real power lays with ordinary workers in factories, shops and

offices. We don't have to do what the union bureaucrats say, if we are prepared to assert ourselves and fight for wage and salary rises to restore our fallen living standards.

Let's stop paying money to the Labour Party servants of capitalism. Most trade unions are affiliated to the Labour Party and so the members, often without realising it, pay money into Labour funds unless they take the step of opting out of the political levy. Ask your branch officials for the opting-out form and stop the flow of cash to the Labour lieutenants of capital.

Prices - isn't it high time we started organising boycotts of selected goods in the shops? When there are outrageous price rises, as in the case of instant coffee, we should refuse to spend our money. Then the capitalists would be forced to reduce their prices.

Cuts - the leaders of the unions in the public sector, such as NUPE and NALGO, have said a lot about public spending cuts but have done nothing. Rank-and-file members should resist redundancies and mount non-cooperation campaigns against the cuts by using work-to-rules and other obstructive tactics.

Jobs - the Government and capitalist employers have tried to sweeten the pill of the sack with redundancy payments and early retirement. It's about time we stopped being conned by the lure of these carrots on sticks and start fighting for the right to work.

Racism - black and white workers should unite against their common enemy, the capitalist class and its various political parties. Racism is present in the workplace, the schools and in the community. If you're black don't turn the other cheek but hit back against racism whenever and wherever it confronts you. And if you're white don't stand by when racial hatred and intoler-

ence occurs. Speak out, expose and attack the Nazi hate-mongers.

These are immediate defensive actions that we can start taking now. But in the long run there is only one way in which the working class can radically change its condition and that is through the abolition of capitalism.

#### DON'T VOTE - FIGHT FOR SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

The only lasting solution to our problems is to do away with the capitalist system of mass exploitation which oppresses us. All the time we live under capitalism we are doomed to eternal struggle just to try to hang onto the little we have. Sooner or later we, the working class, will have to take matters into our own hands and throw out the capitalist parasites who live off our backs. In short, our only way forward is the revolutionary road to real socialism (not the phoney Labour Party variety) where we workers would control our own destiny in a society organised by us not to make profits for a few but where the wealth, health and happiness of the many is the guiding principle.

The struggle for socialist revolution is a long and hard road and the starting point is to throw off any lingering illusions we may have about capitalism and its parliamentary farce. This is why the Nottingham Communist Group is campaigning for a MASS ABSTENTION in this General Election. Let's stop being lamely herded into the polling stations by the capitalist parties or apathetically not bothering to do anything.

#### DON'T VOTE - BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

Capitalism will last only as long as we, the working class, allow it to exist by knuckling under to its oppression and exploitation. So it's up to YOU. Get involved in determining the destiny of yourself and your class. Join the



struggle to build a revolutionary movement and party in Britain. This is a desperately urgent task because life under capitalism will not get better, only worse. As the international crisis of capitalism deepens another world war looms up on the horizon. The working class must prepare itself to take advantage of the chaos World War III will bring. Without our own revolutionary movement and party to organise and lead us the capitalists will maintain their rule by imposing fascist dictatorship. But if we are ready, if we have developed a revolutionary outlook and organisation then we will be able to rise up and strike a mortal blow at the rule of capital.

A century ago Friedrich Engels said: "There is no power in the world which could for a day resist the British working class organised as a body." His words are even more true today than they were then. And you, if you join in the struggle have the power to turn these words into a living reality. The revolution begins here, and now, with YOU!

If you agree with what we say here then you should get in touch with us for further information. You can do this by filling in the form below and sending it to us at the address given.

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Labour, Tory, both the same,  
Playing at the bosses' game.  
Heads they win and tails you lose,  
If you waste your time and chose.  
WHAT THEY LOSE ON THE SWINGS,  
THEY GAIN ON THE ROUNDABOUTS.  
So don't be fooled,  
Unless you want to be ruled.  
Don't vote for the system,  
Get ready to resist them!

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