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SOVIET IMPERIALISTS ATTACK CHINA

Message of the Chairman, Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), to the Communist Party of China, March 8, 1969:

On behalf of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) we convey our eternal thanks to the Chinese people, to the P.L.A., to the C.P.C., to Marshal Lin Biao, to Chairman Mao Tse-tung, to all in the Peoples' Republic of China for their immediate repulse to the Soviet Revisionists in their dastardly imperialist attack on China's inviolate and sovereign border.

Such an act is ready proof of the Soviet revisionist's collusion with U.S. imperialism. It indicates also that the Soviet revisionists are ready to serve as U.S. mercenaries.

The degeneration of the Soviet imperialist revisionists follows the classic inescapable route of all imperialists. Faced with external and, more important, internal opposition to its treacherous betrayal of the October Revolution, it lashes out more wildly and more viciously — like the dying paper tiger it is. And, by so doing, hastens its own demise.

From the adventurist act of Khrushchev in Cuba which has temporarily setback the advance of the Cuban people to the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Khrushchev's successors we have seen the ruinous path of revisionism. And now this futile desperate encroachment on Chinese territory!

Far from creating a distraction to the brave Soviet people, all these incidents only hasten the final overthrow of the revisionists by the Marxist-Leninists and the Soviet people.

Thanks to the great vigilance and courage of the Chinese people, already long ago warned by Chairman Mao that all reactionaries are "paper tigers" the P.L.A. is ever on guard and ready.

It is the task of our Party here in Britain to hasten the destruction of British imperialism, to show also the role of revisionists everywhere as handmaidens of imperialism.

We dedicate ourselves to this task. We are encouraged by the Chinese people and Party, stimulated and guided by the leadership and teachings of Mao Tse-tung.

We call upon Marxist-Leninists everywhere to join in increased work and activity to follow the great example of the Chinese Party. Together we hasten the victory of the proletariat all over the world.



Soviet revisionist frontier troops fleeing from Chenpao Island after being rebuffed by the Chinese frontier guards

Facts about the Soviet Attack

IT WAS inevitable that having betrayed Marxism-Leninism in every sphere the Soviet revisionist traitors would physically attack China, the centre of the world communist movement today. Even before the actual provocations of March 2 there had been other violations of Chinese territory. Indeed during the last two years there were some 16 occasions when Soviet frontier guards intruded into this very part of Chinese territory — Chenpao Island on the Ussuri River in China's northernmost province of Heilongkiang. The attack on March 2 caught the Chinese frontier guards by surprise and many of them were killed and others wounded.

It was in the second half of the last century that an expansionist Czarist Russia forcibly seized huge chunks of land from an enfeebled China especially when Peking was under occupation by British and French imperialist troops. The Sino-Russian Treaty of Aigun of 1858 and the Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking of 1860, were very unequal treaties which handed over to imperial Russia hundreds of thousands of square miles of Chinese territory to the north and north east. However, and this is significant, this particular island was never included in the annexed territories. On the contrary, Chenpao Island has always been on the western side of the boundary which, following international law, has been drawn through the centre of the main channel of the Ussuri River. In all discussions between the two countries relating to their boundary Chenpao was always considered Chinese, patrolled by Chinese frontier guards and used by Chinese civilians, fishermen and others. Not even during the Sino-Soviet boundary discussions of 1964 did the Russians claim the island.

Within a few days of March 2 the Russian revisionists launched a second attack. In the early hours of the morning, on March 15, Russian tanks, armoured cars and heavily armed troops intruded into Chinese territory in and around Chenpao Island. Once again the Chinese frontier guards had to defend themselves; and, from all accounts, the Chinese People's Liberation Army sent the intruders packing. However, and this is serious for all of us, the Chinese Foreign Ministry's note of protest, notes that "The incident is expanding." The Soviet traitors are committed to further aggression.

It is not surprising that the traitors who have betrayed everything Lenin stood for and worked for to establish the first socialist state in the world, and who are busy bringing back capitalism to the Soviet Union should also betray the Soviet Government's stand as expressed in 1920:

"All the treaties concluded by the previous Russian Government with China are null and void, and it renounces all the seized Chinese territory

and all Russian concessions in China and returns to China gratis and forever everything the Tsarist Government and the Russian bourgeoisie seized rapaciously from her."

Unfortunately in 1920 and for a long time thereafter China was a semi-colony with a reactionary government so that it would not have been feasible to implement Lenin's policy. However, after the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat in China in 1949, and in spite of repeated attempts by the Chinese to have the injustices of the past re-assessed the Sino-Soviet boundary could not be re-adjusted. China was able to adjust complicated boundary problems with her other neighbours — Burma, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan. But neither the Soviet revisionists nor the reactionary Government of India, which is but a puppet of both US imperialism and Soviet social imperialism, would agree to any revision of the boundary. Both of these have clung to annexations and claims made by Tsarist and British imperialism. Whereas Lenin recognised the inequality of the older treaties and wanted to hand back to China its lost territories, the present rulers of Russia want to hold on to what was illegally seized. They go even further and want to grab what is so clearly Chinese territory 'pretending, like any common crook, that what they are trying to steal is really their "sacred motherland."

The most important reason lies in the fear of China that these Russian renegades betray, a fear that is quite legitimate since China stands for communism and these traitors have supplanted communism by a mixture of bureaucratic capitalism, social imperialism and fascist oppression. Communism is taking giant strides in China under the leadership of Chairman Mao and the proletarian cultural revolution which purged the Chinese Communist Party of revisionism and brought the significance of the communist revolution to millions of men and women. Is it any wonder that millions throughout the world who want to destroy imperialism are looking to China and studying Mao's writings? This spells disaster for the Soviet revisionists for it is only a matter of time before the Soviet people learn from their Chinese brothers, study Mao's teachings and have a second Bolshevik Revolution. It is this fear that accounts for the hysterical propaganda emanating from Moscow about Mao's "adventurism", propaganda that has reached the depths of racialism with its talk of "Mongol hordes".

Because China is a threat it is necessary to start military provocations which will unite disaffected Russian workers and peasants under a chauvinistic banner, will disrupt China's economy and encourage revisionists inside China to stage a come-back. Furthermore, at a time when the Soviet traitors have rather blotted their image with the US imperialists after their occupation of Czechoslovakia, and when the new Nixon administration is planning

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THE BIG LIE

THE SOVIET revisionist leadership, who have utterly betrayed the October Revolution and turned the first proletarian state into a social imperialist country indistinguishable from US imperialism, have nothing to learn from Goebbels when it comes to the big lie.

First they called Chenpao Island, which can easily be seen from maps and photographs to be part of China, Soviet territory and then described the intrusion by their armed troops into China and the attack on Chinese frontier guards as a crossing of the Soviet frontier by the Chinese.

Almost immediately they charged the Chinese, as they have done on many occasions in the past, with holding up supplies being sent across China to Vietnam — a charge which Hanoi as quickly repudiated.

They followed this by claiming that West German scientists were preparing in China an atomic strike force and they warned West Germany against trying to take advantage of Soviet involvement on their far eastern frontier. But at the same time they argued that China had no means at all of defending itself from the nuclear attack which the Soviet leadership threatened them with and no means of retaliating. In any case, in spite of these overt warnings to West Germany, the Soviet leadership had taken Bonn fully into their confidence by advising them from the beginning of their aggression of everything that was happening — just as they kept the hot line to Washington buzzing with a full account of their actions against China in order to curry favour with the new regime there.

These are a few of the lies the Soviet propaganda machine has pumped out over the last two weeks — to say nothing of the racialism of screaming about Mongolian hordes and of raising the Kaiser's old bogey of the yellow peril. The chauvinistic lines penned on the occasion of this attack on China by their wretched little hireling poet, Yevtuchenko, reached an all-time low even for a country whose arts and literature, under revisionist influence, have been generally degraded by bourgeois corruption.

No, the Soviet leadership has nothing to learn from Goebbels about propagating the big lie, but they have a good deal to learn about plausibility.



Chairman Mao recently issued this instruction: "Our country has seven hundred million people and the working class is the leading class. Its leading role in the great cultural revolution and in all fields of work should be brought into full play"

IN A recent editorial on the experiences of the Proletarian Cultural Revolution the journal "Red Flag" has done the world revolutionary movement a signal service in not only drawing the lessons of the tremendous mass involvement of the Chinese people in building socialism and repudiating revisionism but has also shown the present excellent state, both politically and economically, of the China against which the Soviet renegades have dared launch an attack.

"The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution has won great and decisive victory. A revolutionary mass movement for the transformation of all parts of the superstructure that do not correspond to the Socialist economic base is developing in depth on all fronts. The tide of anger to smash the Soviet revisionist renegade clique's unbridled aggressive ambitions has swept the cities and the countryside throughout our motherland. Tremendous upsurge has emerged in all fields in grasping revolution and promoting production and other work and preparedness against war to greet the Party's Ninth National Congress with concrete actions. The revolution is advancing. The situation is excellent. The masses of the people are fired with enthusiasm."

In the last two years and more those elements wishing to lead China back on the road to capitalism and who might have provided the aggressive Soviet revisionist clique with a "fifth column" inside China have been completely smashed. This has been achieved under the bold policy of arousing the masses to make revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. Chairman Mao's theory on continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, the line and policies he has formulated, his latest instructions and the typical experiences he has recommended constitute a creative development of Marxism-Leninism.

"Chairman Mao highly values the creativeness and wisdom of the masses. He makes theoretical and scientific generalisation and summing up of their advanced experience which is of fundamental and universal significance, calls attention in good time to the erroneous right or extremely "left" ideological trends that must be opposed and prevented in the movement,

constantly educates the cadres and continually gives new instructions. All this is then translated into the revolutionary practice of the masses."

"The people and the people alone are the motive force of history."

The article points out the necessity of knowing the whole process of the movement in order to grasp its actual conditions in an all-round way. "Only thus can we understand the historical process of how the proletariat has struggled against the bourgeoisie and its agents in the Party and won victory in the great Proletarian Cultural Revolution . . . what changes have taken place in this process on the part of the enemy and ourselves and of the different classes and different political forces . . . only thus can we make a fairly appropriate analysis of the contradictions among the masses and find out the problems to be solved at present or in the future in the course of struggle - criticism - transformation and the methods to solve them."

The Proletarian Cultural Revolution

"The Proletarian Cultural Revolution is no mere accident. "It is the inevitable outcome of the sharp, repeated struggles existing in socialist society between the two classes - the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between the two roads - the socialist road and the capitalist road, and between the two lines - the proletarian revolutionary line, represented by Chairman Mao and the bourgeois reactionary line represented by Liu Shao-chi."

Only by understanding the process of history it is possible to understand the nature of US imperialism, Soviet revisionism and all reaction. "Just look at how many crimes the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has committed in its vain attempt to occupy still more of Chinese territory since its assumption of power, and just look at how many fascist theories, such as the theory of "international dictatorship" and the theory of "limited sovereignty", this clique has dished up to justify sending aggressor troops into the territory of other countries at will in a vain

attempt to realise its rabid ambition to re-divide the world through Soviet-US collusion, and you can tell that the recent armed provocations by the Soviet revisionists are by no means accidental."

Class struggle is an objective reality. Correct ideas invariably exist in contrast with erroneous ideas and develop in the struggle against them. The article shows how Mao Tse-tung's thought guides us in arriving at these correct ideas by examining the work we have done, analysing the contradictions arising in the course of development, and carrying out criticism and self-criticism especially. "The bad habit of being arrogant and conceited, priding oneself on one's "merits", divorcing oneself from the masses and spurning opinions different from one's own, the bad practice of double-dealers who say one thing while doing another, and the bad ideas of putting self-interest before everything and proceeding in all cases from egoism - these are manifestations of the bourgeois world outlook."

Of great importance to Marxist-Leninists wherever they may be is the advice "to seek out the advanced experience of the masses in a locality, sum it up and popularise it." There are relatively advanced units everywhere. "We should make deep-going, not superficial, investigation and study, gain first hand material."

To see the Proletarian Cultural Revolution in its true historical perspective one can do no better than to quote Mao Tse-tung's statement: "In any society in which classes exist, class struggle will never end. In classless society the struggle between the new and the old and between truth and falsehood will never end. In the fields of the struggle production and scientific experiment, mankind makes constant progress and nature undergoes constant change; they never remain at the same level. Therefore, man has constantly to sum up experience and go on discovering, inventing, creating and advancing. Ideas of stagnation, pessimism, inertia and complacency are all wrong."

It is in this spirit that the Chinese people under Mao Tse-tung's revolutionary leadership are greeting the forthcoming Ninth National Congress of the Party which will crown the great peoples' victories of the Proletarian Cultural Revolution.

Correspondence

(Letter written to an industrial comrade on the Bank Rate.)

Dear John - You asked me about Bank Rate going up to 8%. This has a significance in the world sense that Es are not considered to be worth much as a means of paying for goods on the international market. This is a reflection of the intense competition in world markets which have shrunk for all the imperialist countries and by the high cost to them of keeping their empires. The local populations are not as tame as they used to be and they are fighting back against oppression. The soldiers and guns to keep these people quiet cost more and more. There is also the fact that trade no longer can be carried on in the way they like. China is a big factor in world trade and her terms have to be matched or bettered and so socialism is a force in world trade and in the weakening of the imperialist forces.

But for you and your mates on the shop floor it is even more important. Wilson's "Labour" Government boasts what it does for the workers on Merseyside in providing 130,000 jobs. The jobs are useful and needed by the workers. But the pay should be enough to pay a worker to keep his family in comfort after a hard week's grind. On the one hand Barbara Castle says that the Government allows wage increases of 3-and-a-half % with conditions attached of increased productivity; that is if you speed up and slog your guts out you can have 7d in the £1 increase. On an average wage of say £18 per week this is 10s 6d. Big deal!

The Bank Rate increase from 7% to 8% is a 15% increase or 3s in the £1 or 54s reduction in value on £18 a week average wage. So that in one blow the Government of Barbara Castle and Wilson having given you 3-and-a-half % on the basis of hefty productivity conditions on the one hand, have taken 15% with the other hand. Like climbing a moving staircase always going the wrong way.

No wonder you wife looks tired when she gets back from shopping. After paying the increased rent; or the higher mortgage and rate payments, she must try to get the family fed and clothed on the higher house-keeping money you have given her as a result of your 3-and-a-half % wage increase. She's been glad to get your extra few bob, but by the time she gets to the shop the shopkeeper has had the Bank Rate increase news. The Bank Manager is charging 10% for overdrafts now. So the 15% increase and more that he is told to put up by the wholesalers and the big combines, he adds a halfpenny here and a halfpenny there. A halfpenny in the shilling is not much is it? But watch, its 6% rally and so the Bank Rate increase of 15% plus the halfpenny here and there adds another 5% and so its 20% or 4s in the £1 and your wife's quid only goes as far as 16s did last week. Do you begin to see it John? You and your wife are on a seesaw with the bosses government in the middle raising you up one minute and lowering you down with a bump, the next.

My conclusion is that whatever wage increases you fight for and fight you must, the best way to get off the seesaw and get permanent better wages and conditions for your wife and family and for all your mates, is to realise that Wilson, Castle & Co, are operating the capitalist machine. This machine is so constructed as to benefit the capitalist class. We must smash this machine and replace it with a socialist machine operated by and for the working class. Only then will the Bank Rate trick and all other tricks of the capitalist class be destroyed.

Yours fraternally,
Jack.

THE STRUGGLE ON THE HOUSING FRONT

UP GOES the Bank Rate and thousands more workers suffer a rent increase while others are forced to pay more interest on mortgages.

Housing is now, more than ever before, a vast source of secondary exploitation. Not content with robbing the workers at the point of production, capitalism snatches back even that which it has been forced to cough up in the form of wages.

The intensifying exploitation in this field has not gone completely unchallenged. The state of the forces ranged against capitalism in Britain have been, and still are in disarray, although organised resistance is beginning to solidify. The struggle on the housing front is no exception.

The politics of the organisations engaged in housing work are extremely varied. We have seen examples of Labour councillors who formed Tenants Associations as a kind of vehicle to carry them to victory at local elections, of the revisionist Communist Party doing the same thing and incidentally, using such work as a club to beat down factory organisations, and so on. Tenants' organisations have

been as varied as Tory bingo clubs on the one hand, to militant fighting units on the other.

The problem that has always cropped up with the militant mass organisations is a lack of class politics. There have been one or two exceptions in recent years, such as the St Pancras evictions (1960) when factory workers went on strike, and Paddington, where guerrilla warfare between landlord and tenants has gone on (and still is going on) for a long time. In both cases it has been working class tenants themselves relying mainly on their own efforts.

The past year or two has seen an infusion of politics into the housing front. Unfortunately in the main it has been the wrong politics. The infusion has come from a variety of extreme left organisations and individuals, who, once achieving some tiny breakthrough in organising workers and their families, hang on like grim death to the shell of an organisation they have started or taken over, lest another outfit pinches it off them.

So here we see the working class being

used as a pawn, not this time as election fodder, but as inflated ego fodder. (There are also cases of welfare workers engaging in this activity. The contact with the workers gives them a ready-made laboratory.) It does not necessarily mean that all of these are insincere. But it is no consolation to be led to the slaughter, however sincere the leaders are. It must be said that many of those in the extreme left political organisations are quite young and impressionable. There are fields, such as the Squatters Movement where, with the guidance of Marxist-Leninists, the political realities are becoming obvious to them. A similar battle of ideas is also taking place in the Notting Hill People's Organisation.

The battle of ideas must be fought out. It is quite certain that the exploitation in housing will increase. At the moment rent or mortgage counts for a very big part in a worker's wage. As local authorities get deeper and deeper into debt with the banks, more and more will be demanded from Council tenants. In turn, Council rent increases are used as a lever to force up private rents. A number of local

authorities have seriously reduced their building schemes, while others have stopped building houses altogether. This is the old capitalists bludgeon of supply and demand. Fewer houses means more competition, and that means more money in the banker's pockets. And so it will continue, unless the chain is broken.

There are many questions to be asked. What part does work on the housing front play in relation to the main struggle at the point of production? How can the struggle of the working class on all fronts be integrated to form a powerful weapon to smash capitalism? All these questions must be answered.

The task is permeated with contradictions. Non antagonistic contradictions between various sections of working class tenants. And antagonistic ones between the workers and capital. Everywhere there are contradictions. But if we hope to win we must understand them.

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Anguillians must liberate themselves

"Weapons are an important factor in war, but not the decisive factor; it is people, not things, that are decisive." (Mao: On Protracted War.)

WHEN British imperialism decided to switch from direct colonial rule to indirect forms of neo-colonialism, it began to devise all kinds of arbitrary groupings and federations which would ensure the maximum amount of security for imperial interests with the minimum amount of expenditure. Most of these arrangements like the Central African Federation or the Federation of Southern Arabia were scrapped because the peoples on whom they were imposed rebelled. The present situation in Anguilla makes the future of another British neo-colonialist creation - the "Associated State of St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla" equally hazardous.

The tiny West Indian island of Anguilla, with a population of only 6,000, starved and exploited for more than a century by the British Colonial Office, continued to be starved and exploited when it became part of the "Associated State" on May 30, 1967. The only difference was that whereas formerly the starvation and exploitation had been at the hands of the Colonial Office, now it was at the hands of British civil servants pretending they were acting on behalf of an "independent" federation. Under the neo-colonial arrangement the few crumbs doled out for the three islands through British lackeys fell mainly to the puppets ruling St Kitts while the Anguillians got nothing. Hence, last year, on the anniversary of the foundation of the "associated state" the Anguillians got rid of the British puppets from St Kitts and proclaimed themselves independent with their own president - Ronald Webster. The British Government could not afford such defiance. Even though Webster is no revolutionary and leans towards US business interests, there is the danger that once a people have got the taste of rebellion they might not be satisfied with anything short of the real thing.

The present military occupation of Anguilla by British paratroopers, marines and police is not because Harold Wilson sees himself as another Lord Palmerston but as the Times correspondent put it quite bluntly: "Opening the way for small impoverished breakaway islands like Anguilla to set up as sovereign states would endanger the whole security of the Caribbean, the United States' strategic backyard." (March 18). Anguilla's geographic location is of immense strategic importance for the domination of Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Venezuela, Guyana, etc. Wilson is not merely safeguarding the profits for Tate and Lyle and other British monopolies but those of his masters in Washington.

As British Communists we denounce all imperialist plots and schemes being hatched by the Labour Government whether in the Caribbean or Southern Rhodesia. At the same time we realise that in the latest example of 19th century type "gunboat" diplomacy lies the sense of panic which has gripped the entire British ruling class and a panic which will grow as the peoples in the Empire and inside Britain rise up against their common enemy!

To our brothers and sisters in Anguilla we express our firm solidarity. We know that they alone have the power to liberate themselves. Neither the United Nations nor any kind of "adviser" can be of the slightest use. The man and woman who today are showing the Tony Lees and Whitelocks that they will not be pushed around will tomorrow follow the example of the Vietnamese and Palestinians and all those in Asia, Africa and Latin America now rising up against their oppressors. That the British Occupation Army is armed to the hilt with the latest weapons while the Anguillians have little is of no account. Once the people are armed with a revolutionary understanding they will find a new strength. We, in the backyard of British imperialism, join the people of Anguilla, to hasten the overthrow of the system that enslaves all of us.

"Daily Mirror", Tuesday, March 18th.

"FORTY uniformed bobbies were standing by last night to join the Army's Anguilla Force."

"They will go on the beat in Anguilla streets to keep law and order."

"And their special orders will include taking care of children who might be in danger . . . just like the ordinary British policeman."

"The 'Mirror' could have completed its whitewashing job by adding 'and to see old ladies across the road.' The truth of course is that the British police are the strong arm of the state machine, be they used in the Caribbean, Hong Kong or on the streets of London."

"Could it be that the 'Daily Mirror' has a vested interest in whitewashing the police image? Yes, of course. The 'Daily Mirror' wants a world "safe" for monopoly capitalism and safe for the bourgeois press empire."

LTB - GLC OR WHAT A WAY TO RUN A RAILWAY

THE new Transport Bill involves among other things the handing over of the LTB Country Services to the National Bus Company, and the London operations to the GLC. GLC, however, are not prepared to take over a loss-making machine, and want LTB on a profitable basis before taking over. To this end, LTB are currently engaged in a round of bargaining with the Unions on pay and efficiency, in which they hope to satisfy not only GLC but also the Castle woman.

The Rail side negotiations have run into all kinds of trouble. The NUR, following its acceptance of the British Railways deal, was ready to settle with LTB on similar lines, but the craft unions, AEF, ETU, NUW, SMWU, having put the LTB proposals to their members, got the thumbs down, and conveyed this to the LTB, so there is no deal until the LTB come up with something acceptable to the workers on the job. This relates to the Acton works and Depots.

The situation on the road vehicle side is different. Some headway has been made towards a deal, the main burden of which is writing off a number of people (voluntary redundancy) and sharing out their wages among those who are left. There is little more to it than that, apart from scrapping recognised tea-breaks and providing tea

machines. This latter is now a well-known "three card trick", the spiel goes: "you can have tea now whenever you like and as many cups as you want". Of course, one cup of that mechanised rot-gut a day is enough for most people. The pay resulting is estimated at about 16s a week.

Concurrently with all this, consultants have been busy at all the LTB workshops on work-study exercises. LTB want to do away with the present bonus schemes and replace it with work-study schemes. Although they are baiting this proposition with a promise of consolidation involving higher holiday pay, there are strong doubts that this one will get off the ground.

The natural fears of working oneself out of a job are enhanced by the prospect of GLC control. Much work that should be done by LTB in its vast under-used workshops goes out to private firms, and with GLC's reputation for contract rather than direct labour, LTB workers are not exactly enthusiastic about the future.

Of course, if worst fears are confirmed, and Chalkwork Works closes down in a few years time, that will serve to prove that "public enterprise" has really reached the pinnacle of capitalist efficiency for which mergers and consequent closures are the highest expression.



A section of the 2,500 demonstrators at the meeting of the trade union executives at Fairfield's Hall, Croydon on February 27

IN PLACE OF STRIFE

THE CONFERENCE of trade union executives called at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, on February 27, was an usual very "statesmanlike" and "responsible". Delegates were assured there was no cause for real concern. After all, was not the first chairman of the Committee of Industrial Relations to be George Woodcock himself, retiring Secretary of the TUC!

While being opposed to certain proposals of the White Paper he found ground for support for what he called its "positive features".

The rally of militant trade unionists outside the hall with banners and slogans utterly condemning the Government's anti-trade union proposals showed how little effect these blandishments of Labour Party stooges in the leadership have on class-conscious workers. They are not to be taken in by the advice that they must not be misled by calls for one-day strikes, must not give the Tories weapons which they can use if returned to power, must save "our Government" from itself and wait for the "unity of the left" to bring about necessary changes.

Only by arousing all workers to defend their trade unions in the face of attack by the Labour agents of capitalism can these steps on the road to fascism and the corporate state be halted.

There is no choice for workers between a "strengthened" Labour Government or the

Tories. Both are servants of capitalism and enemies of the working class. We cannot go on supporting today "left wing" leaders who tomorrow are the betrayers of workers and the leaders of reaction. Better the open representatives of capital than these so-called "socialists" and labour leaders. The working class needs to wage an all-out fight against these social fascists, building up to a general political strike.

Midland Meeting on White Paper

Representing 100,000 workers in the Midlands 350 delegates from 15 unions and 21 towns attended the Conference against the White Paper "In Place of Strife" at Birmingham on February 23.

From the floor, speaker after speaker condemned the Labour Government's policy to shackle the working class in Britain in the interest of monopoly capitalism.

The Conference passed two resolutions, one from the platform and the other from the floor, the latter being moved because the platform's resolution was considered inadequate. The resolution from the floor called for full withdrawal of the White Paper and urged delegates to work among their respective unions to organise the working class for a token strike and mass demonstration and to continue the fight till the White Paper was withdrawn. This resolution was passed by the Conference with only two abstentions.

WORKERS WIN AT FORD'S

40,000 FORD workers return in victory. Braving the splitting tactics of some trade union leaders, ignoring the legal threats of the law courts, Ford workers struck a blow for the whole working class.

As an army they came out; as an army they return to continue the fight.

What did they achieve? First, overwhelming solidarity in the face of sustained unscrupulous propaganda against them by press, radio and television. They rejected the treacherous advice of certain "leaders". They tore to shreds the paper tiger of the Government's Incomes Policy and they struck the first decisive blow against the White Paper and legislation against the trade unions.

They return with an improved monetary offer, greater freedom and the rejection of all "penalty clauses". Materially they have won an advance of 7% - 10-and-a-half % per week, the offer of equal pay and a guaranteed holiday bonus of 15-something like an all round 10% advance.

But much more, they exposed the sham negotiating committee which is now moribund and neglected. They smashed the chains Ford's was encouraged by the Government to load upon them as a first sample of the White Paper's proposals in connection with the so-called "unconstitutional actions". They return free and in unfettered possession of the right to take action officially or unofficially and in so doing have begun the battle to defeat White Paper legislation.

They return to continue the struggle for improved wages and working conditions - the next step being the fight for parity of earnings as in the Midlands. The struggle will continue for greater control of negotiations, a voice in their own affairs, a proper base for their shop stewards and an end to the historical anti-union stance of the Ford Company.

The working class gives thanks to Ford workers for their greatest ever historical contribution in trade union struggles. Their strength and maturity is a great essential acquisition in the further struggles facing us all.

Enormous Pay Rise for State Bosses

IF ANYTHING more had been needed to show up the vicious farce of the Government's Incomes Policy, the terrific pay increases for the heads of the "nationalised" industries has done it. The Prices and Incomes Board which blocks a couple of shillings extra for workers, cheerfully agrees to a rise per week for these tame capitalists which amounts to as much as the entire wage the average worker makes in two months!

That is not the end of it. The excuse for the rise was to minimise somewhat the discrepancy between salaries in the public and private sector - so one can imagine the scale on which bosses in private industry are paid. Furthermore the rises at the top will have knock-on effects right through these industries at intermediate grades. While workers wages are pegged by the Board to a 3-and-a-half % rise everybody else is to get rises as high as 60%.

No doubt the Chancellor will be devising the means in his budget of making the workers cough up the money for these massive increases.

New Albania Society MEETING

THE FIRST public meeting of the New Albania Society meeting in London had an excellent attendance on Saturday, March 15. Dorothy Birch, a teacher, who had visited Albania in the summer of 1968, gave an interesting account of the country and its socialist development.

Albania, surrounded by countries who have shown in the past their enmity to its existence, and who still imprison many of the Albanian people, is proudly and resolutely building its industry and culture in a socialist context.

The audience saw interesting slides of many aspects of the country.

A number of people joined the Society and bought the literature now available in English. Other meetings of this kind will be held and will be advertised in "The Worker".

Peaceful transition in Spain!

WHILE workers have launched an all-out attack on Franco, a university lecturer, at first charged with "attacking the fundamental laws of the State" and "clandestine publication", had the charges dropped.

His poster read: "No Violence"; another, so charged, is alleged to have stated in Court:

"I was very concerned to see Spanish workers and students affirming that the only way to change things was by violence . . . there is another way, that is non-violence. My motives were purely patriotic." Now we know.

YAO WEN-YUAN The working class must exercise leadership in everything - 6d

MIHMET SHEHU On the stand of the People's Republic of Albania towards the Warsaw Treaty

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A panorama of Chenpao Island situated on the Chinese side of the central line of the main channel of the Ussuri River. The arrow in the photo indicates the main channel of the Ussuri River, the triangle the southern end of China's Chenpao Island and the circle the north-eastern part of the island

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ning a new round of military preparations with their medium-range ABM screen, such an attack on China could improve Russia's standing with their partners in carving up the world into two spheres of influence. Is it not revealing that within hours of launching their attack the Soviet traitors were busy rushing off to the chancelleries of imperialist governments to "brief" them about alleged Chinese provocations? The bourgeois news agencies of the west were struck by the "unprecedented" briefing of Bonn and the lengthy sessions between the US Secretary of State and Soviet Ambassador, Dobrynin.

Some immediate tactical advantages are also sought. The invasion of Czechoslovakia last year caused rifts even amongst Soviet minions. In order to paper over the cracks so that the forthcoming world "communist" conference now scheduled for June will be possible the border clashes are eminently suitable. Already the satellites are screeching about "Chinese adventurism" including those truly colonial slaves of the Soviet Union - the Czechs, and revisionists such as that stalwart, the French "Communist Party" have denounced China in L'Humanite.

The Soviet traitors have embarked on a policy of social imperialism. They want an empire and are trying to strengthen their hold over such semi-colonies as India. That country's reactionary government, dependent for everything on US imperialism and Soviet revisionism, has hitherto been the only country to start a border war with the Chinese. The ignominious defeat inflicted upon the Indian intruders in 1962 has obviously been forgotten or else the prospect of a Soviet alliance is proving tempting. It is not a coincidence that on the very day the Soviet revisionists launched their attack on Chenpao Island Marshal Grechko, the Soviet Minister of Defence, arrived in Delhi for a week's visit? Within days the Tibetan counter-revolutionaries who are maintained by the Government of India, were once again clamouring for an "independent" Tibet. It should not surprise anyone if the Soviet revisionists should now start supporting the Dalai Lama, since they have begun friendly overtures with their once sworn enemy - Chiang Kai-shek.

The Soviet rangers are stepping up their threats and trying to intimidate the great Chinese people with talk of superior nuclear weapons and air power. They have stepped up their military build-up all along the Sino-Soviet border and are using their satellites like Mongolia to stir up further trouble against China. But like all reactionaries they will learn only when the might of the people falls upon them like a thunderbolt.

All reactionaries are paper tigers. In appearance, the reactionaries are terrifying, but in reality they are not so powerful. From a long-term point of view, it is not the reactionaries but the people who are really powerful. (Mao Tse-tung.)

MAY DAY MEETING

The Industrial Branch of the Communist Party of Britain (M-L), is holding a PUBLIC MEETING on MAY 1st at Willenden Trades and Labour Hall (Near Willenden Bus Garage) 7.30 pm SPEAKERS: REG BIRCH - TED ROYCRAFT



On the morning of March 2, 1969, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent fully armed soldiers, together with 4 armoured vehicles and cars, from Nizhne-Mikhailovka and Kulebyakinye to intrude into China's Chenpao Island from south and north. They made a sudden attack on the Chinese frontier guards on patrol duty and were the first to open cannon and gun fire, killing and wounding many Chinese frontier guards. The Chinese frontier guards valiantly fought back in self-defence and repulsed the intruders who carried out provocations, thereby triumphantly safeguarding the sacred territory of our motherland.

Report to the Second Plenary Session of the Seventh Central Committee of the Communist Party of China - Mao Tse-Tung

WHEN the first socialist state the Soviet Union, has turned imperialist and is trying to smash the great socialist country China, we ought to equip ourselves with sharp ideological weapons for opposing revisionism.

This report was made by Chairman Mao

on March 5, 1949. It summed up profoundly the struggle between the two lines in the Party during the period of the democratic revolution, analysed the new situation as regards class struggle following the basic victory of the democratic revolution, and put forward a great programme for advancing from the new democratic revolution to the socialist revolution, for establishing and consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat and building socialism.

In this report, Chairman Mao, applying the Marxist-Leninist method of class analysis, scientifically and penetratingly analysed the classes, class contradictions and class struggle after the countrywide victory, and on all questions pointed out the fundamental difference between the correct line and the erroneous line.

In our struggle against revisionism, this report is our best study material, our best guide and our best weapon.

(This Marxist-Leninist document of vital significance is available from the Bellman Book Shop).

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Daily Broadcast in English from Hanoi: 9.00 pm-9.30 pm, 19 metre band.

Chinese in October Revolution

BETWEEN 40 and 50,000 Chinese, who were conscripted by the Czarist Government as road labourers, volunteered for the Red Army.

By the end of 1917, the vanguard of the Chinese workers, courageous and resolute to defend the gains of the October Revolution, joined units of the Red Guard of Petrograd, Moscow, Perm, Vladkavkaz and Petrozavodsk.

The first wholly-Chinese battalion to be formed was at Tiraspol in the Inestser valley. This was organised by the Chinese Communist, Sun Fu-Yuan on 9th May 1918 he wrote in Pravda, calling on all Socialist Revolutionary Chinese to range themselves with the Red Army. Later, speaking of the glorious heroism of the Chinese volunteers at Tiraspol, N.I. Podvolok, President of the Commission for Organisation for the Red Army for the whole of Russia, said that they had fought like lions.

The Chinese were also praised for the good example they set in their discipline, tenacity, resistance to fatigue and hardships.

One Chinese, Jan Wen-Chi, was awarded the Order of the Red Banner for his heroism in fighting English and American interventionists.

A monument, put up to the Chinese at Ordzonikidze, was destroyed in 1966 after the inscription to the Chinese had been defaced in 1964 on the orders of Khrushchev. It was re-built in the Square which is now known among the people as the Square of the Chinese.

- The Committee for the Re-establishment of a Marxist-Leninist Party in the Soviet Union.

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