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Workers Broadsheet

The first Congress of the **WORKING PEOPLES' PARTY OF ENGLAND**

On May 4th and 5th last took place the inaugural Congress of the Working Peoples' Party of England. Delegates and Greetings were received from Scotland, the Caribbean, Africa, India, France, Portugal, New Zealand, Channel Islands, Wales and Quebec.

The programme adopted has been developed in 5 years of hard work. Its origin was in the revolt against the flight from socialism and the repudiation of revolution by the Communist Party of Great Britain - a revolt led in 1963 by the late Michael McCreevy, basing itself on the famous twenty-five points of the "Proposal Concerning the General Line of the International Communist Movement" put forward on 14.6.63. by the Communist Party of China.

The Working Peoples' Party of England takes these twenty-five points as the basis of its international position, as do all Marxist-Leninist Parties. It also recognises that a revolutionary party in any country must work out ITS OWN PROGRAMME, as every successful revolutionary has done starting with Lenin.

The present acutely developing crisis in Britain, which is fundamentally a deepening economic crisis of imperialism, has now reached the stage of being an openly political crisis. This has been foreseen and foretold by us since 1964 as has also the suddenly generally recognised DISINTEGRATION of the Labour Party.

This disintegration results from the Tory policy of the Government, itself a result of the absence in the Labour Party of any socialist principle, of any theoretical analysis or critique of capitalism as a social system that bases itself, and necessarily bases itself, on rule by a privileged class over the mass of the people. The W.P.P.E. reminds all workers THAT THE LABOUR PARTY HAS NEVER BEEN SOCIALIST.

The Party that still calls itself Communist, and claims to be Marxist-Leninist, is now increasingly recognised to be nothing of the sort, but merely a baton-follower of the now thoroughly discredited revisionist Party leadership in Moscow, the contemptible heirs of a once great revolutionary party.

Moreover, the W.P.P.E. recognises that a mistake was made at the very foundation of the C.P.G.B. in 1920, the theoretical and practical achievements

of James Connolly and John McClean, both acclaimed by Lenin, were not heeded as they should have been.

We recognise that England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland are four nations, not one, and that therefore each requires, and will certainly soon develop, as already in Scotland and now in England, its own revolutionary party. These four national parties, all basing themselves on Marxism-Leninism, in its new stage of development by Mao Tse-tung, will then develop a common policy and united leadership in a Federal Party of the British Isles.

The international connections of the Party will particularly be with those peoples fighting most vigorously and at a most advanced stage for their national freedom and socialist development as in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Burma, Indonesia, India, much of Africa, the whole Caribbean and Quebec. On the other hand, it will also be with those peoples most nearly related to our own position as the working class in the imperialist country whose ruling class both supports U.S. imperialism - as do, in greater or less measure, all imperialist countries - and also is being increasingly eaten up and dominated by this same U.S. imperialism.

We shall therefore seek to develop close comradely relations with the revolutionary parties, who prove themselves such in practice, of all European countries and of the U.S.A. itself.

There we give fullest support to the struggle of the Afro-Americans for liberation (Black Power), as the already widely recognised present stage of the necessary REVOLUTION in the imperialist U.S., which alone can finally achieve racial equality by bringing the working class, led by its politically most advanced section, their revolutionary party and the Afro-American workers, to power.

Here in Britain we also recognise that it is our Black class brothers who are at present leading REVOLUTIONARY development. The recent declaration of war on them by the neo-fascist Tory Enoch Powell, has already united them in defence against this racist attack, while the paralysed and increasingly helpless hypocrisy on this issue of all the capitalist parties, including both the Labour Party and its satellites such as the C.P.G.B., will help to achieve their destruction, for which revolutionary workers need not mourn.

The immediate danger is the emergence of a fascist party WITH WORKING CLASS SUPPORT. This is the real aim of Powell and of the wealthy men who are financing his carefully planned campaign. This was the initial success of Hitler that brought him to power. This is what we have to destroy by correctly assessing it and attacking it NOW before it can gather dangerous strength.

This is what none of the constitutional non-revolutionary parties, including the C.P.G.B., will or can do.

The first step is the organisation of SELF DEFENCE by our black class brothers. This step is already being taken by them.

The second step is the mobilisation of all sincere democrats, of all sincere haters of racism - to form WORKING PEOPLES' DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS everywhere. This is the form the anti-fascist, anti-racist United Front should take, if it is to achieve its object not merely to argue about racism but to destroy this loathsome disease before it destroys us.

The W.P.P.E therefore appeals now to all working people for the formation of Working Peoples' Defence Organisations as an immediate step.

The general establishment of Workers Committees of the W.P.P.E. everywhere, will ultimately be the basis - the only possible practical and democratic basis - of the Workers Power that alone can rescue our country from its increasingly disastrous situation, allow it to recover from its present increasing cynicism and despair, and see its future once more before it as a great one, worthy of the devotion that alone can make our national future a part of all humanity. For humanity, led by the working class, and its revolutionary party is taking control of its own destiny.

For national independence through unity of all who can be united against imperialism on a programme of national development - no freeze, no squeeze!

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For brotherhood and equality in the common struggle against the racist fascist enemy!

FOR WORKING PEOPLES' DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS EVERYWHERE!
FOR A SOCIALIST PEOPLES' REPUBLIC THROUGH WORKERS' POWER!

Chairman, Alex Hart.

Gen. Secretary, Rod Lee.

Revolutionary Struggle of the French Workers and Students

The Working Peoples' Party of England unhesitatingly and enthusiastically supports the magnificent revolutionary struggle of the French Workers and Students. This struggle which has culminated in recent weeks in massive strikes and bitter street fighting has raised the political consciousness of the French masses to a new level. It has strengthened their conviction that only with the Workers in Power can they begin the building of the Socialist Society that is so dear to their hearts. Nothing short of the complete destruction of the old Imperialist state machine can form the true foundation of this work of Socialist reconstruction. The revolutionary struggle of the French Workers and Students has demonstrated in practice at least three important political lessons for us all.

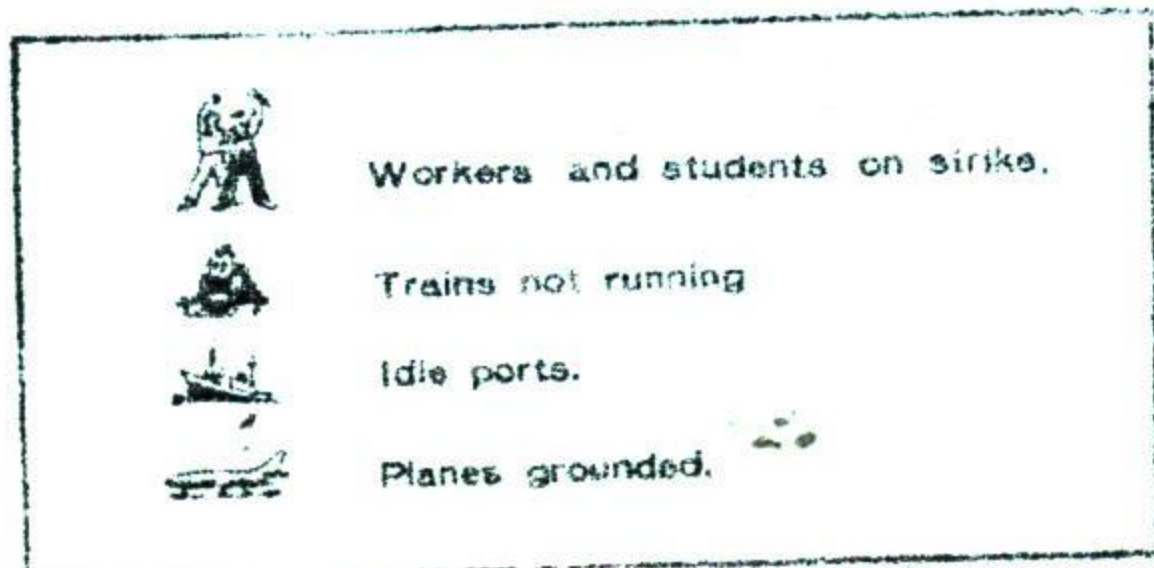
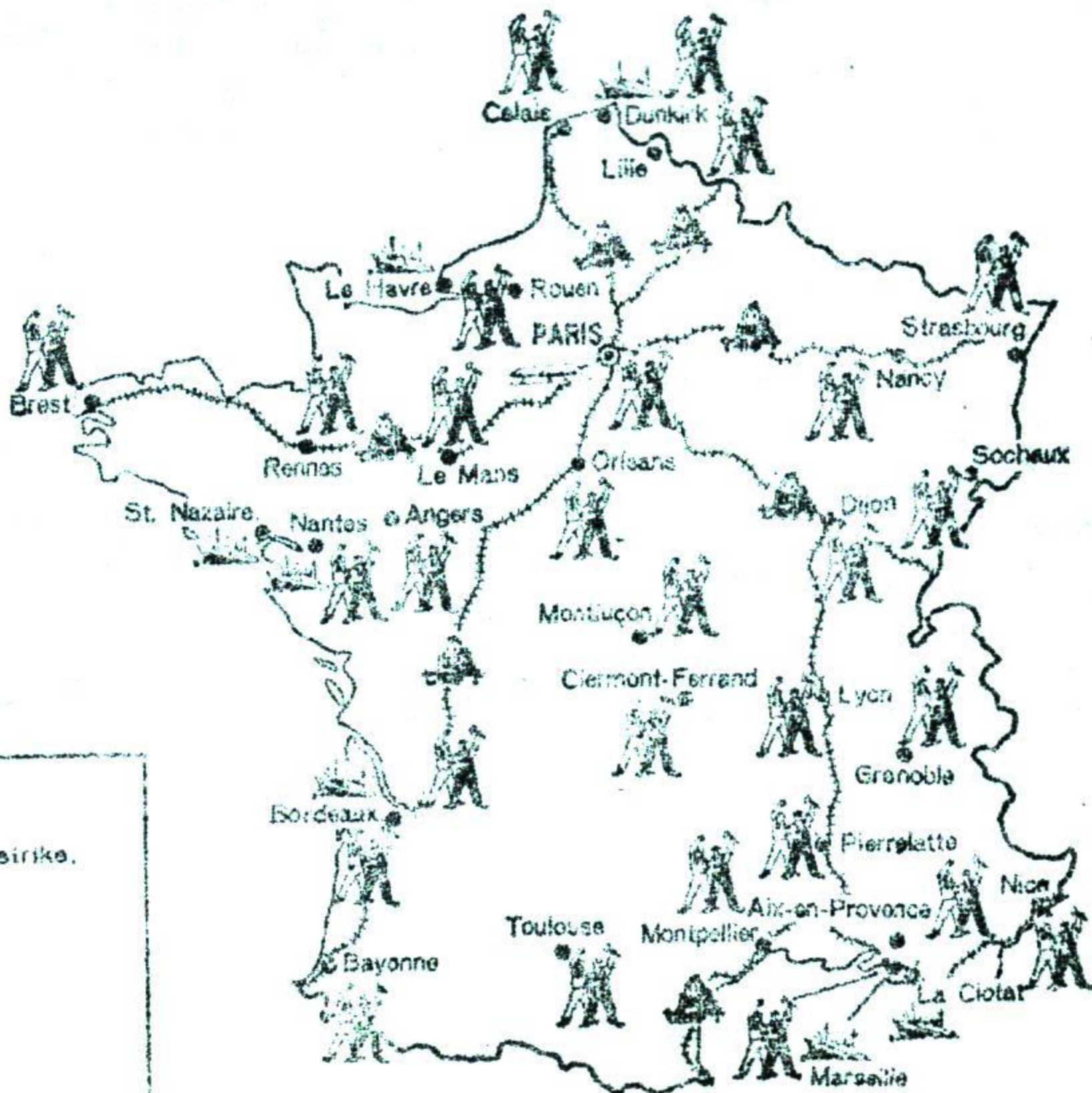
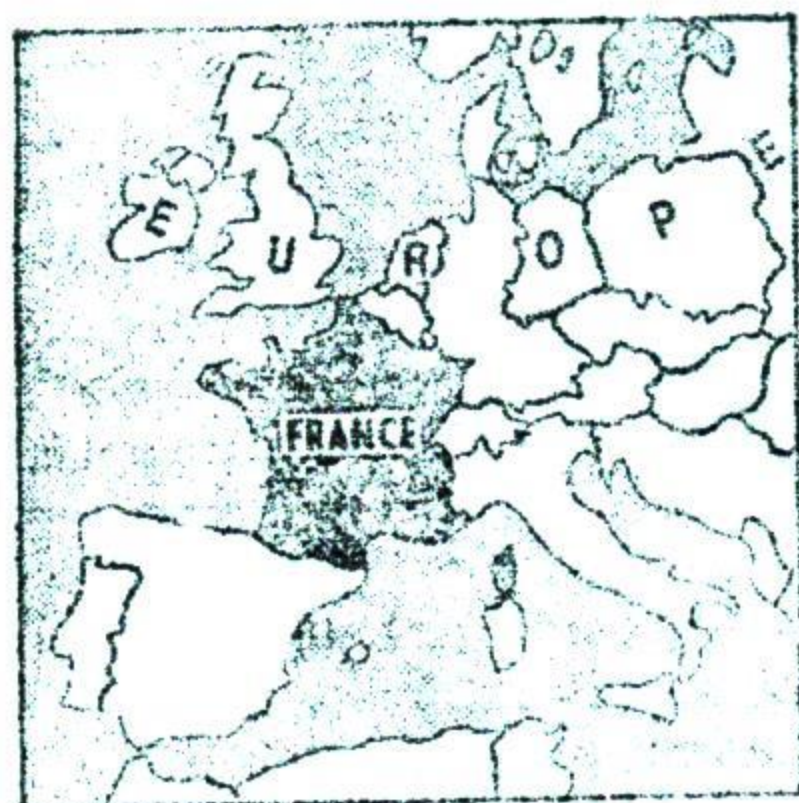
Firstly, that 'If there is to be a revolution, there must be a revolutionary party.'

Such a revolutionary party exists, and as they gain the confidence of the masses through correct leadership they are certain to lead the French Working Class to victory.

Secondly, that 'Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.' The destruction of the old Imperialist state can only be achieved through violent and armed struggle. It is of great importance in our struggle to learn and learn to apply the lessons of Peoples War so brilliantly shown us in the Vietnamese War of Liberation. The masses must be prepared for this struggle.

Thirdly, that 'The people, and the people alone, are the motive force in the making of world history.' In all its work the revolutionary Party of the Working People must prepare to involve the masses. The revolutionary Workers and Students in France have shown their strength, and correctly led, no force on Earth can stop them achieving their goal.

Sketch Map Showing Situation of the Revolutionary Struggle by French Workers and Students



RESIST VIOLENCE

UNPROVOKED VIOLENCE

For more than three years, Pakistani people in the Euston Gower Street area of London have been suffering repeated, unprovoked assaults by gangs of white hooligans. These attacks are becoming increasingly frequent, and have been occurring at the average rate of three a day. During the summer months and especially at the weekends the attacks are at their worst. Altogether, hundreds of Pakistani people have been individually assaulted.

POWELL'S SPEECH

Mr. Powell's recent outburst has given a great stimulus to these assaults.

The usual pattern for such an assault is as follows. A restaurant worker on his way home from work in the early hours of the morning, is set on - often in a main thoroughfare - by a gang of white fascists, without warning or provocation. He is beaten to the ground and kicked, and robbed of all money and valuables. At the weekends, this often means losing a week's wages.

APPEALS TO THE POLICE

For over a year now, leaders of the Pakistani community and various progressive people in the area have been making representations to the police. To no avail. The assaults intensify. On several occasions, Pakistani workers have been attacked with police present in the same street as witnesses. No arrests or intervention have been made.

SELF - DEFENCE

The whole Pakistani community of 1,000 people in the Euston area together with their black and white brothers in Camden, Islington, Westminster and other parts of London, have decided these assaults must be stopped.

MASS MEETING

Members of the WPPE (Working Peoples' Party of England), North London Workers Committee, Camden CARD (Campaign Against Racial Discrimination) and Pakistani Militants have been working in the area meeting the people, listening to their experiences and finding out what needed to be done. Through Bengali-speaking Pakistani



Johnny James and Roy Rickards, Chairman and Secretary-General of Caribbean October Congress.

revolutionaries, the indigenous and other English-speaking militants were able to meet and talk with the Pakistani people. A meeting was called on Sunday 12th May in the area, at which speakers from CARD, the Black People Alliance and the WPPE came and addressed the packed hall of more than 250 people, over 90% of whom were Pakistani working people.

The speakers included Johnny James Chairman of the Caribbean October Congress, and member of the C.C. of the WPPE, Ajoy Ghosh, National Organiser of UCPA (Universal Coloured Peoples Association), Zakaria Choudry of the Black Peoples Alliance and CARD, Ishaque (a Pakistani Marxist-Leninist) and Paul Noone of WPPE & Camden CARD.

All the speakers stressed the need for the Pakistani people and their brothers to organise self-defence in the area. Every help would be afforded the Pakistani workers by the UCPA, Caribbean Workers Movement, Zimbabwe Students Union, WPPE, the North London Workers Committee, by militants in CARD and also by rebel YCL-ers.

It was pointed out time and again by speakers on the platform and in

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STOP**PRESS**

the body of the hall that creeping fascism was on its way in Britain. Today it was the Black working people who were under violent attack, but tomorrow it will also be "communists, militants and trade unionists" who will be victims of fascist attack. It was imperative that steps should be taken now to prepare for this.

As a result of this highly successful meeting, street committees have already been established in the Gower St. - Euston area, meeting with an enthusiastic response from the Pakistani working people. In cooperation with the North London Workers Committee, led by the North London Branch of the WPPE, a Camden Working Peoples Defence Organisation is being established to coordinate and lead the activities of the street committees.

The only solution to this fascist violence is the organisation of resolute self-defence by the working people in the area. In this way the streets are going to be made safe and kept safe for Pakistani working people and other working people persecuted or threatened by fascist violence.

Real solidarity is being forged in practice between Black and white workers, between Pakistani, Indian, African, Caribbean, Cypriot Irish and English working people.

The British ruling class - the millionaire shareholders, bankers industrialists, big landlords, aristocrats - are our common enemy. Powellite fascism is the latest development in their bid to deflect and crush all opposition to their bankrupt policies of wage-freeze, unemployment and sell-out Yankee Big Business. United the working people who make up over 90% of the population of Britain will be able to kick the ruling class profit-mongers out of power and establish their own power. This is the only way we'll get socialism, which is planned economic growth for prosperity and social need.

Camden Working Peoples Defence Organisation is a first step in a revolutionary development to achieve this end.

attacks**answered**

Concern is growing at the continuing attacks on Pakistani working people.

Examples of the latest incidents.

Sat. May 4, 23.30 - Mr. D. Miah of Tottenham St. returning from work, attacked, robbed and severely beaten by white thugs. Police informed.

Sun. May 19, 01.30 - Mr. R. Miah, restaurant worker, returning from work, attacked by 4 thugs, robbed of cash and wedding ring - left bleeding. Police informed.

Sat May 25, 03.45 - Mr. A. Khaliq, night worker at ABC food factory near Camden Town, attacked by 6 white thugs, knifed and robbed of £49 (wages & holiday pay). Police informed.

Sun May 26, 15.40 - Mr. F. Ali, (45) under medical treatment at the time, attacked returning from chemist with medicine. Robbed of little money he had and bottle of medicine smashed. Confined to bed through injuries.

On May 12 Camden CARD called a mass public meeting which received sensationalised misreporting in national & local press. It was agreed by the Pakistani people and their black and white brothers in Camden, Islington, Westminster and London generally, to put an end to these assaults and organise self-defence in the area.

Sun. June 2, 24.30 - Mr. N. Uddin, attacked by 2 white thugs and robbed of £10, a rent book and personal papers. He had been kicked and needed hospital treatment. Attack seen by Camden CARD patrol, thugs caught. In following struggle one escaped with loot. The other detained until police arrived and was handed over to them. Many witnesses were able to assist the police case. Camden CARD is anxious to help the police bring the other thug to justice & recover Mr. Uddin's rent book, money and papers, and determined to help make the streets safe in this area and stamp out these vicious assaults on Pakistani and on any other working people.

Apprehension of thug by Camden CARD is turning point of the 3 year history of thug attacks on Pakistani people in the Gower St. area. During this time police have been unable to make a single arrest.

Pakistani people in the area and black and white blood brothers throughout London and Britain will learn an important lesson from this development.

Organised self-defence is the only effective answer to racist violence.

WHY ALF GARNETT?

He was the B.B.C.'s answer to "Coronation Street", the pop hero put up a successor to the Colonel Blimp of the 1930's the man 20 million viewers were invited supposedly to laugh at, but in fact to laugh with and to accept as their "folk hero".

When Hitler was filling his concentration and extermination camps, the liberal cartoonist Low invented a stupid, self-satisfied yet apparently harmless ex-officer named after the captive unarmed balloons of the first World War, supposedly to be ridiculed.

In fact, Colonel Blimp turned fascist views into fun - ha, ha, ha! And so has Alf Garnett.

Alf Blimp Garnett was the Tory working man, the worker who has swallowed whole the racist rubbish put out as part of imperialist ideology, and he is now, with the help of Mr. Powell, being put across as the typical British working man - someone too stupid to think, too selfish to love, fit only to be led and governed by his betters from the ruling class like Mr. Powell.

This is where Wilsonism has led us.

Wilsonism is Tory conservatism dressed up to look democratic and with its left hand coloured pink.

Its economic policy is the Tory "Stop - go", but hardened to freeze and squeeze.

Its foreign policy is total subservience to the U.S.

Its racism is covered up and hypocritical like Heath's.

Alf Garnett, the working class man for whom capitalist society is the only society he knows and who accepts it blindly, very likely voted labour in 1966 when most of his neighbours did.

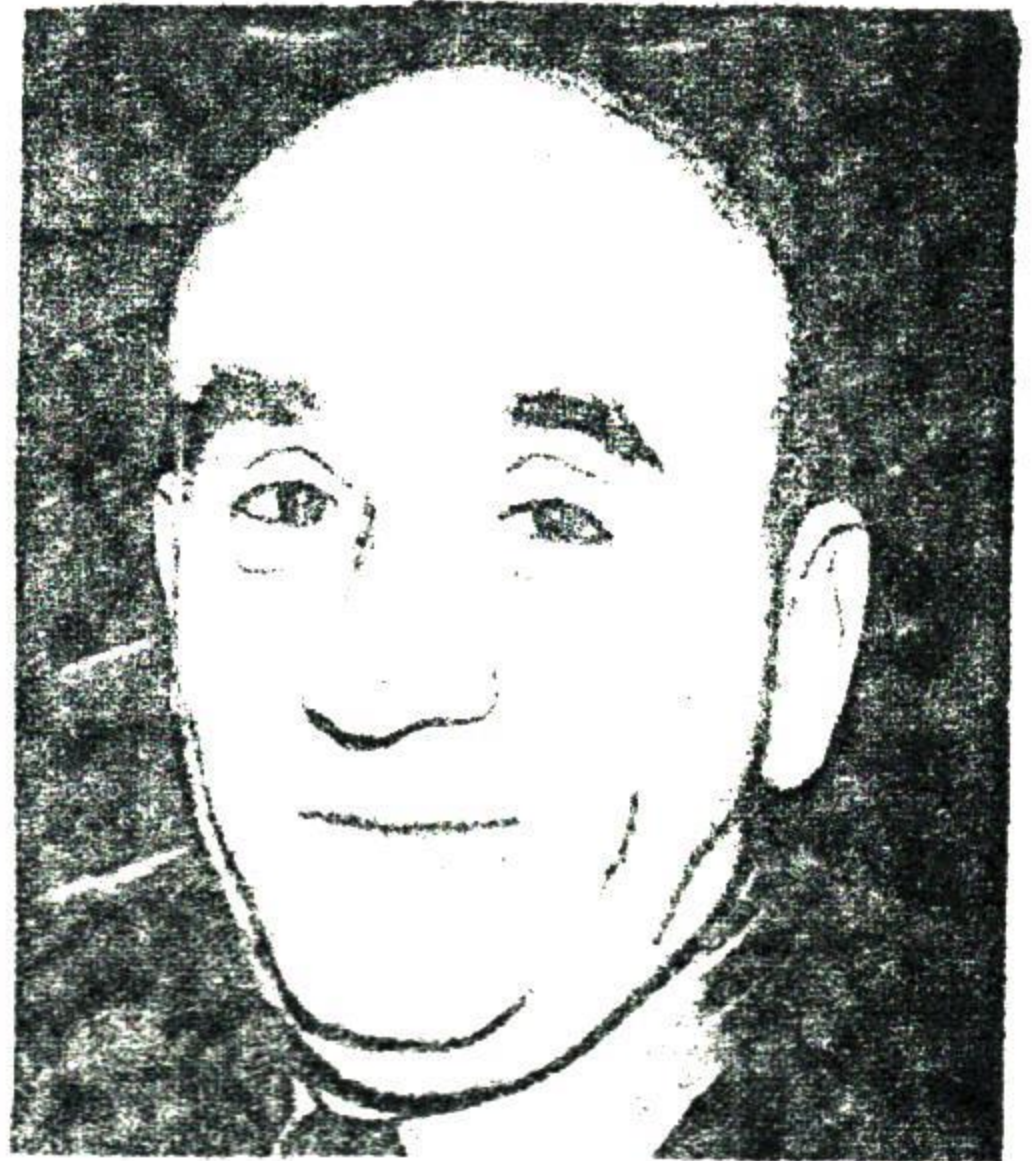
Today of course he follows Powell, while his clever young family would not do anything so vulgar - they will now support Mr. Heath, at least until the Tories change their leader.

Powellism is the discarding of the hypocritical cloak, the declaration of open racism and so a declaration of war on the working class.

It is this that makes the action of the dockers in supporting Powell tragic though not surprising.



Mr. Jack Dash and his like have been feeding the dockers for years on deception, on agitation for a little pie now, with most of it left far away in the sky. And above all, a total abandonment of the age-old struggle of working class politics over countless generations for a new and better society. To accept our class society as either natural, or at least unchangeable in our lifetime, is to invite the emergence of fascism exactly as in the Germany of the Weimar Republic and then Hitler. In Germany in 1932 tens of thousands of workers were enrolled in the Red Front fighters in opposition to Hitler's Brownshirts. But when not only the German social democrats, but also the Red Front leadership itself, showed that it had no actual intention to fight and showed that it was retreating at the prospect of civil war, a large proportion of these



workers switched to the Brownshirts, who at least were full of promises (Hitler liquidated them not long after taking power.)

And so today our Alf Garnetts, both old and, worse still, young, are falling for Powell as so many German workers fell for Hitler. But Alf Garnett, as the image of the British worker today, is an entirely false image. It is the image of those who have lost confidence in themselves or who have never had it. Its appeal to many is simply that of the man who bluntly speaks the truth as he sees it, however inadequately, as opposed to the clever dicks who have been and are still leading us up the garden. The British working people are not the fools that so many members of the middle class want them to believe they are. The folly is that of the clever dicks who pretend that they are not Tories, but in fact have nothing to offer but Toryism disguised in hypocrisy. We have to build a new working class movement, honest and revolutionary, speaking nothing but the truth, serving nothing but the people, setting in its own ranks an example of total rejection of self-advancement together with the total assumption of self-reliance.

There is no way out for the British people today but that of revolution from a society sinking into apartheid.

No political party can possibly lead a great revolutionary movement to victory unless it possesses revolutionary theory and a knowledge of history and has a profound grasp of the practical movement.

-Mao Tse-tung-
Selected Works.Vol.11.p208.

NAFTA

A section of British imperialism is putting a North Atlantic Free Trade Area forward as an alternative to the Common Market. NAFTA would consist of the U.S.A., Canada, the U.K. and the countries of the European Free Trade Area.

It is quite clear that NAFTA would be ruled by the Yank. The most seivile lackeys of Yankee imperialism have given up trying to get into the E.E.C. as a Trojan horse for the Yank. NAFTA, to sell Britain

They are now pushing the idea of a NAFTA, to sell Britain out even more fully to their U.S. masters.

The pro-NAFTA group of 82 M.P.'s includes such reactionaries as Nabarro, 'left-wingers' like Lena Jeger.

It has open backing from 15 former ministers including Douglas Jay; his son the economic editor of "The Times"; and Frank Cousins.

SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA

British imperialism wrings enormous profits from the people of Singapore and Malaysia. It sets up governments of puppet yes-men, so that this theft can go on unchecked.

The imperialists force the prices of raw materials down, to get more loot at no extra cost. They make the people buy manufactured goods at high prices.

The total value of British investment in Singapore and Malaysia... £700 millions.

MALAYSIA:

£225 million in rubber and oil plantations.

£150 million in mining.

SINGAPORE:

£140 million, mostly in petroleum industry.

Earnings after tax from these investments are estimated at £80 million a year, and invisible earnings at £35 million.

British enterprises handle 30% of total imports and exports of Malaysia and Singapore; total trade, £500 million a year.

Balance in Britain's favour with Malaysia & Singapore: 1966, £80 million; 1967, £63 million (estimated).

Sterling transactions through Malaysia and Singapore: £1,000 million a year.

Sterling balances held in London by both governments: £350 million to £400 million (including £107 million for Singapore).

Quote!

THE President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Anthony Crosland, today spent 50 minutes discussing Anglo-Soviet trade relations and the international monetary situation with Premier Kosygin in the Kremlin.

Mr. Crosland was received by Mr. Kosygin on the third and final day of an official visit to Moscow for discussions with Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev and other top officials on a new, long-term Anglo-Soviet trade agreement due next year.

Informed sources said Mr. Crosland found the Soviet Premier apparently anxious about the international monetary situation and particularly the effects of pressure on the U.S. balance of payments caused by the Vietnam war.

Serious effects

Mr. Kosygin clearly believed that a breakdown in international trading arrangements would have serious effects on Soviet efforts to build a stable economy.



The jack-boot which stamps on the people of Azania is largely owned by British imperialism. The white fascist regime of South Africa does not stand alone. It is only the front and tool of other imperialists,

especially Zionist, Yankee, and British imperialism.

Over 55% of all foreign capital in South Africa is now British owned.

Many M.P.'s both Labour and Tories, urge a friendly line towards the fascist government of South Africa. Many of the appeasers have large stakes in companies which wring handsome profits from the blood of our Azanian brothers.

Almost every large industrial company invests in fascism. Only the largest and best-known companies with major stakes in fascism are shown in the table opposite.

Insurance & Banking

BARCLAYS OVERSEAS.
PRUDENTIAL
ROYAL
STANDARD BANK
LEGAL AND GENERAL

Minerals

BRITISH PETROLEUM
BURMAH OIL
RIO TINTO ZINC
SHELL

Foodstuff

ASSOCIATED BRITISH FOODS
BEECHAMS
BRITISH - AMERICAN TOBACCO
CADBURYS
GLAXO
SCHWEPPE
WHITBREADS

Industrial

B.M.H.
DUNLOP
FISONS
GUEST KEEN
I.C.I.
METAL BOX
ONILEVER.



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.

Quebecois brothers

Quebec is a nation in the existing state of Canada. Its people (called the Quebecois) are descendants of the original french settlers, who were conquered by Britain in 1760, and whose national revolt of 1837 was bloodily crushed by Britain.

When Canada was given 'independence' from Britain in 1867, these people were forced to accept over-rule by the 'anglo-saxon' rest of Canada. All the Quebecois speak french, their culture and traditions are french. They will no longer accept foreign rule. The Quebecois people is demanding independence.

There is a 'Quebec government' with provincial status, a part of the Canadian state machine. It is this gang of traiters to their people that De Gaulle is supporting. No real Quebecois is fooled by the stooges of Ottawa and Washington.

Quebec's economy is deliberately kept backward. It is forced to be a supplier of raw materials. Its industry is large, but mainly consists of small firms, with small and poorly organised work-force. 75% of industry and other wealth in Quebec is owned by the anglo-saxon 15% of the population. All the larger firms are owned or controlled by the U.S. imperialists. This includes the iron ore, petrol refining, chemicals, nylon, woodpulp, paper, and hydro-electric power industries. Quebec gets next to nothing for its raw materials - all dues are paid direct to the anglo-saxon Canadians. The minimum wage in Quebec is 27% lower than in english Canada. Farm wages in the rest of Canada are 2½ times as high as those in Quebec.

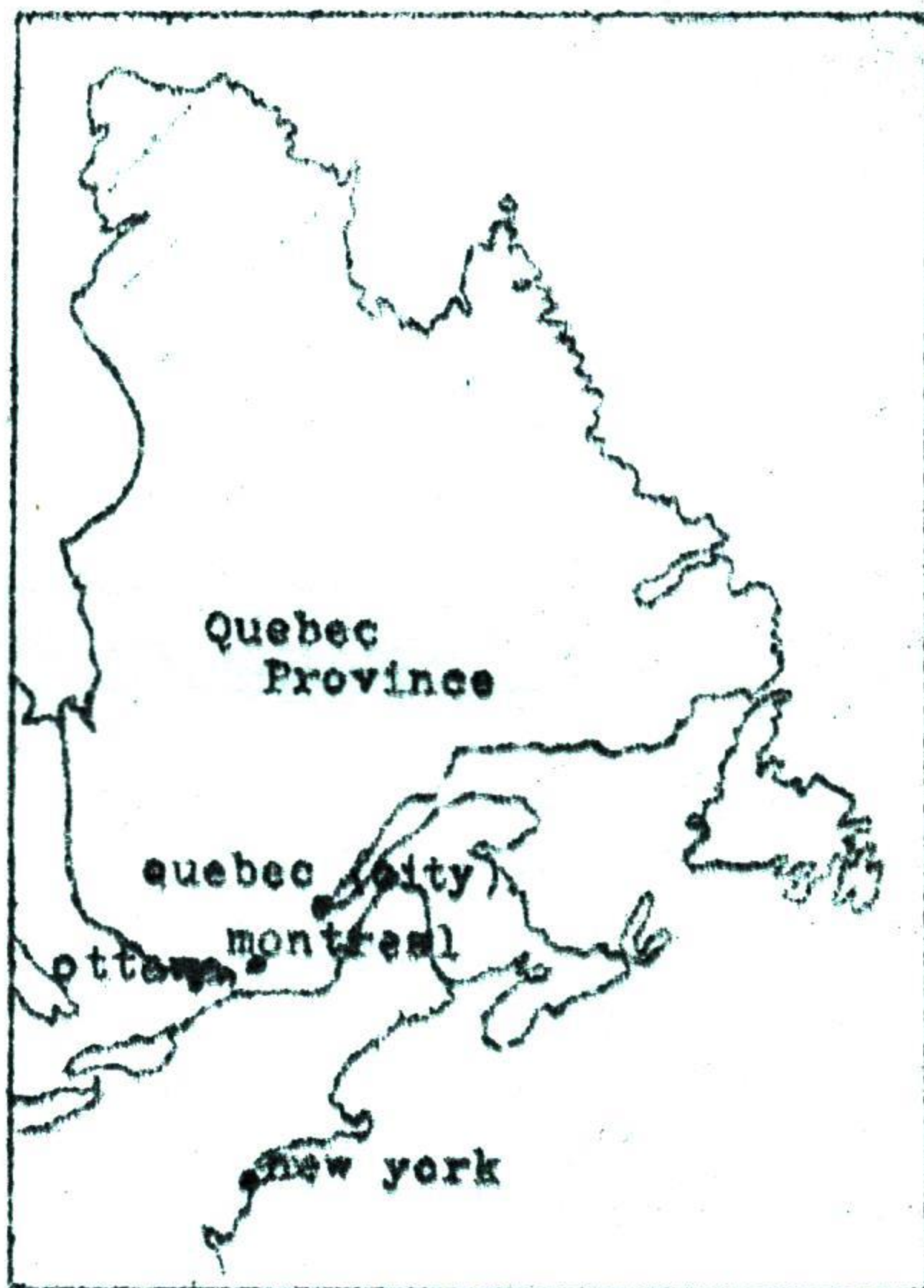
Unemployment averages 16%, and is as high as 30% in many places. The Quebecois have two main exploiters - Anglo-Canada and the U.S. imperialists. They do not want to get rid of one master, simply to double the share of the other.

They want to get rid of the lot.

There is a large social-democratic movement, led by a man called Levesque, also supported by De Gaulle. This group demands the independence politically of the colony of Quebec. It is very popular. But it refuses to guard against U.S. imperialism, already the owner and master of Canada. Some clever U.S. businessmen support Levesque, who refuses to attack their piracy in his nation.

A group of Quebecois revolutionaries sees this clearly. They are calling for full political and economic freedom, based on the rule of the workers. U.S. imperialism will fight to stop a nation on its border winning freedom and socialism. The Quebec revolutionaries are preparing to fight to win freedom, to fight to keep freedom, and to fight to defend workers' power from the boss-class and other Yankee lackeys. These revolutionaries are represented by the journal "Parti-Pris" in the war of the pen; by the F.L.Q. in the war of the gun. They are working to build a Party to co-ordinate, link up the struggle, the revolution, and the workers' rule of a socialist Québec Republic.

The Canadian colonialists and U.S. imperialists know who is their most dangerous enemy. They are frightened. The F.L.Q. (Quebec Liberation Front) and "Parti Pris" have resisted all the bosses' attempts to smash the movement. They are striking back at the attackers. **THEY NEED SUPPORT** - especially from their own workers, and this is coming - but also from their class brothers abroad. We are proud to call them brothers. They helped the L.W.C. and later the W.P.P.E., we have helped them. Revolutionary brotherhood



demands more than good wishes. Let us prove in our action our sense of brotherhood with the comrades under fascist attack in Quebec; let us deal a blow at the 'anglo-saxons' who believe everyone in England supports their colonisation and police-rule of Quebec.

Just signing one or both petitions will help. If you are prepared to do more than sign your name and walk to the post-box, send us your name and address or fix a meeting with us.

"VIVE LE QUEBEC LIBRE!"
"FREE QUEBEC!"

Petition

Two leaders of the F.L.Q. (Quebec Liberation Front), Pierre Vallieres and Charles Gagnon, were held since 1966 in October and tried at Montreal in violation of their basic rights. They were treated as common law criminals and were refused the chance to defend their ideas. They suffered a fate which cannot leave us indifferent. Pierre Vallieres has just been condemned to life imprisonment, and Charles Gagnon risks the same sentence.

In May 1966, a bomb was placed in a shoe factory. The "terrorists" telephoned to have the works evacuated. The boss didn't warn his employees, and the explosion killed someone. After discovering the authors of the attempt and getting them convicted, the Canadian authorities now want to try two known leaders of the F.L.Q. They cannot accuse them of anything other than ideological complicity, so it was on this grounds that an unprecedented case was brought.

Canada is disgraced by treating as criminals men whose beliefs demand respect.

The undersigned demand freedom for these men, and while we wait for this act of justice, demand a warrant of 'political prisoner' for Pierre Vallieres, Charles Gagnon, and the members of the F.L.Q.

(N.B. This is a translation from a petition drafted in french by the F.L.Q. and the revolutionary Quebecois paper "Parti Pris")

Signed.....

We the undersigned express our full support for our Quebecois comrades in their just struggle for liberation from Canadian colonial rule and from U.S. imperialism. We applaud their courageous fight for independence. We deplore the kangaroo justice of the Canadian "anglo-saxon" establishment, cousin of the Yankee and British racialists. We pledge our readiness to help our Quebecois brothers in any way possible in their struggle for freedom.

Signed.....

Please sign these two petitions, detach and send to:
"Quebec" 45a Earlsfield Road, London, S.W.18.

Upsurge of the Palestinian People

Daring Palestinian Guerrillas

The resistance forces of the Arab people in the occupied territories, led by Al Fatah, the Palestine National Liberation Movement, are intensifying their efforts against Israeli occupation. Al Fatah armed forces (AL ASSIFA) have struck time and again.

**Armed Struggle
Means Victory**

BOTH in the countryside and cities of the Israeli-occupied areas and within Israel, the "Assifa" (Hurricane) commandos have since April launched successive attacks against the Israeli aggressors.

Enemy posts and installations destroyed. On the night of April 3, the commandos mounted a rocket and mortar attack on an Israeli troop concentration at the Shuwayer military camp in south Beisan Valley, destroying several barracks (one for officers) as well as four vehicles.

The following night, two commando units attacked enemy establishments and positions near Al Afula inside Israel, destroying a large part of a manufacturing centre for petroleum pipes, several camps for border guards and three military vehicles. Meanwhile, another unit attacked an enemy camp in Kfar Rubin in Beisan Valley. They destroyed several barracks, an observation post and five vehicles.

On the night of April 6, another "Assifa" unit demolished a road between Beisan City and Beit Yusef, destroying two military jeeps and killing all those in them.

"Pitting one against ten," the commandos hit the enemy hard. Recently the Israeli aggressors committed numerous acts of provocation against the Jordanian troops on the east bank of the Jordan River. To punish them, the Palestinian commandos laid a number of ambushes for the enemy.

On April 8, when the aggressor troops crossed the Jordanian border south of the Dead Sea, a unit of seven commandos fought with the Israeli paratroops for over three hours and killed or wounded 60 of them.

On April 10, Israeli armoured units, aided by airborne troops, attempted to cross the Jordan River. They fell into an ambush laid by the commandos and lost 15 men killed and wounded.

On April 13, the Israeli aggressors mobilized large numbers of infantry and paratroops and used tanks, armoured cars, helicopters and bombers in a "sweep" against the Nablus Mountain region. They suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of the commandos, who wiped out 60 enemy troops that day and more than 30 on April 14.

On the morning of April 28, the "Assifa" commandos engaged the enemy south of Al Uja in the Negev Desert. Despite the use of heavy artillery by

the enemy who also airdropped many paratroops on the surrounding hills, the commandos fought a successful battle lasting nine hours with machineguns, hand-grenades and rockets. Three Israeli helicopters were shot down; seven tanks and half-tracks and three jeeps were destroyed; altogether 60 aggressor troops were killed or wounded.

Night attacks catch the enemy unprepared. That night, the commandos attacked the enemy in Kfar Rubin and Maouz Hayem in Beisan Valley, Beit Ora in the Negev Desert and in localities north of Arceha. They destroyed many military vehicles and killed or wounded 15 enemy troops.

On the night of April 29, the commandos attacked the enemy who were trying to lay an ambush in the Kawkab Mountains, southeast of Beisan Valley. The guerrillas killed nine Israeli troops and destroyed one military jeep. On the same night, other commandos attacked the enemy in this area and demolished a number of enemy barracks with rockets and mortars. Ten Israeli troops were killed or wounded and four military vehicles destroyed. Next morning, when 35 Israeli planes wantonly bombed the entire area, the commandos had already slipped away unscathed.

Provocation by aggressors rebuffed. On May 2, the Israeli aggressors, in the name of celebrating the 20th anniversary of Israel's "independence," staged a military parade in the occupied Arab quarter of Jerusalem. To rebuff this provocation, the Palestinian commandos attacked Israeli troops on the road between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, killing five and wounding more than 20. On the same day, more than 70 Israeli troops were put out of action south of the Dead Sea.

The population in the occupied areas also acted. Workers struck, students boycotted classes while merchants closed down their shops in protest against the aggressors' provocation. Meanwhile, the people of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and other Arab states also staged large-scale demonstrations.

Celebrating Palestine Day by intrepid battles. To mark the 20th anniversary of Palestine Day, the guerrillas stepped up their activities and launched more than 30 attacks on the Israeli aggressors during the first half of May. They killed or wounded more than 300 enemy troops and destroyed two tanks, two armoured cars, five half-tracks and 19 other military vehicles.

On May 7 and 8, the "Assifa" commandos launched several attacks on enemy camps and patrols in Beit Aksaa, Manara Village and the Chameir area on the west bank of the Jordan River, killing 20 aggressor troops and wounding another eight, and destroying nine enemy military vehicles, one oil depot and a number of military installations.

On the night of May 7, the guerrillas killed and wounded 30 enemy troops in Beit Yusef, while in Kfar Rubin they hoisted the Palestinian flag. Throughout these days, the guerrillas were everywhere on the attack and had the enemy reeling under their blows.

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14 May. Section 372 of Al Fatah's armed forces (Al Asifa) planted mines east of Gaza in front of Al Buraij camp, resulting in the destruction of two enemy half tracks and one jeep and an estimated 15 enemy casualties. A similar mine laying operation on 16 May resulted in the destruction of two Israeli half-tracks, also near Gaza, by Section 384.

21 May. In an ambush in Al Auja district, near Jericho, Al Asifa forces destroyed an enemy half-track with bazooka fire. Israeli attempts, using helicopters and night flares, to encircle the force (Section 117) were a failure, and it returned successfully to base. A helicopter was seen transporting casualties from the scene of the action.

25 May. Sections 237 and 244, in a joint action with Palestine Liberation Organization Forces, at 3a.m. attacked an enemy camp at Al Najjar Hill, near Jericho. The popular forces used a rocket attack and completely overran the camp. Enemy reinforcements including tanks, armoured cars and two helicopters were sent from a nearby base. Three of the armoured cars were destroyed by mines laid by resistance forces on roads approaching the scene of action, thus delaying the reinforcements and enabling the resistance forces to return to base. Enemy casualties were estimated at 120 killed and wounded. As well as the armoured cars, two enemy jeeps mounted with guns, four half-tracks and a radio monitoring apparatus were destroyed. Eye witnesses on the East Bank of Jordan observed smoke rising from the scene of the resistance fighters' operations the next morning.

26 May. Section 158 clashed with an enemy force in Baisan Valley. Reinforcements were sent by the enemy to surround the liberation fighters. In a 1½ hour battle, the resistance group managed to break the encirclement and return to base. Enemy losses are not yet known, but include destruction of equipment in a nearby "kibbutz" colonialist settlement.

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