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THIS IS NOT a time of moving forward for the working class. Wishing it were otherwise does not count as leadership, and pretending it is otherwise in the present period is the negation of leadership. Consider honestly what are our weaknesses and strengths: then overcome the former and build on the latter.

There is a need to build after the years of destruction under Thatcher. But first that demolition gang in Downing Street must be removed. 'Thatcher Out' should inform all decisions made on this or that policy wherever workers gather. That is the main task for us.

If 'Thatcher Out' is so simple a task, why after so many years have we not achieved it? Those who say it does not go far enough wilfully avoid the task we face and seem to opt instead for talk of utopia. Chasing lesser enemies, pursuing secondary issues; what a cop out!

In this period of counter revolution - when the working class is under fierce attack - we must resolve as a class to survive. Organise to survive, come together to survive, retreat collectively to survive, and then to counter attack. Myriad small battles and small victories can blunt the Thatcherite onslaught. Her Government makes war on 'society'. Of course her kind hates unions!

Trade unions were invented in Britain to improve working conditions, to win more pay for the class that must work to live, and to gain dignity in the face of capitalism. In the present period the unity of workers, so that all may advance, should be uppermost in our thinking. Unfraternal attitudes and unwillingness to use tried and tested means for settling internal disputes assist only the employing class.

Thatcher's attack on unions is an attack on Britain, a society, and a working class. The capitalists are deserting this country. The 'globalisation of market forces' and '1992' are intended to undermine national sovereignty. Hence their incessant campaign against manufacturing industry in Britain. We are for industry because we wish to, and intend to, survive.

This is not a time of moving forward for the working class, but we must come to order to halt the decay of Britain under this system in absolute decline.

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