

LABOUR NEEDS A MASS YS

By the editor

THE Blackpool Labour Party Conference has had its say on the rump 'Young Socialists'! Don't take our word for it, just listen to 'Tribune', the weekly paper of the fake lefts:

'The decision of the Labour Party Conference to accept the National Executive's new Constitution for the Young Socialists is stupid in the extreme. It will make it virtually impossible for any self-respecting Young Socialist to participate in the new organisation. In effect the Y.S. is converted by the N.E.C.'s decision from a reasonably responsible body to a glorified youth club.'

We have only one thing to add to this statement—it is not the Labour Party Conference who are 'stupid' but rather 'Tribune'. The virtual disbandment of the Labour Party Young Socialists has been carried through by the right wing because they fear the youth. It is 'Tribune', who believe that young people can live and work inside the

Labour Party, who are stupid. Nobody can bridge the gulf between the right wing and the youth. Just look at the decisions which were carried at the Blackpool conference.

1. Amendments to the Immigration Act, proposed by the Labour government, which encourage racialism and fascism.

2. Full support for the American bombing of the defenceless Vietnamese people.
3. Legislation against the trade unions which would assist the monopoly capitalists in their fight against the working class.

How is it possible for any Young Socialist to live and work in a party which has these policies? If 'Tribune' believes that it is, that is only because they have not broken from the right wing but are, in fact, the 'left cover' for it.

Now, on to the proposed right-wing conference for the

Young Socialists at Malvern in November. No policy resolutions are to be permitted.

Mr. Underhill, the ageing National Youth Officer of the Labour Party (full-time) can rule out of order all resolutions from the few existing branches which talk about policy. He will be supported by Mrs. Braddock, whom one of the newspapers described as a septuagenarian.

'Old-woman' Braddock always hated the youth because they saw through her fake leftism after the war and her support for Gaitskell in the 1950s.

Young people on the Merseyside have continu-

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Sections of the magnificent demonstration in

Blackpool - September 26



Above are just four sections of the huge demonstration of 2,000 Young Socialists, trade unionists and tenants, who marched over four miles along the front at Blackpool on Sept. 26, the day before the Labour Party conference began. Their message, heard by thousands of working-class families on holiday in the seaside town was clear: 'Labour has betrayed—Wilson must go!'

(For a full report of the demonstration and more pictures, see pages 4 & 5)

APPEAL FOR CEYLON 'YS' MAGAZINE

Excerpts from a letter from the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (Revolutionary) of Ceylon

Dear friend,

'YOUNG SOCIALIST' FUND

The increase in cost of printing has compelled us to appeal to our friends and well-wishers for contributions to ensure the continued and regular publication of the 'Young Socialist'. The increase in price to Re. 1.00 (1s. 6d.) with effect from the last issue, did not, however, provide a solution to the financial problem.

At a time when regrouping and realignment in the left are the order of the day, when words like 'revisionism', 'ultra-leftism' and 'sectarianism' are being bandied about freely, this purpose acquires an added importance.

We have estimated that a subsidy of Rs. 5,000 (about £380) would be required to continue publication as a quarterly till the end of 1966. We therefore appeal to you for your generous contributions to reach this target.

All contributions will be acknowledged separately and listed in the magazine under your own name or otherwise as you prefer it.

All communications and remittances should be addressed to Sydney Wanasinghe, 51a Peterson Lane, Colombo 6, Ceylon.

World news

Aden: Grim reminder of Labour's hypocrisy

By
CHRIS
PORTER

IN the same week that Wilson took a swipe at the British working class by proposing to legislate against wage increases he also took a long step towards military dictatorship in Aden.

By an order-in-council, authorised by him as Premier and signed by the Queen, the government of Aden was dismissed and dictatorial powers conferred on the Commissioner.

An Emergency was declared, a curfew clamped on the city and a massive round-up of 'suspects', mainly Yemeni workers, was begun by British troops and local police.

The use of the order-in-council is without precedent in the history of Labour governments. It means that Wilson can overturn a colonial government without the formality of a debate in parliament and without even consulting his Cabinet or fellow Labour MPs.

Unrepresentative

That the Blackpool conference should have swallowed Wilson's action shows just how sickeningly unrepresentative and reactionary the Labour Party Conference has become.

Aden is a cruel reminder to all of us of the hypocrisy and cynicism of the Labour leaders.

When Aden was fraudulently joined to the Federation of South Arabia in January 1963 under the terms of the notorious London Agreement, the Labour Party spokesman in the Opposition benches vociferously opposed the Tories on the grounds that the people had not even been given a chance to express their feelings on the merger of Aden and the 13 other states (read Sheikdoms) of the Federation.

'Undemocratic'

Dennis Healey (now Minister for Defence) moved an amendment to reject the Tory merger plan and pointed out the undemocratic nature of the whole business when only 5,000 out of 220,000 voted in the elections to the Aden Legislative Council!

Healey declared that the merger meant 'ranging Britain with all those most backward and anachronistic and alienating all the more progressive forces'.

(Mr. Healey can now add the Labour government to his list of backward forces.)

A group of Labour MPs (Dick Taverne, A. E. Oram, Charles Loughlin), who made a fact-finding tour of Aden and the other states in 1963, found that almost everybody outside the Federal regime was opposed to the Federation and expressed the opinion that 'democratic institutions' would not survive if the traditional rulers were left in charge of internal security.

A special report drawn up by a sub-committee of the United

Nations Organisation described the Federation as an 'artificial unit imposed upon them (the member states) and governed by provisions which ensure the United Kingdom control'.

It traced the discontent to the 'repressive laws and police methods' particularly in Aden, where the trade union movement was 'subjected to constant abuse by the local authorities'.

Nothing done

The findings of this committee were accepted in the form of a resolution put before the General Assembly—but since Britain is a member of the Security Council and a prominent imperialist power, nothing was done to implement the resolution.

To the long list of abominations which have made South Arabia a living hell for the Arabs we must add two more: slavery and corporal punishment.

(South Arabia is the only territory in the world where slavery is still legal.)

What has changed in South Arabia since 1963? Nothing. The coming to power of a Labour government, far from kindling fresh hopes of freedom or unity with the Yemen, has quickly snuffed out what



Greenwood: pious promises

few illusions were left.

What, after all, do the pious promises of independence in 1968 mean on the lips of Anthony Greenwood, when his troops and police shoot, club and imprison Arab youths for the crime of demanding independence now?

And what precisely is the difference between the policy of Wilson and that of his Tory predecessor Duncan Sandys? None whatsoever.

Even the massive project of setting up an additional £20 million worth of military installations in Aden is to be continued by the Labour government.

Made to pay

Nobody knows exactly how much the repression in South Arabia costs. But one thing we do know. It is the British working class that is being made to pay for this filthy war.

And the working class will continue to pay for it—in money as well as in blood—until Wilson and Greenwood are thrown out, the oil monopolies nationalized and the troops brought home.

Independence now for African majority

By BARRIE EVANS (YS National Committee Member)

FOR every white European settler in Southern Rhodesia there are 18 Africans. Despite this, the entire control of the colony lies in the hands of Europeans.

The Premier of Southern Rhodesia, Ian Smith, has stated on many occasions that, 'if we ever have an African majority in this country we shall have failed in our policy of trying to make a place for the white man'.

Smith, the leader of the reactionary all-white, Rhodesian Front, is now on the brink of declaring Southern Rhodesia an independent country under white minority rule.

Apartheid advocates

The party which he leads includes a large number of open advocates of apartheid, who wish to link Southern Rhodesia directly with the apartheid state of South Africa.

Smith himself, a great admirer of the South African premier, Verwoerd, Portugal's Salazar and France's de Gaulle, has refused to rule out the possibility of one day having to resort to a policy of apartheid.

The declared aim of the Rhodesia Front is to stop African



Smith: admirer of Verwoerd

nationalism at the Zambesi river and to create a white supremacist block in Southern Africa of Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, and the Portuguese colonies of Angola and Mozambique.

The dispatch of an ambassador with full credentials, to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon, is a major step in the achievement of such a bloc. The next step will almost certainly be a declaration of independence and the signing of diplomatic and military treaties with Verwoerd's government in South Africa.

Wilson's government in Britain is playing a treacherous role in this. The main concern of this right-wing Labour government is to safeguard the huge British, American and South African investments in Central Africa.

Both the British and American governments are alarmed that a declaration of independence by Smith at this stage could lead to revolutionary upheavals both inside and outside Southern Rhodesia.

Withdraw troops

If independence under white minority rule could be achieved without such upheavals then Wilson would rapidly come to a compromise with the racist Southern Rhodesian government.

The demand of the British labour movement must be the immediate withdrawal of all British troops from Central Africa, the granting of immediate independence to Southern Rhodesia under African majority rule and the ceasing of all secret negotiations with Smith and the leaders of the reactionary Rhodesian Front.

The failure of the talks now going on between Smith and Wilson seems to indicate that no compromise is possible.

Smith has powerful allies in Britain and intends to use them. Also he is halfway towards winning diplomatic recognition from Portugal.

Wilson, however, refuses to fight back and instead proposes that the UN send a peace-keeping mission to Rhodesia. After the Congo example Africans in Rhodesia will be wise to resist any such interference from the UN.

Vietnam . . .

THE right wing of the Labour Party got their way over the government's position on the Vietnam war at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool in September.

By a majority of 1,781,000 votes the conference gave its backing to the kind of atrocities committed in south-east Asia, shown in the picture opposite, where families are driven from their homes and U.S. imperialism carries out a relentless drive to crush the Vietcong forces.

'Lefts' around 'Tribune' have never been able to give a clear policy on the question of imperialist aggression in south-east Asia.

The final outcome of this vacillating weakness of the 'left' was their defeat at Blackpool on a moderately worded resolution calling on the government to dissociate from U.S. policy in Vietnam, stop the bombing, and negotiate with the Vietcong.

If ever the Young Socialists' policies have been proved correct it was on the question of Vietnam.

Only with a perspective of uniting workers around the demand for the military defeat of the U.S. forces in South Vietnam can the right-wing leadership of the Labour government be defeated.



WHO OWNS

BY A KEEP LEFT
ECONOMICS
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EUROPE?



FOR once, 'The Times' has done a valuable service for the labour movement. It has just published a booklet entitled '300' which provides facts and figures on the 300 largest firms in Great Britain. It lists their capital values, rates of profit and numbers of workers which they employ.

Between them, the top 10 companies from this group—including such giants as Shell, Esso, Unilever, Courtaulds, Ford, Guest, Keen Nettlefold—control over £5,000 million of capital and last year they made £800 million out of the workers they employ.

In the case of Shell, now the biggest firm in Britain, this worked out at £2,300 per worker and even the least successful of the 'Top Ten', the shipping firm of P and O, managed over £200 per worker.

No promise

At the Labour Party Conference, Wilson refused to make any promise to nationalize steel. But this pamphlet contains some revealing figures about this industry.

Out of the leading 25 combines, no fewer than six are steel firms. Last year these six privately-owned firms amassed a cool £100 million in profit from their 300,000 workers employed in the industry.

These figures are all the justification we need to nationalize the industry. Wilson's refusal to do so is only one more example of his utter bankruptcy.

But beware! There is precious little room at the top.

Five of the top companies who were in the list last year have now disappeared—gobbled up by their greedy rivals.

A few years ago, ICI (second largest to Shell) almost captured control of Courtaulds, now the sixth biggest in Britain and 16th largest in Europe.

Power is concentrating into fewer and fewer hands as capitalism develops.

Behind these firms stands the banks and insurance companies, the providers of the money for take-overs, amalgamations and mergers.

The eleven leading banks (the clearing banks)—Barclays, Westminster, etc.—control £10,000 million of assets and the top ten building societies control £3 billion (i.e., £3,000,000,000).

No socialist should any longer worry about how the balance of payments crisis should be tackled. In the last financial year, the top 10 firms in Britain amassed a grand £800 million in profits, by luck just about enough to wipe out the balance of payments deficit. Yes, Mr. Wilson, the money IS available!

Far behind

All this might give an impression of great power and wealth. But, in fact, British capitalism is far behind that of West Europe, and especially to Germany.

At the back of the book is published a comparative table of the leading 100 companies in Western Europe. No fewer than 10 of the top 20 are from Western Germany, with 31 out of 100.

These owners, in Britain and Europe are the real rulers of Europe and the real enemies of socialism and the working class. They must be kicked out and taken over by the workers of Europe, who alone have produced all the wealth which is tabled in this book.

YOUNG Socialists were attacked by fascists on the streets of Southall on Saturday evening, September 25. Several members were badly punched about by a gang of ten youths who are known locally for their extreme racist sympathies.

This is only one of many incidents which are now taking place in Southall where members of a fascist organisation are openly fanning the flames of racialism in order to win sympathy for their fascist policies.

The most serious aspect of the attack was that it was deliberately directed against the youth organisation of the labour movement, and it takes place at a time when legislation is in contemplation against the trade unions.

Prelude

An attack on the Young Socialists today, is but a prelude to an attack on the trade union movement tomorrow by the fascists.

The Young Socialists were busy arranging for their members to come to Blackpool by coach to join the great demonstration. The fascist gang declared that they would board the coaches and refuse to pay money. At this point the attack took place.

Needless to say, the police

moved, and replaced by a leadership pledged to socialist policies of nationalization, to harness automation for the benefit of the working class.

We call on all sections of the working class to support the Young Socialists' demonstration in Blackpool at the Labour Party Conference on September 26. This will openly oppose the policies of the Wilson leadership, and will forge a unity between socialist youth and adult workers in their common fight for a new working-class leadership based on Marxist principles.

Fascists attack YS

arrived late on the scene—just one more proof that only the youth can defend their own organisations in the fight against the fascists.

The time has come to put an end to the fascist hooliganism in Southall. Recently, it is reported that a van belonging to the Communist Party was badly damaged.

Only unity of the working-class organisations, irrespective of their political differences, can deal with the fascists. The time is ripe for

these organisations to call a halt to what has taken place in Southall.

The Young Socialists are determined that such hooliganism will be stopped and are planning a series of public meetings and demonstrations along these lines.

One of the fascists openly boasted after the attack: 'That has put an end to these Communist bastards.' We will see. Supporters and members of the YS everywhere have been warned.

WEEK-END SCHOOLS

EAST AND WEST MIDLANDS

(October 16 and 17)

Brierly Holiday Camp, Stratford-on-Avon

Speaker: Dave Ashby, Secretary of National Committee of Young Socialists

Dance to The Bond on Saturday night. £2 (includes fare)

NORTH-EAST COAST

(October 23 and 24)

Whitley Bay

Speaker: Dave Ashby, Secretary of National Committee of Young Socialists

Dance on Saturday evening

£1 10s. (includes fare, board and lodgings)

NORTH-WEST COAST

(October 30 and 31)

Ambleside Youth Hostel, Windermere, Westmorland

NORTHERN IRELAND

(November 13 and 14)

Bangor, Co. Down

Speaker:

Speaker: Gerry Healy, National Secretary of Socialist Labour League

SCOTTISH REGION

(November 27 and 28)

Rob Roy Motel, Aberfoyle

Dance on Saturday evening. £1 15s. 6d. (includes fare)

For further details of these schools contact Dave Ashby, 9 Chestnut Avenue, Leeds, 6.

Southern YS hold pre-Blackpool march

ON Saturday, September 11, in Croydon, the East Surrey and Sussex Federations of Young Socialists held a demonstration against the Wilson government through the crowded shopping centre. This attracted a large amount of attention.

The demonstrators, as well as carrying Federation and branch banners, carried banners against unemployment, the Devlin Report, and the return of 1931. They also shouted slogans such as 'Unemployment — OUT', and 'Socialism—IN!'

This was followed by a film of the successful Vietnam demonstration held in London on July 18. The following resolution was then passed:

'This meeting of Young Socialists, trade unionists, and Labour Party members, believes that the policies of the Wilson government can lead to defeats more disastrous than the betrayal of Ramsay MacDonald in 1931.

The cost of living is going up, rents are being increased, unemployment is rising. The Wilson leadership must be re-



**Build
Keep
Left!**

THIS year's Blackpool Labour Party Conference marked the final death throes of the right wing's ailing youth movement. With a dying gasp from the 'left', which mustered only 800,000 votes, an overwhelming majority voted to deprive the rump 'Young Socialists' of all life and sustenance, in the way of political activity.

With Commander Bessie Braddock watching over the proceedings, the Labour leadership saw to it that the last blow was struck. Thus the right wing of the Labour Party exposed their absolute fear of the youth. They firmly closed their doors against any possibility of the development of a movement of young workers, students and apprentices.

Transport House has always been afraid of youth—the five-year history of the socialist youth movement has shown that. Witch-hunts and proscriptions were the only perspective offered to any young people who wished to join the Young Socialists by the crew of area organisers and petty officials at Labour Party headquarters.

Now, like a child without its toy, the 'left' cry for something that Transport House just is not prepared to give. With no regional organisations, no political discussions at conference, and a National Committee appointed by the right wing, where is the 'democracy' the 'left' shout so loud about?

Keep Left has continually stressed that being tied to the coat-tails of the Labour Party bureaucracy can never build a youth movement, but can only lead to defeat. This is precisely what has happened. Whilst, in Keep Left, Young Socialists elect their own editorial board and editor at an annual general meeting, Transport House gives the few youth who still remain around it, 'New Advance', written by people who are either well over the 40 mark, or are so remote and out of touch with the working class that they might as well be 40.

Keep Left has always fought on the basis that youth is implacably opposed to capitalism and its methods. Youth reject a future under capitalism where the only prospect is to be wiped out by a nuclear explosion. And, in their absolute hostility to imperialism, the young people also reject Transport House, the hangers-on of big capital, who, under the leadership of Wilson, try so desperately to keep monopoly capital going.

The Malvern conference in November, organised for what is left of the Labour Party youth organisation will be a farce. Where is the democracy in the National Committee being appointed by the right wing? Where is the democracy in 'New Advance', written and controlled by Transport House? Those still in the Labour Party 'Young Socialists' must consider these questions.

On January 1, 1966, hundreds of Young Socialists from all over the country will meet in London at the Keep Left annual general meeting to elect editorial representatives. We call on all those youth still in the Labour Party 'Young Socialists' to join us in building the only youth paper which has, over the past 14 years, formed the backbone of the fight to build the Young Socialists.

In the struggles against the legislation against the unions, and wage freeze, the Young Socialists and their youth paper will have very big responsibilities. Building up Keep Left and developing the Young Socialists have and always must go side by side.

Join with us in building up Keep Left's circulation, going out to young workers in the factories, the technical colleges and the large stores, to present the Young Socialists' ideas.

To remain in the Labour Party is to submit to political strangulation. To join with Young Socialists and Keep Left is to join in a fight to build the basis of a mass revolutionary youth movement in this country.

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At a time when the right-wing Labour government was to hold its annual Labour Party Conference, only the Young Socialists, supported by the Socialist Labour League, was able to give a lead in Blackpool, and the significance of the demonstration was manifold.

Socialist youth marched four miles the day before the conference, which was to prove an historical turning-point for the Labour Party.

Only the youth and unionists were able to present, in a time of such blatant betrayal by the right-wing Labourites of socialist principles, the clear alternative for the working class.

No accident

It was therefore no accident that many workers from all over the country joined the youth in Blackpool: miners and electricians; tenants from Leeds; engineers from Tractors and Transmission, Birmingham; and, after mass meetings in both Liverpool and Hull, a contingent of dockers.

The message on the banners and posters was clear and categorical—Wilson must go!

The working class must fight for demands of nationalization, unity of all workers and kick out all 'class traitors'.

Certainly this was the most impressive political demonstration ever seen in Labour Party Conference week. For three-quarters of a mile, the march stretched back along the sea-front after starting from Gynn Square.

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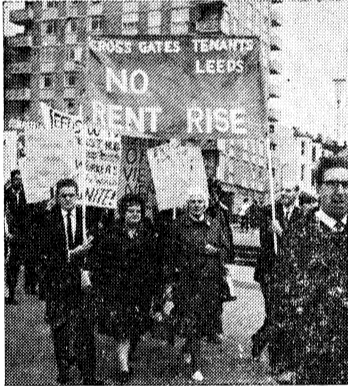
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The Socialist Labour League and the Young Socialists supported the fight of the Transport and General Workers' Union in their opposition to legislation and wage freeze.

Gerry Healy, national secretary of the Socialist Labour League, on behalf of the Central Committee of the SLL and the trade unionists, thanked the YS for a 'magnificent demonstration'.

He challenged Wilson on every single election pledge made by the Labour leadership.

Wilson's action on Vietnam and the proposed legislation against the trade unions were no different from those of Ramsay MacDonald in 1931.

It was time, he added, to nail a few lies. The Labour government was not a socialist government; it was carrying out the same policies as the Tories, who wanted to keep Wilson and company in power to discredit the labour movement.

Referring to the 'lefts', he said that notice had been served on these 'gentlemen' by the demonstration.

These same people would face the right wing at the conference and hear the Labour Party disband their own Young Socialists movement.

Devlin

Dealing with the Devlin Report, Healy said the League had never conspired on the docks. 'Our policy has always been clear. We supported the 'Blue Union' recruiting in 1954, because the Transport and General Workers' Union had left a trail of diabolical working conditions.

'We don't think you should have any employers on the docks... only nationalization can help dockers plan the industry.'

Queue

In the afternoon 700 of the marchers packed into the Palatine Hotel, whilst many hundreds queued outside. Because the Labour Party had booked all the large halls in Blackpool, the Socialist Labour League was unable to book a place large enough for all its supporters.

Peter Kerrigan, a Liverpool docker, said how impressed he and

Part of the large audience of youth and adult trade unionists who attended the beach meeting at the end of the demonstration.

other trade unionists had been by the turn-out and enthusiasm of the youth.

It was the first time he had seen youth, dockers and other trade unionists march together demanding policies which would be an answer to some of the problems of the working class.

Dockers were being attacked by their employers in much the same way that the youth had been attacked by the right wing of the Labour Party, he said.

But a defeat for the Devlin Report would be a victory for the whole working class.

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Cliff Slaughter, editor of the 'Fourth International', theoretical magazine of the International Committee of the Fourth International, said that almost a year ago the Young Socialists had marched before the General Election demanding an end to Toryism.

This demonstration had criticised the government which was going to be voted into power. Many of those who had fought on such principles had been expelled from the Labour Party and its Young Socialists for being 'disloyal'.

This year's demonstration said — Wilson must go. The Labour government, which had been created by the unions, was turning round and attacking the freedom of the unions.

This was not a sign of capitalism's strength but of its weakness.

Immigration

The Immigration Act now supported by the Labour Party right wing was more racist than the Tory Immigration Act.

'We never recognise any difference of colour, nationality or race, only a struggle against imperialism,' Slaughter said.

The Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League would continue to unite all workers and mobilise them in a struggle to centralise the wealth in the hands of the working class.



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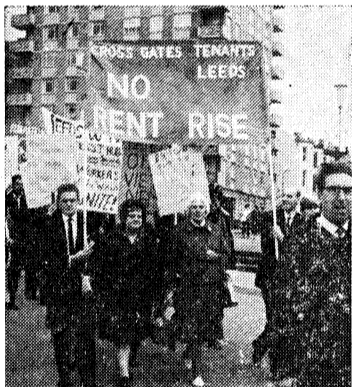
He challenged Wilson on every
single election pledge made by the
Labour leadership.
Wilson's action on Vietnam and
the proposed legislation against the
trade unions were no different
from those of Ramsay MacDonald
in 1931.
It was time, he added, to
nail a few lies. The Labour
government was not a socialist
government; it was carrying
out the same policies as the
Tories, who wanted to keep
Wilson and company in power
to discredit the labour move-
ment.

other trade unionists had been by
the turn-out and enthusiasm of the
youth.
It was the first time he had
seen youth, dockers and other
trade unionists march together
demanding policies which
would be an answer to some
of the problems of the work-
ing class.
Dockers were being attacked by
their employers in much the same
way that the youth had been
attacked by the right wing of the
Labour Party, he said.
But a defeat for the Devlin
Report would be a victory for the
whole working class.



Two Y S marchers fined £40

TWO Coventry youths arrested during the 2,000-strong demonstration of Young Socialists and trade unionists in Blackpool on September 26 were fined £40 for wearing studded belts. Described in court as Young Socialists, the youths were alleged by the police prosecutor to have deliberately brought the 'offensive weapons' to Blackpool because the Young Socialists were expecting trouble, knowing that their slogan-shouting would upset some people. The court was told the demonstration was shouting 'Down With Wilson - Up With The Workers'.



Cross Gates, Leeds, tenants on the march

Referring to the 'lefts', he said that notice had been served on these 'gentlemen' by the demonstration.
These same people would face the right wing at the conference and hear the Labour Party disband their own Young Socialists movement.

Devlin

Dealing with the Devlin Report, Healy said the League had never conspired on the docks. 'Our policy has always been clear. We supported the 'Blue Union' recruiting in 1954, because the Transport and General Workers' Union had left a trail of diabolical working conditions.

'We don't think you should have any employers on the docks... only nationalization can help dockers plan the industry.'

Queue

In the afternoon 700 of the marchers packed into the Palatine Hotel, whilst many hundreds queued outside. Because the Labour Party had booked all the large halls in Blackpool, the Socialist Labour League was unable to book a place large enough for all its supporters.

Peter Kerrigan, a Liverpool docker, said how impressed he and

Part of the large audience of youth and adult trade unionists who attended the beach meeting at the end of the demonstration.

'disloyal'

Cliff Slaughter, editor of the 'Fourth International', theoretical magazine of the International Committee of the Fourth International, said that almost a year ago the Young Socialists had marched before the General Election demanding an end to Toryism.

This demonstration had criticised the government which was going to be voted into power. Many of those who had fought on such principles had been expelled from the Labour Party and its Young Socialists for being 'disloyal'.

This year's demonstration said - Wilson must go. The Labour government, which had been created by the unions, was turning round and attacking the freedom of the unions.

This was not a sign of capitalism's strength but of its weakness.

Immigration

The Immigration Act now supported by the Labour Party right wing was more racist than the Tory Immigration Act.

'We never recognise any difference of colour, nationality or race, only a struggle against imperialism,' Slaughter said.

The Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League would continue to unite all workers and mobilise them in a struggle to centralise the wealth in the hands of the working class.

MIDLAND YOUNG SOCIALISTS
YOU CAN DANCE TO
'THE BOND'

BETWEEN OCT 15-28 AT
St. Georges Hall, Nuneaton
Friday, October 15

Week-end School, Bearley,
Stratford-on-Avon
Saturday, October 16

Corn Exchange, Market Place,
Leicester
Monday, October 18

Co-op Hall, Egypt Road,
Basford, Nottingham
Wednesday, October 20

Church School Hall,
Sparkbrook, Birmingham
Thursday, October 21

Working Men's Club,
Earl Shilton, Leicester
Friday, October 22

Trinity Hall, Ford Street,
Coventry
Saturday, October 23

Clarence Hall, Hearsall Common
Coventry
Monday, October 25

Aston Hall Road School,
Aston, Birmingham
Tuesday, October 26

North Park Working Men's
Club, Kettering
Wednesday, October 27

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Royal Arsenal Co-op Hall
Rye Lane, Peckham Rye
South-East London

November 27

Open from 11 a.m.-5.30 p.m.
YS Stall - Mod Stall
Sideshow - Gifts - Toys
Food

Admission 6d.

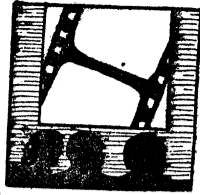
Dance to The Bond
8-11 p.m. 3s. 6d.

Young Socialists are invited to submit goods for this bazaar. Many London branches have already planned nights when they can make articles. Keep Left asks other branches to follow this example and help to make the bazaar a huge success.



At the cinema with BOB DICKENS**THE ORGANISER** (Italian sub-titles) **Connoisseur Films Ltd.**

Directed by Mario Monicelli



Working class struggle in Italy

The *Organiser* (Marcello Mastroianni) makes an inventory of his worldly possessions.



THE time is the turn of century. The Italian bourgeoisie is firmly in the saddle after the recent unification of Italy. And, like all bourgeois, especially the latecomers, it is ruthless in the pursuit of profit.

The place is Turin, industrial capital of Italy. It is winter, a season which always heightens the sufferings of the working class.

We are introduced to a community of textile workers. Poverty and wretchedness are everywhere.

The factory is a dense forest of machines, pulleys, belts and fly-wheels. Here, work begins at precisely 6 a.m. Half-an-hour for dinner break at 1 p.m. By 7 p.m., weariness and fatigue descends on the entire workforce.

There is a terrible accident and the general consensus of opinion among the workers is that the 14-hour day is the cause of these accidents.

The first attempt at making representations to the management fails. So next day there is talk of a walk-out an hour before time. The plan to blow the hooter an hour earlier misfires because the power is not shut off and the men are forced to work on.

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The 'ringleader', Pautasso, is suspended for two weeks and the entire labour force is fined. The former feels he has been let down by his fellows because they did not walk off the job; dissension results.

It is at this point that 'The Organiser', a scruffy, bespectacled professor on the run from the police, makes his entry. He contacts the local schoolteacher, who is a member of his Socialist circle. The teacher is at night-school striving to instill the rules of grammar into the toilworn and exhausted minds of a classroom of sleepy-eyed old workers.

School over, the schoolroom becomes a meeting place as workers throng in to discuss their new predicament. Unity is restored by the return of Pautasso.

The *Organiser* makes an inter-

vention at the meeting, and a decision for strike action is taken. A committee is elected and stores are laid in (on credit while it lasts).

On the following day, no one turns up for work and the boss invites the chief of police to do something about the situation. But he cannot, at this stage.

Then hope arrives in the form of a single straggler. He is a Sicilian immigrant, driven to work by the dire straits of his family.

However, the management only hurt the Sicilian's old-fashioned code of honour by insulting the good name of his comrades. He draws a knife, is arrested and dragged away to prison.

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The factory owner demands that every charity be closed to the strikers and their families and that they be starved into submission.

The strikers continue to live by their wits plundering railway coal, while railwaymen turn a blind eye to their activities.

The employers prepare a trap, offering to reinstate Pautasso and waive the fines. But the workers want more. Unable to contain their anger, the employers reveal that they have at that very moment, a whole force of scabs entrained for this town.

Undaunted, the workers intercept the train at dawn and rout the scabs, but not before the heroic Pautasso is accidentally run over by a passing express train.

Once again there are new stresses in the camp of the workers. An indiscretion on the part of the organiser makes an opening for the waverers. But he also wins a formidable ally in Raul, a younger worker, sceptical at first, but drawn completely into the struggle after Pautasso's death.

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The capitalist, losing his nerve, urges more desperate measures, demanding the frame-up of the *Organiser*,

He, in the meantime, returns to his digs to find his teacher friend is being transferred to remote Cassino, for his political activities. No sooner has he seen him off than two detectives burst into the room with a warrant for his arrest.

But he gives them the slip.

But, in the meantime, things have gone from bad to worse with

the workers. A division in the committee has widened to include the majority, who, finding a face-saving formula, want to crawl back to work. Except for Raul, there is a real dearth of leadership.

The *Organiser* is summoned. And he does a great job, raising the men from their knees to what is to be the climax of their struggles. Instead of returning to work, they march on the factory, in order to occupy it.

There is no opposition until they round the corner into the factory square, where they are met by a cordon of policemen who are sent flying in all directions. But on the further side, by the factory gates, is dismounted cavalry.

A ragged volley; and the tide recedes uncovering the still body of Omero, a teenage mill hand, favourite of the strikers and chief bread-winner in his family.

The strikers are defeated, the *Organiser* jailed and Raul forced to flee the police.

But things will never be the same again. Already the *Organiser* is fighting an election campaign from inside prison and, although forced to return to work, the strikers do so proudly and with a sense of solidarity that they have never experienced before.

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Returning with them is Omero's little brother, jaw set, cap firmly planted on his head, marching in unison with a million other feet, of those who went before and the generations to come; marching, not merely for a reduction of the working day to 13 hours, but for the total emancipation of the working class from exploitation; marching not for the occupation of just one factory, but the expropriation of the entire capitalist class.

A great film with perfect period reconstruction and excellent casting, although there is some exaggeration of situations.

The sub-titles suffer from being 'toned down'. The film itself should have been entitled 'The Comrades' or 'The Strikers'.

This film has taken two years to break through the prejudice barrier so take advantage of its showing until the end of this month at Jacey, Marble Arch, London. 'Art' theatres in other towns will be showing it, but many managements only obtain such films when patrons request them.

BOOK REVIEW

History of the Russian Revolution



by
Leon
Trotsky

(Published by Victor Gollancz, 63s.)

REVIEWED BY MICHAEL FREEMAN

THIS book should form part of the basic equipment of every Young Socialist branch.

Anyone who studies it will find much more than an account of the Russian Revolution by one of its two main leaders.

For Trotsky, in analysing the fight through which the Bolsheviks led the Russian workers to power in 1917, shows us how to carry through the same task today.

He explains the particular conditions which enabled the most backward country in Europe to produce the most advanced workers' movement.

Weakest link

Czarism in decay, dragged into the First World War, became the weakest link in the chain of world capitalism.

When the storm broke in February 1917, it was the Petrograd working class which smashed the Czar. But, without conscious workers' leadership, the power was taken up by a government of capitalism.

Trotsky traces the ensuing nine months, showing the general tendencies at work, as well as examining events in their closest detail. He shows how millions of workers, peasants, soldiers and sailors went through a whole series of shifts and moods.

Worn out

Old political leaderships were discarded, and new ones tested and worn out, as the masses strove for consciousness and power. From the most extreme forms of patriotism, large sections of the working class found their way to an understanding of their power as a class.

But this whole process would have been fruitless, ending in some new capitalist regime if the party of Lenin and Trotsky had not been able to guide the masses towards the organisation of insurrection in October.

This book shows that this task of leadership was not some ideally smooth operation, but a continual struggle against tendencies within the party itself.

Lenin's fight to re-arm his party and prepare it for its historic action, which had gone on for 20 years before, reached its climax in 1917.

Reviewers of this book in the capitalist press will spill gallons of ink in admiration of Trotsky's brilliance.

But this river of comment will be devoted to making the Russian Revolution look as far away as possible.

In fact, while the special conditions in Russia may be very different from Britain today, this book has tremendous relevance to British politics and particularly to the Young Socialists.

Breaking up

The deep crisis facing the employing class and its social system is breaking up all kinds of old institutions and ideas. Beneath the apparently calm surface of everyday life, powerful explosions are being concocted.

But to prepare for these events, the youth must study the way such processes occur. Only those who really fight to organise a revolutionary leadership will be ready for the changes which we shall see in the relations between the classes.

Trotsky, who fought for the revolution, also saw it betrayed, although not destroyed, by Stalin.

Smash capitalism

He wrote the 'History of the Russian Revolution' to help in building the international movement which will smash capitalism and defeat Stalin's heirs.

Young Socialists are the inheritors of this struggle for socialism. The Blackpool demonstration of September 26 marked a milestone along the revolutionary road which Trotsky and Lenin took in 1917.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Send us your opinions,
branch reports, ideas
on how to build the
Young Socialists

Labour Party Conference

THE Labour Party Conference showed, once again, that the Labour leaders are all set to betray the working class.

Steel has been forgotten. The right wing strengthens the racialists. The immigration restrictions are supported fully by the Tories. The vote to support legislation against the unions paves the way for a massive onslaught on the working class from monopoly capitalism.

That this same legislation would, if it had been moved by the Tories, have been decisively defeated, only serves to show the way in which the Labour government is carrying out the wishes of big business, under the guise of socialism.

The one thing that will have surprised no Young Socialist is the complete retreat and rout of the 'lefts' in the labour movement.

These 'gentlemen' of the 'left', who left Blackpool dazed and demoralised, just cannot see that it was they who prepared the way for a right-wing victory at Blackpool.

'Tribune', and Michael Foot, with their apologies and biographies about Wilson, plus their don't rock the boat, 'give Wilson a chance' policies before the election; their joining with Transport House officials in witch-hunting the Young Socialists and Keep Left; their refusal to turn to the working class to build an alternative; all these things have led to their defeat and the strengthening of the capitalist class.

Contrast this with the way the Young Socialists have fought.

Before the election last year, the National Committee called a demonstration in London. On this we warned the working class that Wilson would betray and that his policies would lead to a return of Toryism.

At the same time, we counterposed socialist policies passed at the Brighton conference of the Young Socialists at Easter 1964.

We took up the fight of the old age pensioners who were

left shamefully to carry on through the winter without the pensions increase Labour had promised them for 11 years.

Contrast the abject failure of the 'Tribune' to the continued success of Keep Left and the growth of the Young Socialists all over the country.

At Blackpool, whilst the 'left' were skulking around the conference licking their wounds and complaining 'Wilson has betrayed' the Young Socialists marched defiantly along the promenade in an impressive demonstration some 2,000 strong calling for the dismissal of Wilson and the nationalization of the docks and other industries, as the only solution to the problems of the working class.

The success of the demonstration shows the power of Marxism and the correctness of turning to the working class to defeat the Labour bureaucracy.

From Blackpool, the Young Socialists must become the spearhead in the fight against racialism and legislation against the trade unions.

We must turn more into the trade union movement, holding factory-gate meetings explaining the policies of the Young Socialists and recruiting workers into the Young Socialists and their trade unions.

J.F.,
Liverpool.

Pit closures

IN South Wales the National Coal Board is proposing to close 21 mines in the next 18 months.

This is almost a quarter of the pits in the area. A lot of these mines have enough coal to last many years, but they are being shut down in the interests of profit, as part of capitalism's plans to modernise British industry at the expense of the working class.

The Coal Board is driving for higher output-per-man in order to provide a cheap fuel service for the private employers. Because constructing big mechanised pits in the narrow South Wales valleys is difficult, and therefore not highly profitable, the miners in this area are faced with high unemployment.

The Coal Board feels able to get away with this because the fake 'lefts' and Stalinists have deliberately undermined the pitworkers' resistance to closures, by encouraging the pitiful hope that Wilson would come to their aid. Now these same fakers are crowing for 'direction of industry'.

'Direction of industry' simply means moving capitalist exploitation of workers from one area to another, in order to take advantage of high unemployment and cheap labour.

The bosses are well able to do this themselves. Why should so-called socialists help them?

Hoovers of Merthyr and Aberdare are now putting women and young people on short time. Yet this is one of the firms that came to South Wales as part of direction of industry in the 1930s. This shows the utter bankruptcy of

the fake lefts' policies.

South Wales valleys and elsewhere have no future except dole queues and dead-end jobs, and none of the fake lefts can give them a straight answer.

This is why the Labour Party and the Communist Party cannot build a working-class youth movement.

The only answer for the jobless and short-time workers is a massive campaign for socialist nationalization. There can be no acceptance of pit closures until the coal industry is put under workers' control.

The slogan of direction of industry will only mean anything when the industries themselves are under the control of the working class.

South Wales
Young Socialist

No dole

WE are two members of Govan Young Socialists who worked for two weeks without a dinner hour at a big towel service place. The driver with whom we were working said that because he wanted to finish at 4.30, we would have to miss dinner.

We did not get anything to eat until 6 p.m., and we had started at 8.30 in the morning.

When we walked out of the job, we were refused dole money as they said we were guilty of industrial misconduct!

We joined the Young Socialists and went to Blackpool to demonstrate against these things.

B.C., M.G.,
(Govan YS)

Immigration

THE Labour government's White Paper on Immigration is an open attempt to divide the working class on the grounds of colour.

One example of this is the fact that Irish immigrants are excluded from control, while those coming from the Commonwealth are discriminated against.

All Irish workers in Britain must realise that Wilson is trying to put barriers between them and the coloured Commonwealth worker. It is exactly the same rotten conditions and system in these countries that force workers to come to Britain seeking jobs and security for their families.

This was illustrated recently in Dublin where there are 10,000 families on the waiting list for houses. Seventeen homeless families were housed by Dublin corporation in Griffiths Barracks, a dirty, stinking, disused military establishment.

But the corporation refused to allow the fathers to live with their families. They had to find separate accommodation and could only see their wives and families at set visiting times.

The men revolted against this treatment and locked themselves inside the barracks with their families. The corporation then staged a long and violent seige and scores of policemen were called in to move the men.

After this, the 17 families moved to Mountjoy Square in

the middle of Dublin, where they have been living in tents in all kinds of weather. All this takes place not a stone's throw from the bright lights and luxury hotels of the tourists' Dublin.

Irish workers must recognise that they cannot escape from this by taking a boat trip to Britain. Capitalism is the cause and it is a world-wide system of exploitation.

Callaghan's economic measures mean that less houses will be built in Britain this year so that big struggles on the

question are more than likely this winter.

The only answer is to fight against capitalism and this means a fight against the right-wing Labour government, who faithfully carry out the orders of the international bankers.

The Young Socialists have taken the lead in this. We must make absolutely clear that we defend the right of all workers to fight for better conditions, and to unite with other sections of workers.

Northern Ireland
Young Socialist

● Mass YS From page one

ously fought against her and exposed her as a political opportunist in the struggle over the past four years. If you want to challenge this, Mrs. Brad-dock, go to the law courts. Keep Left is indifferent to what you do.

The conference at Malvern will be a right-wing conference at which a few tame poodle dogs will jump through the hoop in order to acclaim the Blackpool decisions.

Already in the latest issue of 'New Advance', we hear from one David Warburton, who is, or was, an agent for the Labour Party in one of the Hammersmith constituencies. This is the famous 'Victan', who was never able to muster more than a few votes at the Young Socialists Conference for the National Committee.

He now comes forward as the hero of the hour.

'Keep Left', he says, is losing circulation (ha! ha!). Like the man with one eye, Mr. Warburton is a King in Transport House circles.

Accept this situation?

It is right-wingers such as Mr. Warburton who will dominate the Malvern conference. They will be supported by the agents, who like to keep their jobs by doing the dirty work for Transport House. How can any 'self-respecting' Young Socialist, as 'Tribune' puts it, accept such a situation? Of course, they cannot. But who is responsible for this?

Keep Left at two conferences of the Young Socialists in 1963 and 1964 gained a large majority for its policies inside the Young Socialists. 'Tribune', which claims that it believes in democracy, joined hands with the right wing.

Supporters of Keep Left were expelled. 'Tribune', joined hands with those who expelled the Young Socialist leaders. We ask the editor of 'Tribune', Mr. Clements, what is your description of a 'self-respecting' Young Socialist?

Helped the smashers

You are one of those who helped the right wing smash the Young Socialists as an organisation. Now you come forward and prattle on about the Blackpool decisions. But these are no surprise.

The Blackpool decision was taken against Keep Left and what is now the overwhelming majority of the Young Socialists who are gaining new members for their

movement as each day goes by.

Richard Clements is a humbug, who, having helped the right wing smash the Young Socialists, now stands back and claims that he had nothing to do with it.

One more question. Who are the so-called 'left' who remain inside the Labour Party Young Socialists?

Firstly, let us distinguish between those who are genuinely confused and who should be working with the Young Socialists organisation and preparing its conference in March 1966, and the state capitalist tribesmen who represent at the most three score of members inside the Labour Party Young Socialists.

Walkout—or not?

These are now split between themselves as to whether or not they should walk out of the Malvern conference.

The Pabloites, it is true, say they should stick at all costs with the right wing of the Labour Party. Their paper, produced by the ever-green youthful editor Ted Grant (at least in his late 40s), calls upon every Young Socialist to 'toe the line'. The 'state capitalists' say they will walk out.

What a brilliant display of unity between tendencies which joined with the right wing to fight Keep Left!

Who wants to know about what is to be the ultimate fate of such political renegades? They can walk out, and they can sit down and take it, or do what they like so far as we are concerned. Keep Left has insisted over and over again that the right-wing reformists cannot tolerate a youth movement with ideas of its own.

Join us

The Blackpool decisions were quite logical. Our Morecambe conference of 1965 and the one we are preparing for 1966 are equally logical. Young people who think for themselves cannot remain members of the Labour Party under its present leadership.

The building of the mass Young Socialist movement has already begun. The massive demonstration of 2,000 in Blackpool on the eve of the Labour Party Conference bears testimony to this.

We say to all young people who still remain in the dwindling rump of the Labour Party Young Socialists—waste your time no further.

Why not learn the political lessons of the last year and join us, participate with us in preparing for the Morecambe 1966 Conference and help build the mass Young Socialist movement for which you joined the Young Socialists in the first place.

How W. Yorkshire prepared for September 26

YOUNG Socialists with banners proclaiming 'Wilson paves the way for the Tories—not Socialism', lobbied the delegates to the City of Leeds Labour Party early in September.

The main composition of the meeting was middle-aged people, many of whom had been active in opposing the Young Socialists and organising the witch-hunt against them in the Labour Party last year.

Some delegates, although expressing dissatisfaction with the Wilson government, confined their protest to making verbal opposition through resolutions within the Labour Party.

No comment

Many of the most vociferous opponents of the Young Socialists, when challenged on the question of the Tory policies being carried out by a so-called 'Labour' government, refused to comment.

The meeting was held at the local Trades Club, and Young Socialists received a much bigger response from the rank-and-file trade unionists who were holding branch meetings that night.

Many of the trade unionists signed up to join the Young Socialists on their demonstration in Blackpool on September 26.

Support had already come from an Amalgamated Engineering Union branch, a shop stewards' committee, the area committee of the Fire Brigades Union—who put up a poster about the demonstration in every fire station—and many individual shop stewards and workers.

ON Sunday, September 12, a day school was held in Leeds on the role of Leon Trotsky, one of the leaders of the Russian Revolution, and the importance of his theories to the Young Socialists.

A leading member of the British Trotskyist organisation, the Socialist Labour League, recalled the history of Trotsky and emphasised that his main contribution to the international working class after the Russian Revolution in 1917 was the building of a new international socialist movement, namely, the Fourth International.

He explained how the section of the Fourth International in Britain, the Socialist Labour League, had led the YS against the right wing of the Labour Party and launched the basis for a revolutionary youth movement which would be of decisive importance in the outcome of the class struggle both in Britain and throughout the world.

For the building of the YS and the education of its members, schools such as the one in West Yorkshire are very necessary. Without an understanding of capitalism and the role of the YS in a struggle against it, the recruitment campaigns for members could become meaningless.

By Keep Left Reporters

WEST Yorkshire Federation of Young Socialists carried out a whole series of recruitment campaigns in preparation for the Blackpool demonstration on September 26.

On August 28, teams worked throughout the afternoon in Bradford, Normanton, and Pontefract. With a loud-speaker van, posters and leaflets, the Young Socialists were soon joined in their canvassing by many interested local youth.

The following Saturday, immigrant workers in Bradford were able to hear the policies of the Young Socialists explained at an open-air meeting.

Many Pakistani and Indian workers stopped to listen as a speaker explained the imperialist interests that lay behind the war between Pakistan and India.

Both young and old workers were particularly interested in

what the Young Socialists had to say about the recession in the wool industry—a large percentage of the workers in and around Bradford work in the wool trade and some of them are at this time facing redundancy.

After a young Indian student translated the Young Socialists national leaflet into Urdu, the Young Socialists were able to collect a large number of names and addresses of recruits to the local YS branch.

Canvassing took place every night during September in the centre of Leeds, with very successful results. Such work not only helped to form a contingent of young workers to go to Blackpool on September 26, but also built up the Leeds branches of the YS.

Glasgow YS beat ban—March against Vietnam war

WITH a red and gold banner bearing a picture of Trotsky and the words 'Workers of the World Unite' at its head, a demonstration of Young Socialists marched through Glasgow to George Square, in protest against the war in Vietnam, last month.

Posters with the words 'Arm the Vietcong' and 'Imperialism get out of Vietnam' coupled with enthusiastic shouting of anti-imperialist slogans, provided a sharp contrast to a previous demonstration held by the Communist Party, which merely said 'Stop the War in Vietnam', and even called on the right-wing Labour leadership to intervene.

The fact that Glasgow magistrates, who had previously banned a Young Socialists demonstration on Vietnam,

were forced to allow this march to take place was a victory for Glasgow YS.

Many shouts of support were heard from workers watching the demonstration and sellers of Keep Left found numbers of people ready to buy the youth paper.

As the march proceeded, young people joined the ranks of demonstrators.

At a meeting following the demonstration, Young Socialist speakers stressed the importance of class solidarity with the Vietnam workers, at a time when the British working class was faced with major attacks from the ruling class.

This successful demonstration on Vietnam proved of great importance in the work of Glasgow Young Socialists in organising contingents of young workers to the demonstration in Blackpool on September 26.



Successful new venture by London Young Socialists



In brilliant sunshine, hundreds of London, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex youth danced all day to beat groups at a highly successful beat contest organised by London area Young Socialists early in September.

The groups played from a stage inside a large marquee in the countryside near Crawley, Sussex.

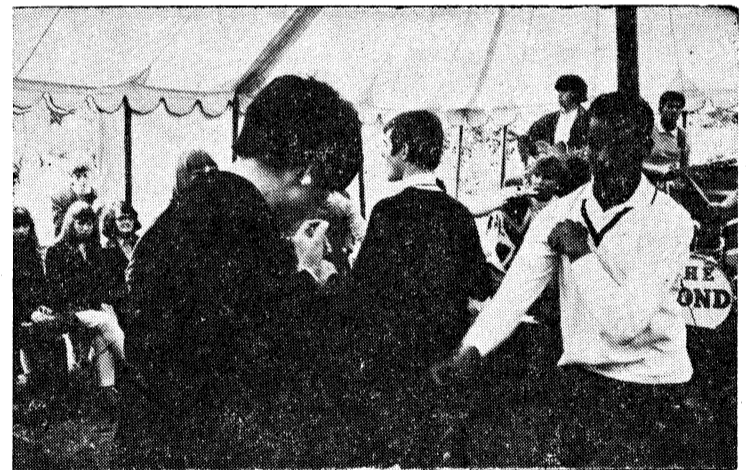
At the end of the day, the group considered the best was chosen by ballot. They were Johnny Fine and the Ramblers.

Other groups who played at the contest included The Bond, and The Rabble.

Dave Ashby, national secretary of the Young Socialists spoke to the audience.

During the day dancers kept going on hot dogs and cold drinks.

This, the most successful outdoor venture of the London Young Socialists, played an important part in the preparation for the Blackpool September 26 demonstration.



Three-day camp held in East Midlands

FOR three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, on August Bank Holiday, East Midlands Young Socialists held a very successful camp in Northamptonshire.

Forty-four Young Socialists took part in a discussion on 'Youth and the Revolutionary Party', 'What is Marxism?' and 'Young Socialist Branch Organisation'.

In between the discussion

most of the campers spent their time by the side of a nearby river.

This camp, the first organised in the East Midlands region, showed very clearly how useful such activities can be in the training and educating of YS members.

With the experience of this camp behind them, the local Young Socialists hope to organise a much larger camp for next year.