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They had, for example, he said, boosted exports by over £100m in seven years.

Judgement

'Now if that is not for the good of the company and the country I don't know what is,' said Evans.

After the meeting, Evans said he was sure Henry Ford II would not allow the character of this dispute to impair his commercial judgement.

The question of possible redundancies did not enter into the unions' consideration at all, he said.

'If they are going to get rid of men here, then, by God, they'll have to start putting in a lot of capital investment,' he claimed.

He would not put a figure to what he considered a reasonable offer would be. 'It is up to the membership to decide whether the Ford offer is reasonable or not,' he told me.

Reg Birch, secretary of the union negotiating side, said that Ford workers were not bluffing in their claim.

'Ford says that he is going to take away plant. We have to say that the plant in Britain belongs to British working people,' he said.

Birch said that the Ford men would never share the fate of the postal workers, who were starved into submission.

Take over

'If he comes to take away factories, then we should take them over and run them ourselves,' he added.

He said that the Ford Motor Company had grown up on anti-trade unionism, and that this had been challenged in Britain.

'This is a critical time. Let us have no break in unity now, let us go on to win our claim.'

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They showed premier Edward Heath and Employment Minister Robert Carr arrogantly determined to press full speed ahead both with their attack on wages and jobs, and with their Industrial Relations Bill at maximum strength.

Both men made it provocatively clear that each partial retreat of the union leaders only serves to strengthen Tory confidence that they can and will continue backing down all along the line.

However if curiosity killed the cat, this premature confidence can be made the death of the Tory government.

Heath claimed that the government's struggle to slash the level of pay settlements had 'turned in our favour'.

Speaking in Newcastle on Saturday, he will have been anxious to hit the headlines with a bang before his meeting today with Henry Ford II—stepping up his war of nerves on the union leaders at the same time.

The Tory leader clearly hopes he can frighten Thursday's special TUC into accepting the Bill under cover of unanimity behind the General Council's pernicious, do-nothing report.

He is crowing too soon, however.

The more the Tories' employing-class arrogance is fed by betrayals such as that in the Post Office, the more government spokesmen chart the course to the General Strike by boasting the real anti-working-class nature of their programme.

Every day brings further proof that the working class must replace the Tories with a Labour government pledged to socialist policies.

Thus Heath—after insisting at Newcastle that 'reform of industrial relations... will become law during the summer'—went on to tell Teesside faithfuls at Thornaby that not only had pay escalation been stopped, it was 'turning in the other direction'.

In other words, wage-cutting becomes the admitted Tory aim!

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Khrushchev remembers

A review by Robert Black

PART FOUR

Stalin used purges to hide failure



Kalinin, Kaganovich, Ordzhonikidze, Stalin, and Voroshilov.



On an inspection tour in the 1930s.

THE STALINIST purges of the 1930s were not the result of defects in Stalin's 'personality'.

This official Soviet version of the purges, was in fact, first propounded by Khrushchev in his 1956 'Secret Speech'.

'Khrushchev Remembers' gives, at least, a glimpse of the economic and political crisis behind the Moscow Trials.

Khrushchev saw with his own eyes some of the terrible sufferings visited on the Soviet peasantry by Stalin's sudden switch of policy in 1929.

With his former allies, the rich peasants (Kulaks) in revolt and pressing hard for the complete restoration of capitalism in farming and trade, Stalin swung to the extreme left and launched his campaign for the collectivization of privately run farms.

The Kulaks were to be 'liquidated as a class—a line that contrasted starkly with Stalin's earlier insistence that Trotsky had been exaggerating the dangers of Kulak pressure on the Soviet regime.

Naturally, Khrushchev does not go into the political background to the 1930 grain crisis, but his description of what he saw is frank enough:

'We spent only a few days at the collective farm and were appalled at the conditions we found there.

'The farmers were starving to death... They literally begged us to give them food... I'd no idea that things were this bad.

'At the Industrial Academy we'd been living under the illusion promoted by "Pravda" that collectivization was proceeding smoothly and everything was fine in the countryside.'

Aghast at the havoc wrought by Stalin's rural policy, which drove millions of poor and middle as well as rich peasants to rebel against the regime, many former oppositionists such as Zinoviev and Kamenev again began to discuss the removal of Stalin from the Party leadership.

But not Khrushchev. Commenting on Stalin's famous speech 'Dizzy with Success', which laid the blame for the sufferings caused by his policy on minor bureaucrats, he admits:

'I remember being bothered by the thought: if everything has been going as well on the collective farms as Stalin has been telling us up until now, then what's the reason for the "Dizzy with Success" speech all of a sudden?'

And he was dumbfounded by the news that the famine had reached the Ukraine, the 'breadbasket of Europe':

'I couldn't believe it. I'd left the Ukraine in 1929, only three years before, when the Ukraine had pulled itself up to pre-war living standards.

'Food had been plentiful and cheap. Yet now, we were told people were starving. It was incredible.'

Corpses

And according to Kiev party chief Demchenko, says Khrushchev: 'A train... pulled into Kiev loaded with corpses of people who had starved to death. It had picked up corpses all the way from Poltava to Kiev...'

Khrushchev swallowed whatever criticisms he may have had of Stalin's line, and joined in the attacks on those who came out for a change of leadership and policy.

But what he has to say on this period is nevertheless very interesting, because it points directly to one of the main motives

behind Stalin's frame-up trials a few years later.

One of the hallmarks of a Bonapartist regime is the infallibility of its leader.

His underlings, even his closest associates, may make mistakes, even be found guilty of treason when the situation calls for the sacrifice of scapegoats, but the 'leader' himself must be spotless, even to the extent of blotting out all his past blunders from the history books.

This was clearly understood by Khrushchev, as can be seen from his comments on Stalin's 'Dizzy with Success' speech, as well as the following passage:

'The conditions that existed under collectivization have been described by Sholokhov in "Virgin Soil Upturned".'

'Sholokhov wrote his book while Stalin was still alive, so he had no choice but to describe collectivization according to the Stalinist interpretation (indicating how Stalinist Bonapartism even determined the style and content of literary works.)'

'When the failure of the collectivization became widely known, we were all taught to blame scheming Kulaks, rightists, Trotskyists and Zinovievites for what was happening. There was always the handy explanation of counter-revolutionary sabotage.' (Emphasis added.)

'... Perhaps we'll never know how many people perished directly as a result of collectivization, or indirectly as a result of Stalin's eagerness to blame its failure on others.

'But two things are certain: first, the Stalin brand of collectivization brought us nothing but misery and brutality; and second, Stalin played the decisive role in the leadership of our country at the time.

'Rykov [shot with Bukharin in 1938 after the third Moscow trial], Zinoviev and Kamenev [both shot in 1936 after the first]

had already been removed from their posts, and Trotsky was in exile.

'Therefore, if we were looking for someone to hold responsible, we could lay the blame squarely on Stalin's own shoulders...'

Khrushchev demolishes here the frame-up technique employed by Stalin and his allies at the infamous Moscow Trials of 1936-1937-1938.

Terrorism

In fact the main charges at the first (the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial) had been those of wrecking, sabotage and terrorism.

By using the closest comrades of Lenin as the bureaucracy's scapegoats, Stalin killed two birds with one stone.

Not only were the half-starving, underfed over-worked and poorly-housed Soviet masses given an official explanation for all the ills of the Soviet economy (every set-back had been the work of Trotskyist "wreckers") the same trumped-up charges enabled Stalin to eliminate in four batches all real or potential alternative leadership to his own clique.

Into the highest posts of party and state swaggered opportunists and yes-men, drenched with the blood of Lenin's central committee and the General Staff of the Red Army.

And here, too, Khrushchev (or somebody using his name) is surprisingly frank.

'The flower of the Party was stamped out in the savage violence... Many of the original leaders of our Party and our country were wiped out.'

'Where were men like Molotov or Kaganovich or Voroshilov or Mikoyan when Zinoviev, Kamenev, Trotsky, Bukharin and Rykov were running the country?' (Emphasis added.)

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Stalinists fear Prague 19

BY ROBERT BLACK

CZECHOSLOVAK press and radio are giving very little information about the trial in Prague of 19 young anti-Stalinists, all members of the Revolutionary Socialist Party.

It is easy to see why. Unlike 'liberal' oppositionists linked in one way or another to former Party leader Alexander Dubček, they have called for working-class action to remove the bureaucracy, and not for a series of 'reforms' reflecting mainly the interests of the middle class.

The present ultra-Stalinist leadership of the Czech Party has been able to point out the obviously social-democratic nature and inspiration of many 'liberal' oppositionists, and has not hesitated to quote extensively from their writings.

The Husak regime has even used quotations from Lenin's writings to expose the opportunist content of the Dubček-inspired liberal opposition.

(Lenin's works on the right of nations to self-determination, crudely violated by the Kremlin occupation, understandably have not been used in this context.)

But the Stalinists have not been able to use the same technique against the 19 on trial in Prague.

And that is because the group has been fighting for a Leninist policy against the bureaucracy. Naturally, their prosecutors charge them with 'Trotskyism'.

All that the Czech public officially know about the trial is the brief statement made on the Prague Home service on Tuesday morning, which said:

'The trial of the accused Peter Uhl and others, charged with the criminal offence of subversion against the Republic, is currently in progress before the bench of the Prague City Court.'

'The accused have been conducting subversive activity against the Republic between November 1968 and December 1969 (when 13 of the 19 were arrested), viz. compiled, duplicated and distributed various written materials and leaflets of anti-state



Dubček

tendency in which they attacked the socialist order of the Republic and attempted to frustrate efforts at a consolidation of political and economic conditions.'

We see that here, there are no quotations from these duplicated materials, exposing the group's alleged 'anti-state tendency'.

Can it be that no copies have actually fallen into the hands of Husak's ever-vigilant secret police?

We know that is not the case, for one of the defendants at the trial, Pavel Lukacovic, has already exposed the role of a police provocateur within the group.

A certain Cechal leaked the text of a planned leaflet to the police, who promptly duplicated it themselves, and later used its circulation as evidence of the group's subversive activities.

The reason for the Husak regime's silence on the real views of the group is that their ideas are political dynamite. Jan Frolík, another defendant, has told the court:

'Never in our discussions did we consider the possibility of a restoration of capitalism.

On the contrary, our only aim was to help socialism. Our criticism was not directed against the socialist system, but against certain action and certain methods.'

So much for their 'anti-state tendency' and 'attacks on the socialist social order'.

Thrown into crisis

The group's position is basically that taken by millions of Czech workers and youth during the crisis of 1968.

They were utterly opposed to the Stalinist bureaucracy, but they were equally determined that the gains of the early post-war period—the nationalization of industry and finance, and the land reforms—should not only be defended, but enhanced by democratic workers' control over the economy.

This is why the 19's views cannot be so much as referred to by the Czech press and radio. Instead, Prague Radio broadcasts lengthy diatribes against obvious anti-communist figures in the West, and then links them in a classic Stalinist 'amalgam' to those fighting Stalinism in various ways from a socialist point of view.

One such broadcast included in the 'anti-Czech' front such varied figures as David Floyd of the 'Sunday Telegraph', Victor Zorza of 'The Guardian', the émigré writer Kuznetsov, Roger Garaudy (expelled from the French Communist Party), Jean-Paul Sartre, the existentialist philosopher and writer, Ernst Fischer, the expelled art critic of the Austrian CP, and the Soviet opposition writers Solzhenitsyn and Daniel.

Crudely lumped together here are professional anti-communists from Fleet Street and heroic fighters against the Kremlin bureaucracy, liberal critics of Stalinism like Garaudy and avowed enemies of socialism like Kuznetsov.

The Prague trial is obviously creating serious difficulties for the Czech bureaucracy, and it is fast becoming a focal point of opposition to the Husak regime.

The sons of two old Party leaders murdered after the 1952 Prague frame-up trial, Slansky and Sling, have joined supporters of the 19 on vigil outside the court.

This stand required courage, as Czech leaders are now saying the purges of the early 1950s were justified, and that those condemned were indeed enemies of socialism.

After a period of surface calm, the Czech bureaucracy has again been thrown into crisis, one sign of this being a press and radio campaign in defence of Husak's ambiguous role during the Kremlin invasion of August 1968, when, after a period of opposition, he went over to the hard-line Stalinists.

This is clearly being used against him by his die-hard Stalinist rivals Bilak, Strougal and Indra.

A big factor deepening this split has been the revolt of the Polish workers against the Gomulka regime, which at once provoked hard-liners to speak out against 'liberal' dangers in Czechoslovakia.

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7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 LANCER. 'Lifeline'.

8.50 GENTRY. Bobbie Gentry.

9.25 HORIZON. 'What Kind of Doctor?' A look at the methods of training our next generation of doctors.

10.10 THEATRE. 'No Charge for the Extra Service'.

10.40 'FOUR WITH BETJEMAN'. Victorian architects and architecture.

11.10 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.15 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

ITV

11.00 a.m.-2.58 p.m. Schools. 3.45 Yoga for health. 4.10 Once upon a time. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Lost in space. 5.45 News. 5.55 Today.

6.40 OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

7.30 CORONATION STREET.

8.00 WORLD IN ACTION.

8.30 FOR THE LOVE OF ADA.

9.00 THE MISFIT. '... On the National Health'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 FILM: 'APPOINTMENT WITH CRIME'. William Hartnell, Robert Beatty, Herbert Lom. A robbery goes awry.

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Weather. 1.00 Jesus and the circle. 6.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.42 News, weather.

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behind THE NEWS

SOCIALISTS WIN FREEDOM FOR THE 'PRESS'

A ROW between St. Helens councillors left the Tories seeing red last week. For the Libraries Committee are to buy and display the militant 'Workers Press' in the town's library reading rooms.

Popular demand for 'Workers Press'

ST HELENS workers have been demanding copies of the Workers Press at their town library and from now on it will be displayed in the reading room. The Libraries Committee decision to buy the Trotskyist daily provoked a storm of protest from Tory councillors.

Seamen may link with T&GWU

THE NATIONAL Union of Seamen may be taken over by the Transport and General Workers' Union. The seamen are about to ask for a pay rise and it may well be that the proposed link-up reflects a new determination to avoid defeat.

Nazi camp victim heads government

TRYGVE BRATTELI, Norway's new Labour Prime Minister, was once an inmate of a Nazi concentration camp. Arrested in 1942 for organizing resistance to the Nazi occupation of Norway, Bratteli was sent to a camp in Germany, where he spent the last three years of the war.

Crossman will not seek re-election

MR RICHARD CROSSMAN, 63, former Labour cabinet minister and until 1968 leader of the House of Commons under Wilson's premiership, has announced that he will not be standing at the next General Election.

AS RECESSION DEEPENS

Class forces polarize

FASCIST AND neo-fascist strong-arm gangs are increasingly taking to the streets in Italy, France and Germany.

As post-war parliamentary democracy crumbles and demonstrates its inability to cope with the worsening recession, such extra-parliamentary groups will become more common.

They reflect the polarization of class forces. They mark the break-up of the old political parties.

In Italy mobs sacked offices of left-wing parties, in W Germany neo-Nazis are breaking up Social Democratic Party meetings and in France last week right and left-wing demonstrators fought in the streets of the capital.

Despite the miracles the Common Market was supposed to perform—and which the Tories still mistakenly think it will—depression is biting hard among the Six.

Raymond Barre, vice-president of the Brussels EEC Commission, said last week that 1971 would be a 'very average' year for business with industrial growth slipping from 6.5 per cent in 1970 to barely 4 per cent.

'Co-operation'

He criticized employers for buying their way out of industrial trouble by conceding big wage demands and called for 'co-operation' between unions and management.

Inflation threatens to get out of hand and attacks on wages—and therefore living standards and jobs are an urgent necessity for the capitalist class.

Wages in W Germany went up by 37.2 per cent between 1968 and 1970, in Italy by 35.7 per cent and in France 30.4 per cent.

The European working class is now a serious obstacle to the

bosses' inescapable and ruthless need to destroy capital and restore falling rates of profit.

But to smash the trade unions, the political parties and the press of the working class will require far more than mere parliamentary methods.

Neo-fascist mobs are the start of this movement. The Gaullists and any other EEC governments will maintain the fiction that they are determined to preserve law and order, but strong-arm gangs are absolutely indispensable to the development of fascism.

Both the Pompidou and Colombo regimes have declared their determination to preserve 'law and order' in the streets and just as in the day of Hitler's rise to power, are turning a blind eye to the fascists' violent provocations.

Gangs

These gangs will try to break up working-class organizations as similar mobs succeeded in doing in pre-war Italy and Germany. Only then will the road be clear for fascism. No amount of legislation could perform this task.

The fact that they are beginning to appear is a measure of the distress which the bourgeoisie and petty bourgeoisie are suffering.

The decline of British industry is creating a whole army of unemployed executives, managers, ruined small investors, shop keepers in 'one industry' towns, small craft firms and the like.

These layers have for generations automatically identified their interests with those of British capitalism. But now their supposed ally rounds on them viciously, and threatens them with ruin. Which way will they turn?

Either the fascists will capture these frustrated masses, and direct them against the working class to smash the trade unions—or they will be drawn into a struggle for socialism.

'White collar redundancy', as it is now called, is recognized as

a growing problem by trade unions.

The jobless rate in DATA now runs at 5 per cent—nearly twice the national average. The educated unemployment rate is soaring in France and Italy, although the recession is only now having serious effects in W Germany.

In Britain there are signs that the middle class is turning towards the trade union movement to defend itself.

European REVIEW



Paris: A gang of fascists of the 'New Order Party' charge left-wing demonstrators who had attempted to break up their meeting.

Membership of the Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union increased by 17 per cent last year, and in ASTMS, the managers' union, by 22 per cent.

Not enough

But this trend, encouraging though it is, will not be enough.

Stalinist and reformist leadership was remorselessly exposed during the defeated postmen's strike.

It also showed that trade union militancy is not enough to defeat the capitalists.

Middle-class bankruptcy and ruin lay behind the meteoric rise of Hitler's Nazi party from barely 800,000 votes in 1928 to more than 6 million in 1930 and nearly 14 million two years later.

It is no accident that the fascist thugs who clashed with left-wing demonstrators in France and Italy both belong to

groups with the same name—'New Order'.

They are demanding that the government act to clean up the 'leftist mess'—by which they mean strikes, and all the organizations the working class has built up in its struggle against capitalism.

Every capitalist government in W Europe is now moving towards a showdown with the working class.

In Germany the trial of lawyer Horst Mahler, an anarchist, is being used to smear the entire left movement by associating socialism with terrorism.

In France, as the attacks on socialists as well as demonstrations mounted by student adventurers gather speed, the Gaullist Party is being forced to the right and the moderates are being driven out.

Break-up

The Italian government crisis which seems almost perpetual is a symptom of the break-up of the old mass parties—a break-up which has created a power vacuum into which the military and the police backed by the fascist MSI are increasingly stepping.

Fascist gangs have attacked socialists in L'Aquila and Reggio Calabria—areas where workers are said to have fought battles with military and para-military forces in the last few weeks.

Side by side with these developments, reformist and Stalinist leaders of the European labour movement are doing nothing to prepare the working class to resist.

Italy and France have the two largest Communist Parties in Europe. Yet in France in May-June 1968 they did everything to ensure the defeat of the workers' and students' movement.

In Italy massive strikes and workers' demonstrations have been diverted, muted and turned into mere protests.

In this situation the need for, and the role of, the mass revolutionary party becomes all-important.



The picket line at Dagenham

Nationalization: answer to 'crude threats'

FORD WORKERS at Dagenham are under no illusion about what lies behind the attempted witch-hunt of Tory MP Timothy Fortescue.

Workers Press reporters talked to Body group shop steward Terry Barton about the attempted witch-hunt and the course of the Ford strike.

'Hammer'

'I couldn't use strong enough words to condemn this Tory Fortescue without using libel', he said.

'Of course we can see what the government is trying to do now. The Tories have defeated the postal workers and they now believe it's time to hammer us.

'If my machine broke down I couldn't leave the floor. It would be repaired within half an hour. There is no chance of sabotage, even if we wanted to do this, with the numbers of supervisory staff on the lines.

'If a man sabotaged a machine he would be only hitting his own pocket. These accusations are nonsense', said Terry.

'If they want to sort out the militants as these three Halewood men suggested, then they will have to sort out all 50,000

of us because we are all militants.'

Terry said he was not at all worried about Henry Ford's threats of redundancies.

'What Ford is saying is that he doesn't like the British situation because labour over here is not cheap and the workers do not live under the neo-fascist regimes that they live under in the Far East.

'The answer to these crude threats is to demand nationalization of Ford's British investments.

'I endorse that last statement about nationalization', Maurice Allen, another shop steward and Ford worker, with six-and-a-half years' experience, told us.

'I am only surprised that this kind of witch-hunt has not come earlier.

Victimized

'They are trying to get us back to 1962 when they victimized and sacked all the militants at Dagenham but the situation has changed now and we won't let the Tories or the company do this again.

'They are trying to get us back to work by pushing around erroneous rumours that men are ready to give in elsewhere. But how did Halewood vote last week?

'They voted by 3,000 to four to stay out on strike. That is the answer I give to Fortescue, and if he wants the answer from Dagenham, let him come down here to our mass meetings.'

CEYLON

Coalition is counter revolutionary

THE STATE of emergency declared in Ceylon a few days ago indicates the treacherous objectives of the counter-revolutionary coalition government.

It brings out, too, the bankruptcy of the Maoist-oriented Peoples Liberation Front, which has no faith in organizing and leading the working class to defeat capitalism and to establish socialism.

The Peoples Liberation Front (PLF) is organized under petty-bourgeois leaders who had their initial political training first in pro-Moscow and then in pro-Peking Stalinist parties.

Therefore they inherit the anti-working-class political tendencies prevailing in the Stalinist communist parties throughout the world.

With their talk about the armed struggle and quotations from 'Mao's thoughts' PLF leaders try to divert the unemployed youth away from the working-class struggle.

Their theories about a peasant uprising and an armed struggle independent of the working class naturally helps the bourgeois sections to prepare to attack the workers.

They were preaching against the trade union struggles from the very beginning of their movement. They were really hostile to the Tamil workers employed in the plantations.

While the Trotskyist Revolutionary Communist League opposed the middle-class politics of the PLF and waged a theoretical struggle against them, the Pabloite revisionists ran after them—and compromised with all their weaknesses and betrayals.

There is a growing determination today, among whole layers of the Sinhalese masses to break away from the imperialist system.

The local bourgeoisie, led by Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike tries to exploit this hatred against imperialism by strengthening the state apparatus in order to repress the masses in the guise of a Buddhist Sinhalese 'socialist' system.

PLF, on the other hand, tries to exploit this anti-imperialist sentiment among the youth to drive them away from the working class and to lead them to some isolated terrorist activities.

PLF does not have a clear understanding of the real class nature of the coalition. They still hope they can push Mrs Bandaranaike to take up socialist measures.

Even when the police shot dead two workers who were engaged in a strike along with other trade unionists in a plantation estate, PLF leaders invited Mrs Bandaranaike to bring forward regulations to defend workers from the plantation owners and the police. Pabloite Bala Tampoe also supported this same resolution.

Again when the government issued a verbal protest against the American invasion in Laos they thought they could push the government more towards the left by attacking the American embassy.

But, Mrs Bandaranaike took immediate measures to defend not only the American embassy, but the whole imperialist set up in Ceylon by suppressing all revolutionary activities in the country.

Their counterparts, the Maoists, in Britain, also try to do the same things. That is why they are opposed to a Labour government returned to power through a General Strike.

They are opening the door for the Tories to attack the British working class.

Revolutionary Trotskyists in Ceylon today fight among the workers to build up a movement to force the Sama Samajist and Stalinist leaders in the coalition government to break away from it.

At the same time they fight to build up revolutionary cadres to lead the masses against reformism and revisionism and towards a successful socialist revolution.

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Stalinists slander SLL policy as General Strike demand gains wider support

By John Spencer

ON THE 18th anniversary of Stalin's death, Bert Ramelson, the Communist Party's so-called industrial organizer, decided to launch a fresh round of slander against Trotskyism.

He told students at the London School of Economics that 'the Socialist Labour League has never been able to get a response for its demands in the working class'.

Slander and distortion against revolutionaries is, of course, the stock-in-trade of

this ageing Stalinist functionary, whose entire political life has been devoted to licking Stalin's boots.

He and his colleagues in the Communist Party leadership supported every act of brutality and murder committed under Stalin. They have never changed their positions on these crimes.

Ramelson knows very well that his statement about the SLL is a lie. He is all too well aware that just a month ago, at Alexandra Palace, 4,500 young workers and trade unionists answered the SLL's call for a mass rally against the Tories and demanded the TUC call a General Strike to force the Tories to resign.

He knows that this policy commands widespread support inside the trade unions, having been endorsed in dozens of union branches all over the country. (See below.)

He knows that large numbers of workers demanding a General Strike heckled Victor Feather and the union leaders in Trafalgar Square on February 21. He knows that the same thing happened in Glasgow last Sunday.

It is precisely the widespread support for this demand that terrifies Ramelson and leads him to attack the SLL.

The League is the only organization which has consistently struggled for a General Strike to defeat the Tories.

The SLL has always maintained that no amount of protest will persuade the Tories to drop their attempts to smash the unions and that the Tories must be forced out of office.

He was convenor at Batchelor's Foods and a leading local CP member.

At the end of a seven-week strike Devey accepted the employers' pay-off, a fundamental feature of the Industrial Relations Bill, and shortly after resigned from the CP.

No political explanation of this series of events has been forthcoming from Ramelson or any other leading Stalinist.

Ramelson later explained that 'they knew he couldn't be a member of the Communist Party and sell out. He knew he would have to leave the CP'.

But at least 12 of Devey's fellow CP members in Sheffield knew exactly what he was doing and agreed with him.

Devey himself said that Barry Bracken, the local CP city secretary, advised him to accept the money. But nothing has been done, either about Bracken or about the other Stalinists involved.

These changes alter the form of the Committee's policy, without in the least changing its basic aim of confining the movement to protest.

At every opportunity, they attack the Socialist Labour League for putting this demand forward.

They want to cheat history with lies and distortions. They will not succeed.

Not only is the Socialist Labour League's policy winning wide support—it is the only answer to the Tory onslaught on the working class.

The time for protest has long since passed.

The class struggle now opening up will ruthlessly expose the opportunist bankruptcy of Stalinism and reformism, and create conditions for the rapid building of a mass revolutionary Trotskyist party in Britain.

All the lies of Stalin's bootlickers will not be able to halt this great leap forward.

The Communist Party does its best to hide this uncomfortable fact. When 11,000 Liverpool workers voted on January 12 for the TUC to call a General Strike, this resolution went unreported in the 'Morning Star'.

On February 21, when the entire capitalist press noted the widespread demand for a General Strike, the 'Morning Star' ignored it.

The Stalinists hope that if they keep this demand out of the columns of theirailing newspaper, it will go away.

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Sombre results

A SOMBRE note was struck by Indian Congress President Jagjivan Ram yesterday. Commenting on Mrs Indira Gandhi's sweeping General Election victory, he said: 'It is a real evolution brought about by the masses. The people will not permit any complacency.' Latest returns from W Bengal yesterday showed Congress trailing the United Left Front by 86 seats to 89, with Jyoti Basu's Communist Party of India ('Marxists') once again emerging as the main force in the Front with 80 seats.

Ford

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move elsewhere than concede 'parity', which would lower its profit rates enormously. In the 1930s Ford's got round the problem by keeping out unions with an army of 8,000 thugs—known euphemistically as 'Service men'—which gave Ford's the highest rate of exploitation in the US. But this failed in the end. In Britain today Ford's, deprived of their 'Service' department, can and must rely on Heath's union-bashing legislation as the only way to restore their profit rates and increase the intensity of exploitation on the assembly line.

Solidarity
The only way to defeat the Heath-Ford alliance, the only way to protect wages from Tory inflation and the only way to secure real 'parity' of wages and the flight of capital is to replace the Tories with a Labour government pledged to the expropriation of all industry—including the

motor car industry—and its operation under workers' control. Ford workers must not be left to fight on their own like the postmen. We urge all workers to demand that the TUC immediately raise massive funds for the Ford strikers and call on other car workers to show their solidarity through industrial action. Price rises ranging from £29 to £60 are announced by Renault today on their cars sold in Britain. The increases—due to 'continuing cost inflation'—are proportionately least, at just over 3 per cent, in the two best selling models, the Renault 12 TL and the Renault 16 TL.

No surrender
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clearly expressed for every worker to see—posing the urgency of replacing the revolutionary alternative. Hence Carr's praise yesterday afternoon for the TUC General Council's fight to prevent political strike action. While attacking the TUC's 'signally misleading' propaganda campaign against the Bill, he reminded Lake District and Border Tories at Carlisle that the March 1 and 18 strikes had been called against its advice. 'All credit then to the TUC for standing out against such unconstitutional and destructive action,' he said. And he went on to make clear that nothing less than complete surrender on Thursday will satisfy the Tories. The TUC had not succeeded in stopping the March 1 strike and it was probably unable to prevent the big unions calling out two million workers on Thursday. So everyone, he argued, could see how useless it would be to leave industrial relations in the hands of the TUC. These speeches are an unmistakable challenge to the labour movement, and the best possible argument for the maximum turnout at Croydon on Thursday behind the policies of the Socialist Labour League.

CORRECTION
LORD Delacourt-Smith, whose interview we published on Saturday, would like to point out that when he talks of a 'backlash' to the Industrial Relations Bill, he means that in his opinion there will be primarily a political backlash to the Bill and not an industrial one, as stated.

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will be government encouragement of all these trends. Nixon must win, and the Tories of Britain and Europe must find their own way! The ruling US capitalists are seeking to temporarily solve their domestic political problems by economic measures which threaten stability in the international system and pose problems for the capitalists within every other country. There is no solution to these contradictions. They force the ruling classes towards slump, fascism and war. They make inevitable revolutionary struggles in which revolutionary leadership is the decisive question. The Marxist movement must be prepared to respond to the most explosive and unexpected developments in such a period.

US interest cuts bring new problems

BY A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Chase Manhattan is trying to encourage them. Nixon, who thinks a reduction in unemployment will help him win the 1972 election, is also encouraging these interest rate cuts. Now the cuts are worrying some bankers. So slow are the industrialists to respond that the interest rate may go below what is necessary for the bankers to make a profit. First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust company (Philadelphia) reacted to the Chase Manhattan reduction: 'Rapid prime rate reductions have begun to erode banks' profit margins. We are at rock bottom now and feel that a reduction of a quarter of a point is enough.' Thus, one of the biggest indicators of a major slump is showing through: the squeeze on the rate of profit makes it impossible for any except the biggest firms to survive (and some of them will also go). This applies to banks as well as to industrial capitalists. What will be the effect of the flood of dollars into Europe? First of all, it makes nonsense of the fixed parities between the currencies of the different capitalist powers, and introduces instability into the world financial system by which international payments are settled. In the European countries, the influx of dollars puts on a big pressure to reduce their own interest rates and discourage the inflow of 'hot' money (capital seeking the highest interest rate). However, some of them will also go. The European capitalists need high interest rates (as in Britain) at home in order to discourage borrowing and spending, increase employment, and carry out their strategy of disciplining the working class. These capitalists fear that if they reduced interest rates and stimulated the economy, the working class would get even greater confidence and strength and the pressure would be put back on profits. Their costs of production would rise and they would be priced out of world markets. The US capitalists are utterly ruthless about this and will do nothing to ease the problem. They are well aware that a period of intensified competition has arrived, and it suits them to see the squeeze put on their rivals. They consider that the capitalists of the world will not threaten the dollar again by turning to gold, as they did in early 1968, thus risking an uncontrollable world crisis. PIPE-DREAM They are confident that the talk about a new all-European currency to rival the dollar is a pipe-dream. So far as they are concerned the world is on a dollar standard and they will have to put up with it. Nixon's concern about the 1972 election will mean there

US interest cuts, kingpin of the world financial system, is now causing acute anxiety in capitalist circles in Europe.

Leading financial journals of Europe noted last week that 'unofficial' trading in dollars had sharply increased, and that the margin between official and unofficial prices (in other currencies) for these dollars was now very high, higher even than for the pound.

So the dollar has become the major focus for large-scale financial speculation and is a source of great instability in the international capitalist system. Then came the news last Thursday in one day's trading, the amazing total of \$600m flowed into W Germany alone. It came at the end of a fortnight during which an estimated \$2,000m entered Europe from the US.

'EARN'S' MORE
The motive of the capitalists who transfer these sums is quite straightforward. Money placed in the European countries, where bank rates and other borrowing rates are high, 'earns' more than if left in the US, where interest rates have been whittled down over the past few months.

On the same day, America's third largest bank, Chase Manhattan, reduced its prime rate (the lending rate to its most favoured customers) by 1/2 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent. This means that businessmen can borrow from the bank at 1/2 per cent lower rates, but those who put their money in the bank, and make their money by this money being lent, get less in return. So the tendency to ship money abroad becomes even more pronounced.

Why this cut in the interest rates, and similar cuts in recent months? Because, owing to the US recession, industrialists are not borrowing so much money to invest in new plant.

General Strike demand on Thursday's Congress

YORKSHIRE miners' leaders will be asked today to endorse a call for Thursday's special Trades Union Congress to call a General Strike to force the Tories to resign.

Brodsworth branch of the National Union of Mineworkers has decided to support a resolution on these lines already submitted by the coalfield's Wheldale colliery branch to the union's Yorkshire area council.

Leeds busmen and SW London clerical workers are also backing the call. SW London branch of the Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union says the lesson of the postal strike is that wage struggles can only be won as political fights against the Tory government.

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LATE NEWS

AN UNIDENTIFIED American plane yesterday attacked S Vietnamese troops operating in S Laos, killing 10 and wounding 12, US military command announced.

It was the second such incident in the past few days. Last Wednesday, American helicopter-gunships killed four S Vietnamese marines and wounded 33 inside Laos.

ULSTER premier Maj. James Chichester-Clark may face a vote of censure from the powerful Ulster Unionist Council when it meets in two weeks' time (see page one story).

The attack on him is being organized by extreme right-wing elements in the Party, who want to institute an even tougher campaign of terror against Ulster's Catholic working class.

WEATHER

E AND C England will be cloudy with periods of rain, moderate at times, but becoming brighter over central S and SE Scotland, but will become generally cloudy with rain from the S later in the day.

Central Scotland, N Ireland, Wales and W England will have showers and bright or sunny intervals.

Showers will become heavy in places with hail and perhaps thunder in the NW.

It will be rather cold over E England, but temperatures will be near normal elsewhere.

Outlook for Tuesday and Wednesday: Cold with showers or longer periods of rain and with snow over high ground on Tuesday, becoming mostly dry on Wednesday.

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