

JOHN ROBERTSON, last year's Chairman of the Young Socialists is expelled. It was wrongfully alleged that he sold Keep Left in defiance of the right wing ban imposed on our paper. His real crime was that he fought for the policies decided by the Brighton Conference over which he presided as chairman.

For supporting these policies, by protesting against the savage sentences imposed on 'Mods' and 'Rockers', five Streatham Young Socialists have been expelled and their branch closed down. Similar action is either under way or being contemplated against other Young Socialists in different parts of the country.

The time has come to decide our future. All those who fight for the Brighton decisions risk expulsion. If we don't fight we might as well cease to exist as an organisation for we would be nothing more than a harmless talking shop.

Keep Left unhesitatingly calls upon all Young Socialists to fight for the policies they democratically adopted at annual conference. There can be no fight without casualties, but there can be no victory without a struggle.

Since the founding of the Young Socialists in 1960 there has been a continuous witch-hunt against its left wing.

Gaitskell and Brown banned Keep Left in May 1962 and expelled three members of the National Committee whom they alleged supported the paper. Yet despite all this, their right wing supporters within the youth movement remain an insignificant minority.

The 1963-64 conferences, not only adopted policies overwhelmingly endorsing those of Keep Left; they elected majorities

on the National Committee who are pledged to fight for these policies and who are opposed to the ban on our paper.

The right wing claim that they have the support amongst youth. Then, why did they not win majorities at these conferences?

The editor of 'Tribune' in a recent article said that supporters of Keep Left are 'lice on the body politic'. What he is really saying is that decisions arrived at democratically in conference were the work of 'lice'.

This is an example of the degrading level to which political life has sunk within the ranks of the fake left who support 'Tribune' and who are now keeping their mouths shut before the election.

Hostile

They did this in 1955 and 1959 when they decided with the right wing not to 'rock the boat', and as a result the Tories won both elections with handsome majorities.

The late Aneurin Bevan and 'Tribune' were always fond of spouting left phrases and leading the left wing up the hill of struggle against the right wing and then down again leaving the right in control. In this way they prepared the way for the rule of Hugh Gaitskell who didn't give a damn about conference decisions, and openly said so.

They are all hostile towards the Young Socialists and Keep Left because we refuse to sell-out the struggle of young people.

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The time to fight is NOW!

We will not keep our mouths shut when we know that the refusal of Harold Wilson and the right wing to adopt socialist policies will lead to a betrayal of millions of Labour men and women who vote against Toryism in the General Election.

Wilson exposed

We fight for a Labour victory because we want to demonstrate in practice the correctness of the socialist policies we decided at Brighton, when Wilson and the right wing are exposed.

We fight for a new leadership in the Labour Party which will by its struggle, prevent the labour movement from becoming defeated and demoralised as it was after the collapse of the 1929 Labour government under the leadership of Ramsay MacDonald.

Wilson hob-nobs today with the Tory ruling class (see picture on page 8) just as MacDonald did then.

All those who want to keep quiet now about the great dangers facing the labour movement, only do so, because they are preparing to betray the working class.

We believe that young people are perfectly capable of judging the issues facing Labour now before the election. The differ-

ence between the Young Socialists and the right wing is one of policy.

If Labour wins the election, control of big business will still remain in the hands of the same monopoly capitalists as it does today, so socialist planning will be impossible.

The state machine and the civil service will remain the same so young people will be treated just as they are now if they appear before the courts.

The hordes of bureaucrats and get-rich-quick swindlers, who are the 'real lice' on the body politic will still be allowed to speculate on the Stock Exchange and make millions of pounds out of the work of others, just as they are doing today.

The British army will remain the same, staffed by a squirearchy of military capitalist backwoods-men.

Capitalist Britain

The police force will remain the same (do we have to say any more about them?).

In short there is to be no socialist Britain under a Labour government but a capitalist Britain presided over by Labour leaders. It would certainly be downright

betrayal on our part if we were to preach otherwise.

Our Young Socialists Conference at Brighton decided by a majority to vote for the following policies.

For the return of a Labour government; the nationalization of the basic industries, including steel and armaments, and the nationalization of the land; a campaign against unemployment; the repeal of the Rent Act; for the withdrawal from NATO and the withdrawal of all troops from abroad; for withdrawal from NEDC and NIC; against the introduction of conscription by any government; against the Tory Immigration Act and any form of immigration control; full support for the trade unions' demand for a shorter working week.

NC closed

The majority of the National Committee of the Young Socialists was elected to advocate and work for these policies. At the last meeting on June 6 the committee was closed down before it could even begin to talk about, let alone fight for them. All because one of its members suggested that a decision of the committee be reported to a number of Young Socialists who were outside protesting about the closure of Streatham YS.

Are these Young Socialists not among the people who elected the National Committee to office? For representing such loyal and devoted Young Socialists we are now told that the whole future of the youth movement is in jeopardy.

The question involved is not one of organisational discipline. It is the socialist policy decided at Brighton, against Wilson and the right wing who are opposed to socialist policies.

They know full well that as soon as disillusionment grows with the next Labour government there will be a massive swing on the part of youth and older workers towards such policies. So they are setting out to break up the Young Socialists now in order to prevent it getting support at a later date.

No retreat

We are not going to tolerate this conspiracy and we are calling upon young people everywhere to rise up and fight against it.

WE HAVE TO FIGHT NOW FOR THE POLICIES DECIDED AT BRIGHTON AND IN DEFENCE OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH WE ELECTED.

We fight simultaneously against
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AUGUST ISSUE

As usual Keep Left will not appear in August because of our printer's holiday break. Our next issue will be published in September. Don't forget to order your copy NOW.



The five expelled members of Streatham, London YS, after their press conference. They are (from left to right): John Roberts, Aileen Jennings, Ray Maher, Paul Carpenter and Ann Tobin.

Police and dogs called to Streatham expulsion meeting

RIGHT-WING members of the Labour Party recently lined up with the police to attack Young Socialists demonstrating against expulsions and suspensions.

On July 8, policemen with dogs broke up a group of over 30 members of the Streatham Young Socialists who were lobbying their General Management Committee delegates before an expulsion meeting.

This calling in of the law to stop YS members putting their case set the tone for the vicious witch-hunt which was to follow.

By 24 votes to 10, the GMC

expelled Aileen Jennings, chairman, John Roberts, secretary, Paul Carpenter, treasurer, Ann Tobin, vice-chairman and Ray Maher, membership secretary for their activities since the branch was suspended two months ago after issuing a leaflet to 'Mods' and 'Rockers'.

The activities included participation in the highly successful lobby outside Transport House on June 24, and the calling of a meeting at the Cora Hotel on June 28.

At a press conference after the

expulsion the five expelled members said that the witch-hunt had been started by Transport House.

Said secretary Roberts: 'The leaflet calling for 'Mods' and 'Rockers' to unite against police violence and against the call-up, on the basis of which we were suspended, was merely an excuse to engineer the expulsions.'

The five explained that the membership of the Streatham branch had jumped from six to 60 in 18 months. Young people had always been recruited on the basis of the policies in the leaflet

distributed to 'Mods' and 'Rockers'.

Roberts made the position of the YS to 'Mods' and 'Rockers' quite clear.

'We don't support violence by teenagers because it does not answer the problems of youth.'

Keep Left considers the expulsion of these five members of Streatham YS, the expulsion of John Robertson by the National Executive Committee on June 24 and the suspension of the Young Socialists National Committee (for supporting Streatham against the suspension) to be part of the attack by the right-wing Labour Party leadership on the socialist policies of the youth movement.



Tshombe returns to the Congo as the UN move out Imperialists prepare more bloodshed

THE United Nations, so-called 'peace keeping' organisation of the world, withdrew its forces from the Congo after four years' occupation leaving behind a far from 'peaceful' situation.

Troops were sent into the Congo after the country was given its independence by Belgium in 1960.

During that period, Keep Left consistently called for the withdrawal of these UN troops warning the labour movement of their role.

We were right

We were criticised. We were insulted. We were slandered.

But we were right!

In our February 1961 issue, shortly after the death of Patrice Lumumba, we wrote that he 'and his comrades are only the latest in a bloody line of Africans murdered by imperialism'.

We asked then: 'Who is guilty of this outrage?'

And we gave the answer: 'The United Nations now stands revealed before the whole world as an agent of imperialism.'

We were still attacked (and still are) by those people who think as one of our readers did at the time that the UN 'gives self-governing colonies a chance to speak and to break away from their motherland on controversial issues'.

But surely Keep Left's continual expose of the UN, and the present situation in the Congo, which is no different for the working class of that country than it was four years ago, has nailed this lie for good.

NATO interests

As another reader pointed out in the May 1961 issue: 'The whole range of NATO nations has important interests to protect in the Congo. There are two NATO bases and large uranium, copper and diamond mines. Face to face with these interests was the MNC of Lumumba. The MNC was basically a trade union organisation which since the war has made some major advances.'

'To smash the MNC it was necessary for the capitalist

nations to cling together and the UN swung into action, handing over the power to the Tshombe-Mobutu-Kasavubu clique.'

This same clique is still serving the imperialists well. Tshombe now returns to the Congo after being thrown out of his breakaway province of Katanga a year or so ago.

Belgian support

He held his position in the province by having the toughest army in the Congo. This was trained and led by Belgian officers. His civil administration was also led by Belgians. His budget was bolstered by a reported five million dollars a month paid out by a Belgian copper trust, which needed the rich mines in Katanga. Hundreds of these troops and civilians were killed when the UN threw Tshombe out of Katanga.

So who is Tshombe likely to repay now he is in charge of the whole of the Congo.

And what part did he play in the death of Lumumba?

In a statement to the Belgian press in February this year Tshombe said that Lumumba was captured and imprisoned by the UN forces.

On January 17 Tshombe claimed Lumumba was transported to Elizabethville in Katanga where witnesses saw that he had been badly beaten up.

Lumumba, in fact, asked the UN to intervene in the Congo probably hoping that this organisation, with its 'peace keeping' reputation, would solve some of the problems of his country, brought about by long suffering under Belgian domination.

But when the UN troops arrived in the Congo, they became the spearhead of further imperialist intervention.

Role of UN

The role of the UN has become abundantly clear. The only kind of order that was kept was enforced by the rifle and the machine gun so that im-



Dead and dying Katangan soldiers at the time of Tshombe's eviction

perialists could carry on exploiting the Congo.

A year ago the UN troops removed Moïse Tshombe from the breakaway province of Katanga, which was brought back under the central government of the Congo.

After spending a year in exile Tshombe has now returned to the Congo with the withdrawal of the United Nations troops. He is busy trying to make peace

with the various rebel groups in the Congo, who were opposed to the puppet rule of Cyrille Adoula.

In some cases the rebel troops have been so strong that they have been able to take over certain towns.

Speared to death

Jason Sendwe, the provincial President of North Katanga was speared to death by rebels after he fled to Kamina following an uprising in Albertville.

Tshombe, who no doubt has the backing of big business in Belgium, France and Britain, knows that he has to get some kind of 'peace' with the left forces before he could form a successful government.

Immediately after he entered the Congo he began talks with some of the rebel leaders who included Pierre Mulele, leader of the Jeunesse (youth) troops.

What has become obvious during the Congo's turbulent history of the past four years is that the UN have put themselves at the service of the capitalist countries such as America, Britain, Belgium and France, and brutally suppressed the Congolese people.

YS policy

At their last two conferences the Young Socialists refused to support the reactionary role of the United Nations. For doing this they, too, have been slurred and slandered by the right wing of the Labour Party.

But the stand the Labour youth movement and Keep Left took has proved to be correct in the terrible bloody deeds committed in the Congo by the UN in the name of peace and at the behest of the imperialist countries.

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL NO ANSWER TO NEGRO PROBLEMS

IN spite of the fact that America's President, Lyndon Johnson, has signed the Civil Rights Bill, which makes integration law, the struggle of the American Negro is still not over.

Johnson's actions can only be seen as a timely piece of law-making just before the presidential elections, especially as it looks certain that the man who voted against Civil Rights, Barry Goldwater, will be his opponent.

The Bill will still not solve the fact that there are large numbers of unemployed and poorly-paid coloured workers in the United States.

POOR QUARTERS

It will not give the Negroes better housing—thousands of them are crammed into the worst kind of tenements with flaking ceilings and walls and little or no sanitary facilities in the poorest quarters of the big cities.

All these problems, which are brought about by the bosses

making millions of pounds out of cheap Negro labour and landlords demanding high rents for mere hovels, cannot be solved by Johnson passing a law since he and his government represent American big business.

(He and his wife are large landowners in Texas and a few weeks ago the national press showed photographs of the shanty type wooden huts which the Johnsons expect their employees to live in.)

FRESH VIOLENCE

Rich American farmers in the south will not relinquish their hold over the coloured population on account of Johnson's new law.

At the same time that the Bill was passed, fresh violence broke out in Mississippi.

Sunday papers on July 5 showed photographs of a young Negro being turned out of a car park in Georgia at gunpoint.

The fact that Negroes will now be able to register as voters under the new law makes Johnson's move all the more important since he obviously

hopes to capture the coloured vote at the forthcoming election.

Religious do-gooders may hail this as a step forward in the fight for Negro rights, but the fight of the coloured people in America is far from finished.

DISAPPEARED

Three young Civil Rights fighters who disappeared when they went to Mississippi in June have still not been found. Their burned-out car was discovered near the Florida swampland and police have been dragging rivers for their bodies.

The disappearance of these courageous young people and the recent vicious riots instigated by white supremacists shows that the coloured and white American workers have to organise themselves around socialist policies to fight the capitalist system of America which causes racial discrimination.

A law signed by Johnson is mere peanuts for the Negroes compared with the millions made by the big bosses from the sweated labour of the American working class.

Role of police exposed

Following the Keeler, Ward, Rachman, Woolf affairs, the action at Sheffield, Birmingham, Brighton and Margate, and now the Challenor affair JACK POTTER makes a close examination of the role of Britain's police force in relation to Mods and Rockers, the Young Socialists, the possibility of a Labour government and the fight for socialism.



The poster says 'Fight the Tories not the Young Socialists' but these policemen are intent on suppressing these youths who are demonstrating against the Tories.

WHEN Mods and Rockers were involved in trouble with the police at seaside resorts this year, the Tory newspapers chose the occasion to remind their readers that, despite all the bad publicity the police had been receiving over the last year, coppers were really decent blokes doing a very difficult job.

Keep Left and the majority of Young Socialists don't go for that rubbish.

Maybe some people really believe, as the Tories and their Labour friend, Lord Willis of Tottenham, want to believe, that real-life policemen are all friendly old twerps like Dixon of Dock Green.

Young people who have been unlucky enough to have contact with the police know better.

The brutal behaviour of the police against Young Socialists outside Transport House confirms our view that young workers have no reason whatsoever to feel anything but hatred for the police.

Let us take a look at some of the things that have been happening in the last year or so.

Rhino whips

In Sheffield it was revealed that police had used rhino-whips on prisoners. They were found out and were sacked from the force—that's all. No stiff penalties for them, like the penalties imposed on Mods and Rockers.

And nobody answered the questions asked by Keep Left. What was a rhino whip doing in the police station? Was it standard equipment?

In the various court cases involving Christine Keeler and Stephen Ward, we saw the police maintaining they could not find some witnesses while apparently putting pressure on others.

The whole affair suggested the police attempted to cover up for top people like Profumo and Lord Astor and then, when this failed, made Ward the scapegoat.

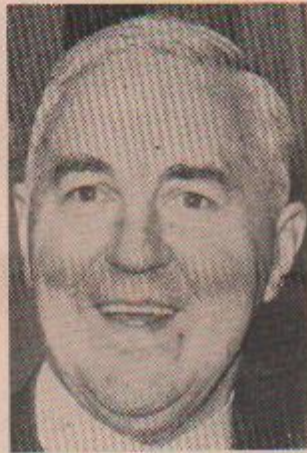
Then there was the mysterious death of the artist Hal Woolf, a man who was thought to have known something about the Ward case. He died in a hospital, which specialises in brain injuries, after he had been in custody at West Central police station.

Now, we have the case of the detective-sergeant Challenor of the same police station, who allegedly planted bricks in the pockets of

prisoners arrested during the Greek Royal Visit, so they could be charged with possessing offensive weapons.

Challenor was responsible for training detectives.

There are about 40 CID men in various London police stations who were trained by him.



Brooke: delayed action or Challenor inquiry

Since his alleged actions in the 'bricks case' Challenor has been certified insane. This was convenient for the police because Challenor did not have to appear.

So the three young policemen involved with him were sent to jail for three years without any awkward questions being asked in court about the sort of pressures on them in their job, the sort of training they had been receiving or how it was possible for Challenor to have a position of authority in the police force.

Found out

Whether or not Challenor was insane, his behaviour was fully in accordance with the way the police force is being developed in Britain today. Like the rhino-whip coppers of Sheffield, his real crime was that he was found out.

Many people who ought to know better keep pretending that cases of police brutality, framing of prisoners and so on, are just isolated incidents.

The truth is that these incidents remind us of what the police are really all about.

The police force was started in the 19th century by a Parliament of landlords and bosses. They had managed to get along without a police force as we know it until the concentration of the big and more workers in the big cities brought discontent, rising property crimes, a growth of trade unions and the beginning of

political organisation by workers against the employers.

Police are the enemies of the working class still.

Because British capitalism became the most powerful in the world for a time, the bosses were able to grant a few crumbs of their table to the workers of this country and to buy off some of the trade union leaders.

Among the middle class and among the better-off workers, therefore, the idea arose that people can continue receiving concessions peacefully from the employers without any trouble and that somehow, this was because Britain is a special country.

Doing a job

This affects their attitude to the police who are seen as 'only doing a job' dealing with less respectable types and not to be compared with policemen anywhere else in the world.

Even when trade unionists have been savagely attacked by police called in to smash picket lines, these better-off types have treated it as an exceptional case and not bothered to work out the implications.

Yet for many years now, successive governments have been tightening up and strengthening the police.

During the First World War, many rank and file policemen organised their own trade union and sent a delegate to the London Trades Council. The government soon smashed this.

They sacked thousands of policemen who were in the union and passed the 1919 Police Act which made it illegal for police to have any connection with the labour movement.

About the same time, the first police riding school was set up to train the mounted police who are used against political demonstrators.

The Special Constabulary was made permanent to reinforce the police during political trouble.

In 1926, during the General Strike, these 'specials' made vicious attacks on strikers.

Mobile units

Now that the employers cannot grant concessions because they are faced with increased competition from overseas and more trouble in the colonial countries, they must maintain their profits by taking it out on the workers and keeping wages down.

That is why they are making the police stronger and more vicious.

The Tory government has passed laws like the Public Order Act and the Police Bill which will make it easier for them to use the police against workers.

They have set up secret mobile police units under direct control of the Home Office with headquarters in Berkshire. They have encouraged in the police a hatred against working class youth.

The Tories are frightened of the rebellious attitude of young workers could make them the leaders of a real fight by the labour movement in this country, to finish off big business once and for all.

That is why the police are attempting to break the youth. That is why they are aiming for Mods and Rockers whenever they get the chance.

In October this year, millions of workers will vote Labour.

After the election, though, power in this country will remain in the hands of big monopolies like ICI, Unilever and AEL.

No policy

These combines are well organised and will tell Labour what to do, just as they tell the Tories.

Their friends and relatives and shareholders will continue to run the civil service, the Army and the police.

Harold Wilson has no policy to change all this.

Instead of leading the workers to smash the bosses' state, Wilson will use the state against the workers—just as under Attlee's government, troops were sent in to break strikes and mounted police, in 1949, broke up May Day processions in London.

We had a foretaste of what to expect from a Labour government when the police were called to Transport House to break up the demonstration by Young Socialists there on June 24.

Organise in YS

Unfortunately, even in the Young Socialists we have people who cover up for the police.

For instance, a well-known 'Young Guard' supporter, Stan Bishop, of Harrow Central Young Socialists, told a meeting recently that he thought Streatham Young Socialists had not been very 'tactful' in criticising police violence in leaflets handed to Mods and Rockers.

We can judge from this kind of remark from a self-styled 'left', which side he is really on.

If we want real changes in this

country, we must be quite clear about the police and quite clear about the people who cover up for the police.

Young workers must organise in the Young Socialists and trade unions to oppose police violence and demand that Labour holds a full investigation of police corruption and brutality with a view to changing the whole way the police forces are run.

We must realise fully the implications, too, that since the police are obviously organised as a weapon of big business, we must reckon on a REAL fight for socialism.

Leicester Federation campaigns against racialism

THE Leicester Federation of Young Socialists have been picketing the Admiral Nelson, the colour-bar public house in the centre of Leicester.

Pickets arrived within 24 hours of a young Indian being refused a drink in the lounge.

Despite some interference from the police, there have been 40 or more people on a regular picket.

The Young Socialists have appealed to the local labour and trade union movement to 'black' the pub.

Young Socialists are already in the middle of a campaign against racialism in Leicester. 8,000 leaflets have been distributed in the Highfields area where there is a concentration of immigrants.

The leaflets point out that the socialist conditions which give rise to racist feeling are a direct result of Toryism and in no way caused by immigrants.

Right-wing Labour Party officials are already attacking the Young Socialists for their campaign on the racialism issue.

They are determined, however, to carry this fight through to expose the racials and fakers in the labour movement who are terrified to fight against racialism.

Bank holiday call to Mods and Rockers

KEEP LEFT has one aim: the unity of working class youth in the fight for socialism.

The capitalist press is hoping for another field-day against 'Mods' and 'Rockers' in the summer holidays. Magistrates, armed with new powers, and police forces specially prepared, are waiting to pounce on young workers for even the slightest offences.

We will defend working class youth against this attack. The real purpose of the attack is to hammer down and discipline the youth, to intimidate them and make them placid slaves of capitalism.

Keep Left and its supporters are preparing for a real fight, the fight for socialism. We are not in favour of indiscriminate fights with the police under circumstances where the police, the courts and the press will defeat one section of the youth after another.

The capitalist class wants a number of separate fights with 'Mods' and 'Rockers'. It wants the opportunity to hand out heavy jail sentences and big fines.

We do not accept the discipline of capitalism, the discipline of rhino-whips and the discipline of wage-slavery.

But rebellion is not enough.

A new discipline must be fought for by the working class youth—the discipline of a force organised to overthrow capitalism and its police and courts—that means political discipline.

The only force that can do this is the organised working class. The only aim behind which it can be united is SOCIALISM. The only section consistently fighting for a socialist programme is the Young Socialists, which is training the new leadership of the working class against the traitors and careerists.

'Mods' and 'Rockers' should take this road, and not the road of unplanned and hopeless clashes with the police and the courts. The real clash is much bigger and much more serious. It requires greater courage and firmness. And it requires above all a clear political programme and working class discipline.

This then is our call to 'Mods' and 'Rockers'—no fighting amongst ourselves. Ignore the provocations of the police. Reject the road of frustrated explosions. Fight behind the Young Socialists programme carried at the Brighton Conference.

Young Socialists confro

WHEN Len Williams national secretary of the Labour Party labelled those Young Socialists who lobbied the National Executive Committee outside Transport House as 'thugs', he slurred the whole of the Labour youth movement.

The 400 young people who gathered at Transport House on June 24 to raise questions with members of the National Executive Committee did so in an orderly manner until they were pushed around by vanloads of policemen who emptied out into Smith Square half an hour after the lobby started.

Who indeed were the thugs? Our picture on the back of Keep Left shows two members of the National Committee of Young Socialists being thrown out of Transport House.

What started off as a very small force of police was soon swelled to about 100 as the riot squad types moved in. Young Socialists were pulled and thrown into the road. Eventually the police moved all the youth out of Smith Square and cordoned off each entrance.

Three arrests were made—two boys and a girl. Magistrates fined two Young Socialists £1 and £5 when they appeared in court during the afternoon.

From the outset it was obvious that the last thing any NEC member—either right or left—wanted was to answer the policy questions put to them by the young people.

Scared

The calling of the police and the labelling of Young Socialists as 'thugs' was, in fact, just another attempt by the right wing to make the Labour youth movement appear irresponsible.

Labour officials were scared of their own party members who asked:

- Why Streatham Young Socialists branch was suspended;
- Why John Robertson, ex-chairman of the National Committee of the Young Socialists, was up for expulsion by the NEC; and
- Why witch-hunts against the youth were being carried on in various parts of the country.

Questions on what the Labour Party is going to do about nationalizing all the basic industries, increased violence against youth by the police and conscription, were met with silence from the NEC delegates.

Conscription

Wilson's get-tough policies in Cyprus and Aden, coupled with his statement in the Houses of Parliament that he will reduce expenditure on nuclear armaments can mean nothing but conscription for thousands of youth in this country who will be sent to fight the working class in the colonies.

Frank Cousins, General Secretary of the Transport and

General Workers' Union, once well known for his outspoken left-wing views, showed that he too was lining up with the right wing of the Labour Party when he asked the police to move the youth away from the steps of Transport House.

'But I'm a trade unionist and I am not on the NEC,' was his weak protest when pressed for some answers.

Fight

Not satisfied with this excuse, Young Socialists told Cousins he could use his influence as leader of a large union to fight against the witch-hunts inside the youth movement.

However, Cousins was obviously not prepared to take a stand with the socialist policies of the Brighton conference—one of which included a resolution against wage restraint under a Labour government. Was he busy think-



Cousins and friends

ing of the safe job waiting for him in the Wilson administration?

Retreating into Transport House Cousins did not stay to see the police roughly shove YS members down the steps and push them to the other side of the road.

Labour's national youth agent Reg Underhill, still smarting from the political barrage he met at the YS lobby of the National Committee a few weeks earlier, did not wait to argue with the young people.

Beckoning the police over to him, he made sure of a blue-

No suspensions, n



One of the youths arrested outside Transport House

uniformed escort into the building.

Ray Gunter, now famous for his witch-hunting speech on Keep Left at the first annual conference of the Young Socialists, and his more recent reactionary statements on state control of the unions, was led firmly by the arm by a policeman from one door of Transport House to another.

Vainly trying to maintain his composure, Anthony Greenwood, one-time 'left' and now chairman of the Labour Party, hung onto his brief case and attempted to look as if being hustled into Transport House by the police was an everyday occurrence.

No answer

This man, who, no doubt, has prided himself on being 'progressive' towards the youth, did not answer the cries of 'what are you going to do about Streatham's suspension' or 'which way are you going to vote on John Robertson's expulsion?'

Wilson and Brown were never even seen. Were they told not to come from Westminster because of the publicity police protection might incur?

Alice Bacon, likely candidate for the post of Home Secretary, in a Labour Cabinet and whose task will be to look after the police force, arrived at the time Young Socialists were being thrown down the steps of Transport House.

No one heard Miss Bacon remonstrate with the police.

As a possible future Home Secretary will she be in favour of the police being used to disperse Young Socialists' demonstrations in the future?

A lot was made in the press of Mrs. Bessie Braddock being lifted off her feet outside

Transport House. Many national newspapers, although not making specific allegations, led their readers to believe that this was the result of YS violence.

Those YS members who tried to speak to Mrs. Braddock were pushed away and if Bessie was lifted inches off the ground it certainly was not with the help of the youth since, for most of the time she was surrounded by blue uniforms.

Slur

These incidents were misrepresented by both Len Williams at the press conference held in the afternoon and in the national papers.

Transport House officials try to slur the youth movement because they cannot answer the policies of the Young Socialists.

Members of the NEC who tag along behind Wilson's policy of licking the boots of the bosses in this country, especially those who have posed as 'lefts' for many years, helped to betray the YS movement and the working class to Wilson on June 24.

The question of Streatham's suspension was never discussed, according to Williams at the press conference and John Robertson's expulsion was passed without comment.

No help

What happened to all those vociferous 'lefts' and Tribunites who kept their mouths firmly shut and just voted on this most disgraceful question of gagging Labour's youth?

Whilst Smith Square resounded with shouts of 'Hands off Streatham' and 'Don't expel John Robertson', these people never raised a finger to help the Young Socialists.

The police did not let the

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youth stay and shout slogans for long.

To calls of 'Sieg Heil'—the Hitler salute—the men in blue made the Young Socialists move out of the Square and then blocked every entrance to it.

Undaunted these young people returned to try and see the NEC when they adjourned for lunch. Most of them, however, must have left by a back entrance or just stayed in Transport House because no one was seen leaving the building.

Intervention

Police again intervened when the youth attempted to march from Smith Square to Denison House, where a meeting was organised by the suspended Streatham YS branch.

Whilst a group of young people stood waiting for a bus to take them to the hall, one young girl was arrested.

However, these interferences did not stop over 200 YS members assembling at Denison House to hear Streatham's chairman, Aileen Jennings, explain how the branch came to be suspended.

She stated that the Streatham members were determined to recruit youth on the basis of the Brighton conference policies. These decisions included a fight against conscription and police violence.

Leaflets

The leaflet, headed 'Up the "Mods"; Up the "Rockers"—Against Police violence and conscription', was to be distributed outside a Streatham dance hall before a fight, which was to take place between 'Mods' and 'Rockers'.

Explaining that her branch was not condoning the fights against individual policemen but trying to organise the youth into the

YS to carry out a political struggle, the speaker urged all other Young Socialists to go back to their areas and help in the fight against the attacks on the youth movement.

During the meeting it was learned that John Robertson had in fact been expelled in the morning by the NEC.

Fight

Robertson, who was invited from the floor to speak, told the audience that he would fight against his and any other expulsions and against all those who sought to break up the Labour youth movement.

Another speaker asked Roger Rosewall, National Committee representative for the Southern Region, why he did not stay at Transport House to protest against Streatham's suspension, along with other NC members, who were later thrown out by the police.

Rosewall, who could give no satisfactory answer, left the meeting to the shouts of boos and catcalls.

As a 'Young Guard' supporter he is becoming well schooled in the art of walking out of meetings when things get too hot.

Cold feet

Rosewall and his friends may have cold feet on the question of a struggle to build up the YS movement and prevent the right wing from closing it down, but the youth who travelled—some of them many hundreds of miles—to that lobby on June 24 and gave up a day's work did some things that the young 'moderates' could never do.

These Young Socialists carried out a fight for their principles—the socialist decisions passed at the Easter Brighton conference this year—on behalf of the working class of Britain who,

under a Labour government, will be betrayed into the hands of the employers.

Keep Left congratulates those young people who went to the June 24 lobby on their stand for the future of the youth movement.

It was a magnificent show of strength which answered the lie that the Labour youth are irresponsible—put around by those who want to destroy the YS.

These young people will take the YS forward to socialism.



The Streatham YS meeting at Denison House

Young 'moderates' and right wing try to disrupt YS protest meeting

THE attitude of supporters of 'Young Guard' and the right wing to the fight for the decisions of the Brighton conference and against the suspensions and expulsions in the Young Socialists was clearly shown when the Streatham branch held a meeting at the Cora Hotel, London, on June 28.

Young Socialists from all over London crowded into the hall to support the fight while, outside, well-known 'young moderates' and right-wingers, who had attempted to disrupt the YS conference and the Keep Left meeting in Brighton at Easter, caused a disturbance outside.

HECKLE

Two of their friends inside the hall continued to jump up and heckle from the floor while people were at the microphone.

The youth in the meeting learned from this experience and showed their contempt for the disrupters by completely ignoring the many slurs and provocations hysterically and aggressively shouted at them when the meeting ended.

The meeting was organised so that a future campaign could be planned against the Streatham YS suspension, John Robertson's expulsion and any future attacks against the Labour youth movement.

Just back from a press conference where he told Fleet Street representatives his views on his expulsion four days earlier, John Robertson, last year's chairman of the YS National Committee, was invited on to the platform.

Concerning the elements outside the meeting he said: 'We are here to discuss how to fight, not whether to fight or not. Those people came with the same intention in mind as when they came to the Keep

Left meeting in Brighton—to break it up.'

At Brighton, he said, the majority of Young Socialists had said that it is not the general election in October that is important, but what the Labour Party will do when elected.

Wilson had defended Tory action in sending troops overseas and was running around big business houses telling the bosses they have nothing to fear from Labour.

TRAITOROUS

Young Socialists had the responsibility to oppose these traitorous actions by saying, quite emphatically, that they will stand firmly behind the YS conference decisions and by fighting for these in all sections of the labour movement, said Robertson.

Because the YS was beginning to take this initiative, the NEC of the Labour Party had 'kicked out blindly in a defensive manner'.

'The fight for the YS is as decisive as the fight for the return of a Labour government with the policy decisions of the YS.'

In the next three or four months, he said, the right wing would continue its attack on the YS and its policy. 'We must campaign against this by starting mass recruitment drives in all the areas to build bigger and bigger YS branches.

'Where branches are suspended, they must continue to function. Wherever the right wing attacks the YS, we must defend it.

'We must forge a link between the YS and the rank and file of the unions who are pressing for nationalization so that when the right wing closes the YS after the election, we will be able to continue the fight for our ideas.

'We must continue to fight for these policies. We are not

prepared to lie down. We will not accept these attacks by the right wing and we will build the YS despite the actions of the right wing.'

The fact that the 250-strong audience walked out of the meeting and through the ranks of the jeering right wing and 'Young Guard' supporters, who were intent on bringing police outside into action, demonstrated the complete discipline and serious attitude of the majority of Young Socialists who are earnestly taking up the fight against suspensions and expulsions and for the socialist policies laid down at Brighton.

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the right wing and for the policies carried at our conference. Let us say 'To hell with the threats from Transport House.' Let us tell Underhill and all his corps of Labour agents that we will under no circumstances make the slightest retreat.

The Brighton conference decisions were arrived at democratically after every delegate had had his or her say. We stand by them no matter what the right wing does.

The time to fight is now, not after the general election! Every ounce of warning that we give to the working class today will be repaid by tremendous support for the labour and socialist movement in the months and years ahead.

REJECT THE EXPULSION OF JOHN ROBERTSON AND THE STRETHAM YOUNG SOCIALISTS. REFUSE TO RECOGNISE IT.

HANDS OFF ALL YOUNG SOCIALISTS BRANCHES THAT ARE BEING DISCIPLINED!

LET THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEET AND FIGHT AND CAMPAIGN FOR THE BRIGHTON CONFERENCE DECISIONS!

RECALL THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DECIDE THE PRESENT CRISIS!



Richard Crossman is tackled by YS members

YCL expulsions after fight on policy

THE present fight by the Young Socialists for their Brighton conference decisions and against expulsions and suspensions has had a striking effect on the once docile ranks of the Young Communist League.

Struggles by the left in the Young Socialists have demonstrated to many YCLers that the bureaucrats controlling their organisation, although of a different type, play the same objective role as the right-wing bureaucrats of the Labour Party of impeding the development of working-class youth.

A number of leading YCLers have now been expelled from Ealing, Lambeth and Paddington (London) branches. These members were asking why the YCL had not attempted to organise working class youth like the Young Socialists have and why the YCL had not laid down socialist policies, similar to those passed by the YS at their Easter conference.

The expelled YCLers have since taken this fight back into the organisation and, despite fierce opposition, have met with overwhelming response.

Reid explains

Jimmy Reid (national secretary of the YCL) and Peter Carter (national organiser), amongst others, have toured the country attempting to explain why it was necessary to expel such large numbers of YCLers.

Reid, a past master at Stalinist demagoguery, finding this difficult, resorted to the usual means of abuse. He described the expelled members as 'political pygmies', 'sub-Hitlers' and 'lumps of excrescence'.

This only added fuel to the flames of discontent and the YCL opposition has forged steadily ahead. It is rumoured that this section now has nearly 200 firm supporters, many of whom control key areas.

The importance of this campaign against the recent expulsions is that it is part of the process by which large sections of working-class youth just entering politics are clearing away the fossilised organisations that have held back the fight for socialist policies.

YCL history

The YCL has had a very ragged history.

In the 1930s, under the direction of the then young John Gollan (now secretary of the British Communist Party), the YCL managed successfully to disrupt the existing Young Socialists organisation which wanted to fight against the restrictions imposed upon it by the right wing.

Following the war, the YCL stagnated and then, in 1956, was dealt a shattering blow when Khrushchev exposed at the 20th Congress some of the worst of Stalin's crimes, which were strikingly vindicated in the uprising by workers and students in Hungary in the same year.

Several splinter groups who failed in their attempts to

'reform' the Communist Party as a result of the Hungarian revolution, were then expelled from or left the CP.

In conjunction with various pacifist and centrist groupings who wished to take advantage in an opportunist manner of the Labour Party's defeat in the 1959 general election, they coalesced to organise the CND and Anti-Apartheid movements which grew at a startling rate from 1959 onwards.

Many prosperous sections of the working class were brought into politics. This resulted in an influx of young people into the YCL, despite the fact that the YCL-CP bureaucrats had persistently tried to adapt these movements to serve the requirements of the Soviet bureaucracy.

(Between the 23rd YCL congress of 1960 and the 24th in 1962, the membership in-

creased by 2,000 to the present figure of approximately 4,600.)

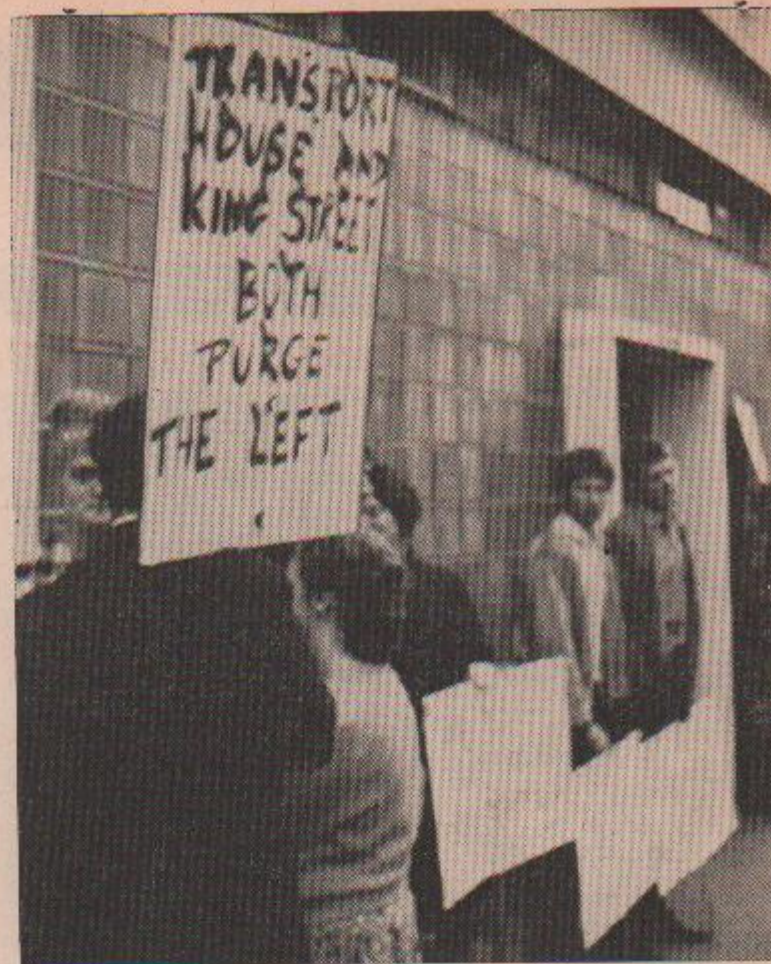
Unrest begins

When CND and similar movements began to decline, YCL members recruited from them began to examine their own organisations.

When they grasped the extent to which the YCL and CP were the tool of Moscow, many left disillusioned. Those who remained were encouraged by the open polemics of the Sino-Soviet dispute and the amazing success of the left wing of the Young Socialists.

The present unrest in the YCL was triggered off at this time. Discussion provoked by these events was unfavourable to the organisation.

This unrest was finally brought to a head this Easter by the Brighton decisions passed



YCLers protest against expulsions outside King Street headquarters

by the Young Socialists conference which enhanced and stimulated the struggle of the YCL left. This has resulted in the expulsion of over 20 YCLers.

In reply the expelled members refused to accept such bureaucratic action. They have organised an opposition within

the YCL, which is not only fighting on the question of the undemocratic nature of the expulsions, but is relating this to a political exposure of the anti-socialist programme imposed on the YCL by the same bureaucrats who expressed hostility to the left wing policies of the Young Socialists.

BOOKS

A Clergyman's Daughter

By George Orwell

Penguin paperback

A Clergyman's Daughter is George Orwell's first novel and in it he tells the story of a 28-year-old spinster who gets involved in a scandal after losing her memory and wandering off to London.

The story itself is of slight interest and, as the blurb mentions, one of the main values of the book is the insight it gives to the self-righteous blinkered world of the less well-off middle classes during the 1930s.

Dorothy, the subject of the book, starts and ends the story as the unpaid and grossly overworked assistant to her father, the Reverend Charles Hare, Rector of St. Athelstan's, Knype Hill, Suffolk.

During the time she is away from Knype Hill she picks hops in Kent, lives as a beggar sleeping in Trafalgar Square in London and does teaching at Ringwood House Academy for Girls, a terrifying and soul-destroying fourth-rate private school in a London suburb.

Really it is unsound to pretend that this novel has any real merit other than the social commentary Orwell gives during

Dorothy's adventures in and around London.

The description of the hop picking and the people who are compelled to take their holidays doing this work is very good. Particularly of interest are the occasional shafts of political insight, like the objection by one hop picker to the legislation made by the Labour government compelling farmers to provide fully adequate accommodation for the non-resident pickers he employed.

The result of this legislation was that the farmers did not extend the accommodation facilities adequately and compensated this by giving preference to local pickers.

This made it more difficult for Londoners to get jobs and they reacted by laying the blame at the door of the Labour government who had introduced the law.

Another interesting part of the book is the description of the tramps and derelicts who have to spend their nights on the benches in Trafalgar Square.

They attempt intermittently to get to sleep, only to be frequently roused by policemen checking that there is no disturbance.

Instead of providing decent houses and accommodation for these unfortunate outcasts, the state is concerned only to keep this far from 'dangerous' section of society in order.

As dawn approaches the tramps head for a nearby cafe, which opens at five o'clock and allows people to sit in the relative warmth of the cafe at the rate of four persons for

each cup of tea purchased.

As it is very rare for these people to have any money anyway, many of them frequently have to spend the entire night in the biting cold.

One way through which money is raised is by a young girl who lives on the square and who solicits throughout the night. If she has a bad night from the point of view of custom, she will oblige men for a cigarette towards the early hours.

This is one of the most pointed pieces of social commentary of the period.

Another sphere of social observations at which Orwell excels is in his descriptions of the less well-off middle classes. This is given in this book mainly in the account of Dorothy's experiences in teaching at Ringwood House.

After she has been teaching there a very short time she realises that the only education the girls are receiving is to learn a few scraps of different subjects and be told to go home and repeat them to their parents.

The only subject which is taken at all seriously is the immensely boring subject of stylish and affected styles of hand-writing. Dorothy does away with the daily stint of two hours copy writing and introduces some ideas of intelligent education into the syllabus.

When reading Macbeth the word 'womb' occurs. Dorothy explains what it means and one of the girls' parents gets to hear about this. Because of some of the other dangerous innovations

the new teacher is making, the parents of all the girls descend on the school one evening and make it quite clear to the principal, Mrs. Creevy that they will not allow their daughters to be taught 'pornographic' drivel of this sort.

Dorothy is summoned before the principal and given a thorough dressing-down before the assembled god-fearing gentefolk.

It is emphasised to her that her main function must be to teach the girls practical subjects like copy writing and arithmetic but decimals are not required and certainly no more Shakespeare.

This passage particularly shows Orwell's great understanding of the stupid arrogant and, above all, grossly ignorant attitudes and ideas of the English middle classes.

Here, indeed, was the material from which the fascists could build a force to destroy the labour movement.

At the time Orwell wrote 'A Clergyman's Daughter', the Labour government had betrayed the general strike and carried through a great attack on the working class by cutting dole money in 1931 to ease the economic crisis in which capitalism had become enmeshed.

The only comment on Orwell's political awareness that is necessary is that nowhere in this book does he mention the political significance of these backward and superstitious sections of the middle class or the steps the labour movement must take to eliminate this danger.

P.Y.

Lobby—1

All the reports in the press say that the Young Socialists who went on the lobby of Transport House were just a bunch of thugs and louts. This to me was a way of turning public opinion against the YS.

In my own opinion I cannot see that 500 young 'thugs' would miss a day's pay and pay the fare down to London just to 'cause trouble', when they could have 'caused trouble' in their own towns. This was never stated by the press.

K.G.,
Birmingham.

Lobby—2

The Young Socialists who went to lobby the Labour Party NEC members at Transport House on June 24 got exactly the same treatment and reaction from the police, the press and everybody as did the Mods and Rockers.

The police started all the violence, and the Young Socialists got blamed for it.

In fact Reg Underhill and Co. called in the police for 'police protection' against youth members of their own Party, when they came to ask serious questions about the future of the YS itself, and about policies for the working class.

This really shows up now who is on the side of the state, and who is fighting for the working class.

A.J.F.,
Wigan.

'Daily Worker' on the lobby

The day after the lobby of the Labour Party NEC at Transport House, the 'Daily Worker' carried a report and an editorial on the struggle within the Young Socialists.

In that edition, the 'Daily Worker' conveys the callous and cynical attitude of the Communist Party bureaucracy to the problems of British youth.

The report described how youngsters were 'sent sprawling to the ground' but offers no real protest against the provocative and brutal behaviour of the police.

It also mentions the expulsion of left-wing Young Socialist members and the closure of several branches.

But as to the political reasons for this disciplinary treatment of particular members and branches it is not forthcoming.

Len Williams, the Labour Party secretary, is reported to have said that the people on the Lobby were 'thugs', but this statement is not accompanied by any exposure of his lies.

The editorial is as fatuous a piece of verbal garbage as the Farrington Road Racing Gazette has ever produced. Headed 'Labour Youth' it claims to understand the problems of the Young Socialists.

'Young people join the YS in the main, to work for radical changes in society. Once in, however, they find this aim frustrated by the right wing leaders of the Labour Party, who try to impose their support for NATO and the colonial wars and their other non-socialist policies on the youngsters.'

It then goes on to claim that right-wing policy has 'provided conditions in which ultra-leftists and Trotskyists of various hues have been able to confuse some of the youngsters and still further disrupt the organisation.'

After having sown the seeds of its own confusion, the editorial goes on to state that the Young Socialists should fight to remove bans and proscriptions and the right-wing leadership; also to

attempt to unite the organisation on the basis of a 'genuine socialist policy'.

The editor of the 'Daily Worker' knows very well that these were the reasons for the lobby, yet it is used for a smear attack on the Trotskyists and ultra-lefts. It is the editor of the 'Daily Worker' who is confusing the issue.

The 'Daily Worker' is unable to give a clear political analysis and full support for the lobby and the struggle in the Young Socialists because the Communist Party is simultaneously facing a parallel struggle in the Young Communist League.

Many Young Communist League members have been expelled or face expulsion for pressing for a revolutionary socialist policy to replace the green covered handbook of 'parliamentary cretinism', 'The British Road to Socialism'.

The Young Communist League Congress, already postponed twice this year, has now been put back again.

Youth form the vanguard in the struggle to resolve the crisis of leadership in the British labour movement. Both the Labour Party and Communist Party executives have reason to fear their youth organisations.

The Labour Party leadership brought in the police to crush the youth membership of their own party and the Communist Party leadership, by attacking the most militant section of the Young Socialists, hypocritically sabotages the fight for socialism. All Keep Left readers must see that the lessons of the lobby are sharply posed in the Young Socialists and Young Communist League branches.

K.T.,
Middlesbrough.

Indecent exposure

By his contributions at the Denison House meeting after the lobby of the Labour Party's National Executive Committee on June 24, Roger Rosewall, the Young Socialist National Committee member from the Southern Region has rendered the YS the only service of which he is capable—an eloquent confession of the political bankruptcy and sheer cowardice of 'Young Guard'.

A questioner consistently asked him 'how do you build a Young Socialist branch?' Eventually he answered.

'Let's face it, there are only 3,000 of us. We haven't the resources of the right wing. We should do what the rebels in Radfan do . . . they make a tactical retreat to the mountains.'

His second piece of political indecent exposure was the claim that the right wing 'avoided politics' and fought on constitutional grounds. 'It is a mistake to let them do this. By keeping them within the constitution we can force the right wing to argue politically.'

He was referring to the closing down of the last National Committee meeting. A 'Young Guard' leaflet claimed that by insisting on informing the Streatham YS branch, who were lobbying outside, that the NC were opposed to the branch's suspension, the National Committee provided Underhill, the national youth officer, with a 'non-political' constitutional excuse to close down the National Committee meeting on behalf of the right wing.

The contempt the right wing hold for youth was brutally demonstrated at the YS lobby of the National Executive Committee, when police were summoned to punch and kick young people around Smith Square.

By fighting for our policies to win working class youth, we



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invoke suspensions and expulsions. When we fight these, the right wing answer by calling the police.

That is what constitution means for the right wing.

To them it is quite constitutional to gag and prosecute those whose policies conflict with theirs.

How then, Mr. Rosewall, can one 'argue politically' with the right wing within such a constitution? Only by having the same policies!

N.P.,
London.

Sadist police cadets?

E. A. Johns, a former assistant lecturer at a police cadet training school, wrote a letter to the 'Daily Telegraph' printed on June 3 contending that 86 of 100 at the school were out and out sadists and the majority were incapable of further education.

R. J. Webb, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, states in a letter dated June 15 to the 'Telegraph' that there is only a 25 per cent pass rate into the adult force from the cadets, but also carefully says that such elements are weeded out at an early stage in training.

Webb's deduction would seem to be incorrect, judging by the recent action of the police in Sheffield, Crewe and elsewhere. The beating-up of suspects with rhino whips and 'taking a youth for a ride' and then beating him up suggests that a large thug element exists.

Witness the moves of the police over the last year or two in their actions over the CND movement and now their attitude to the Mods and Rockers.

In a further letter to the 'Telegraph' on June 16, H. D. Perry, Chief Superintendent for London, S.W.2, says: 'What these young men (the cadets) need is not unfounded criticism, but a little more encouragement, understanding and support.'

This leaves us in no doubt of the feelings of police chiefs in their need for a ruthless police force which is now being geared to the needs of monopoly capitalism in big struggles by the dockers, miners and all other workers who will be involved in struggle in the near future.

Workers must build up the unions into a stronger force to resist the attempts, which will surely come, of the police to break up strikes and, as was shown in the Young Socialists lobby on Wednesday, June 24, in attacking youth in a vicious fashion.

B.K.,
Liverpool.

Tribune and youth

'Tribune', the supposedly 'left wing' socialist weekly, has once again shown where it really stands in the fight for socialist policies.

At a time of increasing attacks upon working-class youth, Mr. Fenner Brockway, a well-known Labour MP and supporter of the paper, asked in the House of Commons whether the Prime Minister would 'consider that there are alternative methods of correction for young offenders to fines, imprisonment and detention'. ('The Times', June 19.)

He doesn't object to the attack on youth only the method used!

Why does he believe young people are in rebellion against society? Not because they are sick of a society which offers many of them the alternative of

dead-end jobs or unemployment, but because of 'expanded spending power'. In other words, youth has too much money!

What is 'Tribune's attitude on conscription?

In their edition of June 19, Clive Jenkins expresses his thanks that oil may be found under the North Sea, which will save the Labour government the 'embarrassment' of defending capitalist oil interests in Aden and, no doubt, forcing youth into the army.

As British troops are being used in Cyprus Malaysia and British Guiana as well, it is obvious conscription will be reintroduced.

At least we have a foretaste of 'Tribune's attitude.

And what is their attitude to the Young Socialists, the only people who are waging a consistent fight to defend Mods and Rockers?

Ian Mikardo, another supporter, who is one of the National Executive Committee representatives on the National Committee of the Young Socialists, waltzed out of the meeting which supported the suspended Streatham Young Socialists branch.

These 'fake lefts' deserve no support whatsoever from Young Socialists. They use left-sounding phrases at times, but always end up helping the right wing.

We must be as sharp to them as we are in our attitude to 'Young Guard', since, basically, they represent the same tendency away from socialist policies.

A.D.,
Newcastle.

West Indian exploited

I am a West Indian worker and have been here since I was 13. When I left school I got a job trimming fur for a West End furrier.

When I started, they agreed to pay me £8 for a 42½-hour week and there were three of us on this job.

Then they sacked the other two and I had to do their work as well.

Now I have been told I am not old enough to earn this amount of money, so £3 was taken off my wages.

So now I have to find a new job.

S. Baptiste,
N. London.

Running capitalism

Wilson made it clear over Cyprus and Aden that as far as he and the right wing are concerned, Labour is quite prepared to carry out the policies of British imperialism abroad.

And at home, with the need of the bosses to deal with the increasing militancy in industry for wages, the future Minister of Labour, Mr. Ray Gunter made it equally clear that Labour will help the bosses.

What he said briefly in the right-wing journal 'Socialist Commentary' recently was that 'unless the unions face the facts of life as they are in the late 1960s' the state would have to set up industrial courts, with the authority of judicial courts.

Wilson's May Day speech and the Gunter article make it quite clear that instead of fighting for socialism, the right wing are all set to try to run capitalism better than the capitalists.

B.J.,
Yorkshire.

South Vietnam

Thanks for the mention in Keep Left (June issue, page 2). Your article on South Vietnam distorts a point I made at South Paddington Young Socialists. My point was that in the dispute between Western and Eastern power blocs over Vietnam, as over Korea, socialists could support neither bloc, but the self-determination of the people. The people of South Vietnam are by no means overwhelmingly pro-communist, but want genuine independence. 'Young Guard's position, stated editorially in the June issue (page 3), is for national liberation and against imperialism, East or West.

John Strauther,
S. Paddington YS.

● John Strauther and 'Young Guard' denounce the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe and China as imperialist and state capitalist. The right-wing leadership of the Labour Party do just the same. Here is one of the reasons why 'Young Guard' is not proscribed and Keep Left is.—Editor.

Organiser attacks YS

Mr. R. Evers, northern regional organiser of the Labour Party, was quoted as saying in the 'Daily Telegraph' on July 7: 'Young Socialist members are being used to create conditions of mistrust in the minds of the electorate!'

What is Mr. Evers talking about?

We find Mr. Wilson now becoming recognised by the ruling class as strike-breaker number one (see the sell-out of the television technicians and the sell-out of power workers).

Yet the Young Socialist conference at Brighton this year passed overwhelmingly a policy of nationalization of the basic industries under workers' control.

We, the Young Socialists, must have the right to put forward, as well as we are able, our conference decisions and fight for their implementation.

Mr. Evers goes on to say that the majority of Young Socialists members are being used to put forward the idea that the Labour Party is the first enemy and the second is the Tories.

The Young Socialists deny these allegations. We are quite determined to see the return of a Labour government which will, we feel, not introduce any fully socialist policies, as the action of Wilson recently has shown.

However, the whole working class must be brought to an understanding of the betrayals of Wilson and others (yes and the so-called left-wingers as well) and in the process build a real socialist Labour Party.

Mr. Evers further states he has sent letters to all constituency parties and Young Socialist branches that they should 'discipline any members who indulge in unconstitutional activity'.

In other words the socialist left must be broken up and expelled to enable the right wing to betray the working class.

Mr. Evers, and others like him, will find that they have bitten off more than they can chew and will see that Young Socialists do not intend to be intimidated in their fight against unemployment, conscription, etc., which the working class as a whole will have to face under a Labour or Tory government.

D.E.,
Liverpool.

We nail two lies:



LIE no. 1

'YS help the Tories'

The Tory 'Daily Telegraph' recently quoted, with approval, R. Evers, Northern Organiser of the Labour Party, who alleged that Young Socialists are being used to create 'mistrust in the minds of the electorate'.

This could lead, he said, to 'a continuance of Tory Government'. Here is the usual type of slander that we get from the right wing. It is interesting, however, to note how Mr. Evers is silent about the constant hob-nobbing which goes on between Harold Wilson, George Brown and others with the elite of the Tories.

Here we reproduce a photograph of Harold Wilson sitting in the Royal Box during the Wimbledon tennis tournament. With him is Lady Churchill, Dr. Beeching and Princess Marina, all stalwart Tories and no particular friends of working class youth.

Is not this the kind of association which is helping the Tories to win the election?

Stop slandering Young Socialists Mr. Evers and direct your fire against the real friends of the Tories who are the right-wing leadership of the Labour Party!

LIE no. 2

'The YS are thugs'

The Young Socialists who lobbied the National Executive Committee at Transport House have been described by Len Williams, Secretary of the Labour Party, as 'thugs'.

The only time violence was used during the lobby was when the police intervened and began to push Young Socialists around. Anyone who looks at this photograph can see who the real thugs were. But remember, it was right-wing members of the Labour Party who sent for the police and encouraged them to act in this way.



In a message to Young Socialists John Robertson says:

'Expelled or not fight for Conference decisions'

especially youth, can be mobilised for an all-out attack on the Tories and their system.

The expulsions and closures are a direct attack on this policy.

As a result of the Tory pre-election 'boom', calculated to burst just about the time a Labour government is elected, Wilson, Brown and the rest of the sell-out merchants at the top of the labour movement, will be landed with overwhelming economic and social problems.

The problems of the employers will also become more acute. This can only lead to further attacks by them on working-class conditions.

The present Labour leadership has neither the intention nor the policies to defend the interests of the workers against these attacks.

Wilson now floats from one meeting of directors to another assuring all of them, from ICI to the building societies, that they have nothing to fear from

a Labour government.

To the working class he offers conscription and a wage freeze (called 'planned growth of incomes' by the Frank Cousins and Ted Hills in the trade union movement).

This is the reason for the attack on the YS whose conference decisions are more of a threat than an embarrassment or irritant to the Labour leadership.

When Wilson was elected leader of the Labour Party, the attacks on the Young Socialists ceased temporarily. Since then, he has moved further and further to the right and the attacks have resumed.

With the failure of the Labour government, the Brighton decisions can become the rallying point within the labour movement for the development of an alternative leadership which can lead the working class to victory against the Tories.

On every issue that faces the

working class; housing, unemployment, nationalization, immigration control, conscription, the Labour leadership are retreating before the attacks of the Tories. Young Socialists will fight on these questions now and after the election.

We should reject all cries by the so-called 'left' for unity before the election. This has been the cry before the last three elections and the Labour Party has lost them all.

Where these 'lefts' stand was quite clearly shown at the last NEC meeting. Not one of them — Driberg, Greenwood, Mikardo, Jennie Lee or anyone else—voted against the expulsions. They do not fight now for socialist policies and they will not fight when a Labour government is elected.

One thing has been perfectly clear in the last few months—there has been no victory for the right-wing in their vicious witch-hunt of the Young Social-

ists. Witch-hunts are conducted by people who are in a weak position and who are afraid.

One need go no further than the case of Keep Left to show this.

Keep Left has decisively defeated the witch-hunt because it has continuously led the fight for policies and has gained the support of a vast number of Young Socialists in the process.

When I closed the conference at Brighton this year, I gave a pledge to the delegates that, expelled or not, I would fight for the YS conference decisions.

I repeat that pledge now. Nothing that the right wing in the Labour Party have done, including expulsion, can cut off my link with the YS.

This has been forged in four years of struggle within the YS and is beyond the reach of the right wing. For the same reason the right wing cannot destroy the YS.

Young Socialists should go forward now to build the movement, recruit more working class youth, demand a recall conference to decide our attitude to the present situation, and fight for the Young Socialists conference decisions.