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FORCE LABOUR TO RESIGN

The decision of the special TUC to accept the 4½% pay limit which the reformist Labour Government has imposed on the working class will certainly not halt the historic decline of British capitalism. The driving force behind Britain's bankruptcy is the world economic crisis, with Britain the weakest link in the capitalist chain.

The Labour administration has emerged as a counter-revolutionary force, doing all it can to protect capitalism, and in the process opening up the way for attacks on the working class by fascists. The Workers League says openly and plainly that the working class must use its industrial strength to bring down this government and to fight a new election on socialist policies.

Everything depends on mobilising the working class as an independent fighting force. A special conference of Labour must be called where a truly socialist programme is decided upon. This would mobilise the working class to score a resounding defeat over the Tories, and keep them and their Unionist class brothers from power.

To keep this government in power a day longer than necessary is to encourage the growth of right wing forces which will be used along with the army to smash the trade unions of the working class.

But this is precisely what the Stalinist Communist Party and their paper 'Unity'

falsely advocate ! The Communist Party which calls itself 'Marxist' refuse to call to bring down the Government. Yet week after week the Stalinists complain in 'Unity' about how the Labour Government is attacking the working class.

The Communist Party is just as responsible for these attacks because it keeps, along with the trade union bureaucracy, the rotten Labour government in power.

The struggle for revolutionary policies must be conducted in the working class which makes it a necessity to build the Workers League. It is for the purpose of conducting that struggle against the betrayals of Stalinism and reformism that Newsheet is being launched on a weekly basis.



Support bank workers

Down with Coalition !

The annual conference of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, due to begin on July 6 in Galway, must decide on class action to oppose the special law which the rotten coalition government has passed to limit the wages of the Southern bank workers. This will be central in our summer campaign.

The Congress must be inundated by resolutions from union branches and trades councils !

BUILD REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

SUMMER STATEMENT OF THE WORKERS LEAGUE

Whenever the capitalist class enters an insoluble crisis as at present, it will turn to armed groups of fascists in order to maintain its rule and profits. This is why the Ulster Special Corps of Baird has been formed. In a recent statement Baird has attacked workers who are drawing dole, and has asked for special concessions for small businessmen. Pure fascist ideology!

The working class can certainly deal with the fascists. The USC does not have as yet a mass base, despite being joined by the Down Orange Welfare paramilitary group, the Apprentice Boys of Derry, the Independent Orange Order and the UDA. The great danger to the working class comes from reformism and stalinism in the workers movement itself.

What the IUC leaders have done in accepting the 4 1/2 per cent pay limit is to split the working class. After this will come cuts in the social services demanded by the large monopolies and international bankers. Such betrayals fuel the racists in Britain and the right wing sectarian bigots in Ulster.

Reformism, in the form of this present Labour government, is what drives the middle class into the arms of the racist and bigoted sectarian right wing forces. All those trade union leaders, all those stalinists and revisionists who REFUSE to campaign to force the resignation of this Labour government share EQUAL responsibility!

Social Democracy in the North in the shape of the SDLP, leads the working class into a terrible trap, by carrying on discussions with right wing pro-imperialist and utterly anti-working class politicians, the Unionists.

The stalinist Communist Party is prepared to betray the whole trade union movement by allowing its members Barr and Graham stand on the same trade union platform as Paisley and Craig, who hate the unions.



Andy Barr (extreme left of picture) on platform with Craig and Molyneux.

None of the movements of Republicanism have got either the policies or method to unite the working class. Only a marxist revolutionary party can fight for the democratic revolution and for the national unity of the country, because this task falls to the working class alone.

The Official Republicans are stalinist in policy and outlook. A Mr Brian Brennan, chairman of the Belfast Executive of the pro-Official Republican Clubs welcomes the SDLP talks, and refers to the utterly middle class Alliance as 'progressive'.

The Provisional IRA has through its policy of bombing done a lot to deepen the divisions in the working class. And all it can manage politically is to call for a Unionist dominated 'nine county' state, which means in reality right wing dictatorship.

The Labour Party in the South has betrayed its revolutionary origins, and every worker in Ireland by its shameful collaboration with the Fine Gael Tory party. It now viciously attack the bank workers, while the ICTU bureaucracy prepares the way by betrayal.

These betrayals only serve as indication of a rapid turn away from struggle by all of these groups. It is nothing but the historic road taken by reformism Stalinism and revisionism in a revolutionary period.

In the face of a fascist movement in the North, betrayal has serious consequences.

Trotsky long ago answered those who look for and emphasise the 'splits' in the ruling class, dealing with fascism in Germany.

'If at present, even influential layers of the bourgeoisie fear the fascist experiment, precisely because they want no convulsions, no long and severe civil war, the capitulating policy of official Communism...clearing the road to power for the fascists...would completely push the middle classes and the as yet vacillating sections of the petty bourgeoisie, as well as considerable sections of the proletariat itself, to the side of Fascism.'

Only the working class organised independently can stop Fascism.

We ask workers and youth to join the Workers League or the Young Socialists and to fight for these policies during our summer campaign against unemployment.

In every Trades Council and trade union reformism and stalinism must be stopped in its tracks.

Force the SDLP to break off talks with the right wing unionists!

Force the Southern Coalition government to resign!

Force the Labour Party to fight for power indepently!

Force the British Labour Government to resign!

A special Labour Party conference to decide socialist policies to defeat the Tories and Unionists!

For a Workers and Small Farmers Government in Ireland!

KICK THE SDLP OUT OF TALKS !

There is no end to the betrayals of the SDLP. They are now engaged in talks with right wing Unionists, and even leaders of the Orange Order, in order to bring in a new Northern Ireland government which would resurrect the sectarian state set up in 1922 and would have the effect of deepening the divisions in the working class north and south.

They must now qualify as the most contemptible social democracy in Europe. It was SDLP leaders like Hume and Cooper who first called the catholic workers out on rent strike after Faulkner interned thousands of workers. Then when Faulkner gave them jobs in the 'power-sharing' Assembly, the SDLP men went out and told the catholic workers they would be fined if they did not pay up !

The SDLP have now moved even closer to the Northern ruling class. There is no doubt that opportunists like Fitt would accept anything which would guarantee him a position. He does not care two staws for the catholic workers, never mind the Protestant working class.

The SDLP climbed to power on the backs of the catholic workers who fought for Civil Rights in 1969. They were composed of members from NILP, Republican Labour and even Nationalist parties. Having used the working class these opportunists have never been slow at dumping those same workers. They are doing this now.

However, since they are forced to adopt a social democratic programme, then we have the right to insist that they carry it out, even their minimum demands.

This means that the working class must force them out of the present talks, they must be forced to fight on a programme of uniting Protestant and Catholic workers.



Hume and Cooper

Our clear call for the SDLP to withdraw from the talks is in clear contrast to the Stalinist Communist Party, which has welcomed the talks with the right wing.

The only way to deal with the SDLP is to build a revolutionary party in the working class. The latest betrayals of Stalinism and reformism must make us redouble our efforts to build this organisation, the Workers League.

June Fund.. push up total

As the trade union leaders, the SDLP, the Stalinist Communist Party, the Southern Labour Party all betray the working class, the Workers League launch the weekly Newsheet. We are most confident of your support. Post immediately your donation to

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YOUTH FORUM

JOBLESS UP AGAIN YOUTH ARE HIT WORST

More and more young people are leaving school and ending up on the dole with absolutely no prospect of work.

The June figures on unemployment, issued by the Department of Manpower Services revealed that 4,708 school-leavers did not get work.

This does not include of course the large numbers of students and newly qualified teachers who have not got a hope of work.

The number of school-leavers is 3,137 up on the number out of work in June of last year. This shows that the problem has trebled in just one year.

The Norths unemployment blackspot remains Strabane, Co. Tyrone, with 27.3% of its workers on the dole. Newry is not far behind with 24%, while areas in Belfast such as Ballymurphy is even higher !

A decision has been taken by the Young Socialists to recruit fresh layers of youth into the YS to meet this situation.

This means the struggle for a political understanding of the crisis. We stand in total opposition to the so called 'Connolly Youth Movement', the youth movement of the Stalinist Communist Party.

By trying to reform the system, for example through a Bill of Rights, the Stalinists aim to lead youth away from revolutionary politics.

Instead of trying to reform the system the Young Socialists is determined to destroy it, and replace it by socialism. Every youth who agrees with our policies should join up immediately.

Strabane

27.3 %

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socialists*

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THE DEPRESSION: *Wandering the streets in the hopeless search for a job*