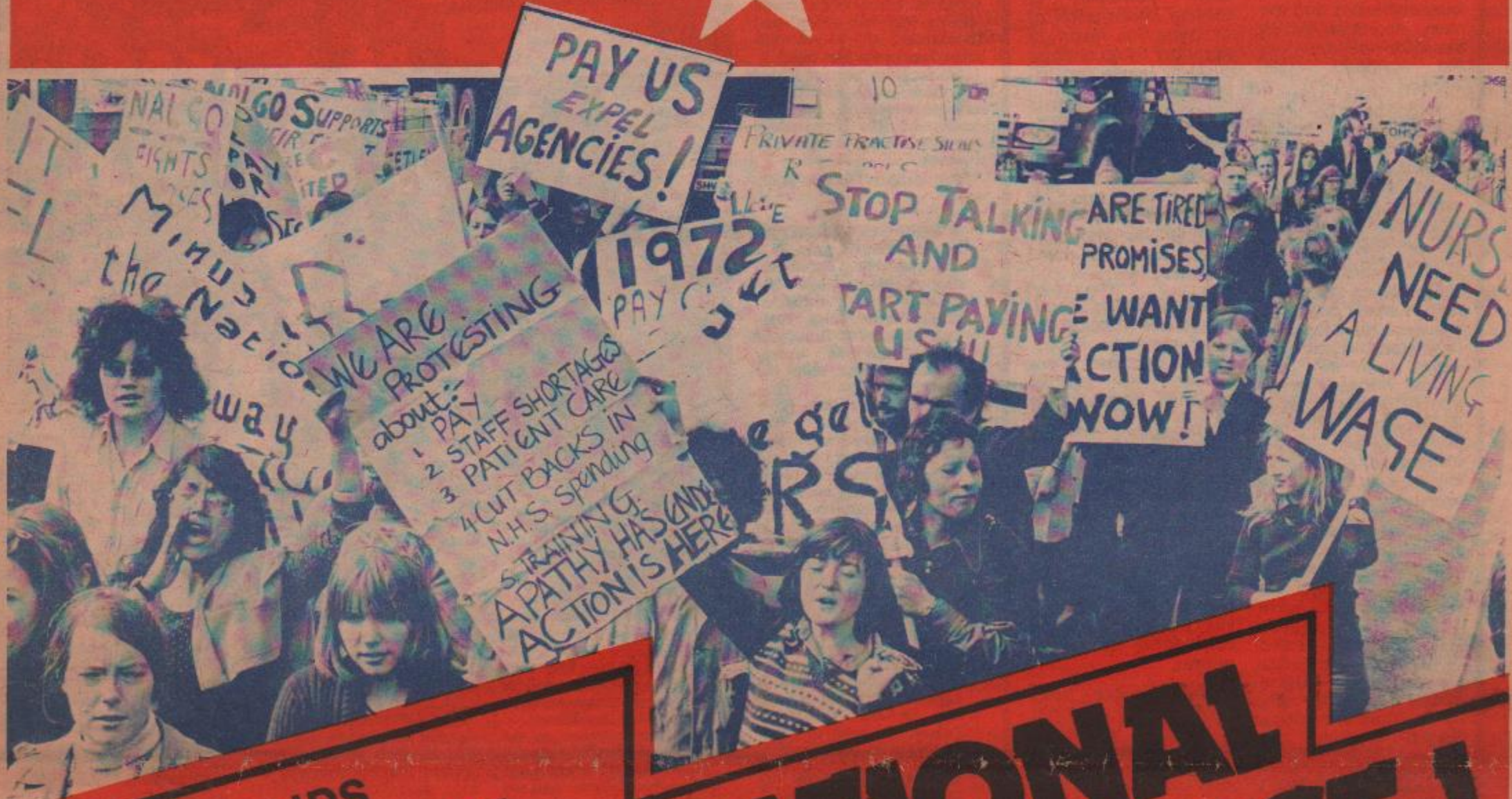


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## KEEP LEFT SAYS

**INFLATION and public spending cuts — by both the Tory and the Labour governments — now pose grave dangers for the future of the public services in Britain.**

This is seen in the bankruptcy of Yorkshire local authorities and the cash shortage which threatens the future of the National Health Service.

Throughout the capitalist world inflation is now turning into its opposite — slump, bankruptcy and depression is the prospect which threatens the lives and future of millions of workers and peasants.

Continuing dramatic falls in share prices on the stock markets were highlighted again last week when the Dow Jones industrial average recorded a fall of 21.20 points on New York's Wall Street market to reach its lowest ever point this year.

The broader New York Stock Exchange recorded a 20 per cent decline, hitting its lowest level since August 1970. These falls were precipitated by the announcement of the rise of prime rates to a record 12 1/4 per cent by the Central National Bank of Cleveland.

Many other US banks are expected to follow Cleveland's lead in the next week. The other reason for the share value falls is that capital investors see that depression is the main trend in the economic outlook.

Ever since the collapse of West Germany's big Herstatt bank, nervousness about further bank closures has infected the markets. The US Franklin National Bank was already in difficulties before the Herstatt failure.

The falls came the

same day as the American Supreme Court opened its most historic case — 'United States of America versus Richard M. Nixon, President...'

Supreme Court special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski is seeking confirmation of an order for Nixon to surrender 64 recordings of White House conversations.

The threat of impeachment now looms large over Nixon. If the Supreme Court decides against him and he refuses to obey, pressure for his impeachment will be overwhelming.

On the other hand, should he decide to hand over the tapes, their contents are believed to contain evidence so damning as to make his impeachment and removal from office inevitable.

The Watergate developments have taken a new turn with US Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger called as a defence witness in the 'plumbers' trial in Washington last Wednesday.

Kissinger has been called to give evidence concerning a report from a former staff assistant who says that both Kissinger and Nixon's ex-aide John Ehrlichman ordered the 'plumbers' to have a psychiatric profile performed on Dr Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon papers.

The deepening of the political and economic crisis in the United States now poses sharply the question of political power for the working class. First and foremost it poses the building of an independent Labour Party, to fight to defend workers against the capitalist parties.

# GRIM FUTURE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

**MORE THAN 615,000 young people are leaving school next week. Their future is threatened by the growing danger of slump in the economy.**

The future for young people, under the capitalist system, will be decided by the development of the economic crisis.

Last year, only 415,000 youth left school as the school leaving age was raised and thousands of 15-year-olds stayed on for the first time.

No facilities were provided for these youth due to the savage education cuts introduced by the Tories which are now leading to closure of courses.

The dangers facing youth are:

● **UNEMPLOYMENT:** As industry careers towards a crash, with share-values hitting a 15-year low last month, the cutbacks, rationalization and complete closure of firms can only result in unemployment worse than the 1930s.

In order to restore value in paper money, the capitalist system must wipe out three quarters of world trade. The industrial recession has already started in the motor industry. Warnings of a 20 per cent fall in demand have been made by the West Midlands Economic Planning Council about that area dominated by car factories.

The big firms are running gigantic losses and laying off workers—the process has started with British Leyland who have put 1,000 men in the Temporary Labour Reserve at their Cowley plant.

● **DEAD-END JOBS:** The number of apprenticeships taken up by young people dropped from 118,200 in 1972 to 71,000 last year. Although less youth left school, the number of apprenticeships available is dropping all the time.

In the printing industry, apprenticeships have virtually dried up. Ten years ago, over 1,000 apprentices attended the London School of Printing but in 1972 the figure had plummeted to 165—this includes all branches of the trade.

The drop in apprenticeships and the paralysis in the education system means that more and more young people will never have the chance to learn a trade and develop their skills.

BY  
SIMON PIRANI



London school students demonstrate against conditions.

● **LOW PAY AND RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION:** The only jobs that will be available for young people will be comparable slave labour.

A recent report on the notorious clothing industry stated that the average age of workers is lower than any other industry. About 15 per cent of juvenile girls and 10 per cent of juvenile boys earn less than 20p an hour—£8 for a 40-hour week. In the last five years, a third of the clothing factories have been closed and yet output has gone up 37 per cent—this has been achieved by violent speed-up.

Keep Left has interviewed young school leavers about their future.

Peter Bird left St Edmunds school in Hammersmith, west London, and had been job-hunting for three weeks.

He told Keep Left: 'Before I left, I went along to the Careers Officer who asked me what I wanted to do. He gave me an address for a printing

job, but he gave it to a lot of others too. The vacancy was already filled. This shows what a big con it is.

A friend of mine was told by the Careers Officer that he thought that the last five years he had spent at school were wasted. He kept telling all the kids that they were useless and making them feel very low.

'I reckon at least 50 per cent of my class will be unemployed by the autumn.'

'I think it's the government's fault that we can't get jobs and it's to do with the whole system breaking down anyway. We should fight back by building the Young Socialists and not letting the government and bosses order us about or put us on the dole queues.'

In Glasgow, one of Britain's worst unemployment areas, school leavers John Anderson and George Waston spoke to Keep Left:

John Anderson said: 'Most of my mates haven't a clue what they're going to do. You can't get an apprenticeship job very easily.'

'There's a lot of boys on the dole up here, and the only jobs really are in the nationalized industries like the railways, or Post Office, but the wages are hopeless, and even there it's difficult to get a job.'

George Waston said: 'It's all right for these guys whose parents have got the money to keep them, but working class boys haven't a chance. That's why they try to get them to join the police or army.'

The Young Socialists have launched a leaflet campaign outside schools throughout Britain. Our new specially produced leaflet says:

'Everyone is now well aware that the capitalist system is in deep crisis. The only future for young people can be in the fight for socialism—for nationalization of industry under workers' control and without compensation to the employers.'

● More interviews next week.

## STATEMENT BY SOUTH LONDON YOUNG SOCIALISTS ON THE 'BROCKWELL THREE'

'THE BROCKWELL Three' are appealing against their jailing this month.

The Three — Robin Stirling, Lloyd James and Horace Parkinson — were arrested and allegedly beaten up when 200 police charged youth leaving the Brockwell Park fair last year.

They are appealing against 'frame up' charges and against the savage three-year sentences imposed on them.

The campaign to free the Brockwell Three has won the support of black and white workers and youth alike.

Behind their case stands the fact that the police — a class instrument of the capitalist state — are stepping up their attacks on youth and attempting to split the working class.

The growing police brutality, the arming of the police and the army-police dress rehearsal at Heathrow airport last month is made all the more alarming since the Home Office is ostensibly un-

der the control of a Labour government.

The South London Young Socialists have consistently demanded the release of the Brockwell Three. Since Labour was elected, we have started a petition to Labour Home secretary Roy Jenkins demanding he use his powers to release Stirling, James, Parkinson and all political prisoners.

### Unity

We have campaigned within the trade unions for unity of black and white workers against police brutality — and won support from Lambeth



Robin Stirling's mother on last Saturday's march.

Trades Council and the Brixton No 1 branch of the builders' union UCATT.

Speakers at our June 20 public meeting on the Brockwell Three stressed that black

workers must unite with white workers, in the fight for socialist policies including the disbanding of the standing army and the police.

### Release

Last Saturday, the Black Unity and Freedom Party, the Brixton Co-operative Movement and the Croydon Collective organized a march through Brixton demanding the release of the Brockwell Three, supported by about 100 people.

Speakers afterwards called for black people to 'seriously organize', and pledged to demonstrate 'time after time against state racism'.

They stated that police attacks on black youth could be fought if all black workers in

industry and public services came out on strike, to fight the racist 'conspiracy'.

A speaker from the Croydon Collective said: 'The real cause of our problems is the capitalist state.'

We agree — but to think that black workers can take on this state single-handed is dangerously wrong. The only force that can stop police brutality is the full strength of the working class, united behind a revolutionary leadership.

No call was made on last Saturday's march for the unity of black and white workers, or for the working class to demand that the Labour Party release the Brockwell Three.

To call for black workers to fight on their own is to play into the hands of the racists

and Powellites who are attempting to split the working class.

The so-called 'Marxists' of the International Marxist Group and the Labour Party Young Socialists marched last Saturday's march for the unity of black and white workers, or the working class.

### Attacks

Police brutality and attacks on the working class will only stop when the working class puts and end to the capitalist system and its state machine once and for all.

The Young Socialists say that the vital issue is to build a revolutionary party to unite the whole working class on socialist policies to lead the working class to power.

# Argentina's crisis sharpens

ARGENTINA has been plunged into an intense political crisis by the death of President Peron.

His successor and wife Maria Estella (Isabelita) Peron has received messages of support from the right wing trade union chiefs of the General Confederation of Labour (CGT) and the leader of the main opposition party Ricardo Balbin, as well as heads of the armed forces.

But there are intense factional disputes within the Peronist party which will now come to the surface again. Peron was forced to expel the youth wing of his Party several weeks ago. Some 200 people were killed in a battle which broke out in the crowd which welcomed him home

from exile in Spain in 1973.

The Stalinists and revisionist left-wing groups have played a large part in helping Peron introduce sweeping corporatist measures on the working class by containing any militancy.

One section of the revisionists have built up a large guerrilla movement which has carried out a series of raids and kidnappings, and intensified police activity within the workers' movements.

Their failure to build a base within the working class and

take up a fight for Marxism leads them to such adventures, substituting themselves for the working class which heads off any fight to expose the betrayals of the Stalinists.

The armed forces' chiefs must have been heartened by the recent military take-over in Chile and by developments in Uruguay and Bolivia.

They are at present laying plans for a similar coup in Argentina. The betrayals of the Stalinists will allow them full rein with bloody consequences for the working class.

## Riots in Thailand

THE PRIME Minister of Thailand, Dr. Sanya Dharmakiat, is having great difficulty containing the militancy of the working class and youth which ousted his military predecessor as inflation rips through the Thai economy.

Last Wednesday, riots broke out in Bangkok's Chinatown district following the police arrest of a Chinese taxi-driver for a parking offence.

Crowds gathered and marched on the police station demanding his release. Police refusal to comply with the workers' request and attempts to disperse the crowds grew to running street battles which eventually forced 'liberal' Dr. Sanya to call in the Thai border police-military units to drive the workers back.

Promises of reforms made by Dr. Sanya last October have failed to materialize and coupled with an annual rate of inflation of over 20 per cent, have forced the workers back out onto the streets against the police brutality on which his flimsy regime rests.

## Portugal's economy near collapse, but Stalinists aid military

THE POSITION of the Portuguese provisional government deteriorated sharply last weekend. President General Antonio de Spinoza came under increasing pressure to make sweeping Cabinet changes.

Prime Minister, Palma Carlos who took office only two weeks ago, is reported to have told Spinoza that his Cabinet is divided to the point where policy could no longer be formulated. The reason for the division stems directly from the inflationary economic crisis which has driven up prices at an astronomical rate.

The lack of any solution in the colonies of Mozambique, Angola and Guiné Bissau is another reason for the government crisis.

But in this situation, the Communist Party of Portugal continues to carry out its treacherous alliance with the military, which now directly threatens the rights of the working class.

These are the terms the 'Sunday Times' uses to describe the Portuguese CP, in case any British investors are worried:

'The Communist Party continues to play the part of responsible moderation, cannily supporting the military junta and the Armed Forces Movement in the name of national solidarity. Its discipline and reserves still give it the edge over its rivals in marshalling popular support—40,000 people turned out at a Communist rally in the Lisbon bullring last weekend—and it has helped the military both to suppress strikes and to impose new Press regulations.'

These betrayals pose great dangers for Portuguese workers and have to be met by the building of a Revolutionary Party, based on Marxist principles, which will not entertain the idea of an alliance with Spinoza, the ruling class, or the officers in the armed forces, but will fight for the working class to take state power.

# Atlanta's racist record — 22 killed by police in 18 months

POLICE have shot dead a 17-year-old black youth in a new wave of terror in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He is the twenty-second person to be killed by local police in the last eighteen months.

Brandon Gibson, whom police say they were trying to arrest for violation of parole on June 23, was threatened with guns as police took him into a patrol car outside his home.

He got scared and ran to a neighbour's house. In the struggle that followed plainclothes police shot him in the stomach and uniformed police shot him in the head.

They also threatened to shoot his mother and brother.

In a furious response to this cold-blooded murder, 300 people marched on Gibson's funeral, demanding that police chief Inman, who has organized the terror in Atlanta, be fired.

Police waded into the march swinging truncheons, and many people were put in hospital. Thirty four arrests were made including the pallbearers and a church minister.

### Terror

A massive campaign has been waged to rid Atlanta of its racist Police Chief Inman, who has organized the terror against black youth and workers.

Not only have twenty-two people been killed by his men in the last 18 months, but also undercover police agents have been caught spying on Georgia's largest black newspaper, the 'Atlanta Voice', and the listener-sponsored radio channel 'Radio Free Georgia'.

Mayor Maynard Jackson tried to sack Inman two months ago, but without success. The city council have voted to impeach him, but he has the support of the courts and is



still carrying out his dirty work.

Police violence and terror in the USA is reaching new levels and in most towns black youth face attack every time they are on the streets.

The driving force behind this repression is the economic crisis which means that young people in the USA have no future under the capitalist system. Sackings throughout industry have resulted in an unemployment total of 4.7 million—and that is an underestimated government figure.

For teenagers between 16 and 19, one in seven is jobless, and one out of every three black youth is unemployed.

The American ruling class fear that the strength of the working class will be unleashed in mass struggles to defend their basic rights—and for this reason the state and the police are being used to split workers and young people on racial lines.

The Young Socialists in America are fighting to unite all workers against the state repression. They are calling for an independent working-class Labour Party to be formed, to lead the working class to power.

They have continuously fought to explain that police repression is not a colour

A recent demonstration in Atlanta against police terror.

question but a class question. It is no surprise that the three policemen who shot Brandon Gibson dead were black, because the police are a class force.

They can only be defeated when the strength of the American working class is mobilized, free from domination by the capitalist Democratic and Republican parties, under a new leadership.

Three members of the Black Muslim religious cult have been charged with three of the 13 unsolved murders which have been attributed to unknown 'Zebra' killers in an unprecedented series of attacks on San Francisco's black worker population.

These attacks have included the detention of 20,000 workers in the city in a massive police 'stop-and-frisk' campaign and public slaughter of members of the Symbionese Liberation Army in working class districts.

The three accused are alleged to be members of a 'Death Angel' sect of the Black Muslims whose job was to kill whites.

# World Cup hysteria—profit and nationalism

BY KEN TOOMEY

THE FOUR-year cycle has revolved, and another World Cup tournament is completed. This year's tournament, however, was different in a number of ways.

Of course, there was the usual in-depth 'analysis', re-runs, replays repeats—all part of the hysteria campaign to mesmerize millions of workers and youth—but never on the scale and intensity of this year's competition.

Tens of millions of pounds were spent in massive advertisement and propaganda drives, which for capitalism fulfills two main tasks. It reaps enormous profits for the international TV companies, travel and hotel giants and the black-market racketeers. These fortunes come from the pockets of the working class.

Fabulous incentives are offered to the players in return for victory. For example, Italian players were on bonuses of £10,000-£15,000 per man if they had won the cup. These deals of legal corruption and bribery are rife.

Who knows what cash changes hands illegally in return for favours? Ticket touts, many working for big time operators, were charging up to £300 for a cup final ticket on the black-market.

However, immediate profits are only one excuse that capitalists find for the tournament. They manipulate what is supposed to be a sport competition for enjoyment and use it as an arena for peddling crude and reactionary nationalism.



A section of the huge police guard at the Munich stadium.

With the international ruling class gripped in insoluble economic crisis of unprecedented proportions, they are forced to take on and attempt to smash the working class in every nation.

In order to carry through this task they encourage nationalism, where artificial divisions on the basis of race are used to split, weaken and confuse workers, diverting them from the real enemy.

What better place to stir up this vulgar fanaticism than an event involving millions of workers and youth from all over the world?

The mass media is the tool that whips up nationalism,

creating the concept of 'national superiority' and national heroes. The last time

that this was done on the scale of today's campaign was also in Germany... Nazi Germany at the Olympic Games in Munich, 1936. Hitler declared that the Germanic race was superior to all others and that workers of other nationalities—Jews, 'impurified' the German culture.

The 'national heroes' that are built up and thrown forward for adoration clearly show where they stand. Gerd Muller and Franz Beckenbauer, the 'gods' of German soccer, are both known to have Fascist sympathies.

And who said that Arab terrorists with missiles on their backs only haunt Heathrow airport? It seems that they also planned to attack stadiums in West Germany.

That, we are told, is why an army of armed police, troops and para-military border security guards, tanks and helicopters occupied the soccer grounds and the surrounding areas.

The break-up and recession of world capitalism poses the question of power to the international working class. This involves a rejection of all diversions and ideological poisons that the ruling class will create to keep its wealth.

It means the building of revolutionary parties in all the capitalist countries to lead the fight for socialism. Only then will events like the World Cup tournament be run for the pleasure and enjoyment of the working class, instead of the profit-making and conspiring of capitalists.

**NURSES,  
YOUNG  
DOCTORS,  
TECHNICIANS,  
HOSPITAL  
WORKERS  
SAY:**

# DEFEND THE HEALTH SERVICE!

**NURSES and hospital workers are fighting a desperate battle to defend the National Health Service, as well as their own standard of living.**

The NHS needs an immediate cash subsidy of £500m to stop the closure of wards and the sackings of ancillary staff. Wage levels are impossibly low, huge profits are being ransomed from the Health Service by drug firms, private patients are creaming off the best treatment in hospitals and huge cuts made by the Tory government have bitten into the Health budget.

Workers in the hospitals are taking action because they cannot continue to cure or look after the sick, or even live themselves.

**NURSES** have demonstrated continuously and held selective strikes demanding more pay.

**YOUNG DOCTORS** who do the dirty work for the



## Crawling before the Ulster right w

RECENT developments in Northern Ireland—particularly the wide-publicized 'strike' by the Ulster Workers' Council—have exposed the Stalinists, reformists, revisionists and the republican forces in their real colours.

All these treacherous forces in the working class were brought together in August 1969 by their defence of the last Labour government's policy of sending the British army to the Six Counties.

They were 'united' in castigating the Socialist Labour League—now the Workers Revolutionary Party—and the Young Socialists for opposition to the intervention to the armed forces of British imperialism in the north.

Over the last five years it has been demonstrated very clearly that British troops were sent to Northern Ireland for one purpose—to defend the interests of capital against the working class in its fight for basic democratic rights—the right to work, to decent housing, and the right to vote.

Now many of these same forces have come together to pay their respects to the extreme right-wing of the Protestant ruling class after the so-called Ulster workers' strike.

We have witnessed the sickening spectacle of republican leaders praising the UWC and the Official IRA journal, 'The United Irishman' expressing admiration for Ian Paisley.

Speaking on BBC television's 'Midweek' at the beginning of June, Provisional



**Eamonn McCann**

IRA leader David O'Connell said the leaders of the UWC strike 'had a note of authority and a ring of authenticity that was appealing' (!). The UWC, said O'Connell, had demonstrated 'the tremendous power at their disposal' and they had 'acted in a responsible way'.

These statements belie the real truth of the so-called strike as we shall show later.

But the man who has been in the forefront of the campaign to pass off the UWC strike as a genuine workers' movement is Eamonn McCann, the home-grown 'Irish expert' of the International Socialists.

McCann's biggest statement on the 'strike' was published in 'Time Out', under the heading 'The Loyalist Strike: Fascists or Revolutionaries?'

But under this title, McCann evaded all the questions

raised in the 'strike', particularly the role of the British army who defied the minority Labour government when it ordered an intervention against the Loyalist forces.

The army's defiance was a warning of the growth of the forces of reaction, aided and abetted by the army. This was demonstrated forcefully with the second army-police intervention at Heathrow airport on Wednesday June 26.

Moreover, McCann's report eulogised the strike as a 'specifically working-class tactic'. Rallies, he wrote, 'the elected leaders could easily dominate; marches they could lead; but a strike by its very nature has to be led and organized by workers.'

Thus, we have this self-styled 'revolutionary socialist' and 'Marxist' tell us that UWC was specifically a workers organization and that the situation in Northern Ireland 'bristles with possibilities' for working class revolution.

But this appraisal of the UWC and its 'strike' is a shallow impressionist approach which exposes McCann's completely non-Marxist and non-revolutionary perspective for the working class in Ireland. It is a continuation of the policy he pursued in August 1969 with his welcome for the British army.

Here is McCann's own account of those days from his book 'War and an Irish Town', published in 1974. . . . the word came that British soldiers were marching across the bridge.

'The 'B' Specials disappeared, the police pulled-out quite suddenly and the troops, armed with sub-machine guns, stood in a line across the mouth of William Street. Their appearance was clear proof that we had won the battle, that the RUC [Royal Ulster Constabulary] was beaten. That was welcomed. But there was confusion as to what the proper attitude to the soldiers might be. It was not in our history to make British soldiers welcome. A meeting started . . . Bernadette Devlin, her voice croaking, urged "Don't make them welcome. They have not come here to help us", and went on a bit about British imperialism, Cyprus and Aden. It did not go down very well. The fight had been against the RUC to "defend the area". The RUC was beaten; the soldiers had prevented the Specials coming in and had not attempted to encroach on the area. . . . And, anyway, everyone was exhausted, clothes torn and faces begrimed, their eyes burning from the tear gas. It was victory enough for the time being.' ('War and an Irish Town', pages 61-62.)

This account betrays completely an opportunist in action. Rather than risk a fall in 'popularity', and really fight for a principled stand against the intervention of the British army to explain the dangers of this new development, McCann minimizes even the paltry opposition put forward. Independent of what work-

ers believed at that time, or what the apparent balance of forces seemed, it was crucial for the development of leadership to fight for such a position. The 'confusion' which McCann talks about was confusion engendered by refusal of the leadership to put up any principled struggle whatsoever.

Today, almost five years later, he has still not explained this 'mistake'.

We must now examine the real nature of the Ulster Workers Council and the conditions under which the so-called strike developed.

It is interesting to note that the idea for the Ulster Workers' Council was first mooted in the summer of 1973—in the East Antrim area of the Six Counties. This is an area where strong links have existed between the right-wing loyalists and the National Front in London.

William Craig, who McCann says was 'afraid' of the power of the UWC was in on it from the very beginning. On the evening the so-called strike was due to start, members of the UWC travelled to Larne to meet Craig, Paisley and West. They wanted to discuss in particular points which had come up at the Portrush conference attended by Enoch Powell, over a month earlier.

The stage was set for the 'strike', but it was, in fact, more like a lock-out. This was clear from the first day when attendance at work almost everywhere throughout the province was 95 per cent or better.

The loyalists were only able to shut the major factories



**Craig and Powell—enemies of Br**

because they had the full backing of the entire loyalist para-military groupings—the Ulster Defence Association, the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Red Hand Commandoes. All are well armed and were bursting to show their strength.

Throughout the first day of the 'strike', intimidation was opened up against sections of workers who refused to leave their jobs. But the next day this intimidation was wholesale, and the British army offered no protection—they stood by and took the side of the loyalists.

And when the minority Labour government in Britain ordered the army to act and take down barricades—they refused and then did the job, only to stand by and watch them being rebuilt minutes later.

The same army which has been so ready to obey orders

parasitic consultants are demanding wage increases.

RADIOGRAPHERS AND TECHNICIANS have joined the pay fight this week with strikes throughout London hospitals demanding money that was due three years ago.

HOSPITAL WORKERS of all kinds imposed a ban, on all private patients in National Health hospitals, which started last Friday. It was called off over the weekend by officials of the Health Service Union COHSE who met social services secretary Barbara Castle, who fobbed them off with vague promises.

The private patients wait two weeks for treatment that takes years to get on the NHS, have private wards with superior conditions, and are served by an elitist caste of consultants who are paid top salaries and who last week threatened a work-to-rule in opposition to the hospital workers' action.

The stand taken by hospital workers, particularly

at Charing Cross hospital, Fulham, provoked the fury of the reactionary British Medical Association, the Tory Press and the whole ruling class.

In demanding an end to the parasite patients, hospital workers are challenging the reactionary nature of the health service which means it serves the interests of profit and not the interests of workers or the patients.

The right to free treatment under the National Health Service was won by the trade union movement when the Labour government introduced the service in 1948. This was an important victory for the working class, won in the boom period that followed the second world war.

At that time, the Labour government built in to the NHS a provision for private patients which meant that private medicine could exist side by side with the Health Service.

The economic crisis which exists today means that public spending is being ruthlessly cut and

attacks are being made on all the rights of the working class—to a decent standard of living, to their trade union and basic democratic rights, as well as the right to a Health Service.

In Italy, where the economic crisis has hit particularly hard, patients are sleeping on the floor as the Health Service collapses from lack of funds.

In France there is also a 'ban private patients' movement growing.

In Britain, the ruling class would be perfectly willing to destroy the Health Service completely.

They can only be answered by:

● Workers control throughout the health service and the restoration of the Tory cuts.

● The nationalization of all private medicine drug companies without compensation to the old owners.

The Young Socialists demand an emergency Labour Party conference to adopt these policies as part of a socialist programme to meet the economic crisis.

### Charing X workers: 'Parasite patients must go!'

SHOP STEWARDS at Charing Cross hospital, Fulham, provoked the anger of the right-wing and the top-salaried consultants last week when they threatened to take action against the hospitals private patients.

Members of the National Union of Public Employees and the Confederation of Health Service Employees want an end to the privileged treatment which consultants and highly-paid agency nurses give to fee-paying patients on the hospitals 15th floor, now known as the 'Fulham Hilton'.

NUPE shop steward John Williamson said: 'I think that ward should never have been opened. The National Health Service is in a decrepit state and I lay the blame mainly on the government. Even if we get a big injection of money, it won't be enough—nurses, domestics, all the workers are asking for pay rises.

'We're taking a stand

because we've had discussion after discussion with management about phasing out the private patients and it's about time it was done.

'This involves many different hospitals—it just needed a spark from Charing Cross to start it off.'

Senior NUPE Steward Mrs Brookstone saw social services secretary Castle last Friday, with representatives of the hospital's consultants, who were threatening a work-to-rule in defence of the parasite patients. Although no specially-prepared food will go to the 15th floor, and other small concessions, the private patients remain and the union leaders have called off the action against them.

Technicians' shop steward Maggie Hall was at the talks, and told Keep Left: 'There's no guarantee that the government will deal with the private patients—that's if they can stay in that long.

'If the Tories get back in, there's no doubt the private patients will stay.

'The Tories took a fantastic amount of money from the Health Service and if it doesn't get a fantastic injection of money, it will fall apart.

'Hospitals are being run down. In our hospital they recently opened a radio-therapy workshop to make specific equipment for patients like heart valves. Now the workshop is unused because there is no one to work in it.'

Maggie Hall's own department, the heart treatment technicians, were on strike last week as part of London-wide action for a 30 per cent pay claim.

'We were meant to have this money three years ago' she said. 'The nearest we got to it was in June when we got the "appreciation" of the Department of Health—and then we were offered 12½ per cent which is totally inadequate.

'All hospital workers need more money.'

### 'We're just worked into the ground...'—nurses

A KEEP LEFT reporting team recently visited Orsett Hospital where they met with a very determined response from many of the student and qualified nurses. Our correspondent Dave Brotherton reports:

Deirdre Levens, a third year student nurse said:

'The whole profession is rapidly going down hill—we're just glorified shit shovellers! We get no respect from those above us let alone the patients.

'As far as our wages are concerned—we can just about live on them. They're running down the National Health Service because they know we won't go out on strike as they play on our conscience and feeling towards the patients. We deserve our rise the same as everyone else.'

Asked what she thought of the private patient scheme, she replied:

'It's absolutely terrible—they use all the facilities and

the people who get all the money are the consultants.'

Sheilagh, an 18-year-old student nurse gave us her view of the conditions—tolerated up to now—and the action that is needed.

'I agree with strike action. However, only on the grounds that patients are not allowed to die. I earn £10 a week and have to work all the hours under the sun. We can't go on like this.'

Two other nurses, the first of whom is a member of the local Royal College of Nursing committee—voiced their determination for a fight to win more wages and to defend the Health Service.

'I think there's a pretty strong feeling for strike action, especially now the delegation has seen Barbara Castle and nothing substantial has been done about our situation. We need all the support we can get in order to win our fight and maintain the Health Service.'

'This means the whole working class coming out in

solidarity—at the moment we're just exploited and worked into the ground.'

Her friend then gave us an insight into the state of psychiatric hospitals.

'I work at Runwell and we were supposed to get an increase of £2.40 but as we received this all our food went up and the quality went down.'

Asked about what the Labour government will do, she said:

'The government will probably give us a lousy few quid. But I think we really have to start stirring up some action. The psychiatric nurses used to get £5 a week five years ago. We now get £15 so there's been no improvement whatsoever, taking into account the cost of living.'

'Our shifts are from 7 am to 3.30 pm, and 1 pm to 9 pm but when we're short we have to work overtime in order to live. Last week I did 20 hours overtime and took home £4 extra—that alone shows you the state we're in!'

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British and Irish workers

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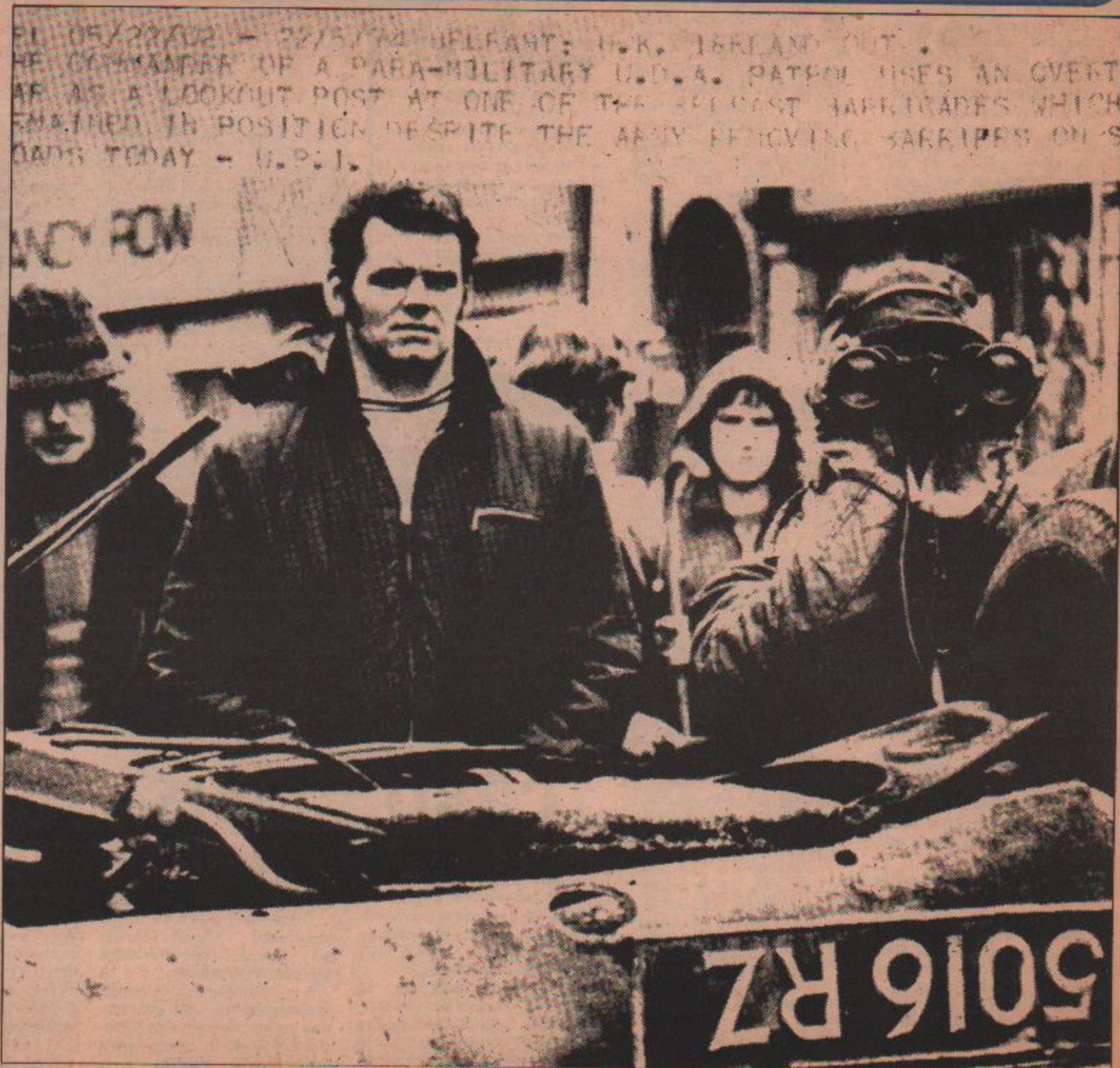
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even the slightest wage demand at a time when millions of workers are fighting for threshold pay increases to defend living standards against inflation.

The fact that it was supported by men like Enoch Powell and John Tyndall of the National Front should make its character clear to all workers and young people.

The fight in Ireland more than ever now must be to break the reactionary grip of Ulster Unionism over Protestant workers and to campaign for unity of all sections, north and south, Protestant and Catholic, on the basis of socialist demands.

The fact that this struggle is an extremely bitter and difficult one is no excuse at all. It is certainly no excuse for praising the actions of the forces of reaction and passing them off as something which will be advantageous to the working class.



# POST BAG



## Lessons of Wilson's retreats

LABOUR'S refusal to carry out socialist policies has changed the position of my union branch, Mitcham AUEW.

When they were first elected as a minority government, the members had illusions that given time the Labour government would repeal the Industrial Relations Act, Housing Finance Act, increase public spending, tax the rich, release the 'Shrewsbury Six', reinstate the Clay Cross councillors and scrap Phase 3 of the pay laws.

These illusions were constantly fought against, by exposing the Labour government's betrayals at each branch meeting. The Labour government retreated on the Industrial Relations Act and Stage 3.

They betrayed their own Clay Cross councillors, fought against the NALGO workers, teachers and now nurses, left us to fight for our own union, the AUEW, while the Tory-appointed National Industrial Relations Court tried to smash us.

The Labour government has taken no stand over the Chilean arms sale, they have left the Shrewsbury building workers to rot, attacked Concorde workers, and attacked our living standards in the budget by increasing the cost of petrol, cigarettes, spirits, sweets, electricity, tax, rail fares and steel.

This record can be seen by the branch as a sell-out; they realize the threat of a Tory government being returned to power after Labour's abortive attempt to govern on behalf of the working class. Now comes the stage where they are now puppet leaders, their orders coming from the Tories.

The lessons which must be learned is how people learn from their experiences and break from reformism as it is incapable of solving any problem facing the working class.

The complete break can only be achieved by uniting the unions in demanding the Labour government carries out socialist policies.

The refusal of the Labour government to carry out socialist policies will show the unions and sections of the Labour Party how social democracy is incapable of representing the interests of the working class, while our party which has led this fight to expose the bankruptcy of social democracy and armed with socialist policies will gain the mass support of the working class.

Mike Keeling, Tooting YS.

## Baglan Bay — another Flixborough?

BAGLAN, in Port Talbot, where I live is less than a mile away from the giant BP Baglan Bay Petrochemical works. The enormous Sandfields housing estate, is virtually a next door neighbour to the plant, about 200 yards away.

Following the Flixborough disaster the people who have to live with the noise and pollution from the plant are increasingly worried about the dangers of an enormous explosion.

Despite the frequent Public Relations newsletters the company sends around the town assuring everybody that it can't happen here, a group of Baglan residents have formed the 'Baglan Action Group' to protest about the way BP have ignored complaints that the noise and fumes from the plant disrupt peoples lives.

On Friday July 5, a pupil at Sandfields comprehensive school which practically sits on the works was gassed by fumes escaping from the 'safe' plant and had to be rushed to hospital.

Of course, firms like BP don't care about the disruption they cause in peoples lives or about an explosion which could devastate a huge housing estate, killing hundreds of people.

All they care about is how much profit they can take out of the backs of the working class.

BP is half government owned, but what has the Labour government done about the dangers in a plant

where frequent fires, which could trigger an explosion, are the rule rather than a rare occurrence?

The protest policies put forward by groups such as the BAG cannot safeguard workers and their families from the capitalist sharks who will make a profit whatever the cost.

Only if BP and all other industries are nationalized and put under the control of the people who work in them, can disasters like Flixborough be prevented from happening again and lives be put before profits.

Ian Wilson, Port Talbot YS.

## No future under capitalism

I DON'T think the future is very bright under this system. The economy is declining day by day. Prices are getting worse and tax gets higher and higher—you pay all this money and you don't see where it's going.

You pay out of your wages every week to the Health Service and yet they haven't got the money to pay the nurses. But they're giving plenty to private firms like Court Line, the holiday company which got £18m.

It's terrible Wilson condemning the nurses for fighting for higher pay. It's natural for the Tories who hate the workers to do that but not Mr Wilson because he was voted in by the working class to fight in parliament for them and not against them.

I don't think we can wait for Wilson to change. He's being pressed into this by the upper class. They are gradually getting control of the Labour leaders 'til they're just like puppets on a string.

We need a real socialist party that will fight for the working class. That's why I have joined and want to learn more about Young Socialists.

Courtney Williams, Streatham YS.

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# FIRST OF A TWO-PART SERIES ON ART BY A

# ARTISTS AND

'Mastery of the art of the past is a necessary pre-condition not only for the creation of new art, but also for the building of a new society'

—TROTSKY

WHAT does the word 'art' mean? It can be applied to all sorts of human creativity: music, literature, poetry, theatre, cinema, etc. But when someone talks about 'art', most of us think straightaway of man-made images or objects such as paintings and sculptures, which express all sorts of feelings, thoughts and awarenesses when we look at them.

In these articles, it is this sort of art which we will think about in particular.

We all begin life with some ability to make art. Most of us were given wax crayons to play with as children: when we made marks and put colours onto a piece of paper, we made 'images'.

An image can be made in all sorts of ways: it can be flat or three-dimensional; (a piece of sculpture is a three-dimensional image). It can look like something which already exists, or it can consist of shapes and patterns and forms which the artist has invented.

At school we are often encouraged to make a drawing or painting look exactly like the object we are studying. Some people can do this. Others don't find the task so easy, but they might produce a beautiful picture by making their own arrangement of colours and shapes, without trying to be realistic.

The possibilities of art are vast and exciting, but very few people get a chance to ex-

periment and make discoveries and really involve themselves in art. Art lessons seem less and less important as we go through school, so that most people have completely lost interest in their own artistic possibilities by the time they start work.

Trotsky writes, 'Apart from rare exceptions, the sparks of genius in the suppressed depths of the people are choked before they can burst into flame.' And this applies also simply to sparks of interest. The very desire to make discoveries about a subject like art is choked at an early age in the majority of people, under the capitalist system.

## Minority

The people who take up art seriously are a small minority who get places in art colleges or universities. So we get this small race of people called 'artists'. Under Socialism, the role of artistic creation within society will be very different.

Lenin says, 'Art belongs to the people. Its roots should be deeply implanted in the very thick of the labouring masses. It should be understood and loved by these masses. It must unite and elevate their feeling this, because within must stir to activity and develop the art instincts within them.'

The creation of art under the capitalist system is very different to this. In this country today, only a very small section of the population has any understanding of the activities and achievements of past or present-day artists.

For most workers it is certainly not an ordinary event to visit an art gallery or buy a book on art. In addition, many

Pissarro: 'The Boulevard Montmartre', 1897. The Impressionists broke away from the conventions of the Salon in the mid-19th century. They painted new subjects: the city and city-people, streets and parks, trees, light, fresh air, atmosphere. They painted with new fresh colourful brush-strokes, attempting to capture their rapid, constantly changing 'impressions'. Their work was a revolution in painting; it was inspired by a changing society, but they only reflected this: they were not actively involved in social change. They gave birth to a new feeling of social independence for artists, and reached a new broad middle-class audience.



# Yorkshire faces education cuts in cash crisis

YORKSHIRE local authorities — including Leeds City Council — are caught in a cash crisis which will mean cuts totalling millions of pounds.

And the first reaction of the Labour-controlled Leeds City Council has been to slash the education budget. This means that the jobs and living standards of teachers throughout Yorkshire stand in jeopardy.

It means that the future education of thousands of working class children is threatened.

Mr George Mudie, Leeds Council deputy leader announcing the cash crisis, said: 'We are approaching what is probably the worst financial crisis in the city's history.'

## ECONOMIES

In a circular from the Leeds director of education, Mr R. S. Johnson, a five-point programme of economies is set out.

It directs all head teachers not to offer any new teaching

appointments, not to advertise for staff, not to recommend promotions and not to renew temporary appointments unless specifically authorised by the city education department.

And the reduction in teaching jobs has already started. One teacher appointed to fill an advertised vacancy was told the job no longer existed.

Some primary schools are running well below their minimum teaching strength.

Teachers' pay is also threatened. Some schools may break the Burnham agreement on salaries.

A Bradford Council spokesman has said the only way to get through the financial crisis is to scrap some major building projects.

He added, 'The public will have to get used to the fact that services will suffer because of inflation.'

## NO DIFFERENT

This cash crisis in Yorkshire is no different from that experienced by local authorities all over the country.

It is directly related to the Tories' £1,200m cut in public spending announced last December — a cut which was added to by Labour Chancel-

lor Denis Healey in his March budget.

The Yorkshire cash crisis raises the urgent question of an emergency conference of the Labour Party to discuss a policy for the whole economic crisis and the adoption of socialist policies to meet it. School children teachers, council workers and tenants must not be made to suffer and pay for the inflationary crisis of capitalism.

See Page 5: Cash crisis in health service.

# CAPITALISM

people think of artists as 'cranks' or 'freaks'. Art students in particular have a reputation for being 'way-out' and eccentric. And in many ways people are justified in feeling this, because within this society artists are very alien.

Their ideas, aims, activities and way of life are different to those of the majority of people. An artist's work involves looking at the world, thinking about it, feeling it and expressing it in some way.

Other workers are not allowed anything like the same freedom and creativity in their work, and so this relationship develops where workers and artists have very little in common and have great difficulty in sharing their experience.

But under capitalism, there is no basis for people to work together for common goals. Only socialism can provide a collective basis for society, where every man and woman contributes consciously to the needs of the whole population.

## Isolated

Under capitalism, artists are even separated among themselves. Each one stands isolated with his own ideas and aims, which have no link with any particular social purpose.

Throughout history, in most cultures before industrial capitalism, artists have had some clearly understood relationship to some part of society. Studies in archaeology and ancient history show us how, in primitive communities, art is an expression of the whole group. Exceptional individual talent

may emerge, but spiritually it is shared and understood by the whole community, and produced for their immediate and obvious benefit.

In other periods artists have produced for a court, a personal patron, a religious sect or a particularly political party. But capitalism does not demand any social commitment or social feeling from artists; it only demands that they make economically valuable objects.

Some artists today do join together in groups and work collectively. Some devote their energies to the service of particular causes, including political groups.

Artists committed to the socialist revolution can play a very important role, as we shall see in the following article, but the point here is that artists cannot find a truly collective base until capitalism is replaced with socialism; and this is the task of the international working class led by the revolutionary parties.

This social isolation of artists goes hand-in-hand with their economic situation under capitalism. The capitalist system demands that an artist should make valuable objects to be sold on an open market to businessmen, art dealers and collectors, who either buy and sell for profits, or buy for the privilege of exclusive ownership.

A great deal of art, old and modern, is rarely or never seen by any public at all, since it goes straight into private collections where it lies hidden for years, increasing in value all the time. (This fact was brought home to people with the recent 'kidnapping' of old, privately-owned paintings which were held at ransom for colossal sums of

money.)

Under capitalism, if an artist wants to devote his time to his art, then it has to earn him his bread-money, and therefore he is forced to try to sell himself to the art dealers of capitalism. There are no other channels open unless he wants to starve in the gutter.

Faced with this dilemma, artists living under capitalism show varying degrees of moral strength. The more unscrupulous artists can develop a happy relationship with their patrons and enjoy their own share of the profits.

When an artist's work makes profits for him in this way, it is very likely that the quality of his work will suffer. If he discovers that a certain colour and style of painting sells well, he can mechanically turn out variations on that theme for years, and be sure of a good income.

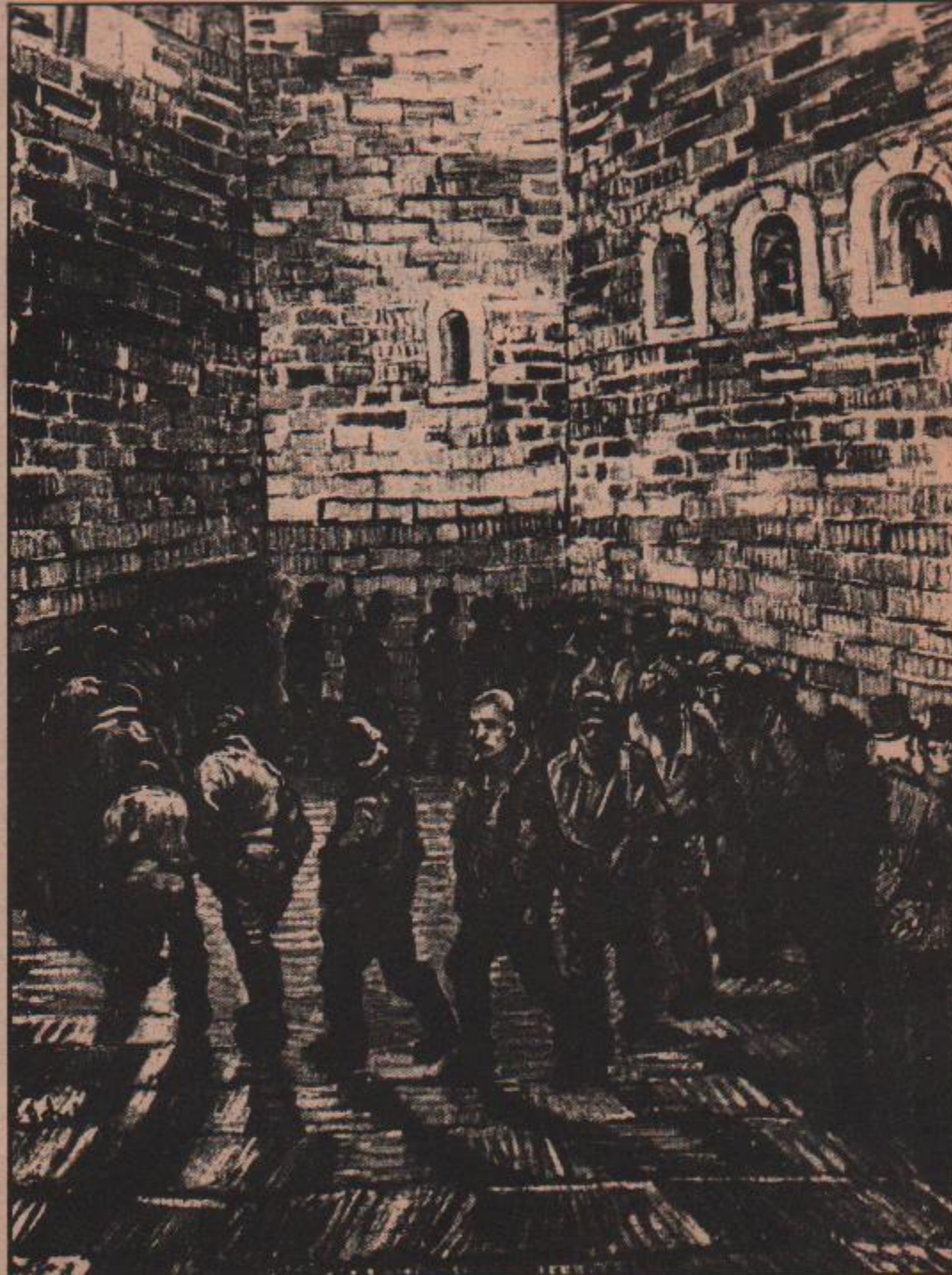
If his artistic strength and integrity is great enough, he will constantly try to develop his work and make new experiments and discoveries, at risk of not being able to sell the results, since he cannot predict beforehand if the dealers will be willing to buy something new and original.

## Sincere

The Dutch artist, Van Gogh, who shot himself in 1890, sold only one painting throughout his life, and lived and died in poverty, but his painting went from strength to strength, and as an artist he remained sincere and honest. His work was so original that most art dealers shied away from it, knowing their clients' tastes.

Now that his genius is recognized throughout the world, the dealers and collectors are clamouring for his paintings.

One possible alternative for an artist under capitalism is to make art without considering



Vincent van Gogh: 'Prisoners at Exercise', 1890. Van Gogh's human and artistic values clashed with those of the capitalist patrons of art at the end of the 19th century. As a result he could earn no living from painting and died completely unrecognized.

selling it (or at least only to friends for reasonable prices), and to earn money in some other way.

Many art students today decide to go into teaching in the hope that they can continue developing their own art in their spare time, but this obviously hinders their potential artistic development since teaching demands a lot of time and energy.

As an alternative, it does not provide a solution to the basic problems of art's role within our society. These problems are rooted in the whole social, political, economic and ideological structure which has developed since the beginnings of industrial capitalism, and only socialist revolution itself will begin to bring solutions and open up vast new possibilities.

But does this mean that the art which has been, and is still being, produced under capitalism is of no value to mankind? On the contrary: in his collection of writings 'On Literature and Art', Lenin says:

'It is not enough to crush capitalism. We must take the entire culture that capitalism left behind and build socialism with it. We must take all its science, technology and art...

In an essay on 'Culture and

Socialism', Trotsky explains how, in the present period and throughout history, society has consisted of classes which are basically in conflict; culture (i.e. 'everything that has been conquered, created, built by man's efforts and which serves to enhance man's power') has always served to maintain the class division, oppression and exploitation within society.

## Culture

But Trotsky asks, is culture only an instrument of oppression?

The answer is 'No'. Culture is the 'fundamental conquest of mankind'. The workers as a class need to master all the culture, all the knowledge and skill, including artistic discovery, worked out by humanity in the course of its history, but they then need to use this inheritance to build on new foundations: not the old foundations of class conflicts, but new socialist principles of solidarity.

In the same essay Trotsky writes:

'Art is one of the ways in which man finds his bearings in the world; in this sense the heritage of art is not distinguished from the heritage of science and technique... Unlike science, however, art is a form of cog-

nition of the world, not as a system of laws but as a group of images, and at the same time it is a way of inspiring certain feelings and moods. The art of the past centuries has made man more complex and flexible, has raised his mentality to a higher level, has enriched him in an all-round way. This enrichment is a precious achievement of culture. Mastery of the art of the past is, therefore, a necessary precondition not only for the creation of new art but also for the building of the new society... If we were groundlessly to repudiate the art of the past, we should at once become poorer spiritually.'

With this perspective we can look critically but with great excitement at all the art produced in the past, particularly under capitalism. All its achievements can be recognized and shared and also developed in endless ways in the socialist future.

The next article will consider the role of artists in the period of social revolution in which we live today.

F. C. Heim: 'Charles of France distributing decorations in the Paris Salon of 1824.' Throughout most of the 19th century, an artist had to get acceptance into the official exhibitions of the 'Salon' in order to earn a decent living. Consequently his work had to please, honour and elevate the ruling-class patrons of the Salon; many paintings of this period are portraits of the wealthy or imitations of grand classical themes.



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### YS IN NEW FOREST



**PORTSMOUTH Federation YS** organized a day trip to the New Forest last Sunday. The day was spent in the village of Brockenhurst, in the heart of the New Forest, playing football, volleyball and exploring the area. In the evening the members from Portsmouth went to a Disco laid on by Southampton branch at the Centre Disco in Southampton — the whole day was a roaring success.

Top: Volleyball. Above: members on the trip.



### A DAY AT SOUTHSEA WITH WEST LONDON AND WESTERN REGION YS

EVERYONE had a fantastic time when coachloads of YS members streamed into Southsea last Sunday. Members from the West London, South London, Southern and Western Regions piled off the buses and spent the day sunning themselves on the beach or at the fair. Football was organized (see above) and was very

popular. At the end of an enjoyable afternoon, the parties took off for Portsmouth's lavish Tricorn club, where a disco was held from eight 'till late. The Keep Left Editorial Board would like to add its special thanks to the members who went on the trip for their magnificent donation which scraped the £60 mark for our monthly fund.

**WHAT IS YOUR YOUNG SOCIALISTS BRANCH DISCUSSING THIS WEEK?**

### Weekend camp for Midlands YS — discussions on Marxism



Five-a-side football at the Midlands YS camp last weekend.

THE WEST Midlands and East Midlands Regions of the Young Socialists joined together last weekend for a Summer Camp held at Wolvey. It proved to be a successful and enjoyable event for the youth who attended. Three discussions were held in the course of the camp, centering around the economic crisis and the building of the Young Socialists, at which comrade Geoff Pilling gave the main political report.

class, and its opposite which is a socialist dictatorship of the working class, was discussed. All the principles of Marxism were discussed — the principles which form the vital basis for the policies of the Young Socialists and the theory of knowledge of the working class. Three films were shown on the Saturday evening, including 'Looking for Freedom', the Young Socialists 1974 team, and football was played at the camp. Plans were announced at the camp for the rest of the West and East Midlands YS Summer Programme, and a discussion was held on the fight to make the YS a mass youth movement. Many youth at the camp decided to join the Workers Revolutionary Party, of which the YS is the youth section.

**BASILDON YS:** 'Trot-skyism and Stalinism'. Thursday July 18, 8 p.m. Civil Aid Centre, Great Oaks, Basildon.  
**EAST HAM YS:** 'Nationalism — a revolutionary force?' Thursday July 18, 8 p.m. Trinity Hall, East Avenue, E6.  
**EDMONTON YS:** 'Young people and the trade unions'. Wednesday July 17, 8 p.m. St Johns Church Hall, Dysons Road, N18.  
**ENFIELD YS: DISCO THIS WEEK!!!** Tuesday July 16, 8 p.m. Green Street Hall, Green Street, Enfield.  
**LEWISHAM YS:** 'The Young Socialists and Marxist theory'. Thursday July 18, 7.30 p.m. Ladywell Baths, Lewisham High Street, SE13.  
**ORPINGTON YS:** 'Racialism'. The 'Beech Tree', St Mary Cray, Orpington. Tuesday July 16, 8 p.m.  
**PECKHAM YS:** 'War and the capitalist system'. Tuesday July 16, 8 p.m. 'The Station', Camberwell Road, SE5.  
**SEVENOAKS YS:** 'The History of the YS'. Tuesday July 16, 8 p.m. The 'Bat and Ball', Sevenoaks.  
**STREATHAM YS:** 'Youth and the trade unions'. Wednesday July 17, 8 p.m. Riggendale Road Church, Mitcham Lane, SW16.

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**KENT REGION YS**  
 Sunday July 21  
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 Maidstone.  
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 Rally and film: 6.00 p.m.  
 Top-line disco at night  
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