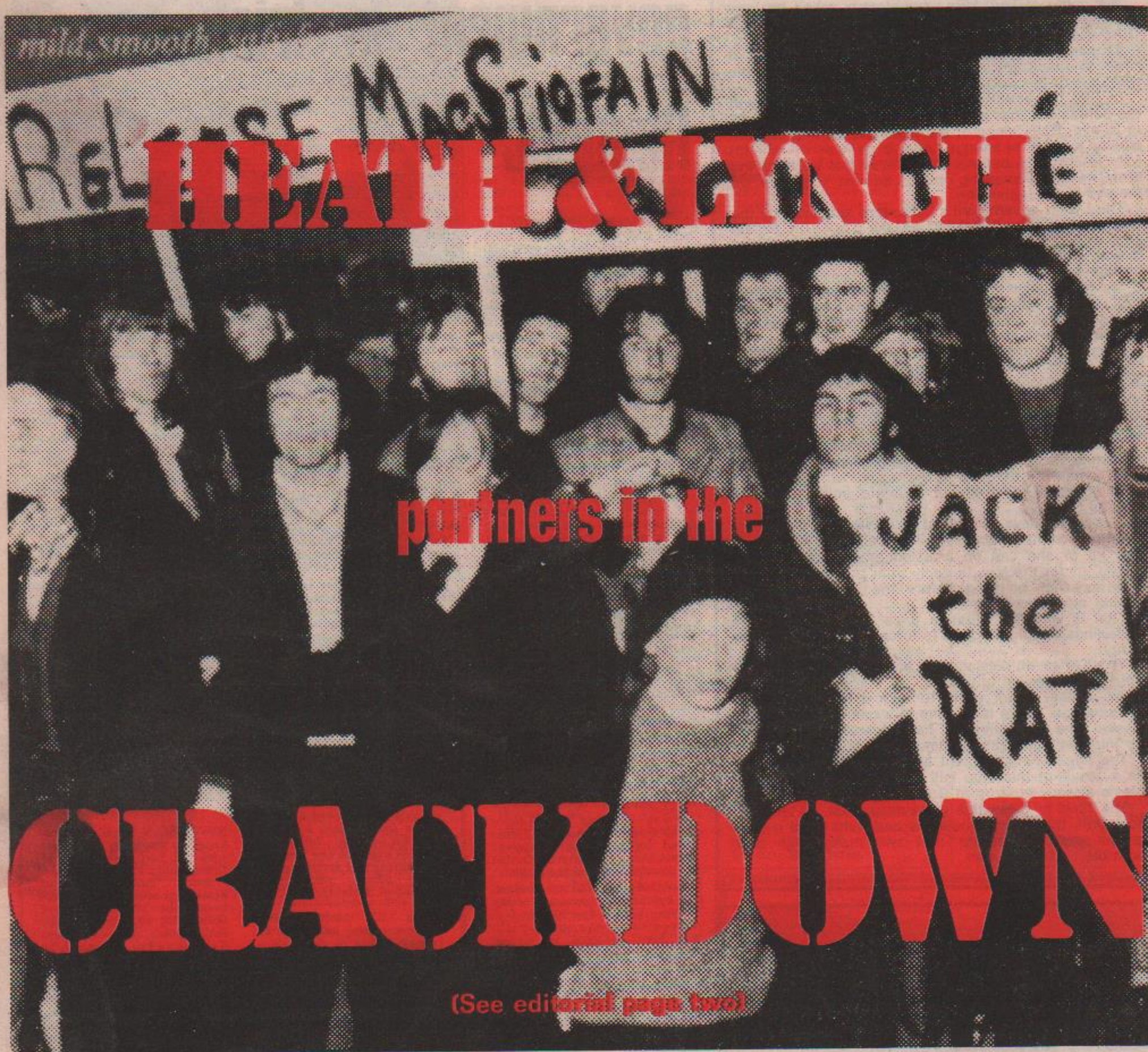


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PARTNERS IN THE CRACKDOWN

JACK LYNCH, the Eire Prime Minister, is acting on behalf of the Tory government. His anti-IRA amendments to the Offences Against the State Act have now been followed up by what is expected to be a complete crackdown on left wing organizations and so-called 'terrorists.'

The Lynch government has already drawn up lists of militants and political opponents who can be picked up by the police immediately. This drastic action is likely to be taken in Britain as well. As we went to press the Tory home secretary Robert Carr was expected to make a statement in the House of Commons after having considered what action could be taken against IRA members and supporters in this country.

A number of Tory MPs have already asked for laws relating to 'subversive' organizations who support the IRA.

This may well be the pretext the Tories will use in order to attack left wing movements and political organizations of the working class.

In Eire the anti-IRA legislation was rushed through the parliament after a series of unexplained explosions in Dublin. Both wings of the IRA have denied responsibility for the bombings. And a number of militant MPs in the Dail believe that it was the work of the army, designed to swing opinion against 'terrorism' on the eve of the legislation.

The Lynch government's laws were approved by the Dail on the same weekend as the Tories in Britain introduced yet another piece of legislation aimed directly against shop stewards and factory-floor organizations.

Under the guise of protecting the consumer, the new 'Fair Trading Bill' empowers the government to look into 'restrictive' practices and organization of factory floor workers.

Restrictive practice under the Bill is any form of work which hinders commercial activities. This will effectively deprive workers of their union organization at the factory floor level. The Bill is introduced by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Tory minister who drafted the anti-union laws.

It is part of the many-pronged attack of the Tory government. In Ireland and Britain Edward Heath and Jack Lynch are partners in the crackdown against the working class, its trade unions and political organizations.

Under the law in Ireland a senior police officer need only point an accusing finger at 'an IRA member' and he or she can be arrested and jailed. The accused, under the law, is guilty until proven innocent.

It may not be long before the Tories introduce similar measures in Britain.

That is why the situation once again dramatically underlines the urgent need to force this government to resign.

The Tories at Westminster are the real power behind what goes on in Ireland.

We appeal to all youth to take a serious look at the situation. There is no time to waste. In about three weeks' time the Tories will have rail-roaded the country into the European Common Market.

The huge unemployment and price increases likely as a result of this step will only compound the problems already built up in Britain.

The time to force this government out of office is now. Join the Young Socialists and help build a new revolutionary leadership that will make that task possible.

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New method of government in Irish Republic



● Jack Lynch



● Edward Heath

THE bomb has now been adopted as an instrument of government in the Irish Republic. This is the only conclusion after last week's events in Dublin, outside Liberty Hall and in the Dail.

For over 48 hours Jack Lynch's Fianna Fail government had struggled against mounting opposition to pass their 'anti-terrorist' Offences Against the State (Amendment) Bill.

As Friday night wore on it looked almost certain that Lynch and his Justice Minister Des O'Malley would be defeated and that a general election was on the agenda.

But then came the two blasts within 25 minutes of each other outside the Liberty Hall headquarters of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union which killed two busmen and injured 126 other people.

And within a few hours the most vicious anti-working class legislation ever passed in the 26 counties was on the statute books, only waiting for President deValera's signature to make it operable on the street of Dublin.

In those few hours all the mounting opposition had been swept aside in the wave of terror which had been unleashed.

Trade unionists and Labour Party members who had earlier called for a General Strike to defeat Lynch said afterwards that the bombs had 'tied their hands'.

And the provocation bore all the hallmarks of the work of the British Army's Special Air Services division—the squad which has been involved in similar bombings in the North.

This of course brings the 'Irish' question right back to where it belongs — at Westminster, in the lap of Heath's Tory government.

Many Irish workers have pointed out in the past week that Lynch's actions were the result of his recent consultation with Ted Heath at Downing Street.

And they are right. There is no doubt that the sinister events that have occurred since Lynch

returned from seeing Heath were at least discussed during the secret consultations.

First was the sentence on IRA Chief-of-Staff, Sean MacStiofain. Next was the sentence and jailing of Radio Telefis Eireann journalist Kevin O'Kelly for refusing to give evidence in the court which sentenced MacStiofain. He defended his journalistic principles of not disclosing his sources of information and was sentenced to three months in jail.

Days later O'Malley announced the details of the new laws.

But the most bitter lesson to emerge from the Dublin events is the absolute bankruptcy of terrorism and adventurism as a method of politics in the present economic crisis of the capitalist system.

The ruling class of Western Europe and particularly in Britain is facing its most serious crisis in its history. To try to

solve that crisis it is prepared to go to any lengths to secure the destruction of working-class opposition to the methods and needs of its system.

Bourgeois parliamentary democracy is on the way out. What is emerging instead is the armed might of a class willing to kill as often and as brutally as necessary in order to maintain itself.

The working class in both Ireland and Britain faces a common enemy—the Tory government—which from January 1, 1973 will have the backing of seven other European governments to carry out its brutal repression.

Events in Ireland over the past three years and particularly those which have taken place most recently in Dublin have shown that terrorism 'cannot defeat the ruling class but rather plays right into the hands of the Tories, the monopolists and the army.

STUDENTS at Delhi University last week threatened to take over the university if their demand for release of arrested students was not met.

The students are also asking for places for more medical students, new libraries for colleges and action against police officers whom they accused of brutality.

OVER 27 students and workers were arrested by Spanish police in San Sebastian last weekend. They were accused on 'subversion' charges of causing strikes in factories and schools.

STUDENT unrest has erupted at Alexandria University near Cairo and a one-day sit-in was staged last week.

The trouble followed the taking down of wall newspapers in which students criticized government policy.

Thousands of students took to the streets in Cairo last January in anti-government

demonstrations. They called for stronger measures against Zionist attacks of Israel.

RHODESIA'S racist regime hopes to reach an agreement with the Tory government in Britain early in the new year.

Secret connections and behind-the-scenes talks between the two sides have been going on ever since the Smith-Hume proposals were decisively rejected by Rhodesian Africans.

In Salisbury last week Ian Smith said: 'You must not expect me to attempt to carry out my negotiations in public. But there is no position of stalemate. Things are moving and working the whole time.'

'I hope that with the coming new year we'll see another move.'

Smith also rejected the idea that the African National Council (ANC) should play any part in the settlement with Britain.

REVISIONISTS OPPOSE 'FREE MacSTIOFAIN'

MOTION

MEMBERS of the 'International Socialism' group and the Communist Party at Cambridge University have opposed a call for the release of Sean MacStiofain, IRA Provisional leader jailed in Eire.

At a Students' Union

meeting last week they voted against an emergency resolution calling on the union executive to send a telegram to the Irish Embassy demanding MacStiofain's release.

The resolution also called on student representatives on the local trades council to ask trade unions in the

area to organize a campaign for his release.

Communist Party members at the meeting opposed the motion on the grounds that it would be 'unpopular' with the trades council.

Members of the revisionist 'International Socialists' remained silent during the debate but voted against the resolution.

Young Socialists' new film

RIGHT-TO-WORK FILM SHOW IN WEST MIDLANDS REGION



Keep Left Editor Gary Gurmeet speaks to the rally.

WEST MIDLANDS Young Socialists organized a very successful meeting last Sunday where the new Right-to-Work film was shown.

The film was shown to an audience of youth and trade unionists in from Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton and Nuneaton.

Before the meeting seven teams took part in a football tournament. The tournament was won by a team from James Baldwin Ltd, a local factory.

Many youth and trade unionists who had supported the YS Right-to-Work campaign attended the meeting.

Official union delegates came from Rolls-Royce, Coventry, an engineering union branch and from the Coventry Trades Council.

Chairman of the rally, Alan Parfitt, said the YS had been the only organization to fight back against unemployment on a political basis.

The Right-to-Work marches shown on the film, he said, had been an important part of the preparation of a new

leadership in the working class.

YS National Committee member Willie Aitken, who took part in the marches, said the working class was being held back by the traitors at the top of the trade unions.

Keep Left Editor Gary Gurmeet said the campaign to force the Tories out—which had been central to the Right-to-Work marches—was now more urgent than ever before.

'The past ten months since the marches have been filled with activity on part of the Tory government.'

The Tories had built up a whole body of legislation against trade unions which left no loopholes. 'There should be no complacency about this. The Tories have laid the basis for a future dictatorship in this country. And in Ireland they have done the same through armed force.'

'The most vital element today is the training of a new leadership which will challenge all those who collaborate behind the scenes with the Tories.'

CAV

'We're going to fight to the end'



Linda Coltman

EMPLOYERS at Lucas CAV plant at Fazakerley, Liverpool, said last week they will go ahead with their decision to close down the factory.

The adamant statement came after a meeting between the management and union representatives of 1,000 workers who have been sitting in for the last nine weeks.

With over 60,000 already on the dole on Merseyside, the CAV workers are determined to continue their occupation in protest.

Among them are a large group of young workers. Linda Coltman, 22, is a machine operator.

She has worked at CAV for the last four years. She told her story to a Keep Left reporter.

'We've got eight kids in the family and my wage helps to keep the house going. I give £5 a week towards the housekeeping money. Now the rents have gone up, but I still continue to give that money out of my strike pay.'

'My father is a steel erector. He is on the dole and is supporting me during this sit in. We're going to fight this one to the end. We are fighting for everyone's right to a job, not just ours. All workers are involved.'

'Management at the factory are trying to send the work to Spain where the men only earn about £12 a week and they cannot strike or have trade unions.'

'I have never been involved in trade union work before but now after this fight I've learnt a lot. The Tories are the real scabs and we have to unite to get them out. They're trying to keep us down everywhere.'

'We are fighting for the right to work.'

Young Socialists National Campaign



Young Socialists join with local Council of Action in prices campaign

By Sylvestre Smart

YOUNG SOCIALISTS in two London areas have taken the lead in the fight against increasing prices.

Next weekend—Saturday December 16—YS members and supporters will join demonstrations called by Councils of Action in North London and Lambeth.

YS branches have been campaigning during the past few weeks to make the demonstrations a huge success.

In North London the demonstration will start from Wood Green Town Hall at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday December 16.

The campaign was launched at the last meeting of the Council of Action attended by over 60 youth and trade unionists.

A leaflet being distributed by supporters of the Council says that the Tory propaganda on prices is a lie.

'5,000 food and household goods have already gone up. This will be boosted by entry into the Common Market and the new Value Added Tax.'

'The Tory plan is to hold down wages by law while the cost of living rockets upwards. With the Industrial Relations Act, the Fair Rents Act and

the anti-inflation law this government assumes dictatorial powers on behalf of the monopolies.'

The North London demonstration is being supported by many trade unionists and factory workers in the area. YS branches involved are Holloway, Tottenham, Wood Green, Walthamstow, Edmonton and Tottenham. Students from Enfield College and North London Polytechnic have also pledged support and will be attending the demonstration.

In Lambeth the demonstration is to be held in the Brixton area. It has been called by the Lambeth Council of Action and will start at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16 from Brixton Oval.

Housewives, tenants and trade unionists will march through the area demanding the resignation of the Tory government and the re-election of a Labour government pledged to socialist policies.

KEEP LEFT SALES

OVER 200 copies of Keep Left were sold last weekend by Young Socialist members in Nottingham. They were campaigning against the Tory 'fair rents' Act in the town. The nearby town of Clay Cross is one of the few in the country still refusing to implement the Tory Act.

Tories allow prices to increase

By our correspondent

THE REAL meaning of the so-called '90-day freeze' is being thoroughly exposed as the Tories allow more and more prices to increase.

Thousands of big-business firms have applied for price increases to the government's new consumer department—and the majority of them have been successful.

Geoffrey Howe, the new Minister of Trade and Consumer Affairs has admitted that in the first three weeks the government refused to consider 19,940 complaints over price increases. Only 60 applications were upheld.

The government has refused to reveal the names of firms asking for price increases. Geoffrey Howe recently said there was a 'steady trickle' of such application.

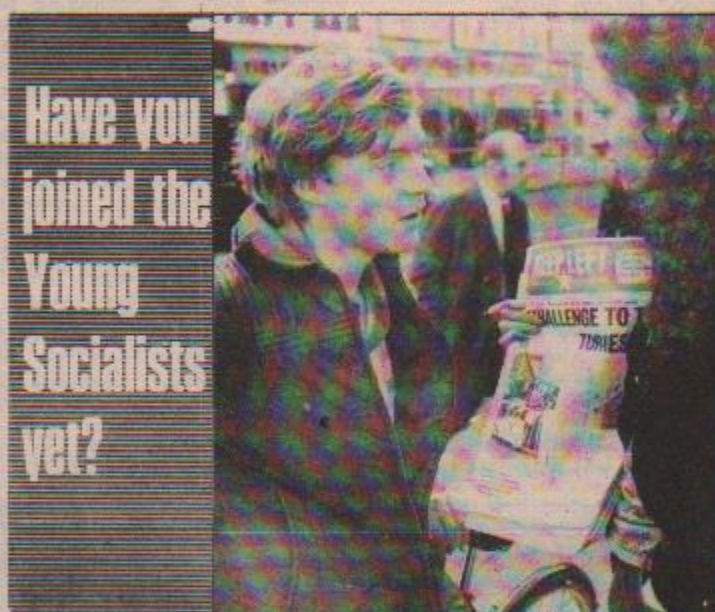
The anti-inflation legislation allows price increases of fresh foods—fruit, fish, etc—imported from other countries.

Companies can also be allowed to increase prices if they prove their costs have gone up. According to the 'Grocer' magazine 118 food prices went up in the first week of the 'freeze'.

This included items such as sausages, cooked meats, pies and fresh meat.

Meanwhile the anti-inflation Act has imposed an almost complete freeze on wage increases, some of which had been negotiated previously.

Agricultural workers, one of the lowest paid sections in the country, were due to be given an increase on January 1, 1973. But this—together with the wages of at least 16 other sections of workers—has now been frozen.



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YOUNG SOCIALISTS' 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BLACKPOOL

Build the revolution

Draft main resolution for the Young Socialists conference next year. Now out for discussion and amendment by all YS branches.

THE world economic crisis unleashed on August 15, 1971 by Nixon's decision to remove the gold backing from the dollar, has rapidly worsened to the point where it completely dominates the policies and plans of the employers in every capitalist country and is driving them forward to destroy all the basic rights of the working class and wipe out all the gains that workers have made since World War II.

Nixon's victory in the Presidential elections means not just a stepping up of the trade war against Japan and the German market but a savage assault on all the organizations and gains of the US working class.

In the Common Market countries, which bear the brunt of the trade war, the working class is facing the greatest attacks on its trade-union organizations and rights since Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933.

The colonial and semi-colonial countries, where debts amount to £27,500m, are condemned by the crisis to a future where hundreds of millions of workers and peasants face poverty and starvation.

Everywhere where the working class is under attack the Stalinist bureaucracies come forward as servants of imperialism; whether it be in putting pressure on the North Vietnamese to stop fighting, sending aid to the fascist Franco regime, or helping to prevent a real political struggle to remove the Tories in Britain.

We are living in the period of the death agony of the capitalist system. Humanity has reached the cross roads. One way points forward to the socialist revolution, to liberate mankind from capitalism, the other way points to fascism, a new world war and the possible elimination of mankind.

The crisis of humanity, as Trotsky pointed out in the Transitional Programme, remains the crisis of working class leadership. We must now push forward to resolve this crisis through building parties of the Fourth International all over the world to mobilize the working class to take the power and build the socialist future.

INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE OF YOUTH

THE Young Socialists have consistently fought to warn and prepare the working class of the great dangers which would arise from these far-reaching economic changes. We have seen the continuing secret negotiations, discussions and deals being carried on between all the main world leaders especially China, the Soviet Union and the United States.

Mao Tse-tung talked to Nixon whilst Nixon was waging autom-

ated warfare in Vietnam, sowing rain seeds which can murder millions of workers and peasants by uncontrollable floods.

Kosygin also talked to Nixon whilst the US-backed Israeli armed forces bombed Palestinian men, women and children in the Middle East refugee camps.

Meanwhile, the Stalinists conducted a selective defence of Angela Davis against the attempted frame-up charge in the US, whilst ignoring many other class-war prisoners such as Ruchell Magee and Juan Farinas of the Workers League.

The reactionary nature of this form of protest politics divorced from the international struggle against imperialism, was shown on Davis' acquittal. She promptly denounced thousands of youth in Eastern European countries—especially Czechoslovakia who whole-heartedly supported her—as enemies of socialism because of their continuing struggle against Stalinism.

The wave of secret trials in Czechoslovakia is a part of the world-wide struggle of young workers against Stalinism. The Young Socialists take great strength from those millions of young people who are fighting, from Vietnam to Northern Ireland and especially in Ceylon where over 4,000 young people are rotting in prisons.

The thousands of workers who gave their definite 'NO' to the Pearce Commission findings in Rhodesia, the bout of long and vicious strikes in South Africa marks the re-emergence of the African working class to assert its rights against the arch-racialist Vorster.

The struggle of the workers in Spain against the tyranny of Franco's fascist regime, marks the Spanish working class drawing on the strength of the rest of the European working class and now standing up decisively to defeat Spanish fascism.

The real meaning of the policy of 'peaceful co-existence' that the Communist Parties have been arguing for since World War II, is now exposed for all to see. They argued that big peace movements of the 'people' would persuade the capitalist leaders to negotiate harmoniously with the Kremlin which would be to the benefit of the working class.

Instead, the latter have been thrown together by their common fear of the rising masses of the working class in desperate attempts to aid each other and resolve the worse aspects of the raging economic crisis.

Far from imperialism becoming 'peace-loving' Nixon has ordered, in recent months, the heaviest bombing raids in Vietnam since 1968. He has launched outright economic warfare against the rest of the capitalist world, which everyone knows could result in untold millions starving.

The Soviet leaders and Nixon are now discussing massive trade deals, far bigger than any before, specifically designed to aid each other in the face of the working class.

The deal between the US and the Soviet Union of exchange of



grain for gold is the clearest indication that the Soviet bureaucracy will come to the aid of the most vicious and reactionary regimes precisely when their very existence is threatened by the deepening of the class struggle.

THE CRISIS IN BRITAIN

THE economic crisis which began in the US has led to the most enormous economic and political crisis in Britain. History has caught up with the British capitalist class.

Once the centre of a great world empire from which they exacted great tribute they now rule over an economic backwater and are a pale shadow of the Churchills, Gladstones and Palmerstons who preceded them.

Their future depends on defeating the enormously strong and powerful British working class and scrambling into the Common Market. Their only friends are the cowardly clique

of Labour and Stalinist bureaucrats who at every stage fight to keep the working class from coming to grips with them.

The enormous leap forward of the working class since our last conference—the miners, dockers, builders, railwaymen—and the attempts of the government and judiciary to implement the Industrial Relations Act, has posed the necessity for new leadership very clearly. Closures and unemployment have been met by factory occupations—which pose the question of control and of ownership.

The jailing of the Pentonville Five and the battle to close Saltley Coke Depot during the miners' strike, showed the powerful force of the working class in defence of its basic rights.

This determined resistance of the working class has forced the Tory government into an ever-deepening crisis. It is clear that the working class could undoubtedly defeat the Tories if it had a revolutionary leadership with policies to raise its consciousness to defeat the employers by forc-

ing the government to resign.

But the TUC and the labour leaders have refused to lead their members in a national struggle to force the government out of office. All the main struggles have been kept sectionalized by the actions of these leaders.

Just at the point where the builders', miners' and dockers' strikes could have mobilized millions of other workers the leaders played their role by selling out to the Tories. The builders' and dockers' vote to return to work were not votes of defeat.

Through the intervention of the Young Socialists a new leadership is coming forward to challenge these old leaders. It is precisely because these old leaders are so petrified by these developments that they have to run to the Tory cabinet and even the Duke of Edinburgh, because they cannot contain the strength of the mass movement.

But, despite the betrayals of the trade union leaders, Labour leaders and Stalinists, the Tory government has not been able to inflict a major defeat on the working class. There has not been a single struggle where the workers have capitulated. It has been the official leaders that have called off the struggles.

Still the main question facing the Tories is how they are going to destroy the fighting power and independence of the trade unions. This is why they have to implement the Industrial Relations Act.

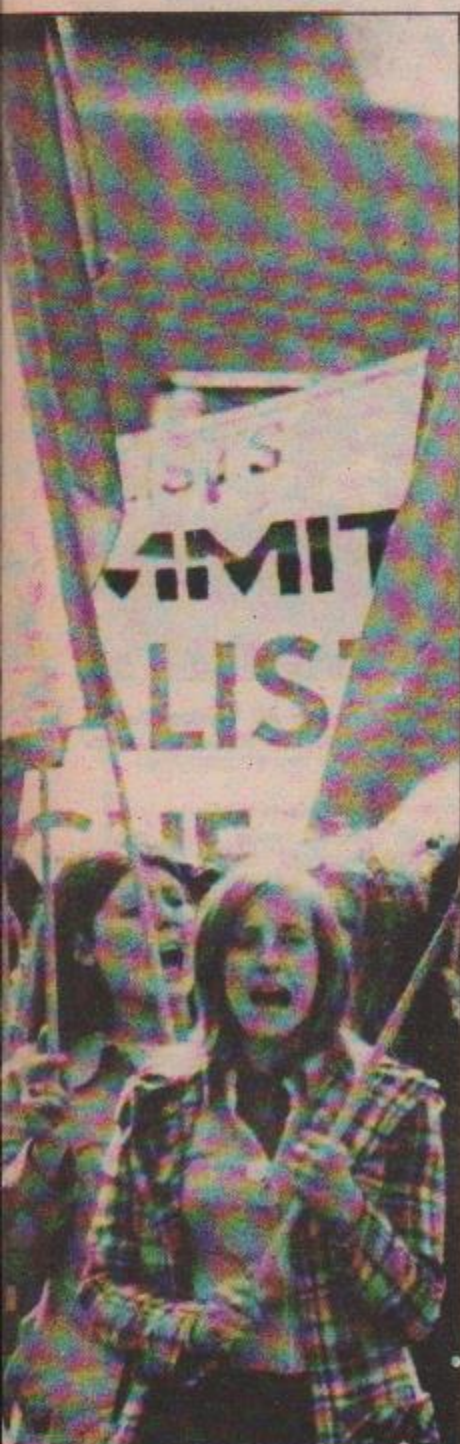
The Industrial Relations Act is one part of a growing series of repressive measures by the government to shackle the working class. Robert Mark, new Police Chief in London, has openly condemned 'trial by jury' and supports the proposed changing of an accused person's right of caution when charged and



Reactionary nature of Stalinist protest politics is clearly revealed in the way in which they assisted Angela Davis' trial in the US but did not lift a finger to help political prisoners Juan Farinas (left) and Ruchell Magee (on the far right of the group picture).

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ary party!



by picket bashing squads as they take up the fight through their unions for wage increases to maintain themselves and their families.

Once into the Common Market the Tories will link up with every reactionary European government and employer to give them strength against the working class. Value Added Taxation will push the cost of living through the ceiling.

As the employers shift their capital to the poorer, less organized, more profitable areas of Europe, a huge army of unemployed will grow up in Britain to help the employers get to grips with the trade unions. Youth leaving school will have no future outside a lifetime on the dole.

What is involved here is not just going back to the 1930s but bringing back Hitler's Germany, creating a living hell for the working class and the middle class.

All those who say this cannot happen should look at Ulster, where over 20,000 British troops are busy shooting and torturing Irish workers. In the future the same troops will be at work in Britain.

Under this Tory government no worker, young or old, has a future. We must build the revolutionary party to mobilize the working class to remove this Tory government and return a Labour government pledged to socialist policies. Such a government must:

Defeat the Tory food profiteers by

- Nationalizing the giant food and wholesaling monopolies under workers' and housewives' control!
- Repeal all legislation which holds down wages!
- Repeal the Industrial Relations Act!
- Repeal the Immigration Act!
- Fight unemployment through the nationalization of the major industries, without compensation under workers' control!
- Withdraw from the Common Market!
- Fight for a Socialist United States of Europe!

YOUTH AND THE CRISIS

IN this Tory Britain youth do not stand a chance. 80,000 are on the dole. The Common Market will mean them being joined by a whole generation of youth straight from school with no future under capitalism.

The Young Socialists will not let these youth rot on the dole to be split away from the employed workers by the Tories. We must continue with our Right-to-Work campaigns to unite the unemployed youth with employed workers in a struggle to force this government to resign and expose all those reformist traitors who do not want this to happen. There must be a massive recruitment into the YS from the dole queues.

We must demand that the trade unions open up their membership to the unemployed youth to unite the working class in struggle against the main enemy to fight for:

- Unemployment benefit at the full adult rate for all youth from the day they leave school.

Young workers and apprentices at work are paid the lowest wages for the same amount of work as an adult. Their wages too will be slashed by rising prices. The trade war and the Common Market will mean many of them being thrown on the dole. We support the apprentices of Scotland and the North East coast who fought for better wages and conditions. We demand that the trades unions:

- Allow all young workers to join trade unions.
- Fight against all produc-

tivity and speed-up deals, protect all apprentices' rights won in past struggles.

- Fight for wage increases across the board without strings. Equal pay for equal work.

Every young worker has the right to a job with decent wages. This right can only be maintained through the removal of this Tory government. We must in the coming year recruit and train the young workers and unemployed youth to build the revolutionary party to lead this struggle.

A PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH

EVERY SINGLE basic right and demand of young people depends on the success of the working class struggle against the Tories.

Youth has a right to employment and to proper training and education before and after starting a job.

The universities, polytechnics and colleges of all kinds must be open to all those who want to study and provisions made for this study.

This programme of rights can be enforced only by the power of the working class in struggle. It depends first and foremost on defeating the Tory government's programme of legislation. A re-elected Labour government must end the Tory state control of wages.

- No anti-union laws! Stop all cuts in public expenditure!
- The right to a job for every worker!
- No sackings or closures! Unity of employed and unemployed!

As part of this fight against anti-union laws and for the right to a job, we must demand:

- The right of all young workers, including the unemployed, to join a union; the unrestricted right to strike; the right to have independent youth representation on factory and district union bodies.
- Opposition to all speed-up and productivity deals, and protection of all apprenticeship rights won in past struggles. All wage increases to be across the board without strings. Equal pay for equal work.
- Unemployment benefit for all young unemployed workers paid at adult rates from the day they leave school.

When we fight to force the Tories to resign, we are fighting for a government which could mobilize the working class and youth to fight the capitalist class all along the line on these policies.

Such a government would immediately expropriate the big banks and finance houses and major industry without compensation and place them under the management of the workers. This is the only way to guarantee employment.

THE HOUSING programme would be conducted as a public service, based on the nationalization of the land, of the building and building supplies industries, and of the building and insurance societies. Repeal the Fair Rents Act and keep housing prices down by stopping all property speculation.

RENTS to be fixed at a level that working class families can afford. An increase in the rate of house building in the interests of working people. An end to all slums.

EDUCATION would be expanded through the planned use of the national resources, once the profiteers were cleared out. The existing class divisions would be abolished and the system placed under the democratic control of workers' organizations.

FREE ACCESS to science and culture for young people.



On both sides of the Irish Channel the working class is locked in battle against the common enemy — the Tory government. Top: Civilians carry a wounded boy through the streets after he was shot at by British troops in Derry on 'Bloody Sunday' January 30, 1972. Above: Dockers during their national strike in August 1972 challenged the Tory government and its Industrial Relations Act.

STUDENT status with full maintenance grants for all students and those at school from 16 years.

THE HEALTH SERVICE would be immediately expanded and all cuts revoked. The first steps would be nationalization of the big drug companies and the ending of all privileged and private services to the wealthy.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE would be abolished and all foreign trade would come under state control.

The Tories want to divide the youth from the adult working class. Not only is it essential that young workers fight in the trade union movement as part of their class, the Young Socialists must build a vanguard of young workers who will be at the front of every political struggle of their class.

The building of a mass revolutionary youth movement, campaigning and demonstrating on all the political issues against the government and the employers is a fundamental need of the struggle of the working class.

The Tories will use the weapon of racialism to divide the youth. Our stand is a revolutionary, working-class stand: For the unity of coloured and white workers against the common enemy, the Tories.

The capitalist system of exploitation and imperialism is the cause of the problems of all youth, immigrant as well as British-born.

- Unite to fight against the Tories!
- Repeal the Immigration Act!
- Full rights for immigrant

youth in relation to jobs, education and leisure!

STUDENTS

IN this shake up of social relations, the comfortable existence of the intelligentsia in the universities is shaken to the core. Students now graduating face the dole queue. Grants are inadequate with the growth of rapid inflation, causing serious financial problems for students.

The housing situation is desperate. Attempts by the students to organize politically against these conditions are now subjected to reactionary organizations such as the Monday Club and the Special Branch.

The restrictions on the supply of money for research means that academic standards are beginning to suffer. Students face the same attack as does the working class and must join with it in the struggle to make this government resign.

Only by participating in the living struggle of the working class, to break it from bourgeois ideology can students begin to fight back against the capitalist system. In the present disarray of bourgeois ideology, great opportunities exist for Marxism. We can win a new layer of philosophers, historians, economists and others to the revolutionary movement.

The sharp rightward turn away from politics at the last National Union of Students Conference shows that the existing Stalinist leadership in the NUS is incapable of leading a successful fight to defend students' rights against this Tory government. The Young Socialists

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Young Socialists' resolution

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must turn into the NUS and win serious students to our policies.

During the past year the Young Socialists have successfully organized their first national conference for students. The Young Socialists aim to train a new layer of students from the Young Socialists Student Societies to fight tenaciously against all revision of Marxist principles for the construction of the revolutionary party.

The YSSS fights for the policy of bringing down the Tories and the re-electing of a Labour government pledged to socialist policies.

We must turn into every college and university to train a body of fighters who will fight for students' rights inside the NUS against the betrayals of leadership by the Stalinists and revisionists. We must set up YSSS branches everywhere.

We must expand our sales of Marxist literature in every university and set up regular bookstalls. We must have big sales of Keep Left in every college. Our aim is to expand Keep Left to 12 pages each week, to include a four-page supplement. This would cover student news and theoretical articles to make a special appeal to the broad mass of students everywhere.

KEEP LEFT

KEEP LEFT has led every major campaign of the Young Socialists. We are now in the first year of production of our weekly paper. This major step forward from a monthly to a weekly youth paper, was taken directly after last year's annual conference.

The paper with its new developments has been able to provide leadership to youth in their struggle against the Tory government. Keep Left has led the YS campaign on the Right to Work, prices, wages, conditions of apprentices, youth facilities, education, and racialism. The development of Keep Left marks a completely new period in our fight to build a mass youth movement.

We call on youth everywhere—workers and students—employed and unemployed—coloured and white—Join the Young Socialists now!

We must expand the sales of the paper in every area. We must turn out new areas and establish new readers and new branches. Opportunities are everywhere.

YOUTH AND THE STRUGGLE FOR REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP

THE building of a mass YS movement is essential if the working class is to take the power.



Above: Leaders of the Russian Revolution Trotsky and Lenin. It is in the tradition of their fight for a Marxist revolutionary leadership that the Young Socialists must follow.

Since the beginning of 1972 the working class has fought the Tories tooth and nail. When the Pentonville Five were jailed by the NIRC the working class won their release. But when the House of Lords reimposed the £55,000 fine on the T&GWU and reintroduced the Taff Vale principle the trade union leaders did nothing to challenge the Tories. The trade union leaders were able to use the limitations of the spontaneous struggle of the workers to allow the Tories to continue.

They have been doing this all the year. At the TUC Conference all tendencies present, from the right wing to the CP voted for talks with the Tory government.

Now that the Tories have brought in state regulation of wages every trade union leader is doing his best to postpone wage claims and working with the Tories. On the miners' executive the group of CP members voted to postpone their claim. This is peaceful coexistence at work.

No amount of trade union militancy can clear out this kind of leadership and build a new one. For this to be done the political consciousness of the working class has to be developed in a real battle against its trade union consciousness.

It is the young workers who we will train as Marxists who will have to carry the brunt of this vital battle.

For those like the International Socialists who say that the development of the struggle itself will enable workers to go from a trade union consciousness to a Marxist consciousness we quote Lenin:

'That all worship of spontaneity of the working class movement, all belittling of the role of the revolutionary party means... a strengthening of Bourgeois Ideology among the workers!' ('What is to be Done?')

Those who say 'Keep politics out of it' like the IS and the CP are fighting to allow Tory ideology and politics to dominate the workers' movement.

We must train young workers to fight and expose such tendencies everywhere they show their faces. This is why 'What is to be Done?' should be studied by every YS branch.

Without this struggle to train Marxist leaders from amongst the youth there can be no building of the revolutionary party to fight trade union consciousness and prepare the working class to take the power.

For the ruling class, Trotskyism has to be discredited and fought at all levels, because it is the only political organization that fights to mobilize and politically train working class youth.

We saw the vicious witch-hunt against our Summer Camp

by the Monday Club and Fleet Street Press. At present the witch-hunt is being continued by the 'News of the World' with the co-operation of the Communist Party against the Socialist Labour League and Trotskyism in Britain.

On a more underhand approach, the new Losey film 'Assassination of Trotsky' is produced to discredit the struggle of Trotsky in his last years to build the Fourth International and train a new Marxist cadre whilst being constantly hounded by Stalin's GPU assassins.

We are attacked because we fight to clarify our ideas and carry on Trotsky's struggle amongst working class youth, and also because we are working class youth.

We are under all-round attack by the capitalist media as 'hooligans' and vicious muggers. But the super-muggers of the Tory Party are attempting to whip up hysteria about a few incidents in London involving oppressed and demoralized youth. Nothing is said about the violence of the Tory troops in Ulster, whilst workers and youth are squashed to death against the walls by saracen armoured cars.

BUILD THE MASS YS

TO build the mass YS we must fight and campaign with Keep Left in the most determined way on every issue that affects the working class; from state control of wages to rents, prices, housing and unemployment. We must raise at every opportunity the central issue of removing the Tory government and replacing it with a Labour government pledged to socialist policies.

Every region and every federation committee must discuss and work out plans for redeveloping a really popular social programme and make sure that it functions properly. In every area we must discuss campaigns to build new branches of the YS and set up new federations. Every area should set a recruitment target.

So as to help new members establish new branches of the YS every area should order stocks of our pamphlet 'How to Build the Young Socialists'.

Education classes and schools should be arranged, well in advance, so that new recruits will get a basic education in the ideas of Marxism.

TRANSFORM THE SLL INTO THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

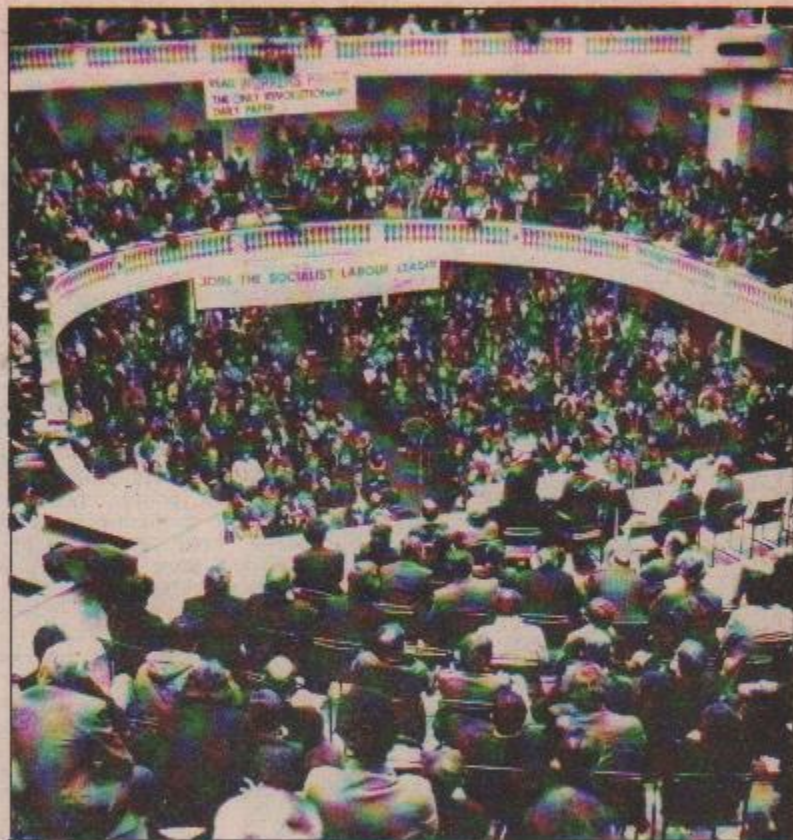
THE YS support the declaration of the ATUA Conference to transform the SLL into the revolutionary party. We enter enthusiastically into the struggle to build the mass Young Socialists to bring forward the forces from amongst the youth and the adult workers that will launch this party.

Only the building of this party can provide the leadership necessary to defend the basic rights of the working class and mobilize the working class to take the power from the employers and establish socialism.

- Forward to the mass Young Socialists and the Revolutionary Party!
- Build Councils of Action to force the Tories to resign!
- Return a Labour government pledged to Socialist Policies!
- Forward to the Socialist Revolution!

YS National Committee
November 1972

All amendments to the main resolution from YS branches must be in by Saturday January 6, 1973.



Young Socialists fully supports the decision of the All Trades Unions Alliance Conference in October 1972 to transform the Socialist Labour League into the revolutionary party.

POST BAG

Employers' back lash

I AM A building worker from Mile End, and my experience since the strike has been that of a back lash by employers who have now been given the green light by the Tories.

Building employers are strengthened in this period by the so-called anti-inflation Act.

Every employer now has the law, the state and the armed forces on his side. This is not an exaggeration. The only thing that will determine the use of these forces is the strength of the working class.

We know we are not going to accept impoverishment, fascism and a world war.

The working class is going to have to take power in order to avoid that.

Lawrence J. Peckham

'A thing of the past'

MANY YOUTH in Willesden—especially apprentices—are immediately affected by the new dictatorial measures of the Tory government.

The low rates of pay for apprentices are now fixed by this government while prices continue to go up.

Negotiations for wage increases have become a 'thing of the past'. The right to fight for wage increases to keep up with the rising cost of living has been taken away

from these youth and the entire working class.

No longer can youth afford the entertainment they deserve. Youth clubs of any good standard are practically non-existent in Willesden.

Cinemas are being closed down and turned into big money-making bingo halls.

On top of all this youth are faced with mass redundancies. Britain's entry into the Common Market will mean more unemployment.

Large numbers of youth—particularly immigrant youth—often end up at the Willesden law courts which are well-known for their 'justice.'

This is what Heath has in store for lower-paid workers.
Ray Francis
Willesden YS

Bethnal Green Youth Clubs

IN BETHNAL GREEN there are only a few youth clubs for young people. In one of the school clubs there is snooker, table tennis, football, tennis and music. Most of these things are only open to the public on three nights of the week.

This is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Which means that for the rest of the week many young people have nowhere to go.

In some of the discotheques many of us are not allowed because either we are too young or cannot pay the entrance fees.

But when people roam the streets they get into trouble. In Bethnal Green this also happens when youth go to the clubs, because they are so boring.

Most of the youth clubs only open from about 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

But now the Young Socialists' discotheque in this area—and the social programme—must give young people cheap amenities as part of building a movement to defeat the Tories.

Carmen Galea
Bethnal Green



After the National Union of Students Conference

BY BRIAN PRANGLE

A comment on the NUS conference

By a Keep Left Reporter

IT IS time to construct a revolutionary leadership among students and the working class, says Martin Cuniford, a delegate from Bath College of Technology to the recent National Union of Students conference.

'As far as I'm concerned the Young Socialist Students Society is the only organization fighting for such a leadership among students,' he told a Keep Left reporter.

He says he has learned several lessons about the Stalinists and the revisionists, both at the NUS conference and in his own college's socialist society.

'At the conference the political questions were suppressed and instead everything was looked at from the standpoint of single issues.

'When the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Student Unions was formed after the Easter conference in Birmingham it looked like something "left" was happening.

'But the International Socialists and the International Marxist Group were not interested in building up a revolutionary party as such. They wanted demonstrations based on a surface look at the situation,' said Martin.

'That's why at the Margate conference, the Communist Party leadership could do what it wanted. Their policy comes down for negotiating with the Tory government and they have no programme for overthrowing it. They are leading students up a blind alley with their parliamentary road to socialism theory.

'I've been reading Lenin's "What is to be Done?" and decided it's necessary to form a revolutionary party within the working class.'

THE National Union of Students leadership accepts the existence of the Tory government.

Last year, for example, the Communist Party who lead the executive, signed a document saying they would not press for grant increases for another two years.

These are the conclusions of Nigel Smith, an NUS delegate from Bournemouth College of Technology.

'The Stalinists are not fighting the Tory government but trying to get the best out of it. That is the reason why there was so much apathy at the last conference.'

'It is time for students to come out firmly against the Tories and join in an alliance with the working class to boot them out of office,' said Nigel. The revisionists in International Socialism, he added, put up no fight against the Stalinists in the student movement.

'IS simply want to build a rank-and-file movement without a positive leadership. Only the YSSS thinks leadership is of principal importance in the construction of a revolutionary movement.'

'The IS don't offer leadership and are therefore very opportunist and cannot unify the movement.'

Accommodation dispute at Leicester University

FURIOUS disputes over housing costs have been sparked off recently at Leicester University. The issues came to collision point over the handling of Mary Gee House, one of the university's residential buildings.

These houses are self-catering units, housing 360 students and were built two years ago in an attempt to meet the demands of student accommodation.

The houses were financed by a private loan involving the normal interest rate. This loan will take 40 years to repay.

This added cost of interest has meant that students at Mary Gee pay higher rent than other university accommodation.

For instance the repayment of the interest alone adds up to £75 per person per year. This is equal to the whole of an average student's grant for one term!

Rather than fight this increase the executive of the Leicester Students' Union introduced a motion suggesting that all students resident in halls should subsidise Mary Gee students by £2.50 a year.

This motion was passed at an emergency general union meeting at which only 5 per cent of the full student body was present.

This is opposed by many students. Chris Daniels, a first-year social science student, said:

'Subsidies can only be a superficial cure to the problem. The heart of the matter is that the government is not providing sufficient funds to assist students both academically and with their living requirements.'

'How could anyone hand over his whole wage packet merely to pay for the rent.'

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY YSSS

Series of lectures on 'Theory and Practice of Marxism' every Monday, 7.30 p.m. Non-Smoking Quiet Room Portland Building Daily Bookstall in PB 12.00 noon to 2 p.m.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE YSSS

Mechanical Engineering Dept Room 320, 1 p.m. Every Friday.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY YSSS

Meets every Tuesday TV Room, 1.00 p.m. Book Stall every day 12 to 2 p.m. near Porters Lodge

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Marxist classes every Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Grey/Blue room, Rootes Hall

OXFORD UNIVERSITY YSSS

Meets every Monday Jesus College Seminar Room 'A' 8.00 p.m.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON YSSS

Meets every Thursday 1 p.m.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY YSSS BRANCH MEETINGS

Every Wednesday, 1 p.m.

CITY OF LEEDS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION YSSS

Marxist classes Thursday December 14: 'Revisionism'

Branch Meetings every Tuesday, 1.00 p.m.

BOOKSTALL

every Tuesday and Friday 12 till 2 p.m. In Foyes

BRADFORD YSSS

Meeting every Friday Bradford Art College Room 11 2.30 p.m.

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

YSSS branch meetings every Monday 1 p.m. Room S 400

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY YSSS

Branch meetings every Thursday 1.00 pm Union Lecture Room, Percy Gee Bookstall every Friday lunchtime, Concourse in Percy Gee House

EVENTS during the week after the National Union of Students conference have highlighted the betrayal of the Stalinist leadership at Margate.

The Tory government, faced with massive outflow of capital into Europe, falling investment at home and belligerent trade war threats from Nixon's new cabinet, are showing their fangs.

Students must now step up the campaign for a new leadership in the NUS—one that can meet this crisis.

The jailing of Sean MacStiofain and the introduction of dictatorship laws against the IRA in Eire is a sharp warning to all students and workers in this country.

This is the face of the Tory government that the NUS conference refused to look at. Students now face massive attacks on their standard of living and basic democratic rights.

Only last week 118 food items went up in price. This is before Common Market entry. Yet at the NUS conference Digby Jacks said students would not get any increase in grants before 1974 despite any campaign they might hold.

Adventures and protest politics are still to be the main aim of the NUS leadership which moved sharply to the right at Margate.

The silence of Labour Party and trade union leaders over the last few days complements the betrayal of the Communist Party-led NUS leadership.

The lessons of the NUS conference must be urgently learnt if students are to fight alongside the working class against the Tory government.

The task is urgent. Build the YSSS! Force the Tories to resign! Demand supplementary grants to meet rising costs of living!

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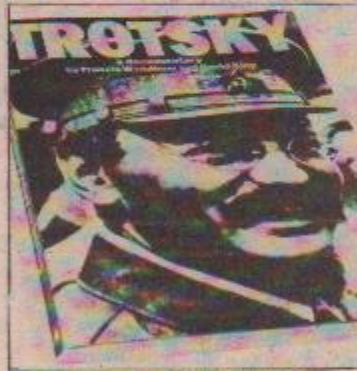
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WHAT'S ON WHERE

CLAPHAM YS

Youth Club
Every Thursday
Coronation Hall
Springfield Estate
Union Road, SW8
8 pm adm. 10p
Sports, records, discussion groups

ABERDEEN YS

Discotheque
Tuesday December 12
Alexandra Hall
Skene Street
7.30 p.m.

WINSFORD YS

Discotheque
Every Sunday
Wheatshaf Hotel
8 p.m. adm 10p

WEST YORKSHIRE YS

Demonstrate against rising prices!
Saturday December 16
Kingston Square, Hull
2.00 p.m.
Meeting and Discotheque
St. Jude's Hall
Spring Bank
3.00 p.m.

PRESTON LARCHES YS

Youth Club
Every Friday
St Peter and Paul's
Park Avenue
7.30-10.00 p.m.
Adm: 5p Records

HIGHFIELDS YS

meets every Thursday
Discotheque every Saturday
Queen Victoria (Near 'Leicester Mercury' offices)
7.30 pm to 10.30 pm
Adm: 10p

AVENHAM YS

Youth Club
every Monday
7.30-10.00 p.m.
Foxton Youth Centre
Adm: 5p Records

OXFORD YS

Discotheques
Friday December 8
Friday December 22
Friday January 12
Friday January 19
Cowley Community Centre
7.30 p.m.
Admission: 15p

SWANSEA YS

Discotheque
every Wednesday
St Phillips Church Hall
7.30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM YS

Xmas party
Thursday December 21
Beachcomber Room
Farcroft Hotel
Handsworth

LONDON YOUNG SOCIALISTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY,
SPEAKERS' CONTEST
Sunday December 31
St Martin's Church Hall
Vicars Road
Kentish Town
8.00 p.m.-12 midnight

COVENTRY YS

Xmas party
Monday December 18
White Lion
Walsgrave Road
Gosford, Coventry



SEVEN TEAMS took part in a football tournament organized by Midlands Young Socialists last Sunday.

In the finals Erdington YS started the scoring with a good goal from Martin Bennet. But 'James Baldwin' team replied with Dave Hodge scoring a hat-trick. Despite another goal from Steve Manders, the 'James Baldwin' boys won 4-2 with a final goal from John Callaghan.

The rest of the tournament was similarly dominated by good football.

In the semi-finals Erdington beat Selly Oak 1-0 and 'James Baldwin' beat Nuneaton 1-0. Other teams that took part were Milverton, Wolverhampton and Coventry Wood End.

The tournament was held before a rally which included a showing of the right-to-work film.

LONDON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SOUTH WEST	Pld	W	D	L	PTS
New Addington	3	3	0	0	6
Clapham	3	2	0	1	4
Blackheath	3	2	0	1	4
Thornton Heath	3	1	0	2	2
Tooting	3	0	0	3	0
Peckham	1	0	0	1	0

OUTER LONDON

Pld	W	D	L	PTS	
Fulham	3	2	0	1	4
Kingston	3	2	0	1	4
Hayes	2	2	0	0	4
Feltham	2	1	0	1	2
Willesden	1	1	0	0	2
Southall	3	0	0	3	0
Acton	1	0	0	1	0
Harrow	1	0	0	1	0

NORTH WEST

Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
West London	4	3	0	1		6
Dagenham	4	1	1	2		3
Holloway	3	1	0	2		2
Poplar	2	0	1	1		1
Tottenham	4	0	0	4		0
Stepney	3	0	0	3		0
Camden	2	0	0	2		0
Stoke Newington	1	0	0	1		0

LEEDS YS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	
Gibton A	2	2	0	0	12	0	4
Gibton B	2	2	0	0	14	4	4
Meanwood	2	0	0	2	5	14	0
Hyde Park	1	0	0	1	0	11	0
Sandford	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Ten-year jail for four in 'Angry Brigade' trial

FOUR OF the eight accused in the 'Angry Brigade' trial were jailed for ten years at the Old Bailey last week for plotting to cause explosions.

Four others in the record-breaking 111-day trial were acquitted of the main conspiracy charge.

The four who were convicted on the main charges of plotting to cause explosions were James Greenfield, 23, Anna Mendleson, 23, John Barker, 24, and Hilary Creek, 24, all of Amburst Road, Stoke Newington.

The four who were acquitted on the main charge were: James Stuart Christie, 27, of Gilbert Place, Camden, Christopher Michael Bott, 21, of Hungerford Road, Holloway, Catherine McLean, 21, of Grosvenor Avenue, Highbury and Angela Weir, 27, of Haverstock Street, Islington.

The verdict came after the jury had been deliberating for 52 hours—one of the longest jury retirements in 300 years. The trial is estimated to have cost around £1m.

● Next week: A full report.

LONDON REGION YOUNG SOCIALISTS



CONCERT & RALLY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 7.00 PM ACTON TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, ACTON, W3

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Boutique, records, books, food,
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refreshments

LEEDS
Saturday December 9
Corn Exchange
Leeds
Doors open 12 noon

Special showings of right-to-work film

NORTH WEST

Sunday December 17
Black Lion Hotel
Blackfriars St
Manchester
starts: 2 p.m.
DISCOTHEQUE
in evening

Speakers:
Alan Peers
(YS National Committee)
Gary Gurmeet
(Keep Left Editor)

EAST MIDLANDS

Sunday December 10
Colman's Dancing Academy
Clumber Street
Nottingham 3 pm

Speakers:
Maureen Bambrick
(YS National Committee)
John Eden
(YS National Committee)

WESTERN REGION YS DEMONSTRATION

'Right to Work'
Saturday December 16
Assemble: 2 p.m.
Mill Youth Centre
Ashleigh Road, Bristol

Speakers:
Gary Gurmeet
(Keep Left Editor)
Brian Prangle
(Southampton YSSS)
Judy Magee
(YS National Committee)

DISCOTHEQUE
in the evening

WESTERN REGION YS

Week End School
Saturday and Sunday
December 9 and 10

Streatley Youth Hostel
Hill House
Reading Road, Streatley
starts: 2 p.m.

cost: £2.50 including acc.,
food and school