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VICTORY! LANDSLIDE FOR ZANU(PF) IN ZIMBABWE

ZANU(PF) has achieved the most comprehensive political victory over British imperialism. Out of 80 seats up for election (the whites have 20 specially reserved), ZANU(PF) took 57 seats and ZAPU, their partner in the Patriotic Front, took 20. Bishop Muzorewa, Maggie's favourite took 3. The other parties were also rans. When Muzorewa 'won' the previous 'internal election', the British press was fond of telling us how 'free and fair' the election was! Now, the lies of the imperialists and the press can be clearly seen for what they were.

ZANU(PF)'s victory has caused a storm. On the day the election results were declared, a top British army man screamed at a Rhodesian official, "We taught you how to hold free and fair elections and still bring about a right-wing Government - and you got it wrong." (Quoted in the Observer).

And that sums up two things about ZANU'S victory in the election; British imperialism has had a really big defeat but they cannot understand how or why it happened.

The British state, big business and the army chiefs and press were all sure they could use "free and fair elections" to install a regime which would be at their beck and call. And to achieve it, they used every murderous weapon at their command, because that's what they mean when they talk of "freedom" and "fairness".

What they can never understand is a united people's unswerving support for a Party that represents their real needs and wishes. ZANU has been deeply rooted in the people for many years. It has served the people well and won immense support from them. It is a party of the people. Imperialism cannot buy or beat or kid its way round that.

The armed struggle of ZANU and the Patriotic Front was waged against a military force of over 142,000 that spent £5,250,000 every week on bombs, napalm, the pollution of wells with typhoid germs, and on arms from Britain, South Africa and the USA. The reactionaries killed

25,000 Zimbabweans and drove 850,000 off their land. The imperialists and the settler regime used every trick they learnt from their long history of bloody suppression. Selous Scout troops posing as ZANU fighters, committed murders and atrocities against missionaries and Zimbabweans in an attempt to turn international support and the support of the people of Zimbabwe away from Zanu. They failed. They tried to split the Patriotic Front. They failed.

ZANU(PF) and its army ZANLA were not to be diverted. They relied on the people. They did the brunt of the fighting, liberating new territories and extending the armed struggle throughout the country. They built and maintained a United Front with ZAPU, while maintaining their own initiative, and they forced the imperialists and the settlers back, until they conceded an election. Despite three months of manoeuvre, bias and intimidation by Lord Soames, Smith and Muzorewa's auxiliary forces ZANU(PF) won. It won because as a ZANU(PF) speaker recently said: "Our election

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Meccano pickets still fighting



The Meccano workers' fight for their jobs in Edge Hill, Liverpool, goes on despite threats from the High Court and lack of union backing. After 98 days of occupation, a High Court order was made to evict them and reclaim the £2½ million worth of stock. In response to this threat they were advised by Mr Mike Egan, the district officer for the General and Municipal Workers Union to "go quietly".

However, the workers occupied the factory and prepared to fight on but after 102 days of occupation, bailiffs backed by the police smashed their way into the factory at 5am on Tuesday, March 11th. Kenny Barr, an injection mould setter at Meccano told reporters, "I heard the banging. Next thing, they forced the door with a sledgehammer and pickaxes. About 40 bailiffs 70 policemen came through and ushered us out.

There was no violence but they manhandled us out. People are very bitter. They have not been allowed to get their personal possessions out this morning and some union material is still inside."

The Liverpool Echo and Merseyside's Radio City treated the eviction of the workers as a very amicable affair. Photo-Continued on p3

EDITORIAL

The victories of the Zimbabwean people are a tremendous step forward - not only for themselves but for the cause of African liberation, the anti-imperialist struggle of the third world in general and the world-wide struggle for socialism. ZANU's election victory arose from its reliance over 14 years on an armed struggle which mobilised the masses.

It has shown that people's war combined with strategy and tactics aimed at uniting all, in Zimbabwe and internationally, who can be united against the main enemy is the way forward - not empty revolutionary slogans.

Now ZANU(PF) has built a united cabinet to tackle the immediate tasks. The Trotskyites cannot understand it and denounce it. Why? Because they have no concept of Marxism-Leninism or of the situation in Zimbabwe.

What is the situation now? Zimbabwe has many enemies - British imperialism, the two super-powers and South Africa stand outside. Inside they have their agents and there are other reactionaries too.

Marxism-Leninism long ago developed an understanding of the general orientation of the struggle for national liberation; and the role of communists in that struggle. Summing up the experience of many struggles, it is clear that although the working class faces many enemies it need not fight them all at the same time. That would lead to defeat.

Broadly that strategy can be defined as: Isolate the main enemy at each stage, unite all who can be united at that time, and defeat the enemies one by one.

Basically the revolutionary struggle can be broken into two stages - national liberation and socialism.

Zimbabwe today is still not free from imperialism. The balance of political power has shifted dramatically, but independence must be consolidated. That is the stage now.

ZANU(PF) understand their situation well. They are uniting all who can be united against their present main enemy. At the same time they are carrying out reforms which gradually consolidate and strengthen the power of the workers and peasants of Zimbabwe, and thus preparing the ground for future advance.

They are also well aware of the possible threat from South Africa, which is not only a direct danger but also raises the possibility that the Soviet Union would be invited into Zimbabwe by its agents to "save" Zimbabwe - in other words to control it itself. We have not forgotten Angola.

The Trotskyites who think that in this situation Mugabe will be making statements that would invite such a development are idiots. They are also stupid if they think that what Mugabe says about it at this time, and what Zimbabwe will actually do are necessarily the same thing.

Unlike the Trotskyites and revisionists who stand on the sidelines carping and criticising with as much thought as they blow their own noses, we will continue to support our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe, who have shown their masterful grasp of strategy and tactics, given the British people such a good example of it, and inspired us with their heroic victories.

From our postbag

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The Editor welcomes letters on any topic. Let us have your suggestions and criticisms of the paper. What do you think of the new format? How can we improve it? What's going on in your locality?

FASCIST VIOLENCE

Dear Editor,

I was interested to read your item headed **More assassinations in Belfast** in a recent issue of **Class Struggle**.

It is clear that the mass media deliberately downplay the sectarian violence which is committed by the Loyalist thugs and paramilitary groups. These people are misguided workers who, eaten up by the religious bigotry instilled in them by Orange society, unwittingly serve the purposes of British imperialism in keeping the Ulster working class divided and by acting as a last ditch terrorist weapon against Irish nationalists.

Birds of a feather flock together it seems, for some of the Loyalist element in the Irish communities in England and Scotland particularly in Glasgow and in Liverpool, work in close alliance with the Nazis.

Recent months have seen violent attacks on the Troops Out Movement and provisional Sinn Fein activities by thugs organised by the British Movement. For instance, the latest internal British Movement bulletin boasts that its members played a leading part

in attacking the 1980 Bloody Sunday commemoration march held in Birmingham on January 27th. The British Movement Nazis were marshalled by the BM number two Peter Marriner, who is also a member of the fascist League of St George and former election agent to Brian Walden, ex-Labour member of Parliament.

The National Front has strong links with the UDA, and their publication **Ulster** (run through a front called the Ulster Information Service from the UDA HQ in 297 Newtownards Road, Belfast) was on sale at the NF march on November 11th. The paramilitary groups send arms over here as well - the recent arrests of BM members (in Birmingham again) revealed considerable arms caches. We hear the BM activist Rod Roberts has said these arms came from his "friends in northern Ireland."

At one point, Loyalist paramilitary involvement in the British Nazi scene was so worrying that Special Branch paid Martin Webster regular sums of money to keep them informed. This led to Martin narrowly escaping being beaten up by UVF heavies on one occasion. The paramilitarists retain links with Paisley's DUP.

These developments go unremarked by the press of course, and not through their lack of knowledge. The press reveals itself to be even more of a tool of oppressive British imperialism than it is of capitalism in general.

Best wishes in your struggle,
PG.

CUT BACKS

Dear Editor,

Four children have been snatched from their parents as a direct result of the sweeping cuts that are attacking Social Services, Mr and Mrs Taj Din of Wandsworth, an East African family, were recently made homeless when they discovered that their leasehold flat had been taken illegally. Normally, the Wandsworth Housing Project would have provided emergency accommodation until the family found somewhere else to live. However, the council has just cut the Project's funding, and so because Mr and Mrs Din were homeless, their four children were thrown into care. Perhaps someone should remind the council that it costs at least £50 a week to keep just one child in care, apart from the distress caused to the family.
SR.

BABIES AND BANNERS

International Working Women's Day was marked in Liverpool by showing the film *With Babies and Banners*. The film, made by women, was about the great Flint sit-down strike of the winter of 1936/37. The story was told in the words of veterans of the strike, with lots of newsreel footage from the time.

Flint was a company town owned and controlled by General Motors. For the workers it was a dog's life. Women recalled their husbands coming home too tired to hold a fork to eat with. The men rebelled and sat down in one of the plants, while women workers left to scotch rumours spread by the bosses of sexual mingling. Genora Johnson, the wife of one of the strikers, went down to the union hall to find out what she could do to help. "You can help in the kitchen" they said, but she wasn't having this. She called a meeting of women to form the Women's Emergency Brigade. As the strike wore on, it became clear that something more had to be done to win it. In plant 4 the motors were made for a low-priced Chevrolet whose other parts were made nationwide. If the workers could close that plant down, they'd really have the bosses by the short and curlies. So they leaked out a rumour via a stool pigeon that they intended switching the action to a third plant - No9. Accordingly the entire city police force and Women's Emergency Brigade all gathered down there, while inside the men sat down. Suddenly a worker inside smashed a window and shouted "They're gassing us" and the women swung into action with their blackjacks, smashing the windows to disperse the teargas. Then the Emergency Brigade sauntered off to where the real action was - plant No4. As they got down there they saw that the City police force had cottoned on and were arriving in large numbers. It was the women who held the gates against the police while the strikers got into the building. They played for time, arms linked, spread-eagled across the gates, until they saw a horde of men and women coming down the road singing *Solidarity Forever*. It was this action that won the strike and forced the company to negotiate.

A leading role in the strike was played by the then-revolutionary Communist Party of the United States. One veteran paid tribute to it, saying that without members of the CPUSA they wouldn't have had the know-how. In general, however, its role was down-played.

MECCANO

Dear Editor,

I enclose a Dinky toy box, It contained a car sent to my son by a relative the day after the newspapers reported the bailiff's moving into the Meccano factory in Liverpool.

It says clearly on it: Meccano Ltd, Binns Road, Liverpool. It also says in small letters: *Made to Dinky specifications in Hong Kong.*

Doubtless, Meccano and its owners - Airfix - will be making more profits paying pitance wages to workers in Hong Kong.

fraternally,
GD.

Now these veterans know that the struggle must go on. The United Autoworkers Union that they fought so hard to build is like our sell-out unions over here. The film included footage of a UAW jamboree held to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the strike. Only a near riot on the floor of the meeting forced the platform to let Genora Johnson up to speak.

In Speke Community Centre, the film moved its small audience to tears - tears of pride and emotion at the really heroic role played by the women and the

strikers. A recently-widowed pensioner gave £5 towards the Meccano occupation collection, in memory of her husband who had struggled all his life. Another commented "we need the red flag flying here!"

In Liverpool, one comment was "I'd like to show it to the men shop stewards at our place, to show them what women can do when they get going!" The Liverpool showing included a programme of songs. They ranged from classics like *Union Maid* by Woody Guthrie to humorous ones about housework and songs to celebrate the struggle of the Irish and Zimbabwean women to free their nations.

Other events in Liverpool for International Working Women's Day included the setting up of stalls in a central shopping area where literature about Liverpool's Rape Crisis Centre, the Campaign for safe and legal abortion, the forced mass sterilisation of women in Puerto Rico and many other issues concerning women was available. Also the Women's Action Group did a very pithy bit of street theatre about the effect on women of the present Government cuts.

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Liverpool.



Meccano workers join the Liverpool demonstration against the cuts.

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graphs were published giving the impression of police and workers laughing and joking together. The national press played down the eviction too. The *Daily Telegraph* in its report referred to there being only 36 policemen. The 40 bailiffs, *Class Struggle* was told, seemed to have been recruited from cities and towns throughout the North West including Manchester.

The bourgeois press and media have good reason for playing down the 'eviction' at Meccano. There are also workers sitting-in at the Massey Ferguson factory in Kirkby on Merseyside. They too are faced with their factory's closure. The struggle of the unemployed is like a tinder box for the capitalists and their spokesmen who are afraid of unemployed and employed workers uniting in

militant struggle around such closures as Meccano. It is this fear which gives us the key to the struggle against closures. That is unity of employed and unemployed workers in defence of jobs. Only such unity can force concessions from the capitalists and strengthen the workers' struggle to bury the rotten capitalist system which throws healthy workers on the scrap heap.

The Meccano workers are now picketing the factory gate, night and day, in order to stop the machinery being moved out. Support from workers throughout Merseyside is essential for this to succeed.

Send financial aid to Meccano Fighting Fund, c/o Mike Egan, GMWU, 99 Edge Lane, Liverpool, L7 2PE.

A WORKER'S NOTEBOOK

SINCE our last report on the contraceptive Depo-provera, the Committee on Safety of Medicines has decided not to approve the injection until further research has been carried out. At present, the manufacturer, Upjohn Ltd, have a product license in Britain even though tests carried out on animals have proved that high doses of the drug have produced cancer of the breast and cervix. In Britain, and especially in parts of London, Newcastle and South Wales, many hundreds of women have already been given this potentially dangerous contraceptive injection. Files on the drug include details of a 15 year old West Indian girl given the injection without her knowledge whilst under an anaesthetic following an abortion operation. Depo-provera is particularly open to this kind of anti-working class abuse. In a capitalist society like Britain, health care for the working class will always come last. The example quoted typifies the high-handed attitude towards working class (and especially national minority) women in giving treatment without consent or explaining the implications of the treatment and also in denying the right of these women to have children at all.

FOLLOWING recent reports that a private medical concern is to take over St George's Hospital, London, many more hospitals standing on prime sites in the centre of London are for the chop. Reports just out from the DHSS and London University recommend a list of closures including, the Hospital for Women in Soho (78 beds), Westminster Children's Hospital in Victoria (94 beds), the Royal Hospital and School of Dental Surgery, Leicester Square, etc. Hospitals sold in such expensive areas as these will never be replaced and millions of pounds of profit will be bled from the NHS. We support the staff of the Westminster Hospital and St George's who are already fighting back, not just for their own jobs but for patients too.

MORE legal tricks from the Government and the Courts recently as a High Court judge ruled that Mr Jenkin, Health and Social Services Secretary, acted illegally last April when he sacked the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority administrators. At that time the Authority members refused to implement the £5 million cuts demanded of them and were replaced by Commissioners who promptly closed two hospitals and cut services in others. So now the administrators have been reinstated and justice has been done! Justice for whom? Not for the people who depended on the now empty St John's Hospital in Lewisham or St Olive's Hospital in Rotherhithe; nor for those waiting even longer for a kidney transplant at Dulwich or major heart surgery at King's College. And how very convenient of the High Court to hear the case just in time to neatly reinstate them on April 1st and yet much too late for them to stop the cuts. Who will pay the £15,000 court costs? The Health Department!

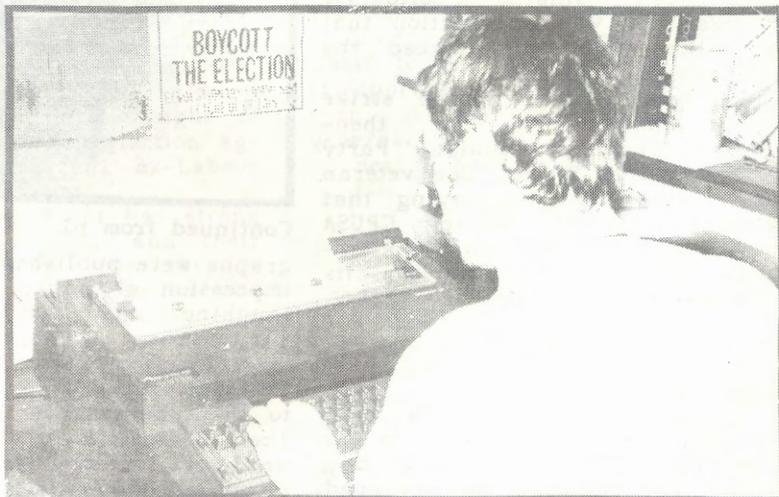
STATE LIBELS THE POOR AND DEFENCELESS

On March 10th, the Daily Mirror reported the case of a woman who was branded as a prostitute because she had a colour television. Officials decided she must have sold sex to pay for it because she was unemployed, single and had six children. The 'suspicions' of these petty bureaucrats were recorded on official documents and circulated to three schools where the woman's children went. What the social services did not bother to find out was why. They were satisfied with jumping to their grubby conclusions. The TV was in fact a gift from a charity to stimulate her autistic son. But far more important than showing up the official's prejudices this case raises questions on the whole matter of social security snooping and the secret and unchecked files kept on claimants. In contrast to the lies of the press which claim social security claimants are scroungers, this case shows how much the Department of Social Security attempts to degrade claimants. Unmarried mothers are particular victims of this oppressive social security set-up.

SUPPORT THE RCL-CWM PRESS FUND

As the RCL and the CWM move towards unity and our two newspapers prepare to merge, we have already started to buy equipment to improve our publications.

No doubt you will have noticed that we have introduced a new format in this issue! That is only possible because we have a new electronic advanced typewriter (see picture) and that cost money - £1,400 altogether. We have also bought a camera for the plate-making process. There is more equipment we need - mainly to improve the efficiency of our distribution system and we will have to spend to get extra premises ready.



Already money has started to come in. One reader sent £100. That's great! Even if you can only afford to send 10p that's also a big help. It all mounts up.

So, if you read Class Struggle or New Age and you want to help us to build an even better paper - you know how to help. Write for Class Struggle and sell it. Make it your paper, and, if you can, make a donation now. Maybe you can give a small amount every week.

All donations to New Era Books, 203 Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Please include a note saying it's for the RCL/CWM Press Fund.

ANWAR DITTA DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Class Struggle publishes the almost full text of a statement issued by the Anwar Ditta Defence Committee, c/o 127 Crawford Street, Rochdale.

Anwar Ditta's family is being destroyed by Britain's immigration controls. Anwar was born in Birmingham and brought up in Rochdale. She married her husband Mr Shuja Ud Din in Pakistan, where they had three children - Karan, 9; Imran, 7, and Saima 6. In 1975, Anwar and her husband returned to Rochdale, leaving the children with their grandparents while they found work and a home. They then sent for the children but they were refused entry on the grounds that "the couple had not established that they were the parents of the three children."

So what is the evidence? Anwar has birth certificates, medical records and photographs which show conclusively that the children are her own. Solicitors say that the evidence is so conclusive that it need only be presented at the appeal to prove the case. But if the documents will satisfy the appeal, why was the original application rejected? The reason is simple: the Home Office has refused to admit Anwar's children because they are black.

Compare Anwar's case with that of Mrs Shirley Webb who was deserted by her husband in South Africa. She appealed to the Prime Minister, and last July she was allowed to enter Britain with her four children. Anwar has also written to Mrs Thatcher, but all she received was a curt reply: "Your letter is receiving attention." And the difference? Mrs Webb is white and Anwar is black.

As Anwar says, "There are plenty of people in Britain who could prove that they are my children, but no one has asked them." She has offered to pay the expenses for an investigator

Killer freed by racist court

The killer of Mr Kayumarz Anklesaria walked free from the Old Bailey on March 5th after Mr 'Justice' Comyn gave him a conditional discharge. John Till, 20, an unemployed youth from Bow in East London, admitted the manslaughter of Mr Anklesaria in a late-night tube attack last August. Till and his friends had been drinking in Bethnal Green before they caught the train. Mr Anklesaria was on his way home to Forest Gate from praying in a temple. He was attacked by the gang and Till kicked him in the head. The victim collapsed and died of a brain haemorrhage. Till fled from the train and was arrested five days later.

Mr Anklesaria, a forty-four year old motor mechanic came down to London from Pakistan in 1953. He was known to his friends as Baboo and described as a kind and gentle man.

The judge told Till, "By a quirk in the law it has been pointed out to me that with someone like you I could only pass a sentence of six months or three years. Three years is too severe." The learned judge's meaning is only too clear. No end of loopholes can be found in the law to free the killer of a Pakistani. East London immigrants and anti-racists are incensed at the verdict. And in the last analysis it is not Till, the unemployed and misguided youth, who is the real culprit. It is the decadent capitalist system which has turned East London into a cess-pit of decay which systematically propagates racist filth to divide the people and divert them away from fighting the class enemy. Last but not least, the capitalist state itself; of which Mr 'Justice' Comyn, with his particular variety of racist law and order, is a fine example. East London Class Struggle correspondents.

to fly to Pakistan, but the Home Office refused. When Anwar suggested that a blood test would establish that she was the mother of the children, the Home Office replied, "There is no need to go that far." Yet the Home Office have used blood tests in their attempts to deport Abdul Azad. When Anwar recently enquired about the progress of the appeal, she was told to come back in 1980 or 1981! And that, after five hours interview by an abusive immigration officer at Manchester Airport.

Mr Ud Din, Anwar's husband, has to work seven days a week to support the two parts of the family. As Anwar says, "No one works seven days a week for someone else's children."

BRING ANWAR'S CHILDREN HOME!

Anwar Ditta has been struggling to unite her family for four years. She has been fighting the British Immigration Authorities so that her three children can join her from Pakistan. The Home Office has refused to examine the proof that the children belong to Mrs Ditta and her husband Mr Ud Din. The attack on this family is yet another example of the racism of the British authorities and their immigration laws. The fact that Anwar is legally entitled to bring her children to Britain has not prevented the immigration laws being used to break up the family.

Anwar Ditta applied to the Home Office in 1976 under a Labour Government, who refused her application. Now she is fighting a Tory Government - for Anwar there is no difference between the two parties: both have stopped her children entering Britain. It is part of a general attack conducted by Labour and Tory Governments alike against black people in Britain today. The justice that Anwar is offered is forced repatriation to Pakistan - for that is the ONLY way the Home Office would like to see Anwar and her family united.

This is the context in which this campaign is being waged. A victory for Anwar and her husband will be a victory for all black people harassed by the state.

The case of Abdul Azad in Oldham shows that victories can be won. Abdul was threatened by deportation but a campaign solidly based in the local community ensured that he won his fight to stay in Britain. The campaign to unite this family is part of that same anti-racist struggle.

WHO KILLED

BLAIR PEACH?



REMEMBER BLAIR PEACH - DISBAND THE SPG

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DOWN WITH RACIST LAWS

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RALLY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE



"My heart went bang, bang, bang!" said Robert Mugabe after hearing the official election result which declared ZANU the outright victors.

ZIMBABWE—WHAT NOW?

The people of Zimbabwe have won a decisive victory. Now comes the question — what next? Doubtless, there are plenty of 'revolutionaries' in Britain ready to tell them! Not that these self-proclaimed 'revolutionaries' understand the first thing about the situation in Zimbabwe. But that won't worry them. They, especially the Trotskyites, have a ready made perfect recipe for socialism. It hasn't worked before but never mind. They will be falling over themselves to tell the Zimbabwean people what to do. This is nothing new. They've been doing it all along.

PAST ATTACKS

"Sell Out!" some of the Trotskyites cried out when Mugabe agreed to attend the Lancaster House talks. "Sell Out" more cried at the agreement. "British troops out of Zimbabwe" the 'Revolutionary' Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) shouted when Soames moved in, in a determined attempt to be more revolutionary than the ZANLA guerrillas. ZANU'S tactics were not following their recipes!

WHO WAS RIGHT?

ZANU has been proved right! ZANU knew it had the mass support. ZANU understood the various contradictions and played one enemy off against another. British imperialism, despite what it would like to do, did not dare to join in a war against the Zimbabwean people, not when the eyes of the

third world were watching carefully and when the African and other third world countries had already shown that they were prepared to act against British imperialism's economic interests elsewhere.

ZANU did make concessions at Lancaster House. It did accept conditions such as the reserved white seats and the concentration of guerrillas into assembly areas. However, it relied on the strength of the people and insisted the guerrillas remained armed. ZANU knew that there would be intimidation and imperialist attempts to gain votes for Muzorewa through a combination of manoeuvres and intimidations. But who won?

REVISIONISTS, TOO HAVE PLENTY OF ADVICE!

It wasn't only the Trotskyites who were ready with their advice and condemnations. The Soviet Union and the CPGB through the *Morning Star* jumped to complain that ZANU fought the election as an independent party. They wanted ZANU to stand on a single slate with ZAPU as the Patriotic Front and attacked ZANU for "splitting the vote" which might allow a Muzorewa victory. Their argument was ridiculous. The election was a proportional representation election, so it could make virtually no difference to the vote. What were they really upset about? They were upset about ZANU exercising its own initiative and putting forward

its own programme. They were upset because through a manoeuvre they wanted equal representation of ZANU and ZAPU. They were afraid of ZANU leading a Zimbabwe that is too independent and independent from both superpowers. They didn't want a ZANU majority and they couldn't give a damn about what the people of Zimbabwe want.

MORE TROTSKYITE GARBAGE

Now, of course, the Trotskyites are crying "sell out" again. They attack Mugabe's statements reassuring the white settlers. They want him to nationalise their land and to keep them out of the cabinet, so when ZANU uses General Walls alongside the PF commanders and declares they will not attack South Africa tomorrow or next week, the Trotskyites say: there, we told you so — Mugabe's sold out.

In other words, Trotskyites urge ZANU to unite all its enemies, take them all on at once and stand alone, noble and, dead. If that were not enough, Trotskyites would welcome the intervention of the world's most aggressive power, the Soviet Union. That way forward offers the Zimbabwean people nothing but defeat.

"If Mugabe were to call on workers to take over their factories and peasants to seize the white farms and to form a people's army based upon the guerrilla forces, the basis for a new state would be laid in Zimbabwe.

But it is unlikely that ZANU(PF) will adopt this strategy. Even worse, Mugabe is talking of a 'good neighbour' policy towards South Africa."

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ZANU OFFERS THE ONLY CORRECT WAY

ZANU seeks to unite all who can be united against the principal enemy — Britain and the superpowers. The main task of the present period is not to take on new enemies but to firmly secure the victory so far achieved.

Zimbabwe will rely upon the main anti-imperialist forces — the non-aligned countries and the Organisation of African Unity. It will "continue to deepen our alliance with those who have been our truest friends: China, Yugoslavia and Romania" as ZANU have recently proclaimed.

It will seek to neutralise some enemies: thus, for the time being it will not lead any kind of military attack upon South Africa and it will take advantage of the contradictions between the superpowers and second world countries and permit some controlled foreign investment.

DIVIDE THE ENEMIES

Inside Zimbabwe the main tasks are again to isolate the main enemy - the big foreign companies and to progressively eliminate their control over the economy. A crucial factor in achieving this is to win over most white settlers whose interests are opposed to foreign companies. One white businessman said last week that the foreign companies that control most of the mines and have been moving a lot of their capital out, "...don't seem to care about the future, they just want to get their money out. It gets my back up." (Quoted in Newsweek) This type of person can be won over. That's why there are two white settlers in the cabinet and why Smith hasn't been shot; why civil servants have been told their pensions won't be taken away from them; why private business and settler farmers have been reassured, and why General Walls is still there but very carefully watched. "I guess we have a future after all." (White teenager quoted in Newsweek)

ADVANCE STEP BY STEP

These careful concessions and reassurances to the white settlers do not at all prevent the big changes necessary in the organisation of agriculture, mining and urban industrial life. The huge tracts of unused land abandoned in the liberation war will be used for the building of 900 agricultural cooperatives; a health service and education system will be built and the civil service and other power structures are being changed. Land will be redistributed in an orderly fashion - black and white will get equal wages for equal work; the South African elements in the army have already gone; the auxiliaries are being disbanded; reservists stood down and the process of weeding out the disloyal elements in the old army is proceeding alongside its integration with the armies of ZANLA and ZIPRA. All this means that as well as attacking foreign control, the basis for future advance is being carefully laid as well. The process of building the revolution has begun. It will be a long and difficult struggle and there is no guarantee of success. ZANU is a relatively young party and has many problems to deal with, but the start it has made is inspiring.

UNITE ALL WHO CAN BE UNITED

The present period of reconciliation was summed up by a rank and file ZANU member in London this week who had bitter experiences at the hands of Muzorewa's auxiliaries. "We must remember," she said, "that most of these young men are without jobs, homes or any means of support - Muzorewa offered them a

way of surviving. We must take them back."

Class Struggle correspondent

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campaign lasted through 14 years of struggle, not just the last few months."

ZANU(PF)'s victory is the victory of the people of Zimbabwe. More than that, it is a victory and an inspiration for people all over the world struggling for National liberation. It is a resounding defeat for imperialism. The workers of Britain have everything to be happy about. The octopus that sits in our country, that presides over our oppression, that creates a society of exploitation, racism, unemployment and poverty has lost one of its most important tentacles. It has lost one of its main sources of life-blood, and now others are threatened too.

KAMPUCHEA

SUPPORT CAMPAIGN ESTABLISHED

Last month, 25 representatives from various towns and cities met to found the Britain-Kampuchea Support Committee (BKSC). The majority had been activists in the past in the solidarity movement for the national liberation struggles of the Vietnamese, Laotian and Kampuchean peoples.

Reports on recent events in Kampuchea and the rest of Asia and their significance for support work in Britain, and on the work of the Preparatory Committee, were delivered. In the ensuing discussion, representatives reported on the work done to date in the various localities.

The conference adopted a constitution which condemns the Russian-backed Hanoi aggression and the devastation it has inflicted on the land and people. It expresses the Campaign's determination to support the Kampuchean people's independence struggle and calls for genuine humanitarian aid for all Kampucheans who are in need. It declares that:

"The BKSC (a) supports the just struggle of the Kampuchean people for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of their country, (b) acclaims the decisions of the UN General Assembly of September 21st 1979 which maintains the seat at the UN of Democratic Kampuchea and of November 14th 1979 which calls for the removal of foreign troops from Kampuchea and (c) organises material support for the struggling Kampuchean people."

A programme of future work to counter the widespread misrepresentation on Kampuchea and

ZIMBABWE WILL BE FREE

That was the headline in the first issue of Class Struggle that was ever produced.

"The British imperialist Government is desperately searching for a solution that will safeguard the profits of British big business...The African people will not accept anything less than total independence. The Freedom Fighters have their roots deep in the people."

Class Struggle has consistently supported the struggle of the people of Zimbabwe for independence. Even that first article warned how US imperialism was trying to take the place of British imperialism and how social imperialism is 'trying to creep in the back door'.

We reaffirm our support for the people of Zimbabwe. We will continue to support Zimbabwe until it is completely independent and socialist.

mobilise support from people of all walks of life for the liberation struggle was discussed and it was resolved to begin publication of a Bulletin.

The Campaign is to go on until the last Vietnamese soldier and Russian advisor is compelled to leave Kampuchea in accordance with UN resolutions and the Kampuchean people regain their independence, sovereignty and liberty.

Class Struggle reprints the membership form if you wish to join the Campaign. Copies of the aims and constitution are also available on request.

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BLANKET MEN AND WOMEN CONTINUE TO FIGHT

MARCH 1st was the first anniversary of the removal by the British Government of political status for Republican prisoners. Since that time, the prisoners in the notorious H Block have refused to wear prison clothes or do prison work. Living in excreta-covered cells and exposed to constant searches and beatings, they have fought a determined and dogged struggle.

Now the same conditions are being inflicted on the women prisoners in Armagh gaol. They have been denied access to washing and toilet facilities. This follows a vicious attack on the women prisoners by more than forty male warders on February 7th.

Four women were singled out specially. They were subjected to kicking and beating and then hauled off to the Governor by male warders in full riot gear, and by some of the female warders. One of the prisoners, Rosemary Callaghan, reports that she was "trailed out of my cell and during the course of being dragged and hauled from the wing, both my breasts were exposed to

the jeering and mocking eyes of all the screws...The whole episode for me was totally embarrassing and degrading. I was eventually carried into the Governor; my breasts were still exposed. While I was held by the screws, the Governor carried out the adjudication, and I was then thrown into a cell".

After this, no one was allowed to wash out or use the toilets. They had to chuck full pots out of the spyholes, until the warders nailed them up. These attempts to humiliate prisoners in every way are now common practice in Ireland. Sadistic anal searches of male prisoners have long been carried out in the H Blocks.

SMOKING CAN HARM YOUR HEALTH

Class Struggle has previously reported on the frame-up of innocent Irish men and women by the British police and courts. One such example was Guiseppe Conlon who was framed for the Woolwich pub bombings and later died in gaol. The Balcombe Street siege men confessed to the bombings that were pinned on Conlon, and their confessions were so detailed as to leave no doubt that they were guilty and not Conlon. So how was Conlon framed?

One important factor was the public outrage at the indiscriminate bombing of a public house. Such acts should be condemned. One of the precise reasons why, is that they allow the ruling class to whip up an atmosphere of hysteria in which innocent men can be convicted.

Nevertheless, the police had to rig up some evidence. One of the prisoners arrested with Conlon, Anne McGuire, was given a Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) Test. The police claimed that this

revealed traces of nitroglycerine on her gloves. The police destroyed the samples they had tested before the trial and just produced the results.

Such 'evidence' was obviously flimsy. Now, a leading forensic scientist with thirty years experience with explosives at the Woolwich Arsenal, John Yallop, has admitted that the TLC test could give a positive result on someone who has been smoking and who has a thin layer of nicotine on their fingers. So the evidence in the Conlon case was completely worthless. The same procedure has been used to frame up other prisoners who are now in British prisons.

A number of MPs have been forced to take interest in this new evidence. Their protests will be ineffective and unreliable however until mass support is rallied in solidarity with the struggle of the Irish people against imperialism.

DOUBLE TALK

Doctor Irwin, a northern Ireland police surgeon, is not very popular with the British occupying forces in northern Ireland. He was the man who blew the gaff on police torture in Castlereagh Barracks. The authorities tried to smear this honest man by revealing that he was bitter because his wife had been raped by a British soldier and because no one was prosecuted for it. The only effect of this was to throw more light on the conduct of the British Army.

Dr Irwin refused to be shut up. Recently, his evidence secured the release of a young Belfast Catholic who had been accused on the basis of self-incriminating statements he made while the police were beating him up.

Among other injuries, Irwin pointed out that the accused had an injury to his middle ear which could not possibly have been self-inflicted.

In the face of this evidence, the judge was forced to acquit Brendan King but not without doing the best cover-up for the police that he could. He said that he was not convinced that the statements had been obtained by ill-treatment or threats but he was ordering the release because the Crown Prosecutor had not been able to prove that the statements had been obtained in a fair and voluntary way! If you find that statement difficult to understand, do not adjust your brain because reality is at fault - the reality of British rule in Ireland.

YET ANOTHER

MURDER ATTEMPT ON MURDER MILE

On Friday, February 29th, gunmen opened fire on an eighteen year old youth walking down Belfast's notorious Ormeau Road - scene of two other murders this year. The gunmen were in a car and opened fire after calling the lad over to the car, pretending that they required directions. They fired seven shots but the young man had a very lucky escape because all the bullets missed him and he was able to run away.

Just as importantly, the gunmen also got away. If two British soldiers had been recently shot in the Ormeau Road it would be stiff checkpoints and permanent surveillance posts but so long as the Catholic people support the Republican struggle, they will be left to the mercies of the gunmen.

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