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The recently published "Manifesto of the Worker's Party of Scotland (Marxist-Leninist)" outlines the objectives of the W.P.S. umbracing justice, security, prosperity and peace for the vast majority, the wage and salary earning workers, but which can be achieved only through Socialism. This is the inevitable next and higher development of Society, in the context of the rapidly disintegrating capitalism and world imperialism. It is a universal truth for the world's workers. No amount of idealistic and too often chauvenistic wishful thinking can have the slightest effect upon the inexorable march of history.

## The "Partial" Self-Government Proposals of the S.N.P.

The immediate objective of the Scottish National Party is partial Self -Government. No break with the monarchy; acceptance of the "British" Commonwealth; a pre-determined foreign policy tied to the American and Westminster premoted North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and, the union-jack, the symbol of "British" imperial domination of Scotland and emblem of an imperialism responsible for shedding more innocent blood than any other in all history, to be allowed to continue flying triumphantly above our Scottish heads. How can "Independence" be achieved and enjoyed under such circumstances ?. Impossible! Moreover, the Scottish National Party is meekly to await until 1970 for the "goodwill" of the Westminster outfit, despite the obvious fact of its overwhelming electoral support, together with a membership which has climbed, within a year of two, to about one hundred thousand, something unheard of in our previous history. Their one Member of Parliament is now bogged down in the morass of Westminster, amongst the chatter of the pygmies. In the alleged parlous state of the United Kingdom economy. so presumptiously patronised by the Duke of Edinburgh and his ilk, amid the clamours of the "Daily Mail" and the chieftains of Imperial Chemical Industries for a "Business-mens Government" - that is, fascist totalitarianism, all embellished by

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"Two Roads"-contd. infantile stunts of 'extra half hours work without extra wages' whilst hundreds of thousands are redundant workers seeing little hope of early employment, and in the case of Scotland tens of thousands emigrate overseas, it is likely that by 1970 any semblance of "Parliamentary Democracy" will be a mere screen to disguise capitalist dictatorship.

#### A Scottish Government Now - not 1970 !

A great National Convention of representative people, local authorities, trades councils and industrial workers, cultural bodies and political parties convened now, for the purpose of constituting a provisional sovereign Government of Scotland, with full, unqualified and immediate responsibility for administration, and asking no one outside Scotland for permission to do so, would certainly inspire enormous support and redound to the credit of the S.N.P.

The ultimate objectives of the S.N.P. consist of two diametrically opposed aims. On the one hand the <u>minority</u>, who at present provide most of the leading figures, anticipate an <u>non-socialist</u> Scotland, with of course the private ownership of land and industry and the profit system still regarded as basically necessary, indeed as sacred and inviolable. On the other hand the great working-class <u>majority</u> who, for generations have overwhelmingly supported the view that <u>Socialism is essential</u> for their welfare and security, coupled with <u>International Socialism</u> as the guarantee of lasting Socialist success in Scotland, as for all other parts of the British Imperialist State, England, Wales and All-Ireland. That Socialism is still the objective is frequently expressed in the remark, "Yes, we are entirely in favour of a Socialist Scotland, but first let us secure self-government."

#### Throw out the English - Let in the Yanks!!!!.

In due course the majority and the minority elements of the S.N.P. must take different roads. The workers and their genuine allies from the ranks of the intelligentia, versus, the capitalist bourgeoisie, are class divisions which are irreconciliable. The majority of the S.N.P. have therefore only one option, to accept W.P.S. policy, which constitutes democracy for the workers on the basis of the justice of their class interests. The alternative must be continued rule by the minority class, the land and property owners; the money-lenders; the stockbroking gamblers; the unearned dividend spivs and their sychophantic hangers-on, whose autocratic economic power makes them the real government and parliament a mere facade. They will never voluntarly surrender their privileges, self-government or no self-government.

When the majority insists upon making Scotland a Socialist Republic, thereby creating a real and grave crisis for these profiteers, they will forthwith desert the home-rule platform. Their present interest in self-government is limited to their determination to secure a bigger slice of the profit-potential of Scottish industry and investments than they at present secure under the "British" set-up. These reactionary"nationalists" will, in these circumstances seize upon any form of capitalist dictatorship they find expedient, fascism, in other words. At the same time these "patriots" will seek and readily secure the backing of alien forces in England and elsewhere, but particularly the U.S.A. money-bags who will not stand idly by. Especially will the Americans react in face of the imminent expulsion of their armed bases and centres so numerous in Scotland today, a step which our workers would certainly take.

Appeals for U.S.A. private business expansion, are ardently peddled by some leading S.N.P. personalities who do not seem to see the absurd contradiction of "Throwing out the English to let in the Yank". Such appeals have now a more than ever hollow ring in light of Johnson's drastic move to restrict dollar investments abroad. The exploiter, the capitalist, of whatever nationality, always takes out

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more than he put in, and the taking out is always filched from the pockets of the workers. Therefore, let us "Keep for ain fish guts for oor ain sea maws". The S.N.P. declares that the Scottish economy is viable. We agree. Then let us develop it Socialistically, as little Albania has done with such speed and enormous success. and which is a much more relevant example for Scotland than any of the capitalist dominated and crisis-ridden Scandanavian countries. Future markets for Scottish products can be found among the teeming millions of the East but on a basis of honest mutuality, and not of the imperialist exploitation which remains the only purpose of a "British" Commonwealth. Democratic Centralism, which is the meth

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The mass support given to the Scottish National Party is welcome evidence that our generation is at last determined for radical changes, however vague and woollymanded are some aspects of S.N.P. policy. The "Workers' Party of Scotland", whose policy is firmly based upon the fundamental and irrefutable teaching of Marxism. applied to the particular circumstances of Scotland, is a Party running parallel with the S.N.P. on the demand for self-government, but is highly critical of S.N.P. lack of any scientific and historically rational basis for the future "Workers" Democratic Republic of Scotland".

Our W.P.S. sees the majority of the present supporters of the S.N.P. compelled because of its lack of a realistic theoretical basis, to turn, in due course, and inevitably to the Marxist class solution, propounded by the "Workers' Party of Scotland" (Marxist-Leninist), since its inception as an independent political force. 'imow! the candidates only by (The W.P.S. Central Committee)

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"THE OPPRESSED CAN ONLY TRUST THEIR FATE TO THEMSELVES. THE OPPRESSED MUST SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES". (Robert F. Williams, great Negro leader) "Oh sister of travail seize the fleeting hour Our fate is in the hand that dares to grasp the power", add al gaouts worn has much ad vie (R.F.Williams).

"SCOTLAND- SELFGOVERNING: SOCIALIST: REPUBLICAN" By Thos. W. Farquhar, Stevenston. In deference to the wishes of Mr Farquhar, and very willingly on our part, we wish to clarify his position as author. We greatly regret that in publishing his article in our previous issue we did not emphasise the personal nature of the contribution and that our short note may have led a few readers to regard the article as having a Scottish National Party official origin. Nevertheless, anyone reading Mr Farquhar's statement, together with a study of the Manifesto of our Party, would realise that he in no wise could be regarded as committed to our Party Policy. We shall continue to welcome articles from Non-W.P.S. writes to be considered for publication. In this issue non-members are featured. Our members do not claim a monopoly of ability and wisdom and welcome reinforcements from those who see merit in our policy even if not agreeing to come all the way with us. social-democracy, where people sit down to con

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