

# THE WORKER



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# COMMON MARKET NO!

## Editorial

Capitalism is aggressive and expansive or it is nothing. The Common Market is the way the declining capitalist powers of western Europe in their abysmal stupidity believe they can create a new imperialism.

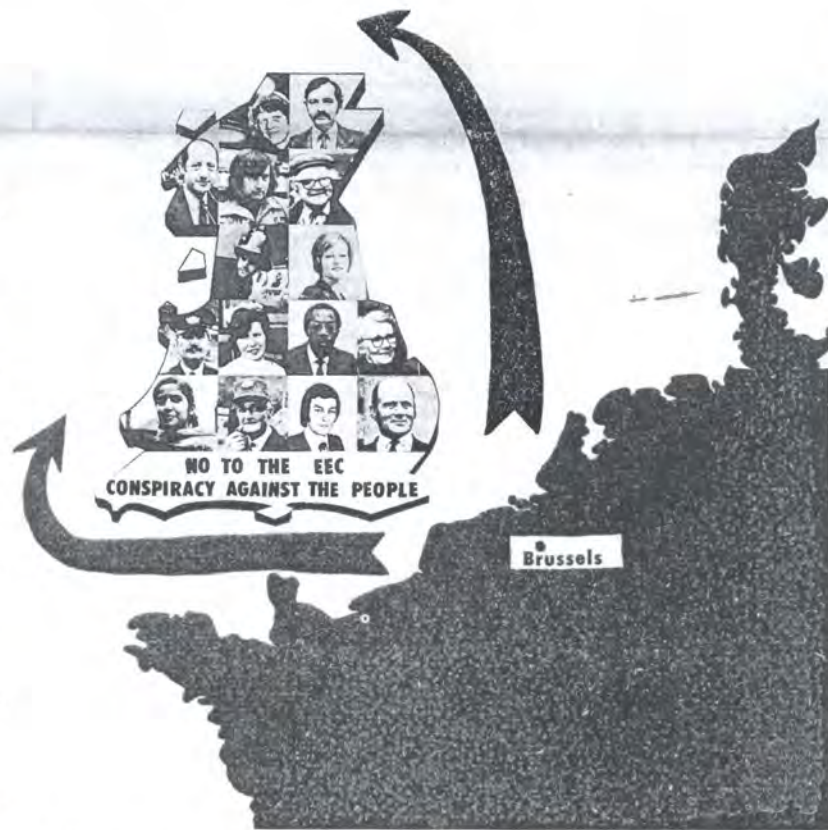
And British capitalism, more cunning than the others, hopes to be the survivor of this competitive clutch of decadent states and see the world map once more spattered with pink areas on which the sun never sets.

### Role of social democracy

The main prop of British monopoly-capitalism in this neo-imperialist design is social democracy. Just as British workers in their struggle to defend themselves created a unique trade union movement, so in their unwillingness to carry the struggle forward from defence to attack they also created a unique social democratic organ the Labour Party.

The Labour Party Conference decides to "oppose" the EEC but the Party then proceeds to stifle such opposition.

Benn and Healey represent the two faces of this two-faced Party - phoney opposition to and real support for EEC. In the same way they represent two tactics towards the working class in capitalism's crisis which are really the same - shooting the working class with "sugar-coated bullets" of 'workers' participation' and 'socialism' by way of buying up bankrupt firms with the workers' own money and mowing down the working class with massive unemployment and belt-tightening till



the buckles come out of our backs. Both faces, the false smile and the grim threat, are set against everything our class believes in and must strive for.

All those supporting the Common Market also support NATO - the military aspect of US penetration of the economy of all West European countries. How then can the Common Market be a defence against the superpowers? How for that matter, after Vietnam,

can these western European capitalist powers think the US can defend them.

### Role of CPB(ML)

As for us, the workers of Britain, we have to throttle British neo-imperialism right here in Britain. Our slogan is: OUT OF EUROPE and OUT OF IRELAND!

Our Party, the CPB(ML), to enable the working class to carry out its own part of the

worldwide proletarian struggle by overthrowing capitalism in Britain has to give back to the working class its own heritage - revolutionary ideology. The working class is revolutionary, or it is nothing.

We have to make the working class from which we come and of which we are a part realise just how powerful they are. If they all sigh together it is like a mighty wind. If they all stamp their feet it is an earthquake.

## EEC conspiracy-the facts

The three bodies which comprise the ruling apparatus of the EEC are the EEC Commission, the European Council Of Ministers and the European Parliament. The Council of Ministers, composed of one minister from each member state is the supreme law, treaty and agreement making body. However it is the European Commission, stationed in Brussels with its 5000 strong bureaucracy which is the heart of the system of EEC rule. This institution is a permanent administrative body - it frames laws, enforces them, administers food and agriculture, makes regulations, issues orders and directives - all without any pretence of being elected or 'accountable' to the 'public'.

The European Parliament - so called - is a mere discussion forum, an assembly of delegations from member states without any formal powers other than to deliver 'opinions' on the work of the Commission.

### EEC Law

The heart of the European Communities Act introduced by the Heath government in 1972 is the now infamous section 2(1) which provides that all community laws whether made in the past or the future "... are without further enactment to be given legal effect in the United Kingdom." In any conflict between British law and EEC law the latter will always prevail. European rule takes

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## FORDS

At Fords, Swansea, when management tried to use a period of lay-offs and short time to impose greater intensity of working and permanent cuts in man power, shop stewards called a mass meeting of workers and there was a unanimous decision to occupy the factory.

Voluntary redundancy for staff and white collar workers had been introduced in January and if there were not enough volunteers it would be compulsory. Shop floor hourly paid workers were informed locally of national short-time working and lay-offs, the 80 per cent lay-off pay agreement being used as a carrot to talk workers into accepting unemployment.

This was the period management used to introduce higher efficiency working combined with cuts in manpower levels.

Three workers speaking for their mates said the target was not humanly possible and were suspended for 24 hours.

In view of the fact that 11,000 Ford workers had already been laid off and that there was a huge stockpile of components stored in the factory, the joint shop stewards committee decided that this was the time for a new initiative against management which would pre-empt their attempts to provoke workers into a walk-out after which management would be in a position to dictate just who was to come back and when.

At a mass meeting of workers on April 22nd all the facts and problems were discussed and the unanimous decision to occupy was taken - a decision which meant fighting together with maximum involvement inside the factory ensuring solidarity, high morale and control of the struggle by the mass. Workers turned away from the gates local management, informing them that they would only talk to senior Ford managers who must be brought to the factory.

Ford management was forced to concede all the demands of the workers. But the real victory was the solidarity of the whole shop floor force and their gain in confidence at being able to exert control in the face of rising unemployment by going over from defensive tactics to the attack.

## DAGENHAM

In desperation the mighty Ford Motor co. seeks to solve its marketing problems by a streamlined 'efficiency' drive! It slashes home cuts of 11% in white-collar staff and follows that by reducing the remaining labour force by 15%. True to the capitalist ethic, Ford hacks at the very source of its wealth.

Early attempts to introduce 'utility men' and 10 hour shifts were rejected, but the company's attack increases. A measly mouthed 'manning policy' has led to 8000 on short time, 'rationalisation', stricter work-standards and increased harassment. The door-hangers section at Dagenham, reduced from 26 to 18 by these cuts walked out.

Ford tried to lay off the body-plant, but now they have occupied their section.

Workers there refuse to come and go at the management's request. "We'll stay here" they say "let the bosses go home".

For Ford's bully-boy tactics are no accident. They are tactics that show the savagery of capitalism in crisis.

## EEC or sovereignty

The EEC endangers the sovereignty of the working class - the right to determine the destiny of this country with no outside interference, which has yet to be won in revolutionary struggle. For 200 years this right has been claimed in the conflict between capitalist and labour, albeit in a reformist manner.

The unbroken continuity of British Unionism over two centuries, its 11million members, its lack of ideological divisions - Catholic, Protestant, Socialist, make it unique. Even more its development out of the workplace, its strength on the shop floor are unmatched anywhere.

In Britain there is no complete labour code. Compared to the industrial relations of Europe, Britain stands out because collective bargaining is so little regulated by law or enforceable by legal sanction. In no other country is there such an intricate web of bargaining machinery - such a nightmare for employers.

Why has Britain developed in this way? Because British workers would never tolerate outside intervention. From before the Combination Acts to the Industrial Relations Act, the right to organise and strike, the freedom from prosecution for conspiracy, from liability for damages and from interference in internal union affairs has been won. A European labour code would remove these rights.

Sovereignty is therefore a class question. National pride by workers in their achievements is a progressive thing. The fight for it is an extension of the fight for independence in the economic arena, and an insoluble part of the fight for eventual political independence through overthrowing the capitalist class.

## The Scandal of Education Cuts

A survey of education cuts in England and Wales conducted by the National Union of Teachers has revealed a shocking situation and one that demands the most serious concern by the entire working class.

The cuts are being administered by a Labour Government and the Government is not content. In the last budget Healey announced further cuts of £76 million in educational expenditure for the next year. The spectre has been raised of 7,000 unemployed teachers, many of them newly qualified.

At the annual conference of the NUT at Blackpool, the retiring General Secretary reported on a protest delegation to the Richmond Borough Council. The Council maintained that the country would face ruin if public expenditure was not kept down to a minimum.

"And then they go on to say that in order to save England and France and Germany and the United States and Japan and indeed the whole of the civilised world, children must be given fewer books to read, less paper to write on, less paint to paint with, and only those children who can afford to pay to go to the baths shall be allowed to learn to swim."

In January 1973 Britain joined the EEC. By December of that year Heath's Government had announced the first drastic cuts in education expenditure. The Labour Government has pursued that policy with increased vigour.

## Red Herrings & the EEC

Governments change, Presidents fall, economies collapse, and Henry Kissinger flies to and fro like Mighty Mouse. These are results, not causes - results of the victories of the working people of the world in Cambodia, Vietnam and elsewhere.

However, the dying tigers of imperialism are cunning ones, even if they are only made of paper. They use red herrings to lure the working class into the noose now. One such red herring - very red-sounding and very fishy - is the argument that Britain's entry into the Common Market is a step towards the

International Brotherhood of Man. As if the banding together of 9 capitalist ruling classes was equivalent to Workers of the World Unite! The pseudo-left denigrate all nationalist feeling and equate it with the aggressive nationalism of British imperialism. But our patriotism is a class pride in our own unique Trade Unions and traditions of struggle in Britain and we are not going to sell these, and our labour-power, to any capitalist brotherhood.

Our fight against the Common Market is on political not economic grounds. We make no



May Day meeting of the CPB(ML) at Conway Hall

## Occupation at Crosfields

The occupation by Crosfields workers of No 1 Elthorne Road is now entering its 7th week. Those still working have been locked out by the employer and are now on a three day week. They are unable to draw unemployment benefit for the two lost days. This action by the management has now been classified as a trade dispute, so any payment of benefit has been suspended. The dependants of those in occupation despite repeated visits to their Social Security offices are still being refused social security benefit, so much for the welfare state.

Despite these moves by the employer, support for the occupation is as strong as ever, and grows every day. All sections of our trade union movement are beginning to move in support of our struggle. Only the poor help the poor; there can be no other way. We shall continue to appeal to other sections of our class; this was the way our movement was built.

The Crosfield management in their latest attempt to break the occupation, have now called upon the legal system, always at the disposal of the employing class. Attempts have been made to serve writs on our members in occupation, these we have refused to accept. The workers at Crosfield are now prepared if necessary for a long and bitter struggle. Any illusions that we may have had about the Crosfield management, or the De La Rue Corporation who now own Crosfield, have now been destroyed. Recognition that the enemy has all the power of the State ready and willing to serve their interest, and that De La Rue and the faceless men who serve them, can and will use every dirty move in the book, to defeat and destroy us, and our trade union organisation, can only mean that we have taken the first step towards winning our struggle.

## Rolls Royce at Bristol

Workers in the No. 4 development shop at Rolls Royce, Bristol, have learned the lessons of their past failures. In response to the management's attempt to implement a new wage structure, and to increase lay-offs, and their refusal to allow the testing of the RB199 engine in Bristol and the right of Bristol fitters to do maintenance, contrary to a previous agreement, workers stopped work on an engine urgently needed in Germany. The management laid off the entire 170 workers in the No. 4 shop.

Keeping the initiative in their hands, and remembering the past failures of all-out strike action, the workers organised the blacking of the engine for Germany, collected money from other sections of the factory both manual and white collar, and published leaflets asserting the workers' right to say what work was or was not done in the factory. This organisation and determination brought victory after 51 days when the fitters returned with all but two weeks of their basic money and the principle of negotiations conceded.

## Defend the Universities

On May 6th as part of the Association of University Teachers' National Day of Action, teachers in 19 universities struck for part or all of the day. In Manchester over 1000 university teachers marched to the city centre and held a mass meeting. In London at a similar meeting under the slogan "Defend the Universities" 1500 AUT members in a militant mood expressed their determination to step up their fight for an 18 per cent across-the-board increase in pay.

claims for the success of capitalism in or out. We say that no one asked us in the first place whether we wanted to join, and the government hopes to scare us into a Yes vote in the June referendum by threats of the 'agony of withdrawal'. We have been treated like so many sheep which come under a Common Agricultural Policy of Brussels, to be collected in mutton mountains and sold in the most convenient labour market. But we are not sheep, we are political animals and we will defend such working class rights as we have won - and above all our right to settle accounts with one ruling class not with nine.

## No Spectator Sport

A second 'red herring' is the idea that the working class can afford to sit back and watch the EEC and other capitalist power blocs fight it out to the death, and then we ride in like the US cavalry at the end of a cowboy film and plant the red flag. The same argument was used by revisionists before the First World War. But who suffered in that war - as in all wars - if not the working class of Europe? And which country set up the red flag? The one where the Bolsheviks had fought their political battle for 30 years. Revolution is not a spectator sport - the political battle is on now, with the slogan No to Europe. And if anyone thinks that Britain is too small, too weak and dependant to go it alone, the answer is that capitalism may be too weak and dependant but Socialism is not - as the one million people of Albania proved in 1944, and the 30 million people of Vietnam proved on April 30th 1975.

## SICK MAN OF EUROPE

The provisions of the Treaty of Rome call for the 'harmonisation' of health and social services throughout Europe. On what basis will this take place? In Britain medical care is available to all, a right fought for and won by the British working class and their Trade Unions. In no other European country does the health service have such a history and basis. In Holland the workers accepted 10 years of wage restraint in return for a social insurance scheme and in most continental countries social services are not a right but a partnership between the workers, the bosses and their state as much concerned with regulating and containing industrial conflict as with providing social benefits. France has 'means tested' medical care where the patient pays and is then given back 80 per cent of the money. In Germany there are three levels of treatment, private and semi-private patients and patients belonging to one of 2000 competing schemes with little overall planning.

## Harmonised Out

Our provisions and standards of health care are the envy of the rest of Europe. The free movement of labour dictated by the Rome treaty would ensure that Britain the 'Sick man of Europe' would rapidly become the 'sick-bay of Europe'. 'Harmonisation' can only diminish our standards and philosophy of health care for all.

# VICTORY in Vietnam

## Who has learnt what from whom in Vietnam?

Have the US imperialist learnt anything from their ignominious defeat at the hands of the people of Vietnam? Scarcely, not only because imperialism cannot change its spots and become other than it is - a savage predatory beast - but because the bald fact that the most powerful military state of our world has been defeated by a peasant guerrilla army cannot be countenanced by those who regard weapons as the supreme factor deciding success or failure.

In Park's South Korea or Rabin's occupied Palestine we find Ford and Kissinger shamelessly trying to reassure their other client-states to keep their anti-communist flag high because Uncle Sam will not let them down. Others in Congress who should have learnt something from the last thirty years of this epic struggle are still at the level of bemoaning America's "softness" at not using nuclear weapons in Vietnam, forgetting the other monstrosities of military technology actually tried

out in Indo-China as new methods of stamping out people's war.

And the British ruling class? What has it learnt? This most servile follower of the USA the British Government, Labour or Tory, accepted every vicious and brutal act of the US. Hardly surprising as it was thanks to the British Government that the Americans learnt anything at all of counter-insurgency. The strategic hamlets, the bombing of jungle hide-outs, the bounty offered to those who killed guerrillas and sent chopped hands or ears as proof - so much a part of the American war in Vietnam stemmed from all British innovations in the Labour-initiated war to stamp out Malayan liberation.

But therein lies another story. For there are millions who have

learnt from Vietnam, from the one single fact that runs through the entire thirty year war - the importance of the political line behind the struggle. Vietnam's victory is the victory of Marxism-Leninism applied to the special conditions of a colony fighting for national liberation, applied by a liberation front guided by a communist party. And in Malaya today after years of suppression and what seemed to be the end, once again under the leadership of the Malayan Communist Party the struggle is reaching new heights. Only a few days ago Reuters reported yet another clash between the guerrillas and the state security forces in the state of Kedah, on

the Thai-Malayan border.

And further afield are others inspired and enlightened by Vietnam who will not fall into the trap of hijack and terrorist adventure which serve only counter-revolution. Instead, they are trying to study the protracted struggle of the people of Vietnam to see how People's War is truly waged. In East Pakistan, now called Bangladesh, under the leadership of the Communist Party of East Pakistan (Marxist-Leninist) guerrilla struggle has been launched against the Indian aggressors and their puppets.

The legacy of Vietnam will be with us for many years to come.



People of Da Nang greeting members of the Liberation Army who have freed the city.

### No Vietnamese Here!

No Vietnamese who left South Vietnam prior to complete liberation should be allowed into Britain. If they are ordinary people driven out of their homeland by the US and their puppets by force or propaganda, they must be given every chance to return to a country in which there is now decency, justice, dignity and peace.

If, on the other hand, they are the butchers, torturers, heroin peddlers, pimps and other traitors

who helped the US aggressors impose a nightmare of filthy corruption, ruthless oppression and mass murder on Vietnam, there must be no asylum for them here.

We denounce this Government which keeps families of workers from South Asia divided and does not permit wives and children to join their husbands and fathers for suddenly overcoming all bureaucratic difficulties when it is a question of showing their support for defeated US imperialism.

### General Giap 1966

"Weak in equipment and technique and in economic potential we have absolute political and moral superiority, a correct leadership, the strength of an entirely united people, the invincible people's war, and the sympathy and support of the world's people."

### Party Resolution

This May Day rally, held in London, by the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), greets the glorious victories of the peoples of Indo-China and hails the liberation of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

To the bitter end U.S. imperialism, aided and abetted by its allies, like successive British governments, Labour and Tory, tried to force the people into submission through savagery. But to no avail. The heroism and determination of the people, guided by the correct political line of people's war, triumphed of napalm, saturation bombing, chemical defoliants, torture and terror. Marxism-Leninism, the brilliant application of it to the national aspirations of the people by President Ho Chi Minh and his comrades, smashed the might of U.S. imperialism and the treacherous opportunism of the Soviet revisionists.

To the workers and peasants of Indo-China and to all our comrades we workers of Britain pledge our fraternal solidarity.

We have learnt from you. We have been inspired by you. We shall follow in your path.

FORWARD THE REVOLUTION IN BRITAIN  
LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
WORKING CLASS

(This resolution was passed unanimously by the rally presided over by Reg Birch, Chairman, CPBM-L.)

### Lessons for the World

The success in Vietnam means primarily this: that the world revolution is on the offensive, that socialism, national independence, democracy and peace are in the ascendant. The most bellcose of the world imperialisms, the USA, has suffered a military and political defeat, a humiliating climb-down from which it will never recover.

Above all, the Vietnamese have demonstrated, more clearly than ever before, that the domination of capitalism and its human representatives rests primarily on the spiritual slavery of the toiling masses. Military victory in Vietnam was the logical outcome of Marxism-Leninism. The key to success lay in finding the correct combination of political and military struggle. Marxism-Leninism, the theory of the proletarian revolution, is an intellectual synthesis of the social existence of the working people. It gives expression to their aspirations and makes clear the necessity of revolution by and for the working class in the interest of humanity at large. Marxist theory expresses the reality of the revolution; in it the working class becomes self-conscious of its real position and historical destiny. This is the main battle.

### Imperialism's manners

British General Douglas Gracey took the Japanese surrender in Vietnam at the end of the Second World War. Of the Vietnamese communists who had done the bulk of the fighting against the Japanese and who came to him seeking co-operation he says: "They said welcome and all that sort of thing. It was an unpleasant situation and I kicked them out." Thus the way was cleared for the French to take over Indo-China again.



May 19th is the birthday of Ho Chi Minh whose leadership insured the complete victory of the Vietnamese people he did not live to see.

### Ho Chi Minh 'Testament' May 1969

"Our compatriots in the North and South will be reunited under the same roof. Our country will have the remarkable honour of being a small country which in a heroic combat defeated two great imperialist powers - the French and the American - and made a worthy contribution towards the national liberation movement."



The heroic militia of Hue meeting liberation fighters in order to discuss new tasks.

## First Shots Against Common Market

The National Committee of the Engineering Union, AUEW, meeting in Blackpool has reaffirmed its opposition to the EEC. The Union first declared its stand in 1971 when it opposed entry then being planned by the Heath Government.

In a speech to the National Committee of 1971 on the question of the EEC, Reg Birch, Executive Councilman and Chairman of the CPBML, attacked those who saw the EEC as a good thing for the working class:

"It doesn't mean that in order to draw strength we have to join forces with capitalism because they are in disarray. Is that the kind of philosophy we've moved to, even if you be a gradualist, an evolutionist and not for revolution?"

"Organically it cannot work. The position works like this: that it's an attempt - a very latent and a very belaboured attempt - to resurrect a form of imperialism of multi-national character in Europe. But it cannot work because, you see, capitalism is an oppressor and it seeks to oppress all others. It makes the mistake because of its terrible contradictions that it even oppresses its own and it devours its own."

"There is not, because of its uneven development, a unity within. The analogy that was made over there, GEC, Weststock, is most appropriate - this merger of capitalist countries is absolutely opposite and in every merger doesn't there follow a closure? Isn't that what this is about, as well?"

"Of course we must have a Common Market of the working class, but let us start now to argue that and let us start now to begin one, or have we moved to the position that because capitalism has begun to reel, that the working class is now so expensive it can't afford them, that well, we can't do without capitalism? The truth of the point is that we cannot afford capitalism, that is all, and we will have to, in fact, go it alone as a united working class, be it in Europe, be it in Britain, be it anywhere else, without them in finality, and we must not do anything that will extend their day of life, one more day."

"This is what is before you, in which case then why do we debate this? Please, please tell me what is so good about the Common Market for the working class in those countries. Tell me what is so good for it, if we should join."

"You say if we don't do that, we will be terrified and dominated by United States imperialism through United States capital. Is that so? Aren't there United States firms in the Common Market countries? Belgium has a greater United States penetration even than Britain in industry and we are the second outwith the Common Market."

To those who spoke of 'planning', Reg Birch replied:

"Very well, but why do we elevate the idea of the Common Market as being a plan? After all, the Land Enclosures Act was a form of planning. It was the emergence of a feudal capitalism. It depends on who makes the plan that matters, and after that came an industrial revolution it was a form of a plan, and indeed, one could say that from the Land Enclosures to the Industrial Revolution was progress. Please go and tell those little children they ducked in that pond to wake 'em up so they could go in the mill. Of course it was a kind of progress in finality."

"And if your theory is that capitalism being so bankrupt in Britain, if we will hasten into the Common Market to hasten the bankruptcy of the capitalism there - since we are such lepers, perhaps they too will die of leprosy -- I think that's much too slow a process. Why don't we just say, 'let workers join together, conspire and act to destroy capitalism everywhere where it is.'"

"So that, of course, we should have a plan, but let us have a plan - not have Heath's plan, not have a European plan of capitalism."

"The first essential for freedom must well be our own identity. No nation can be free if it oppresses another. That's equally true, so, if we will make sure that within all our problems domestic we can make this force, this opposing force, listen to us, haven't we enough problems already dealing with all the ponces in this country who seek to exploit us without having to take on all the others?"

"Are we now so arrogant that we'll go with our beautiful philosophies,

with our superb class conscious history and our perfect revolutionary theories, we will, in fact, free the Italian workers, free the German worker and the Walloons and others who speak that other language in that country. Come off it now! Have a little modesty."

"Hands across the sea to the other Unions, but not to the capitalists in those other countries."

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| Fri May 23rd 7.30 pm:  | Common Market - No!                          |
| Fri May 30th 7.30 pm:  | Albania: Socialism in Practice.              |
|                        | Holborn Assembly Rooms,<br>St Johns Mews WC1 |
| Fri June 6th 7.30 pm:  | China: Consolidation of the Socialist State  |
| Fri June 13th 7.30 pm: | Women are only Free Under Socialism          |
| Fri June 20th 7.30 pm: | From National Liberation to Socialism        |
| Fri June 27th 7.30 pm: | Exposure of Social Democracy.                |
| Fri July 4th 7.30 pm:  | The British Revolution                       |

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| May 21st              | "FROM DEFENCE TO ATTACK" 7.30 pm.               |
|                       | Bridge Hotel, Nr. High Level Bridge, Newcastle. |
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## Common Market means migration

The 'freedom of movement' and 'mobility of labour' protected by the Common Market is as old as capitalism itself. Wage-labourers have always had the 'right', when robbed of their livelihood, to seek work elsewhere or else stay put and starve.

Our first capitalist industry was wool - a lucrative export trade. Its promoters robbed the peasantry of their common grazing land, fencing it off for their own sheep. This land robbery 'freed' those

peasants - they were given the free choice of remaining in their villages, landless, destitute, or selling their labour power in the industrial towns.

Our class history tells many sad tales of migration. Disease-ridden cities grew with the swell from the country, while whole sections of Britain, once farmed, once mined, once producing, have emptied - Scotland, Durham, the Pennines. When Capital moved for higher profit elsewhere, we had

to follow. Each time, more wretchedness.

From 1846 to 1914, the Irish became a race of nomads. Of 8 million before the potato famine, only 3 million were left, such was the devastation wrought by British capital in its first colony. So the Irish were 'free to move' as well - cheap labour, and often, in desperation, blacklegs, strikebreakers, in the forced service of the British ruling class which had destroyed their home.

## Mobility of capital

The Key to EEC plans for industry in Europe hinges on Article 67 of the Treaty of Rome. This provides that "... Member States shall progressively abolish between themselves all restrictions on the movement of capital belonging to persons resident in Member States and any discrimination based on the nationality or on the place of residence of the parties or on the place where such capital is invested." The aim of this provision is to create a common geographic area in which goods, capital and labour pass across national boundaries with the same ease as they do now in a single country. This 'free' movement of capital with the attractions of the larger European market will suck investment away from the more distant regions into the centre. Heralding this we have already seen the dismantling of the 'regional aid' system whereby companies are paid by the government with our money to invest in outlying areas. Although the capitalists trumpeted that the EEC regional fund would benefit areas such

as the north east, ministers in Heath's own government complained it was derisory. Coming into force this year the whole EEC fund totals £542 million for the next three years. Britain will receive £150 million. This compares with a present 'regional aid' budget of £500 million in Britain in one year! Quite clearly the government has abandoned any pretence of 'aiding' the 'development areas'. The pickings are richer in Europe!

The industrial consequences of EEC membership cannot be concealed. Even respectable establishment figures such as Professor Robert Nield formerly of the Treasury have been quoted as saying that the EEC spells doom for Britain as an industrial country. Professor Nield says: "The likelihood is that, within ten years, a derelict industrial area, with many factories closed down, industrial employment drastically reduced and no alternatives in prospect but emigration. A decline of this sort, once it starts, can be very rapid."

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effect in various ways; through the major Treaties (Paris 1951, Rome 1957, Euratom 1957) and through regulations, directives and decisions which come from Brussels.

Regulations are laws which are immediately binding on all member states, directives instruct the member states to pass certain kinds of laws, and decisions apply directly to firms, nationalised industries and even individuals. In the words of Dr. Sacco Mansholt, ex-president of the Commission, "The Commission proposes, the European Parliament gives 'opinions', the Council decides - and without further ado the individual citizen is committed..."

### Sovereignty

Without even feeling obliged to provide the pretence of bourgeois democracy the nine member states aim to create a supra-national bureaucratic, legal and administrative machine to serve the affairs of the multinational corporations in Europe. Britain's rulers have surrendered our country's formal national independence to enable capital and labour to be moved into Europe to obtain the highest rate of profit.

### The CAP

The Common Agricultural Policy illustrates the criminal idiocy of the EEC food policy - a 20th century system of corn laws, it aims to support an inefficient capitalist agriculture on the continent by rigging the food market and thus preserving high prices. The most iniquitous aspect of this whole process is the now infamous range of food mountains. These great stores of commodities are kept off the market by intervention boards to keep prices up. When too much accumulates it is destroyed - or in the language of the Eurocrats 'denatured'. Examples of this are as follows.

In 1974 Italy was paid £7,319,000 to destroy part of her pear crop.

France was paid £6,958,000 to destroy her apples.

Butter: In the same year the butter mountain reached 400,000 tonnes half of which was sold to the Soviet Union at £17.50 per 100 kilos, instead of the EEC price of £93. Cost to the working class - £150 million!

Wheat: In June 1974 it was revealed that the CAP fund had paid Britain £15 million to 'denature' 2.1 million tonnes of

What now of Britain? One third of London's engineering industry gone; building industry at a standstill; the office jobs that once attracted workers into London are now leaving; and now the intelligence of our class attacked at source, as one third of the country's teacher-training colleges are being closed. So the ruling class, unable to control us, unable to hold down our great strength, has decreed: no machines to work at; no buildings to work or live in; no skills to sell - redundancy.

So once more, workers are to be granted the 'freedom of movement' to find work in Europe this time.

Throughout the country, factories are occupied by workers demanding the right to work where we live. For us, the Common Market is not answer - in fact, workers occupying their factories to prevent machinery being moved are fighting in direct opposition to that Common Market rule which grants the capitalists unrestricted freedom to move the machines we have built out of the country.

A fine thing, 'freedom to move'! Far finer, the freedom not to have to!

wheat.

Beef: This mountain now stands at 308,000 tonnes. In 1974 50,000 tonnes were sold to the Soviet Union at a total cost to the EEC countries of over £12 million.

The list goes on, including eggs, wine, cheese and every basic foodstuff. The underlying principle remains the same in every case - we as a working class who produce these commodities must not only pay for our food at prices well above world market prices, but we must also pay via taxation for the privilege of not eating the very produce which we ourselves have created.

### The EEC Budget

The EEC is financed by contributions from the member states. These come from three kinds of taxes: taxes on imported non-EEC food, duty on imported non-EEC industrial goods, and VAT.

By 1980 Britain will have to pay 24 per cent of the budget although her share of the total EEC production is only 14 per cent. The reason for this disparity is because Britain imports food and raw materials from other countries, and these are subject to EEC tax. The net effect of this is that cost of Britain's membership is higher than the other eight countries. The cost as always is borne by the working class.

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