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Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia

The Russian revisionists have used fascist terror to keep Czechoslovakia their colony. The invaders' tanks are a grim reminder that political power grows out of the barrel of a gun. The Soviet rulers have shown the reality behind their claims to be socialist. They are clinging to their colonies like any other imperialist power - with the same murderous aggression Yankee Imperialism shows in Vietnam.

The Russian tanks were sent to stop the Svoboda-Dubcek group of revisionists dealing directly with the Western imperialists, led by U.S. imperialism. The Czech clique of revisionists tried to follow in the footsteps of the Soviet revisionists, and throw themselves in the lap of U.S. imperialism. But the Soviet revisionists regard Eastern Europe as their sphere of influence, and will not allow the Czech revisionists to deal with U.S. imperialism directly.



Dubcek and the other Czech revisionists have shown the true nature of their patriotism. When the Russian colonialists used force, they began to waver. They opposed any armed resistance to the invasion. They called for a stop to the "provocative" arguments of the Czech workers with the misled Russian soldiers. They limited the national strike to ten minutes.

within days of the invasion, Dubcek and Svoboda were in Moscow, selling out to the aggressors. They are the same sort of quislings as the Vichy French were to Hitler fascism.

It is clear that Dubcek and the Czech bosses will sell out to the Russians. Any determined resistance would escalate into a class struggle of the Czech workers against all their exploiters. Czechoslovakia will probably become a neo-colony with independence in name only. Its economy and foreign policy will continue to be controlled from Moscow. A revisionist Czechoslovakia was bound to remain a Russian colony or to become like Yugoslavia a neo-colony of Russian and U.S. imperialism jointly.

The U.S. imperialists have connived with the Soviet revisionists in this invasion, as part of their joint plan to share out the world in spheres of influence.

There is only one road forward for the Czech workers - armed struggle for national independence and socialism. This is the future for the workers and the poor peasants of the whole Russian empire, and they will be the classes to lead this struggle

They will also have to reforge their own working-class revolutionary Parties in and for this struggle.

Fighting a people's war armed with Marxism-Leninism of our era - the thought of Chairman Mao - and led by revolutionary parties, the working people will surely triumph. Socialism and real independence will rise again in all the countries of Eastern Europe, built on the ruins of revisionism and Russian imperialism.

Already People's Albania led by the Albanian Party of Labour and Comrade Enver Hoxha, stands as a great beacon of socialism in Europe.

VICTORY TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK WORKERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIALISM !

SMASH IMPERIALISM AND ITS ALLY REVISIONISM !



\$ The Menace from America \$

Britain is dominated by the Yank.

Most of our major industries are U.S. owned or controlled. Yankee bosses have invested twice as much in Britain as in all the rest of Europe put together. U.S. imperialism so controls our economy that it can order us to prop up sterling, and even tell us when and by how much to devalue. It can get its British quislings to impose a "freeze and squeeze" on the workers.

Just as sterling is the front line of defence for the dollar, so Britain is the front line of defence for the U.S.A. We are an expendable base from which to launch U.S. Polaris and air-borne nuclear weapons. The British Government's policy is also dictated by Washington. The British Government pay over two million pounds a year, to protect the investments of the Yanks and a handful of British millionaire quislings, in "British spheres of influence." The British Government gives unquestioning support to Yankee robbery and murder all over the world, as in Vietnam.

Why? How has Britain become such a puny servant of U.S. imperialism? British imperialism lived by exploiting the peoples of the colonies it plundered. That source of loot is drying up, as the Yank squeezes British imperialism out, and as the people rise up against the foreign oppressors. But though there is less to loot, British imperialists still send vast amounts of money to exploit these colonies, where profits are much higher than at home. British industry therefore remains old-fashioned, badly equipped, and uncompetitive.

Secondly, it is the nature of imperialism to develop vast monopolies in many key industries-oil, steel, cars, electronics, etc.- and it is difficult for other firms to compete with a Yankee giant.

But the main reason is that British imperialism borrowed heavily from U.S. bosses. to fight two World Wars. Even when they were allies of Britain, the Yanks never helped without charging. After the first war to decide whether German or British imperialism should be leader, Britain was heavily in debt to U.S. imperialism. After the second war, Britain was bankrupt, ruined, and worn out. British imperialism was too weak to resist their Yankee rivals' bid for power supremacy.

The U.S.A. did not have enough money to buy up British imperialism, let alone the rest of Western Europe. It used Western Europe's military and economic weakness to put over a gigantic fraud. It simply printed thousands of paper dollars to "buy" control of British imperialism. It took over many of the sources of loot, key sections of the home economy, and huge amounts of finance capital. The Yanks took control of French, German, Japanese and many other countries imperialist economies.

When in 1967 and 1968 France- with only a tenth of the Yankee investment in Britain - called this bluff, a dollar crisis followed. France simply demanded the gold each dollar was meant to be worth. There were so many dollars in France alone, that the U.S. reserves did not have enough gold to buy them back.

The U.S. imperialists used fraud to buy out British imperialism, and get control of the British economy. They used their economic domination to get political control.

The ruling clique in Britain, for whom Wilson and Heath are mouthpieces, are quisling millionaires. They are servants of Yankee imperialism, who have sold themselves and the country to their masters. A section of the weaker British imperialism resents the Yanks getting the best loot. People like Sir Paul Chambers, who got I.C.I. to trade with Russia and China against U.S. orders, resents U.S. control of the British economy. But they are only patriotic when it is profitable.

There can be no return to a strong British imperialism. The reasons why the Yankee bosses were able to move in, are also the reasons why British imperialism cannot recover its strength. In fact it is becoming more and more dependant on its Yankee masters for survival. The day the Yankee bosses are driven out, British imperialism will be like a cripple whose crutch has been kicked away.

Only the working-class in Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales can defeat U.S.-led imperialism in Britain. The working class is the victim of capitalist society; it will also be its executioner. The world balance has swung in favour of the exploited and oppressed. U.S. imperialism is reeling under the blows of the people in arms. In Britain too, the class war between workers and bosses is becoming fiercer. More and more workers will organise to fight the main enemy U.S. - imperialism. Imperialist Britain will be smashed by the armed might of the working people, organised and led by their revolutionary party.

WORKERS, ORGANISE TO SEIZE POWER FOR SOCIALISM !

VICTORY IS ON OUR SIDE !

ALL ENEMIES OF U.S. RULE BRITAIN, UNITE WITH THE WORKING
PEOPLE AGAINST THE MAIN ENEMY!

YANKEE GO HOME !



WHERE THE CROWN IS LANDLORD

THE expression "Crown Lands" has a feudal ring about it. What does it really mean?

Crown Land is that part of the lands vested in the Queen in her public capacity and administered by the Crown Estate Commissioners, a board of eight set up under the Crown Estate Act, 1961.

Property occupied by the Crown, such as Government buildings and land occupied by the Armed Forces, is excluded, although no such distinction would have been drawn years ago. Land such as Sandringham, vested in the Queen in her private capacity, is also excluded.

Probably the largest Crown Estate was that administered by William the Conqueror. It is reckoned that at his death the estate accounted for between one-quarter and one-third of the landed wealth of the kingdom. The Crown Estate of today is much more modest — between 250,000 and 300,000 acres.

Although small in area, by far the largest income-bearing lands are those in London. They produced receipts of £3,256,127 for the year ended March 31. Urban lands outside London earned only £352,022. Total receipts of the Crown Estate from all sources, including mines and forestry, were more than £5,250,000.

Half-Million Rent

Of the London possessions, the one producing the largest annual rental is Regent Street. In 1964, this stood at £587,613, a sizeable lead over its nearest rival, Regent's Park Estate with an annual rental of £337,948.

Regent Street Estate is not an ancient possession. Most of it was acquired in the 19th century and is now mainly shops and offices.

Regent's Park Estate, in contrast, was originally part of the Manor of Tyburn, which the Crown acquired in the 16th century. It consists of more than 800 buildings surrounding the park, but the park itself is not Crown land.

Other notable estates are Lower Regent Street and the Haymarket, mainly acquired in the 16th century, and producing in 1964 a rental of £302,608. Whitehall and Victoria Estate is partly an ancient possession and partly purchased. Producing an annual

rental exceeding £500,000, it includes offices and shops in Whitehall, Great Scotland Yard and the Victoria area. The estate south of Pall Mall produced just under £200,000 in rentals in 1964 and is composed of clubs, offices and some residential property.

The Commissioners spent £1,362,850 last year in purchasing urban property. The most important acquisitions were in the Regent Street area and nearly all the west side of Carnaby Street is now part of the Crown Estate. Against this, sales of property, mostly outside London, realised £865,000.

Farm Acreage

Commercial property accounts for just over half of the total gross receipts of the Crown Estate—£2,500,000. Office property provides £1,600,000 of this and shops some £850,000. The very few industrial holdings provide only a small sum.

The other large investments are agricultural estates and residential property. These earn about £1 million each. The total acreage of agricultural estates in England last year was 179,050, producing gross rents of £949,373.

During the year, there were more than 90 sales of agricultural property in England, which produced £349,180. These were generally houses, cottages or plots not needed by the estate. The Crown purchased some 1,120 acres at a cost of £250,790.

The area of the estates in Scotland was 72,760 acres and gross rents were £102,118. There were 44 sales during the year, realising £26,620.

Most of the foreshore and seabed around this island is owned by the Crown. Royalties from sand and gravel contributed £222,223 to the estates income. A further £62,974 was obtained from leases and licences for other activities on the foreshore and seabed.

The Crown Estate is not bound by the Government's Leasehold Reform Act.



"Proletarian revolutions...criticise themselves constantly, interrupt themselves continually in their own course, come back to the apparently accomplished in order to begin it afresh, deride with unmerciful thoroughness the inadequacies, weaknesses and paltriness of their first attempts..."

KARL MARX.



U.S. ADMITS ATTACKS ON ALLIED WARSHIPS

'MISTAKEN FOR HELICOPTERS'

SAIGON, 17.8.68.

THE United States command in Saigon today admitted that American planes attacked an Australian and two American warships last June in waters near the demilitarised zone after mistaking them for Communist helicopters.

The investigations, conducted by the United States Pacific Command, established that the warships were hit by air-to-air missiles on the nights of June 15, 16 and 17.

The planes, scrambled to attack after Communist helicopters had been reported in the demilitarised zone, mistook the ships for helicopters. The ships reported being attacked by enemy helicopters and planes.

The Australian guided missile destroyer Hobart, 3,370 tons, and the American missile cruiser Boston, 13,300 tons, were damaged, and an American Swift boat was sunk.

CAR ORDERED TO DRIVE OVER PROTESTERS

SYDNEY, 20.8.68.

Mr. R. J. Askin, the New South Wales Premier, said today that he ordered a car carrying President Johnson during his 1966 visit to be driven over Vietnam demonstrators lying in its path. Mr. Johnson told him: "You're a man after my own heart."

Relating the incident to the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia, Mr. Askin said he told the driver to "ride over the bastards." He said Mr. Johnson referred to the demonstrators as the "great unwashed."

STRATEGIC LAOS TOWN TAKEN



Pathet Lao Radio today (1.8.68) said that its forces had taken the important strategic town of Laos Ngam in southern Laos.

The government forces were forced to retreat so as to avoid further defeat.

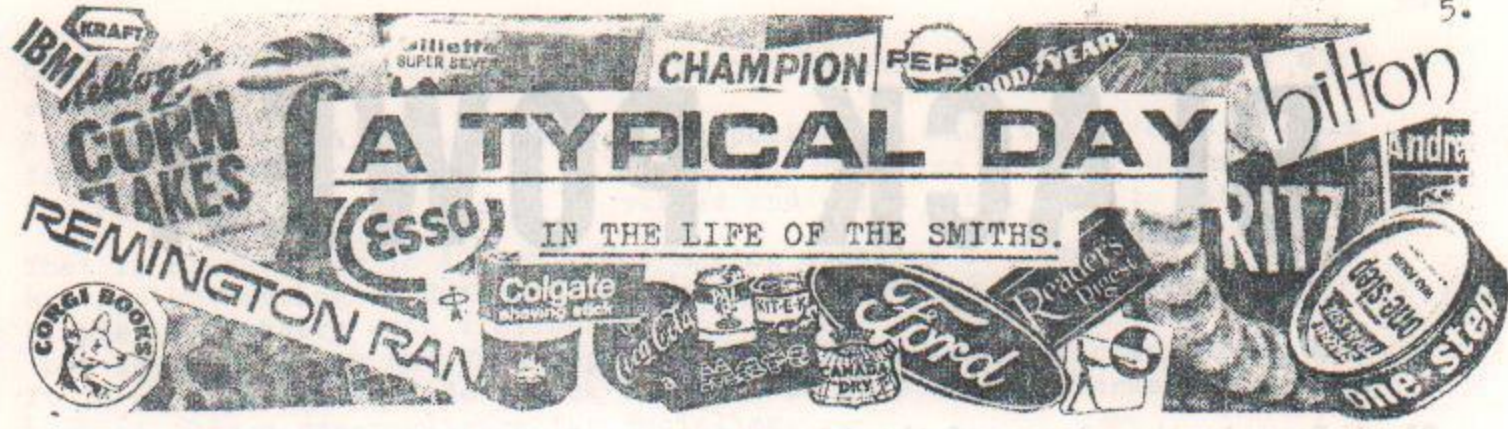
Attopeu and the Saravane area are full of patriots; the occupying government troops in both places are in bad spirits and are surrounded by the people's forces.

The People's War in Laos will surely triumph!

GERMAN ENVOY CLEARED

BONN, 17.8.68.

The West German Foreign Ministry has decided not to take disciplinary action against Dr. Herbert Müller-Roschach, Ambassador to Portugal, who worked in the Jewish affairs section of the Nazi Foreign Ministry under Ribbentrop between November, 1941, and March, 1942.



A TYPICAL DAY

IN THE LIFE OF THE SMITHS.

Tom and Mary Smith are woken in the morning by their WESTCLOX alarm clock. While Tom washes with PALMOLIVE soap and shaves with his GILLETTE razor and PERSONNA blade, Mary prepares breakfast. Tom has KELLOGGS cornflakes, HEINZ baked beans, followed by toast and COOPER'S OXFORD MARMALADE and a cup of MAXWELL HOUSE coffee. Mary prefers tea made with TETLEY TEA-BAGS, and a plate of QUAKER OATS porridge. Sometimes she has WEETABIX.

Mary calls Tom, who puts on his OLD SPICE aftershave and takes ANADIN for a headache. After he has finished his breakfast he lights up a SENIOR SERVICE with his RONSON lighter. Mary goes to the bathroom, and washes with CAMAY soap and uses COLGATE toothpaste, then applies her ODORONO deodorant. She puts on her MAIDENFORM bra, PLAYTEX girdle and DU PONT CANTRECE stockings. She makes up with AVON powder and MAX FACTOR lipstick.

Tom says goodbye and gets into his FORD. He has to let a VAUXHALL and a HILLMAN pass before he can pull away from the kerb. He calls in at the garage on the way, fills up with REGENT petrol, gets some HAVOLINE OIL, some new CHAMPION SPARKING PLUGS, and checks his FIRESTONE tyres. As he pulls out of the garage he sees an ESSO tiger advert on a hoarding, and passes a MOBIL OIL lorry. Caught in a traffic jam he looks at his TINEK watch, and remembers he must buy some bits for his BLACK AND DECKER tool kit in his lunch break. He is late for work at the I.B.M. factory.

Back at home, Mary washes up with FAIRY LIQUID, uses BRILLO PADS on her PRESTIGE pans, then cleans the sink with AJAX. She puts the food away in her KELVINATOR fridge, and washes out a few dishclothes in DAZ. On her way to work, as a typist in the J. WALTER THOMPSON advertising agency, she calls in at the sweet shop for a MARS bar, some SPANGLES and some WRIGLEY'S chewing gum. She buys a HALLMARK birthday card for her mother. As a present, she decides to take out a subscription to READER'S DIGEST for her mother. She arrives at work and goes to her office in the OTIS ELEVATOR lift. She lays out her VENUS pencil, SCRIPTO

ballpoint, and PARKER pen beside her REMINGTON RAND typewriter. In her lunch break she reads her CORGI paperback.

On her way home Mary does some shopping at the SAFEWAYS supermarket. She buys KIT-E-KAT and PAL for the pets, BIRDS custard, BETTY CROCKER cake-mix, COCA-COLA, CLAIROL hair shampoo, and ANDREWS LIVER SALTS. She pays at the NATIONAL CASH REGISTER desk. She goes to WOOLWORTH'S, leaves some KODAK film to be developed and buys VASELINE, ANDREX toilet paper, JOHNSON'S BABY POWDER, some SCOTCHTAPE and a JANSEN swim-suit.

At home, Mary opens the door with her YALE key and cooks supper - CAMPBELL'S SOUP, CHUKIE chicken and chips fried in MAZOLA corn-oil, and ARMOUR tinned peaches with CARNATION MILK. She tells Tom how she booked a lunch for her boss at the HILTON HOTEL. Tom says he is thinking of opening a life policy with LINCOLN DOMINION INSURANCE. Tom asks Mary if she would like to see the new 20TH CENTURY FOX film at the local A.B.C. cinema. Mary says she would prefer a quiet evening at home, making a dress from her SIMPLICITY pattern on her SINGER SEWING MACHINE.

John has a LONG JOHN scotch with ice and PEPSI-COLA while he watches T.V. - "THE MAN FROM UNCLE" then an old HOLLYWOOD movie. "24 Hours" is about the new diet foods like LIMMITS SLIMMING BISCUIT and the dangers of cyclemates like SWEET N' EASY artificial sweeteners. Mary sits in for "PEYTON PLACE".

They have a snack of RITZ biscuits and KRAFT cheese. Mary says the place needs cleaning at the week-end - the floors should be washed with FLASH and the furniture needs some JOHNSON'S WAX polish. The ACRILAN carpets need to be HOOVERED.

They go to bed, where the MONOGRAM electric blanket is already on. Mary takes TUINAL sleeping tablets and Tom has ALKA-SELTZER for his indigestion.

Nothing remarkable in that day, you say. But all the brand names are of goods made by U.S. companies or subsidiaries.

YANKEES - HANDS OFF BRITAIN!

BLACK POWER

Black Power's the slogan of the Afro-Americans in revolt against U.S. imperialism. It was not invented or put forward by Marxist theoreticians but by Black people in rebellion.

Socialists approve and welcome the rebellion. It is therefore their job to understand and support its central slogan.

Forty years ago the Chinese Communists had just completed the Northern Campaign by the seizure of Hankow and Shanghai from the War Lords and were faced with a spreading rebellion of the peasants in the Central province of Hunan. Should they support these peasants at the cost of breaking their alliance with the nationalist party that supported the landlords? Mao Tse-tung said emphatically "Yes", the then Party leadership said "No". The result was a victory for reaction and it took eight years to establish the new leadership of Mao Tse-tung that has led and continues to lead the Chinese people to socialism in ever more rapid development.

Just as previously peasants revolts have developed and failed when they lacked socialist leadership, so today a struggle for Black Power that fails to be or fails to become socialist, will fail or become a travesty of Black Power, as for instance in Kenya today.

Our fraternal organisation the UCPA was in its early days not fully clear on the class basis of racism. But it was even then not as muddled as are certain "Marxist-Leninists" today when they refuse to support Black Power in the name of class politics!

So in 1927 did Trotsky refuse to support peasant rebellion in China in the name of class and Marxism!

Theoretical revolutionaries will do anything except soil their pure hands in any actual revolutionary work. Mao Tse-tung is reported as saying off the record that dogmatism is of less value than cow-dung (Cow dung at least makes good manure). He has also pointed out on the record that both nationalism and racism must ultimately be seen as a class issue. Those "Marxist-Leninists" who have not understood the greatest revolutionary and Marxist of today, dismiss the actual Black revolt of today for not conforming to their idea of Marxism, just as the Hunanese peasants failed to conform to Trotsky's.

Revolutionary workers must carefully examine the Black Power movement and its relation to revolutionary socialism.

Marx and Engels nearly a century ago thought that the British workers' attitude to Ireland was likely to determine the success or failure of revolution in England.

Today one can say at least as definitely that our attitude to Black "immigrants" - who with their native born children are the most exploited section of the working class in England. - is likely to determine whether we achieve revolution or have to endure fascism.

Black Power is the rallying cry of the Blacks, who will no more ask a white man for advice than a rebellious peasant will ask a landlord. The landlord is a landlord, if he really disapproves of landlordism let him come and fight with us.

So a white is a white, if he really sees all men as brothers let him too come and fight with us.

That is what Camden CARD, black and white together, has been doing. They have succeeded in abolishing, in a matter of weeks, white thuggery in the Euston area of North London which had been systematically robbing defenceless Pakistani workers of their wages, and giving them a beating-up in the process, for over three years, WITHOUT IN ALL THAT TIME A SINGLE ARREST.

Camden CARD did this by organising its own defence patrols. They made one arrest.

Now the area is filled with patrolling policemen, and it will be difficult for either thugs or police to return to the previous liberal custom of leaving Pakistani workers free to be robbed and white thugs free to rob them.

That is Black Power IN ACTION. Not making speeches or indulging in verbal bravado but acting to defend Black people. Resisting imperialism at its simplest - robbery with violence.

That is why and how the WPPE supports Black Power and will continue to do so. It is also why we consider Black Power to be step towards Workers Power, and both of them a pre-condition for socialism.

There is not yet a happy ending, nor can there be so long as the imperialist system persists.

Not long after the Camden CARD patrols successful arrest we have just mentioned, an African school-teacher was attacked by white thugs chanting "Enoch, Enoch", in the Goodge Street area. Some local Pakistanis went to his aid and the thugs were dispersed. But two Pakistani workers who had come out of their rooms nearby to see what the noise was about and had taken no part at all in the affray, were arrested, presumably to even things up as the police had arrested three of the white thugs.

These two workers, who can speak English only with difficulty, have been remanded for trial at the Old Bailey on charges of causing an affray and possessing offensive weapons, charges which could get them several years in goal.

It is strongly felt by many people who know about the situation in the Euston area that the police are trying to cow its Pakistani inhabitants by this victimisation.

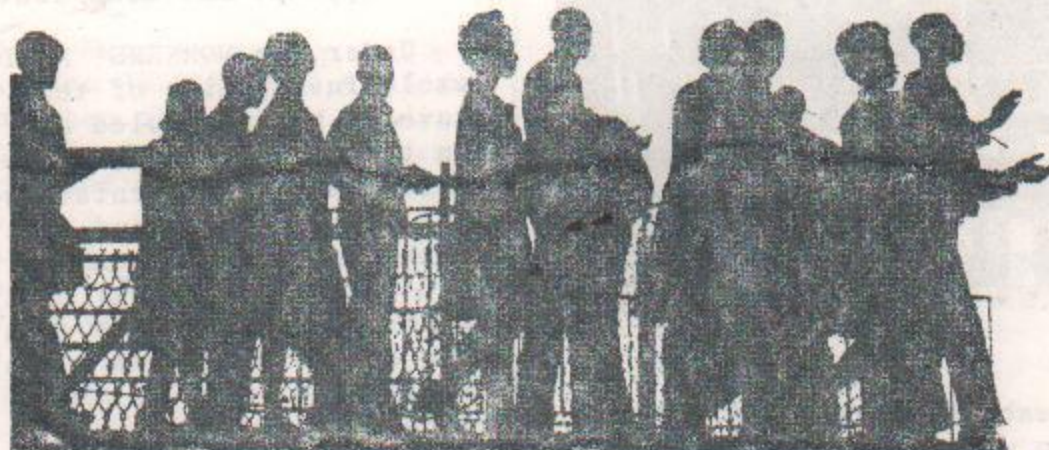
The President of Pakistan, who has been visiting Mr. Wilson, and the National Council for Civil Liberties, the Chairman of CARD (Dr. David Pitt) several MPs, various High Commissions and other personages in public life have all been informed of these events in Camden and are showing interest.

Our knowledge of the facts of this case rests on the evidence of our own witnesses present at the whole affray, and also being able to interview the two accused in their own small rented rooms in the presence of their friends and fellow-countrymen. It is fairly clear that those arrested fit into the category of the defenceless, those it is judged safe to arrest.


It is now the business of Camden CARD, of National CARD and of the WPPE, to ensure that justice is done, that two innocent men are not punished further in retaliation against the suppression of white thuggery by blacks and that if the police cannot bring evidence to justify the arrests and the charges, these two working men earning small wages shall be recompensed from public funds for all they have been unjustly put through.

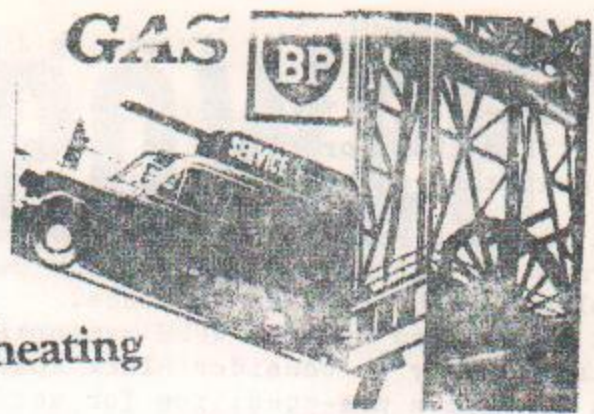
The trial is scheduled to take place in September at the Old Bailey.

Let us hope that all those interested in justice and opposed to racism will make it their business to be present.



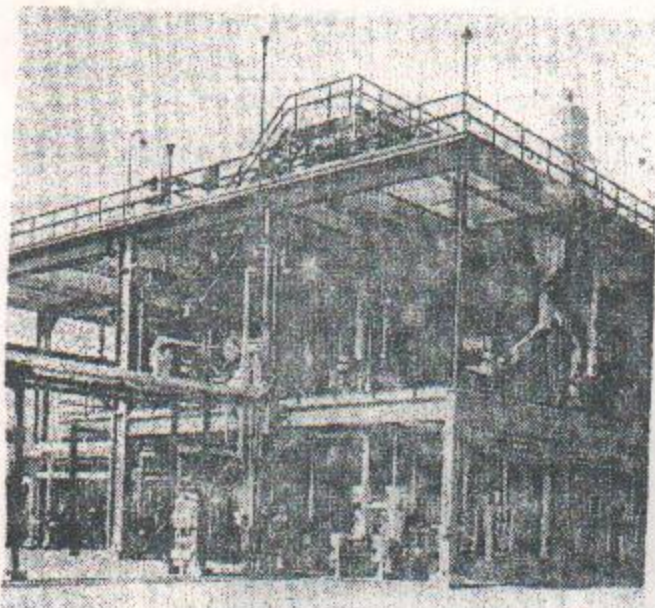
COAL OR OIL?

 Oil-fired central heating



Alcan (the North American Aluminium monopoly) is building a smelter at Lynemouth (Northumberland) fuelled by coal mined locally, which will be providing 60,000 tons of aluminium a year by 1970. This highlights a number of important points about the power and fuel industries in England and the British Isles generally.

The Lynemouth pit is up-to-date and highly productive. The coal it produces is fully competitive with oil, and free of the uncertainties of further devaluation of the pound, and political turmoil in the Middle East, Africa, or Latin America, all of which threaten to increase oil prices still further, or imperil supplies. Alcan has plumped for coal not out of charity but for sound business reasons. Big businessmen are hard-headed realists. Their decision is a blow to the oil monopolies. These latter concerns are only interested in overseas oil because of the fabulous profits to be made in the sheikdoms of the Arabian Gulf, in North Africa, Brunei and Latin America. They would love to see England totally dependent on oil whatever the cost to the national economy.



The biggest single blow at the coal industry was when the railways went over to diesel-electric traction in place of steam locomotion. It was claimed to be a great cost-saving change-over. As any loco-spotter knows, it was

a terrible blunder which has helped to push British Rail deeper in debt to the City moneylenders. Diesel-electric engines are many times more expensive than steam engines to build, and because of much higher-than-expected maintenance costs, they are more expensive to run. By now the skilled men needed for steam engine building have been dispersed (as in Darlington, Doncaster and Crewe) and it would be impossible to go back to building these engines. Instead, railway traction is to be provided in the near future by fully electric locomotives powered from the National Grid.

When Shell-B.P.-Esso-Texaco lobby spokesmen talk about expensive coal and quote "statistics" to prove their case, they are including figures from pits and power stations constructed before the First World War, and totally outdated and in need of modernisation. Mines and coal-fired stations developed since the Second World War produce fuel and power as cheaply as oil drilled overseas and transported to Britain for oil-fired stations. Moreover, coal and coal-fired stations make more sense as they represent development of the natural resources of this country, and necessitate developing economic self-reliance. The oil kings in their bid to make the British power industry oil-dependent, have made it correspondingly U.S.-dependent, for the U.S. oil giants - Esso, Texaco, Gulf, Mobil etc. - have a world monopoly on oil supplies and distribution.

Under the WORKERS' NATIONAL PLAN, the whole fuel policy of this country would have to be overhauled and placed firmly on the basis of self-reliance, making full use of a modernised coal industry and North Sea gas and oil. Dependence on Yankee oil must be ended. We must also put an end to the way British miners and other workers provide sweated labour for Yankee aluminium and other profiteers. Such firms as Alcan must be nationalised.

But we'll only get national independence from Yankee domination through the working people holding state power, and organised to run the country themselves.

US - Russian pact

Representatives of the Soviet and U.S. bosses made a consular pact in May 1964. The Soviet revisionists were pretending to be friends of the people of Vietnam, and the pact was too obvious a symbol of betrayal. Neither side did ratify the pact. The increasing victories of the Peoples' War in Vietnam led the U.S. and Soviet reactionaries to seek a closer alliance. Last year, the U.S. Senate cleared the way for approval of the consular pact.

Kosygin said that it was stupid to hope for any further co-operation between the two countries so long as the Vietnam War continued. In May 1968 the Soviet revisionist clique ratified the consular pact. Why?

In a speech in New York in October 1966, President Johnson said that the U.S.A. could see a deal, by which it would accept the status quo in Europe, so long as the Soviet Union accepted the status quo in Asia. The Russians were to prevent "Asian wars of liberation" in case they upset the balance in favour of communism. In April 1968, the U.S. amassador repeated this offer to a meeting of high officials in the Soviet foreign ministry. A fortnight later the revisionists ratified the consular pact, as a sign of interest in this "status quo deal."

On June 6th 1968, Kosygin and other high officials talked to Mr Crossland, a British cabinet minister. Kosygin was most worried by the imperialist money crisis, which if it got worse, would seriously affect Soviet efforts to build the "new economy". He was anxious that the U.S. balance of payments deficit, made worse by the Vietnam War, should be solved.

On 26th June, Russia offered to hold talks with the Yanks on "expensive anti-ballistic missile systems". A Tass News statement of 1st July confirmed that these talks would take place, and that they would also discuss "restricting nuclear weapons". On the same day, the U.S., Soviet and British reactionaries signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

On July 1st, a plane carrying over 200 U.S. troops to Vietnam had to land in the Soviet Kurile Islands. The very next day these killers were sent on to Vietnam, with the blessing of the Soviet revisionists.

The revolutionary peoples of the World are winning ever greater victories over the forces of oppression. The imperialists are falling into ever deeper crisis. As this happens the revisionists everywhere, led by the Soviet revisionist clique, step up their betrayal. But they and all other reactionaries are doomed to defeat.

Step up vigilance against revisionism and other traitors!

SOVIET REVISIONISTS' TREACHERY IN EGYPT.

Over thirty Egyptian Army officers have been dismissed in the last few weeks, for their "anti-Soviet" attitude. One colonel is being court-martialled for fighting a Russian 'adviser' who ridiculed the arab struggle against Zionism. Discontent over increasing Russian influence in the forces and industry, is growing amongst soldiers and workers. The Soviet revisionists have taken control of key industrial development, like the Hilwan steelworks and the Alexandria shipyards. This is the price demanded for military supplies.

There is great discontent in the armed forces about the refusal of the Soviet revisionists to supply modern weapons and the right kind of equipment. The soldiers believe they are being used as a dumping-ground for out-dated Soviet army surpluses at high prices.

Soviet proposals for international disarmament, with special reference to the Middle East, are causing further concern. Russia is pressing hard to get Egypt to accept an arab settlement with Israel, on the borders of before the June War. This would be a betrayal of the Palestinian people. The Soviet proposal put to the U.S. and British imperialists, called for a cut in arms supplied to the arabs and Israel. Egypt, Iraq and Syria have all complained about this threat from a self-styled 'friend'. The main arabic papers in each country expressed surprise and disgust at this plan of the revisionists.

It is not surprising that the people and some government officials are growing more and more angry with their revisionist "friends". These Russian traitors demand control of key industries, in return for too few arms of poor quality. They behave with the arrogance of a colonialist ruler. They try to sell out the vital interests of Egypt and her arab brothers.

With "friends" like these, who needs enemies?

SOLIDARITY WITH THE BENGALI PEOPLE

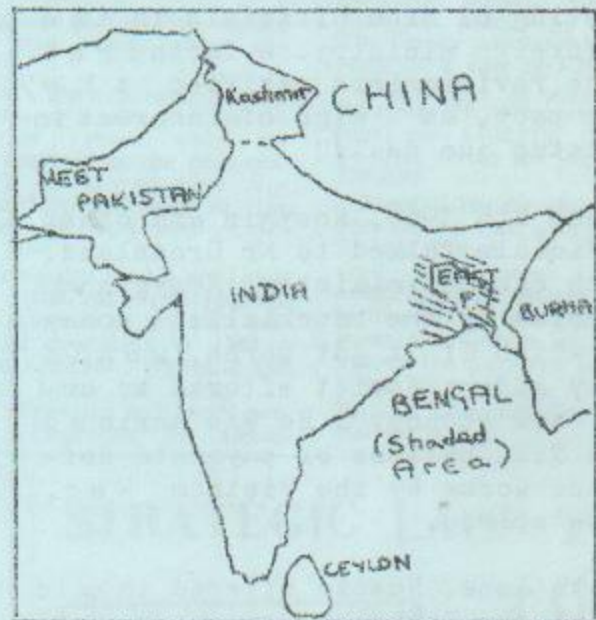
The division of colonial India into the nominally independent, neo-colonial states of India and Pakistan, was a major blow by the British imperialists at the struggle for complete emancipation of the peoples of the Indian sub-continent. Divide and Rule has always been a basic policy of imperialists throughout history. The British imperialists have been the most adept practitioners of this art. United, the 650,000,000 people of the Indian sub-continent would be an overwhelming force to destroy imperialism and reaction.

So the imperialists and their Indian and Pakistani quislings strive to divide the people - Muslim against Hindu, Northerner against Southerner and so on. This is to distract them from their common enemy - the foreign big businessmen and their Indian and Pakistani servants, the ruling cliques of pro-western multi-millionaires families and big landlords. These quislings oppress the masses of workers and poor peasants on behalf of the foreign businessmen. Being racists, they even more harshly suppress all national minorities and try to suppress the just aspirations of these nations for emancipation from imperialist and comprador-feudal rule.

Thus the Nagas and Mizos and Kashmiri people are engaged in armed struggle for liberation. Now the Bengali people are rising in revolt. The Bengali people have always occupied an honourable, vanguard role in Indian history. At partition, Bengal was arbitrarily divided into East and West. West Bengal remained part of India while the mainly Muslim East Bengal became a semi-colony of Punjabi-dominated West Pakistan.

East Bengal earns over 80% of all the foreign exchange of Pakistan as a whole from the export of jute, tea, hides, etc. But over 80% of all development capital is spent in West Pakistan on hydro-electric schemes, irrigation projects, etc., while East Pakistan is allowed to become an economic and technical backwater. Over 90% of all military and administrative personnel come from West Pakistan; until 1963 there was not a single Bengali provincial chief secretary in East Pakistan. Until 1965 there was not a single Bengali secretary of any of the central government departments. All military headquarters and establishments are in West Pakistan. Yet Bengalis account for 55 million of the hundred million population of all Pakistan. In West Pakistan, Bengalis are referred to as "Bengali beggars", so great is the contempt in which they are held.

The Bengali people have begun to protest strongly at this double yoke of oppression, and are demanding autonomy and justice, and an end to the military government of the Ayub clique. The response of the Ayub clique has been to arrest Sheikh Mujabir Rahman, the Bengali opposition leader, and other Bengali leaders on framed charges of treason. Since independence, hundreds of Bengali patriots have been jailed, especially proletarian leaders like Mani Singh. But the Ayub reactionaries have only lifted a rock to drop it on their own feet. The result of these arrests has been to step up the Bengali people's struggle to new heights, and to arouse all democratically-minded Pakistani people to demand an end of the autocratic military regime.



In London in July, the Pakistani students stormed and occupied the Pakistani High Commission before the police, called by the High Commissioner (who is well aware of how friendly the police are to Pakistani people in Britain), came to remove them. Numerous demonstrations have been held successfully in spite of the High Commission's attempts to thwart them by planting agents-provocateurs.

Meanwhile in North Bengal at Naxalbari the poor peasants, led by Indian revolutionary Marxist-Leninists, have triumphantly launched an armed liberation struggle against the Indian reactionaries. The poor peasants have been expropriating the rich, largely absentee, landlords. Naxalbari has become an inspiration not only for the whole of India but also for the whole sub-continent, and the lesson will no doubt be taken to heart by their Bengali brothers in East Pakistan.

The Working People's Party of England (W.P.P.E.) has always supported all people struggling against imperialism and its quislings for emancipation, and it will always do so. The W.P.P.E. unwaveringly supports the struggle of the Bengali people against the reactionary ruling cliques of both Pakistan and India, which is fundamentally a struggle against the masters of Indira Gandhi and Ayub Khan, the white imperialists in Whitehall and the white House - the main enemies of the people of the entire world.



On Saturday 10th August the Queen opened a new £30m. oil refinery at Milford Haven, South Wales.

The Yankee owner, Gulf Oil, is adding insult to injury. It and other oil giants of Yankee Imperialism have got their British quislings to run down coal. Tens of thousands of miners in South Wales are jobless. Their communities, centred around the pits, are dying.

Now the oil monopolies offer a handful of jobs to the unemployed they created. And they expect to be greeted like Santa Claus for it.

For years Wales was looted by British imperialism, dominated by the English capitalists. Now the South Wales miners are seeing at first hand what U.S. control of Britain means. It means the run-down of the natural resources of Britain. It means throwing workers on the scrap heap, so as to boost the Yanks' profits.

Yankee Imperialism must be driven from these islands. The British Imperialists and their Government must be smashed. To try and vote them away is like shutting our eyes and pretending the don't exist.

SOCIALISM will mean the workers controlling the factories and mines their sweat and blood made.

SOCIALISM will mean developing our own resources, not running them down.

SOCIALISM will mean a workers' State to struggle against any comeback by capitalists.

ORGANISE NOW TO SEIZE WORKERS' POWER, FOR SOCIALISM.



" POLITICAL POWER GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN."



RT-Z, Bethlehem in £16m deal

In the June issue of W.B. we reported on the exploitation of the people of Quebec. British imperialists are joining with U.S. bosses to loot the people.

Roy-Tinto-Zinc Corporation and Bethlehem Steel of the United States are partners in a £16m. deal giving them a controlling interest in the British Newfoundland Corporation and Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation.

R.T.Z. will supply the U.S. steel giant Bethlehem with ore. The Canadian colonialists will get the mineral dues. The people will get nothing again.

Support the fight of the Quebecois for independence and socialism!

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We draw attention to the following errors in "The Revolutionary Storm in France" booklet.

P.1. Para 4. should read :
"led by Mendes-France, had in fact prepared such a manifesto..."

P.2. Para 2. should read :
"... because the post-Leninist leadership in western Europe..."

KARL MARX

Karl Marx, one of the great working class revolutionary heroes, was born 150 years ago. The article outlines a few of the main events and achievements of his life.

Karl Marx was born in Germany in 1818, the son of a well-to-do lawyer. He studied philosophy, history and law at university. He began to develop the new ideas of Hegel and the other German philosophers, towards "dialectical materialism." His new philosophy called for socialism and the overthrow of feudal and capitalist oppression. He won the hatred of the ruling class, and began a long life of political exile.

In 1843 Marx went to Paris, and made a close friend for life there - Frederick Engels. Together they began to study and practice revolutionary politics. Marx called for "criticism by the gun", and worked out the theory and practice of revolutionary socialism based on the working class.

In 1845, Marx was banished from Paris as a dangerous revolutionary. He went to Brussels. In 1847, he and Engels began to work with the secret Communist League. They drew up the Communist Manifesto in February 1848 for the League. This work of genius outlines the socialist view of the world and its development, the idea of class struggle, and the historic role of the working class to create the new communist society.

In the same February revolution broke out in Belgium, and Marx was banished. He went to Paris, and was banished after the revolution of 12 March, 1848. He went to Cologne, and edited the revolutionary paper "Neue Rheinische Zeitung" till it was closed down in May 1849. Marx took a leading part in the revolution, and was again banished by the victorious German counter-revolution in May.

Marx went back to Paris, but was banished after the demonstration of May 1849. He went to London, where he worked for the rest of his life.

Marx and his family lived much of their life in a slum in Dean Street, Soho. They lived in dire poverty, only kept alive by Engels' selfless help.

Later they moved to Maitland Park in North London.



KARL MARX - A GREAT
REVOLUTIONARY HERO
OF THE WORKING CLASS.

Marx worked constantly to develop the theory and practice of working-class socialism, and to defend it against attempts to water down its revolutionary base. In 1864 he was one of the founders of the 1st International, to link the workers' and their allies' movements throughout Europe. In 1871 the Commune and the plots of the anarchists broke up the International.

His poverty and strenuous work ruined Marx' health. He worked on "Capital", which developed economic theory into a weapon against the capitalist class.

On March 14, 1883, Marx died. He is buried with his wife in the Highgate Cemetery, London. In his speech at the graveside, his close friend Frederick Engels said:

"Marx was before all else a revolutionary. His real mission in life was to contribute in one way, or another, to the overthrow of capitalist society and of the state institutions which it had brought into being; to contribute to the liberation of the present-day proletariat, which he was the first to make conscious of its own position and its needs, of the conditions under which it could win its emancipation. Fighting was his element.... His name will endure through the ages, and so will his work!"