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THE AXE HANGS OVER CAR JOBS



THOUSANDS of jobs are threatened by the recession now hitting the car industry.

BRITISH-LEYLAND, Britain's biggest employer and export earner, is headed for financial ruin—and no amount of government loans can shore it up.

Last week its shares were selling for the

laughable price of 6½p on the Stock Exchange, and at this value, the entire combine is worth only £40m.

No workers should believe the story that the secret 're-organization' plans of Industry Secretary Wedgwood Benn and Tory tycoon Sir Don Ryder are going to save jobs at Leyland.

In fact, the right-wing 'Sunday Express' has already said that 50,000 Leyland workers will be

sacked in the next three years — one man in three.

Already 10,000 jobs have been cut by the policy of 'no replacements' and Leyland has had plans for several months to axe 13,000 jobs.

FORDS have announced plans to sack 1,750 white-collar workers because of falling sales—and shop-floor jobs must follow.

CHRYSLER is to sack 700 white-collar workers.

VAUXHALL has banned all overtime, stopped recruitment and is cutting production.

Behind these manoeuvres is the industrial recession which is plunging the capitalist system internationally into a slump.

The world economic crisis cannot be met with

the capitalist policies proposed by Labour. Car workers and the whole trade union movement must demand:

● That the industry's books are examined by trade unionists and business secrets abolished, in preparation for workers' control. ● That wages are maintained and sliding scales established according to the rising cost of living.

● That any threat of sackings is met by the occupation of the factories to defend the right to work.

Only socialist policies can meet the economic crisis. This means the nationalization of the car industry and other major industries, under workers' control and without compensation to the old owners.

KEEP LEFT SAYS

THE rapidly deepening economic crisis and preparations for war have forced the British government to join other capitalist powers in introducing emergency fuel savings.

Measures announced this week by Labour Energy Minister Eric Varley are similar to the preparation for complete rationing outlined by American authorities and now established by the French government.

Varley's measures—aimed at slashing fuel consumption by 10 per cent—penalize the working class and are another twist in the recessionary spiral.

Behind them stand the preparations for war by the US imperialists against the Arab peoples and the possibility of a suspension of oil supplies.

At the same time inflation is bound to cause a new round of oil price increases. Varley has already announced that while motorists will be restricted to speed limits of 50 and 60 m.p.h. on main roads and dual carriageways, they will have to pay more for petrol.

These measures will intensify the crisis in industry, particularly in the car production plants.

But Varley's proposals have done nothing to restore confidence in Britain's crisis-ridden capitalist economy.

Last Tuesday the pound fell to a new all-time low against leading world currencies after rumours that one Arab country was

boycotting Sterling as a medium for oil settlements and fears that other oil-producing countries will follow suit.

By the end of the day its effective devaluation against world currencies was a worst-ever 20.9 per cent.

At the same time share values on the London stock market dropped to a new 16-year low of 157.3 points.

This Labour government has refused consistently to introduce any socialist measures to meet this crisis—it is now a co-conspirator with US imperialism and the oil monopolies in their war manoeuvres.

It has allowed record inflation rates to be immediately burdened onto the backs of the working class. This is part of the 'social contract' which allows price rises of another 24p in the pound but forces bakery workers, miners and all other sections of the working class to accept ever-decreasing living standards.

This same 'social contract' keeps the Shrewsbury building workers' pickets locked up in jail and paved the way for the introduction of the most reactionary laws against working class organizations in the form of the 'Prevention of Terrorism' Act.

For the Young Socialists this situation now means an even greater fight to win new members to our fight for socialist policies and the rejection of these plans for war.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR?



Varley

We demand:

- An immediate break with US imperialism.
- Independent negotiations with the Arab countries over oil.
- Suspension of all diplomatic and trade links with Israel and full support for the national and territorial rights of the Palestinian people.

This means the fight in Britain for nationalization of the oil barons under workers' control and without compensation. Workers must take control of the coal, gas and electricity industries to work out an immediate socialist plan for fuel and energy.

FIFTY EIRE STUDENTS CHARGED AFTER SIT-IN

FIFTY Irish students appeared in court in Dublin this week charged with criminal offences under the Prohibition of Forcible Entry Act, 1971.

The students were charged with criminal offences under this Act nearly two weeks after an occupation at the Eire Department of Education building in support of their campaign for a comprehensive grant scheme and increased financial support for the education system.

Education financing has suffered very savage cutbacks, in the 26 counties, Pat Brady, president of the Union of Students in Ireland said last week.

Out of a total education budget of £130m, he said, there is already a deficit of £10m. This is hitting every sector of education.

Students from all the major Irish colleges marched 5,000-strong through Dublin last Friday in support of their campaign and demanding the

dropping of all charges against the 50 students arrested after the occupation.

The demonstration was the culmination of a week of demonstrations, occupations, sit-ins and disruption of lectures at all the country's campuses in support of the arrested students.

With inflation running at an average of 18 per cent in Eire present education budgets will require immediate additional cash if the system is to be preserved.

The grants system for Irish students is pitifully inadequate. Only 17 per cent of all students actually get a grant and the maximum they are entitled to is only £300.

This extremely low grant level discriminates viciously against working class students. Under 10 per cent of Irish students come from working class backgrounds—only a quarter of the percentage in Britain.

Below: students demonstrate outside Dublin Post Office over the arrests



POST BAG



Labour's anti-liberties law in action

THE new so-called anti-terrorist law passed by the Labour government is an undefined piece of anti-working class legislation, to attack the basis of democratic rights of youth and workers.

This is in preparation for the repression needed to hold back the working class as they move into struggle to defend their rights and living standards.

This has become

clear over the past fortnight in our YS branch.

A recent disco that we held was visited by the police who claimed to be just enquiring about the noise, but as soon as they got inside they immediately went to our literature stall and started to question some of our comrades about our policies towards the IRA.

It was clear that they were quite hostile towards the Young

Socialists and the Workers Revolutionary Party.

We decided to close the disco earlier than planned and began to clear the literature away, but we were told to leave it where it was as someone was coming to have a look at it.

That someone turned out to be an inspector who questioned us some more. He took Keep Left, a copy of 'Workers Press' and a

pamphlet about the Littlejohn affair (Littlejohn was a British agent who carried out bombings and attempted assassinations in Ireland). He took our names and addresses.

We realize that this is only the beginning of what is to come.

It becomes imperative now to build a mass Young Socialists as the only way forward for the working class.

Crawley YS.

CHEAP LABOUR!

I WAS an apprentice hairdresser for just over 18 months, and there is an occupational hazard in this—I have industrial dermatitis, which has been

permanent since I started hairdressing. It is an allergy caused by using too much water.

On Friday I was told in no uncertain terms to leave the job—because I had refused to shampoo after being told at the hospital that under no circumstances must I emerge my hands in water unnecessarily.

I don't think I'm different to other young workers—there are literally thousands of young apprentice hairdressers all over the country slaving every day. As soon as our employers can't make money out of our labour power, they don't want to know any more. He didn't like the idea of paying me a full wage for doing less work.

Something must be done for apprentices. Unions must be formed to fight for them and their conditions.

My conditions at work were unmentionable. I started work at 9 am

Letter of the week from Shepherds Bush YS

and finished at 6 pm. We also had a late night from 9 am to 8 pm.

You were on your feet all day and you didn't get a lunch break or even a coffee break. Most of the clients were middle and upper class and you would do everything you could, even put yourself out of your way for them and all they would do was abuse you and walk over you.

There is no proper phrase for a situation like this except cheap labour!

Now my boss is going to have great difficulty in finding another apprentice because young people won't work under those terms or conditions any more.

*Julie Bambrick
Shepherds Bush YS*

Letter from a Spanish Young Socialist

I HAVE always had left wing tendencies, but living in Spain where the fascists dominate people's lives, it is very difficult to get in contact with any left-wing groups.

When I came to England I came into contact with the Young Socialists. They explained their policies which I thought met the requirements of the youth and the working class internationally, so I decided to join.

I have now developed myself politically and can see the implications of the crisis in the anarchistic capitalist system.

Any other diversion from the policies put forward by the Fourth International today is open betrayal for the working class internationally.

Spanish YS member

Police brutality in Sheffield

I FIRST knew about the Young Socialists from a Young Socialist member I met in Sheffield.

I thought I would write to Keep Left to tell them what I think about the police.

A couple of weeks ago my brother was arrested by the police for standing on a street corner. He was taken to a local police station where he was asked questions about a robbery that took place a couple of months ago.

My brother told the



police he knew nothing of it, and was then hit with an orange inside a stocking which really gave him pain but did not leave a mark.

He was told to co-operate with them and to tell the truth, and he told them he was

telling the truth.

He was then taken to another room where someone put a wet carpet over him and he was then kicked and kicked until he shouted he was guilty of the crime. I know that my brother was innocent

but because of the pain he said he was guilty, to stop them from kicking him.

They use methods like the wet carpet because it is painful but doesn't leave a mark.

**Tony
Keep Left supporter**

CAN YOUR BRANCH write the letter of the week? Send your views to Post-bag, 186a Clapham High St. London, SW4 7UG, or phone 01-720 5661-2.

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Draft Resolution

from the YS National Committee

YOUTH AND THE RECESSION

THE WORLD CAPITALIST CRISIS

CAPITALISM is heading rapidly towards the biggest world slump in its history. The jobs of millions of workers, particularly young workers are immediately threatened by this slump.

Prices, which are now rising by more than 20 per cent every year in all the big capitalist countries, are destroying the living standards of those in jobs. Again it is working class youth on low wages who are hardest hit by this inflation.

The recession into which capitalism is plunging with great speed cannot be avoided. It comes at the end of seven years of economic convulsions and the almost total breakdown of the capitalist world monetary system.

From the end of the last war in 1945, the ruling class tried to avoid a crisis and showdown with the working class through a policy of deliberate inflation known as 'Keynesianism'. Under the 1944 Bretton Woods system, governments in Europe and America printed money and credit to keep their declining system afloat.

Jobs and living standards were artificially maintained. The capitalist class were able to introduce these policies at the end of the war only because of the betrayals of the Labour and Stalinist leaders of the working class who collaborated with the employing class throughout the world to prevent the working class from taking power as the war ended.

The basis of Bretton Woods was that the world's major currency should be backed by gold. The Americans agreed that every dollar holder should be able to exchange his dollars at a fixed (35 dollars an ounce) rate if he wished.

All other currencies were tied to the dollar also at a fixed rate. This system, drawn up at Bretton Woods survived until 1971. It survived only because the American ruling class pumped out more and more dollars to keep the rest of the capitalist system going.

But as more and more dollars were spent abroad in military 'aid', to fight wars in Korea (1949) and Vietnam, the position of the dollar was undermined. The Americans began to accumulate ever greater balance of payments debts.

From the middle of the 1960s onwards, confidence in the inflationary dollar began to fall. The American gold reserve, held in Fort Knox started to fall as capitalists in Europe and elsewhere began to withdraw gold in exchange for dollars.

It was this development which finally forced the American government on August 15 1971 to scrap Bretton Woods. The gold backing for the dollar was withdrawn and all currencies were allowed to 'float' against each other.

Now the controlled inflation of the years after 1945 gave way to uncontrolled inflation. As confidence in paper money no longer backed by gold slumped, so the capitalist class rushed to buy commodities of all kinds. The price of all basic foodstuffs and raw materials rocketed.

This collapse in the confidence in paper money was revealed more than anything in the increased oil price, the most important of all commodities for world capitalist production. Since 1971 it has risen by over 400 per cent.

This near runaway inflation has brought several countries in western Europe as well as Japan to near bankruptcy. Britain had £4,000m deficit last year, following the £1,500m deficit of 1973. There is virtually no gold to meet these debts.

To restore the strength of the dollar the American ruling class have embarked on a savage anti-inflationary policy. Ford's government has announced severe cut backs in all types of government spending which is accelerating the trend towards a full scale American recession.

In 1975 unemployment in the United States is expected to rise to over seven per cent according to government figures. The truer picture is nearer 10 per cent. Yet for Europe and Japan, America is the most important of all world markets.

Since the end of the war, throughout the 'boom' the jobs of millions of workers and the standard of living of their families has depended upon an expanding American market. Now, to protect the dollar, the American ruling class is forced to take measures which must drive major sections of European capitalism into bankruptcy.

Already these bankruptcies have started with the series of bank and industrial failures throughout Europe over the last 12 months. Destitution and starvation now face millions in the big capitalist countries. But this has been the lot of the millions of workers and peasants in the colonial and semi-colonial countries ever since 1945.

Capitalism has shown that it is completely unable to provide even the barest essentials of life for the great majority of the world's population. Now these countries face economic and social catastrophe.

This deepest ever world capitalist crisis brings with it the danger of a third world war. Already sections of the American ruling class have made clear that unless the Arab leaders reduce drastically the price of their oil, America will prepare for war against them.

Imperialism and war are inseparable. The drive for capitalist profit has already brought two world wars this century in which millions were slaughtered. There can be no peace under capitalism. World peace can only be assured with the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of socialism.

This Draft Resolution is being presented by the National Committee of the Young Socialists in preparation for our Fifteenth Annual Conference at Scarborough on March 14-15 next year.

It is open to discussion and amendment in Young Socialists branches. All branches should send amendments to YS National Committee, 186a Clapham High Street, London SW4 7UG, by January 31.

Two resolutions from each YS branch on different aspects of our policy should also be discussed, passed, and sent in by January 31, in order that they can be published in booklet form by the conference.



The Portuguese revolution: one of the hated secret police held at gun-point by workers and soldiers.

In this drive towards war, the major target for capitalism must be the re-conquest of the USSR, eastern Europe and China. These areas were lost to capitalism as a result of the 1917 revolution and the events which followed 1945. Despite the counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy which dominates them, they still remain great gains for the international working class which the Young Socialists defend unconditionally against imperialism.

In every country of the capitalist world, the working class has shown its absolute determination to defend its living standards and jobs. A new generation of workers, with no memories of the 1930s slump, with no burden of defeat on its back has taken the leadership in these struggles. Under capitalism, there can be no way out of the crisis, except through the road to slump and war.

For the working class of every country, only the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of socialism can now provide any solution to this crisis.

What is clear is that the capitalist system, based upon production for private profit can no longer develop the productive forces. Every great development in science and technology cannot be used to raise the standard of living of the millions of workers throughout the world who provide all the wealth under capitalism. They must now be used to prepare for the greatest destruction of these productive forces.

Only socialism, which will abolish the private ownership of the means of production and make them available to be developed for the benefit of all, can now release these productive forces.

THE DANGER OF WAR

THE BREAK-UP of world capitalism in its headlong rush to recession and hyper-inflation drives the ruling class to find a solution in war.

A third world war will involve nuclear weapons which could wipe out the bulk of humanity. No matter. The capitalist class now acts like a mad dog to maintain its rotten, parasitic system of private ownership.

The theatre of nuclear conflagration is the Middle East where the imperialists gather their forces for a military invasion to dominate the Arab oilfields. All of US imperialism's diplomatic and defence strategy is geared to this objective.

The 'peace' summits between Ford, Kissinger and the Stalinist leaders in Moscow and Peking have been concerned with these plans. The Vladivostok agreement signed by Ford and Brezhnev in November is as worthless as the Munich agreement reached by Hitler and Chamberlain on the eve of World War Two.

The more they talk about peace, the more the imperialists prepare for war.

The US World Food Conference in Rome was not concerned with the horrendous spectre of mass starvation in the so-called 'Third World' but for US imperialism to intimidate colonial and semi-colonial countries to toe the US line prior to the shooting war. Behind the threadbare hypocrisy Kissinger was telling the delegates 'Support us, or you starve'.

Ford gave notice of US imperialism's war intentions when he said on September 23 that '... exorbitant [oil] prices can only distort the world economy, run the risk of world-wide depression and threaten the breakdown of world order and safety. Nations have gone to war over natural advantages such as water or food. . . in the nuclear age any local conflict may escalate to global catastrophe.' These threats have been followed by deeds.

The US has deployed larger naval detachments in both the Indian and Mediterranean Oceans while pouring missiles, aircraft and tanks into Israel. The Pentagon has announced the start of aircraft exercises in the Persian Gulf, the first time for 20 years.

On December 2, 'US News and World Report' revealed that a 'think tank' closely connected with the Ford-Kissinger-Rockefeller administration had begun a study of 'military options' for dealing with the oil crisis. Military sources working on the project estimated that it would take three Marine divisions to take over the oilfields of either Saudi Arabia, Kuwait or Libya.

The Second Marine Amphibious Force have conducted large scale war exercises in the Mojave Desert in California to acclimatize US troops to desert warfare.

Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, Yassir Arafat has warned that US imperialism in conspiracy with its

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THE DANGER OF WAR CONTINUED

Zionist clients in Israel are preparing a 'pre-emptive strike'. They are even considering the use of nuclear weapons,' he said.

This fifth Middle East war 'could threaten world peace'. As Arafat says, a 'pre-emptive strike' could not remain restricted to a single, confined action. It would trigger a general conflagration in the Middle East which would heighten working class struggles against the capitalist class throughout the world.

This will be the hour of the most counter-revolutionary activities of Stalinism. Already the Moscow Stalinists are subordinating the defence of the Arab revolution to its 'peaceful coexistence' pact with imperialism. The Arab countries are being denied arms while the imperialist camp—Israel—bristles with the most modern and deadly weapons of mass destruction.

The British ruling class will not be an innocent bystander in these events. Behind the scenes it will be collaborating with the US war machine and the international oil monopolies. The pro-Zionist Labour government will be actively urging war against the Arab working class.

Our movement's internationalist tradition will be invoked to fight against the imperialist war in the Middle East. We must demand that the Labour government openly condemns Ford's war preparations and that the munitions manufacturers of Britain be prevented from war profiteering by nationalization of the industry without compensation under workers' control.

For the capitalist class, there is always money to be made out of war. Only by urging the nationalization of the industry and the turning of the war budget to useful public service programmes can the working class intervene decisively to halt the threat of an imperialist military adventure which brings with it the seeds of a nuclear holocaust.

We fight against the threat and preparation for war on the following programme:

- All links with the NATO nuclear alliance must be broken. The capitalist crisis inevitably drives the great powers towards war and it is an elementary duty of the labour movement here to breach these preparations.

- The standing army, a base for the most reactionary right-wing forces in Britain, must be dissolved and replaced by a people's militia under the direct supervision of the organizations of the working class.

- British troops must be withdrawn immediately from Ireland, Cyprus and all foreign bases. The labour movement must offer an alliance to the trade unions in Northern and Southern Ireland for a joint struggle against Toryism in Britain, against the extreme right-wing in the north of Ireland and against the reactionary Catholic regime in the South.

- There must be a break with the Common Market which has no further purpose except to unite big business and the armies and police forces of Western Europe against the workers of every European country, including Britain.

FORWARD TO THE WORLD SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

THE revolutionary movement of the working class internationally over the past year has burst asunder fascist dictatorships, brought down military juntas and forced the resignation of the arch-imperialist and scourge of the Vietnamese people, US ex-president Nixon.

Above all we salute the heroic struggle of workers and youth in Portugal and the working class and peasantry in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea Bissau whose combined struggle brought down the half-a-century old fascist dictatorship of Salazar and Caetano.

Since the fascists were overthrown on April 25, 1974, the working class has entered a new stage of the class struggle in the fight for wages and conditions and to prevent the fascists from regaining power. It was the unswerving vigilance of Portuguese workers and youth which prevented the attempted fascist counter-coup on September 28 when they threw up barricades to prevent the fascists from massing in Lisbon.

But the Stalinists of the Portuguese Communist Party—whose secretary Alvaro Cunhal is a Cabinet member in the capitalist Provisional government—have all along maintained that the working class must put its faith in the Armed Forces Movement to carry on the fight against reaction and the threat of fascism.

This is a downright betrayal. The Stalinists have totally refused to mobilize any independent action by the working class to fight for socialist demands to bring down the capitalist coalition of Gonçalves.

Their first legal conference after the coup dropped all mention of any fight for socialist policies from its programme (it dropped the words 'dictatorship of the proletariat') and told workers who had entered a dual power situation to place their faith in the Armed Forces Movement of the government—the movement led by the same officers who staffed the fascist regime under Caetano.

In Greece, the strength of the working class, undefeated after seven years of military rule, has forced the resignation of the colonels. The coup in Cyprus which ousted the Makarios regime and led to the invasion of the island by Turkish troops in August, created a crisis in Greece which the colonels and police chiefs were unable to contain, forcing them to step down and allow a civilian government to take over.

These developments are a direct result of the insoluble contradictions of the capitalist system which in the last year have produced the growth of a catastrophic economic crisis which now sends the world imperialists stampeding towards international war against the Middle East oil producers, the Soviet Union and civil war against the working class at home.

US imperialism has already issued its dictates to its allies in Europe urging them to step up armaments programmes. Its leading economic spokesmen have said they will not allow the situation where high oil prices—the outcome of the Arab struggle against the

imperialist-backed state of Israel in 1973—are allowed to undermine America's economy. These war preparations can be seen in America's stockpiling of oil in the Gulf of Mexico and changes in US nuclear policy after Defence Secretary Schlesinger's announcement that long-range missiles are aimed at Soviet military targets rather than cities.

Israeli workers have demonstrated their anger in mass demonstrations and riots at the skyrocketing cost of living imposed by the Zionists to pay for their annexationist wars. Workers are facing a situation where a sudden 43 per cent devaluation in the Israeli pound has led to a 17 per cent cut in the standard of living. This is expected eventually to lead to a 50 per cent fall in living standards.

In Israel itself the fight of the working class has produced a new crisis for the state, while the struggle of Arab workers and peasants against American imperialism has made it impossible for the bourgeois leaders to impose any solution.

The recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization by the Arab states has led to increased threats of war from Israel.

Right throughout Western Europe the working class has come forward in battle after battle to defend wages and living standards against the development of slump and recession. With unemployment in Italy and West Germany rising rapidly, thousands of industrial workers have been laid off—particularly in the car producing centres—waves of strikes and protests have been growing rapidly.

Every bourgeois government in Western Europe has been thrown into crisis. Italy has seen the collapse of another two governments in the space of 12 months. The crisis facing Italian governments is directly over the programme to make workers pay for the capitalist economic crisis and how to impose this programme on workers who have shown their determination not to accept cuts in their living standards.

The working class in the United States is facing mass unemployment as the recession begins to bite. Already official unemployment figures stand at 6 million jobless—but the real position is much worse. Mass layoffs have started in the 'big three' car manufacturing plants of Chrysler, Ford and General Motors.

Youth in America face a future of devastation and poverty. Police brutality and repression against minority youth has reached major proportions in every state. In New York, 14 and 15-year-olds have been shot at point blank range.

The Boston riots over school bussing shows the reactionary movement now being encouraged in attempts to split and divert the working class from the major issue which it now faces. That is the building of an American Labour Party—a task which is posed even more sharply by the Senate elections which showed thousands upon thousands of American voters completely disillusioned with the policies and corruption of the two capitalist parties—Republican and Democrat.

Forward to the world socialist revolution!



The fight to defend basic rights: technical college students marching for

THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE CAPITALIST STATE

THE Labour government's Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act has brought to Britain all the legal trappings of a police state.

This law, brought in in the wake of Birmingham bombings ostensibly against the IRA, can be used against every working-class organization in Britain. It effectively outlaws support for the struggle against British imperialism in Ireland.

People can now be picked up, brought before the courts without their names being released. Police have the right to arrest 'on suspicion' without preferring charges and hold the 'suspect' for up to seven days with Home Office permission; they have untold powers of arrest, detention and harassment.

This Act was brought in by the Labour government with the complete support of every reactionary in Britain and Ireland. The laws were prepared up to 18 months beforehand by the Tories but it was the Labour servants of the capitalist state who implemented them. And the so-called 'lefts' raised no opposition whatsoever.

The Labour government have been the instrument for the biggest step towards dictatorship so far. These laws will not stop the growth of terrorism and Jenkins knew it when he proposed his Act. The ultimate target is the working class and all left-wing organizations. The ruling class, the generals and the police know exactly what the crisis of capitalism means.

It will mean class struggle on a scale never before seen in this country. The ruling class needs dictatorial powers to deal with this situation.

At the same time, this Labour government continues to hold Des Warren and Eric Tomlinson—the Shrewsbury building workers pickets—in jail.

These men were jailed for upholding the basic right of every trade unionist to strike and picket. Their trial was a political witch-hunt against the working class. We demand the immediate release of Warren and Tomlinson! Strike action must be fought for in every building workers' union branch to prepare for national strike action to secure their release. Protests to Jenkins or the Labour Cabinet will not be effective.

At our last conference we warned of the growing police-military conspiracy being prepared against the working class. We insisted that the joint police-military exercises at Heathrow airport were a dress rehearsal for the big struggles of the working class in defence of jobs and living standards.

These plans, started under Heath's Tory government have been continued and stepped up under the Labour government since February. The army terror in the north of Ireland has been intensified by Ulster Secretary Merlyn Rees.

Internment without trial has continued, as has the use of the notorious Special Air Services. Jenkins has whitewashed police use of agents provocateur and the week after the Birmingham bombings the notorious Kenneth Littlejohn—who has worked in Ireland for the British ruling class using robberies and bombings to discredit the Republican forces—turned up in the city saying he has been offered 'limitless supplies to hit back at the IRA'.

Meanwhile the activities of strike-breaking bodies such as Colonel David Stirling's 'Great Britain '75' have continued unchecked.

The real relationship between the Labour government and the capitalist state is now revealed for all to see. Power does not lie in Parliament as the reformists and Stalinists pretend.

The National Industrial Relations Court was smashed in 1974 not by votes in parliament but only when the engineers' union rejected Michael Foot's plea to go to the Court and instead decided for all out indefinite strike action to prevent the seizure of the union's entire funds and assets. Power lies in the police force, the army, the judiciary, the civil services.



Full grant

These institutions remain in power under a Tory or a Labour government. Today they have been strengthened a thousandfold by the 'draconian powers' introduced by the Labour government.

There can be no peaceful road to socialism. Those who say there is are playing the game of the Tories and their capitalist backers. More and more, the ruling class are preparing extra-parliamentary means to deal with the working class. These preparations are being aided fully by the Labour government.

The Young Socialists condemn unhesitatingly the use of individualist terror methods in this struggle. As we saw in Birmingham the use of terror gave the courts, the state and the police the excuse for bringing in the most reactionary legislation ever passed in peacetime Britain.

There is no substitute for the building of the revolutionary leadership and the training and education of cadres among the youth, and the working class. The Young Socialists declares that the issue facing the working class is the preparation to smash the capitalist state to lay the basis for a socialist reorganization of society. Above all this requires the building of the Workers Revolutionary Party to lead and prepare the working class for this historic task.

LABOUR'S RECORD OF TREACHERY

WITHIN a month of being elected the Labour government in Britain produced its budget—it was a plan for swingeing attacks on the living standards of workers and youth.

Enormous price rises will undoubtedly follow the huge increase in petrol prices, soon to stand at 70p a gallon. This measure was urged on the Labour government by the 'social contract'-lovers of the TUC bureaucracy. At the same time, the Labour servants of capital made it their business to give the private employers major concessions. It ended subsidies to nationalized industries thus forcing an immense round of increases in the cost of gas,

electricity and coal, increases in fares and freight charges on both rail and air services.

They have insisted over and over again that while these attacks on living standards are introduced, workers must not ask for 'excessive' wage increases beyond the bounds of the 'social contract'. This will mean the pauperization of hundreds of thousands of working men and women and their families. For youth it will mean a future of poverty, misery and endless dole queues as the international capitalist recession takes its toll.

But even the Labour government's recent most vicious attacks on living standards will in no way solve the crisis facing the bankrupt capitalist system.

The Labour government was placed in office by the working class at a time when capitalism is forced to seek ways of imposing mass unemployment, speed-up and poverty. As the budget shows clearly, this Labour government can only clash bitterly with the workers who elected it. The near general strike situation in Scotland within days of the election and the miners' bitter opposition to the Coal Board's productivity scheme have already demonstrated this.

The Labour government is not the working class in power. It is Labour Parliamentarians in government office in a capitalist state. These parliamentarians have not socialist but capitalist policies. **This Labour government is a capitalist government.**

When we examine the record of the minority Labour government—elected after three-and-a-half years' of Tory rule when the miners' strike decision forced Heath to resign 18 months before his time—we can see the wretched record of the reformists.

During its seven months in office, the minority Labour government was nothing more than a Trojan Horse for Tory policies. In effect an unofficial coalition was established behind the scenes at Westminster.

Under the minority Labour government:

- Phase Three of the Tory pay laws was enforced. Nurses, hospital workers, teachers and local government workers were forced into strikes to get decent wage increases.

- The Tory Housing Finance remained on the statute books.



The capitalist state in action against pop fans at Windsor

- 'Left' Employment minister Michael Foot's Act replacing the Industrial Relations Act still embodies clauses that are of great danger to trade unions and the working class.

- The National Industrial Relations Court was only smashed when the engineering workers' union refused to go to the court and instead took all-out strike action to prevent the seizure of all its assets and funds.

- Industry Minister Benn retreated on all nationalization proposals and when the first major bankruptcy—Court Line—occurred, he handed out £16m to the board of directors.

- Prices soared higher than ever with Shirley Williams' £700m subsidies—which only subsidized the profits of the food monopolies.

- Chancellor Healey approved £1,200m Tory cuts in public expenditure and extended them. He put the working class in debt to the international bankers by introducing the biggest-ever overseas loans.

- Foreign Minister Callaghan consolidated membership of the Common Market and sent arms to the fascist junta in Chile.

The defeat of the Tories and the election of a Labour government in the general election in October is a step forward for the working class. But by itself, it can solve nothing. Only the mass action of working class, mobilized in the struggle for state power can defeat the plans of the Labour government, as the servants of capitalism, to impose the results of the economic crisis on the backs of the working class through unemployment, huge price increases and destruction of living standards and rights.

In this struggle to mobilize workers and youth for the taking of power it is decisive that the Young Socialists, the youth section of the Workers Revolutionary Party, fights in all the struggles of youth to train and select a youth leadership for the building of the Party.

In the course of these struggles the domination of the reformist Labour leaders over the working class must be broken. The experience of the Young Socialists in the fight against the Labour bureaucracy inside the Labour Party from 1960 to 1964 proved beyond a shadow of doubt that thousands of youth can be mobilized in this struggle.

YOUTH AND THE RECESSION

THE crisis of the capitalist system has brought thousands of young people face to face with political struggles for the first time.

The right to a full education, to a job when they leave school, to higher education or to learn a trade, to a decent living wage—all these are threatened with destruction in the capitalist crisis. The ruling class is seeking desperately to force youth to accept these attacks and have shown their preparedness to resort to the most ruthless forms of state violence.

Over the last year section after section of youth have fought back with all the strength and determination of a generation that has grown up during 25 years of capitalist 'boom' during which the rights of the working class were strengthened and a higher standard of living fought for. Youth don't know—and don't intend to go through defeats such as the working class suffered in the 1930s.

Thousands of youth now leaving school and college come up against the question of jobs and enormously bitter struggles must emerge against the back-breaking conditions and impossibly low wages that are imposed on apprentices and all other young workers.

For apprentices, five years doing a man's work for half the pay can now end in being made redundant.

Thousands of other youth face the prospect of tramping the streets from sweat-shop to sweat-shop, with no security of a job from week to week. Those who are in a job face their wages being slashed by sky-rocketing inflation.

Every section of young workers has been involved in strikes for higher wages in the past year.

The crisis in the National Health Service, which is £500m in the red, has forced young nurses and other hospital workers to take industrial action to defend not only their own living standards but the very right to free hospital treatment which is threatened by spending cutbacks.

Young nurses demonstrated their preparedness to strike if necessary to defend their right. Other young workers—civil

service secretaries and white-collar workers—have been involved in strike after strike against the Labour government's 'social contract'.

Youth in the schools have taken up the fight to defend their right to a full education, and for an end to the massive cutbacks imposed by the Tories and upheld by the Labourites.

Reg Prentice, Labour Education Secretary, declared at last year's National Union of Teachers conference and re-iterated time and time again that school pupils cannot be 'contracted out of the struggle to redress the economic situation'. In other words they must sacrifice their right to a full education to pay for the capitalist crisis.

This policy has been carried ruthlessly into practice. Local education authorities have been sunk into thousands of pounds of debt. Teachers have left the profession because of low pay, and in some areas schools have stopped taking on staff because they are broke.

Classes have been left without teachers and schools are on three-and four-day weeks. Money has run out for buildings, desks, chairs, paper, pencils, science equipment, school dinners, swimming lessons and every other vital item of expenditure.

Young people have shown that they are not prepared to accept attacks on their education, and a strike movement has swept through schools in many different areas. Hundreds of pupils have been involved in marches, demonstrations and in one case an occupation. Hundreds of thousands of college students have marched demanding an end to cutbacks and in defence of their living standards.

The main questions facing students now are: will the colleges be kept open and the right to a further education defended, or will they be shut down by the capitalist class?

Will those students who are at college now win the right to a full mandatory grant tied to the cost of living or will students be forced out of college because they have a completely inadequate grant or no

**FOR DISCUSSION
IN ALL YS BRANCHES**

Draft Resolution YOUTH AND THE RECESSION

YOUTH AND THE RECESSION CONTINUED

grant at all? Will students win the right to proper accommodation at reasonable rents or will they spend the year sleeping on floors?

The policies proposed by the Stalinist-reformist leadership of the National Union of Students goes nowhere near solving any of these fundamental questions. They refuse to lead a real campaign for full grants for all students over 16—at conference after conference they have refused to prioritize the demand for abolition of discretionary awards on the spurious grounds that it would break the 'unity' of the student movement. No demand other than that of a full grant for all students can really unite the student movement!

The universities are in a state of extreme crisis. Vice-Chancellors estimate that they are in debt to the tune of £30m per year.

Those students who do get grants, despite a 25 per cent increase last year, are worse off than students were in 1962.

What do the ruling class want for young people? Colonel David Stirling of GB75 has proposed one-year courses for youth to learn 'patriotism and citizenship'. This would go hand in hand with his plans for private armies to use force against the trade unions.

But young people in 1974 will not be used as tools of the ruling class. Students, who in 1926 were used as a strike-breaking force during the General Strike, are now in the forefront of the struggle to defend the fight to a basic education.

Youth must be trained, not in the army to smash the working class, but in the Young Socialists and Workers Revolutionary Party to develop a leadership fight for socialist policies.

An enormous movement has developed among all sections of young people against state violence and the preparations being made for a police state.

The proposal by Labour Sports Minister Denis Howell to introduce Identity Cards for football fans must be seen as a clear step towards police dictatorship. The Tories brought this up again, demanding it be added to the Labour government's anti-liberties law.

The police invasion of the Windsor Park pop festival also brought many youth who were unaware of the nature of the state into the struggle against police violence.

In short, young people have made it clear that they will not tolerate the attacks on their rights by the ruling class and the Labour bureaucrats. The task facing the Young Socialists is to mobilize a mass movement of young people, to unite all youth alongside the working class with one aim—to put an end to capitalism and lead the working class to take state power and establish socialism.

This is the only way in which even our most basic rights can be defended. Capitalism, which is now heading towards slump is driven to smash these rights.

A SOCIALIST PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH

The most basic right of all workers is **THE RIGHT TO WORK**. It is through this right that the struggle for survival can be carried out.

To fight the mass unemployment that the ruling class is now determined to impose on workers and youth we demand that the trade union leaders unite unemployed workers with other trade unionists, and that unemployed workers' sections of trade unions are formed.

For youth we demand the full unemployment benefit at the adult rate from the day they leave school.

The right to work can only be defended in the fight for the working class to take power and establish socialism. If the employers cannot keep the factories open—and the books must be opened and all business secrets declared—they must be taken over by the working class. Occupations, not phoney 'work-ins' must be carried out to fight unemployment.

All major industry must be nationalized, under workers' control, without compensation to the old owners. The banks, centre of the capitalist system, must be taken over.

The capitalists are attempting to run down and destroy the basic **RIGHT TO LEARN A TRADE**.

We demand that apprentices have the same rights as other workers.

The period of apprenticeship must be reduced to two years, and hours of craft training must be taken out of the working week and paid at regular wages. All work not connected with apprenticeship must be forbidden.

Most important, the principle of equal work, equal pay must be applied to all apprentices. These demands can only be achieved with workers' control over technical education, apprentices' schools and the organization of apprenticeships.

Young workers are one of the most oppressed sections of the working class under the capitalist system. Youth must unite with older workers to fight back.

That means the right to join a trade union when they start work—the union leaders must organize young workers. They must have the right to strike for their demands, and be represented on union committees at factory, branch and district level.

The trade union movement and its leaders must fight for a sliding scale of wages and hours to meet the rising cost of living; the 'threshold' agreements must be fought for but by themselves they are inadequate. Also the trade unions must fight for a shorter working week for all workers; adequate recreational facilities in every place of work; reasonable hours of work—no excessive hours of overtime or night work for young workers.

For youth, there must be equal pay for equal work, the fixing of a minimum wage and the fixing of all young workers' wages, under workers' control.

Socialist policies are needed to meet the education crisis and

defend the basic **RIGHT TO A FULL EDUCATION**. This means all spending cut-backs, made by Tory and Labour governments, must be reversed. An emergency programme to ensure decent school buildings and sufficient facilities must begin.

Teachers must be paid a decent wage to stop the staff shortages. A full, free comprehensive education must be provided for all youth and private education for the rich abolished. All youth must have free access to science and culture.

These rights must be ensured by education being put under control of workers, teachers and pupils.

All youth must also have the **RIGHT TO HIGHER EDUCATION** when they leave school. All students over the age of 16 must receive a full, mandatory grant, and not have to scrape a living by part-time jobs or from their parents.

These grants must be awarded not on a 'means test' or discretionary basis but equally to all students, no matter what their course.

The capitalist system has completely degenerated and destroyed **THE RIGHT TO LEISURE** for thousands of youth. We say youth must have the right to free access to cinemas, libraries, theatres, museums and sports facilities.

Youth clubs and discotheques should be run, not by capitalist concerns charging extortionate prices, but by working-class youth, under the guidance of working-class organizations.

Universities and entertainment centres should be set up in working-class areas to provide entertainment, and opportunities for study and discussion.

The multi-million monopolies who control the music and record business, the production and distribution of films and the showing of plays, the dance halls and discotheques—these must be nationalized under workers' control, without compensation to the old owners. They must be run by committees of youth and older workers.

The National Health Service can only be defended in the fight for socialist policies.

Nationalization of all drug companies, and private suppliers, must be complete. All 'parasite' private practice and pay beds in NHS hospitals must be ended. Prescription charges must be stopped.

The Health Service must have an emergency injection of finance and must be run under workers' control. A crash hospital building programme must be started.

Central to this programme is the right to a decent standard of living for all hospital staff.

Student nurses must be given full pay and adequate accommodation. The union leaders must fight to organize all nurses and hospital workers and guarantee them a decent living wage.

Emergency action must be taken to ensure **THE RIGHT TO DECENT HOUSING** for all workers, students and their families.

We demand immediately, that all empty property be taken over by local councils and turned into temporary accommodation for homeless families. An immediate programme of slum clearance must be carried out.

All property speculation must be stopped. The building societies, banks, property concerns, and building industry must be nationalized under workers' control without compensation. Decent housing must be provided at rent and rates that working class families, young people and students can afford.

BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY!

THE Young Socialists are now entering our second year as the youth section of the Workers Revolutionary Party, British section of the International Committee of the Fourth International.

We re-affirm the pledge made at our last conference to 'build the Workers Revolutionary Party as the only leadership capable of leading the working class to take power in Britain.'

Since its Founding Conference in November 1973, the Workers Revolutionary Party has carried out a continuous fight to verify its Marxist theory in the building of the revolutionary movement.

The Party has taken up a consistent fight against any revision of Marxist theory or back-tracking on its principles.

The Party stood candidates in the February General Election. When the Labour government was elected, our movement alone insisted that by its class nature it could not fight for the working class but would be forced to launch the most brutal attack on our rights.

In the October election campaign, over 2,000 new members, including many youth, were recruited to the Party.

Central to the Party's campaigns has been the continuous development of Marxist theory, the application of the philosophical method of dialectical materialism in the practice of the Party.

It is only this struggle to develop the working class from a spontaneous trade-union consciousness to a Marxist consciousness that can prepare the working class for the struggle to take the power.

Lenin explained in 'What is to be Done' in 1903: 'Since there can be no talk of an independent ideology formulated by the working masses themselves in the process of their movement, the only choice is — either bourgeois or socialist ideology. There is no middle course....'

'Hence, to belittle the socialist ideology in any way, to turn aside from it in the slightest degree means to strengthen bourgeois ideology. There is much talk of spontaneity. But the spontaneous development of the working-class movement leads to its subordination to bourgeois ideology.'

The Young Socialists played a leading role in the campaign to transform the Socialist Labour League into the Workers Revolutionary Party.

In the past year, thousands of Young Socialists members have joined the Party and led its campaign during the election, in the fight for its funds, and the fight to expand and strengthen every branch.

The task facing us is to expand the revolutionary party to fight for the leadership of every single section of trade unionists and youth.

Education classes and schools must be arranged to explain the basic principles of Marxism to thousands of our new members. This theory is a vital and necessary opposite to the practice of building the Party.

Only in the struggle to train a new leadership in opposition to spontaneous trade-union and social-democratic consciousness can the working class be prepared for power.

BUILD THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS!

THE insoluble economic crisis today is the basis for the big political developments among young people. The conditions for building the Young Socialists are completely different from any time in the past.

We must fight on the dole queues where a whole section of youth have already been thrown on the scrapheap of unemployment.

We must fight in the schools where young people are struggling for a policy to defend the right to a decent education; in the colleges among students who cannot any longer maintain their college education.

We must fight to build in the factories where young people are struggling every day to defend wages, living standards and their jobs.

Through our Summer Recruitment Campaign last year, we expanded all sixteen regions of the YS with Regional Rallies, sports days, coach outings, and swimming galas.

We have organized football and discotheques in every branch of the Young Socialists in order to win thousands of youth to our movement.

Among students, the Young Socialists Student Society have led the campaign for a full grant for all students. We have also taken up a fight to develop students as revolutionary Marxists, and have now established a Marxist theoretical journal for students, the 'Socialist Student'.

'Keep Left', the Young Socialists official weekly paper, will enter its third year of weekly publication in May.

It is an enormous achievement that the Young Socialists can produce a weekly paper, which has been maintained at the price of 3p, to give a leadership to young people on all the political issues facing them.

The paper has reported on the struggles facing youth and explained every week the central political questions in the struggle like no other.

The Young Socialists now have to expand and develop our movement to meet the requirements of the revolutionary confrontation now developing.

Plans for massive recruitment are urgently needed in every area. All branches must be turned out to the thousands of young people now coming into politics.

Every regional committee, federation committee and all branches must discuss and work out plans for developing a really popular social programme of discos, sports competitions, football, swimming galas to attract the widest layer of youth.

We must fight to build branches in every estate, in the factories, schools and colleges. Every area should set a recruitment target. We must work with the perspective of building new regions.

We must fight for a complete change in the subscriptions of the Young Socialists to finance the expansion of the movement.

'Keep Left' must be used as a weapon to lead young people, to explain the crisis of capitalism and the huge shock wave running through their lives.

Sales must be expanded everywhere to give a lead to youth in the factories, schools, colleges, youth clubs, dole queues, estates and on the streets.

Every YS branch should contribute to the paper to bring in their experiences and opinions, to strengthen the paper.

The 'Socialist Student' must also be expanded to fight for Marxist theory in the colleges and universities.

Forward to a mass Young Socialists!



Holger Meins dead after his hunger strike
HORRIFIC tortures are being inflicted on members of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist group by the West German prison authorities.

Jean-Paul Sartre, the French philosopher, who visited Andreas Baader in prison last week, described the conditions in which he is kept to a Bonn Press conference.

Baader is locked up in a white cell in which a light is left on 24 hours a day; the only sounds he hears are 'three times a day the warden's footsteps'.

These tortures are designed to render the prisoners unable to defend themselves, by driving them mad. They are designed to break them down so that they will confess to their 'crimes'.

Throughout the two years that they have been held in prison, the members of the group have been subjected to severe repressions and deprivations of all human rights.

Only last month, Holger Meins, a member of the group, died in Wittlich prison after a 56-day hunger strike. Another member of the group died in prison after being denied medical treatment for a lung tumour while she was in solitary confinement.

Outcry

In 1973, the German authorities were prevented by a public outcry from carrying out their plan to cut Ulrike Meinhof's brain open to see if their scientific experts could find any connection between her brain structure and her 'anti-social' political activities.

The ruling class state machine has not been able to get enough evidence to convict the members of the gang in 'open court'. The length of the detentions make a mockery of any claims that they are being held 'in the interests of justice'.

The tortures are being carried out under the direction of a special research section of Hamburg University known as '115'. Its task, assigned to it by the ruling-class, is to perfect psychological methods of torture which do not harm the victims physically.

These tortures are being perfected now to be used in the future against all sections of the working-class who come forward and challenge

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the capitalist system and its state apparatus.

The West German Social-Democratic government has recently approved changes in the legal system: judges will now have the right to be present and observe the conversation between a defendant and his lawyer, and courts will be able to hear cases in which the defendant has made himself too ill to appear in court.

The campaign against 'terrorism' which is currently being carried out by the German state, is in reality, the preparation of the techniques necessary to destroy all those who express their hostility to capitalism and who fight against it. The methods being used to day against the Baader-Meinhof group will be used tomorrow against the entire German working-class and its organizations.

Just as the German ruling-class have used the terrorist activities of the Baader-Meinhof group as an excuse to introduce anti-terrorist measures aimed at the West German workers, so the British ruling-class is using the IRA as an excuse to pass laws aimed directly at workers in this country.

The British capitalist class has used Northern Ireland as a gigantic 'laboratory' in which



Tear gas in use against Baader-Meinhof supporters

THE IRON FIST

to develop horrific tortures with which to break down prisoners' resistance to interrogation.

They have developed techniques of 'sensory deprivation', such as that used on Andreas Baader, to an extremely sophisticated level. The anti-IRA laws are being used as an excuse to introduce these methods to Britain in preparation for the coming offensives of the working class.

In order to maintain the rule in this period of unprecedented economic crisis, the ruling-class of every country must now shift

the burden of the crisis onto the working-class, which is the only class that produces value.

But an undefeated working-class will not be prepared to accept the cut in its standards of living that this requires; it will fight back with all its strength against these attacks. In order to survive therefore, the necessity today for the ruling-class is to defeat the working-class by imposing military dictatorship.

The new laws being passed in Britain and Germany, and every other capitalist country are preparations for precisely this military dictatorship.



Force-feeding equipment used in jail



A march demanding the anarchists' release

'ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE' CHARGED

NEW TRIALS have recently begun in Ethiopia of former top officials of the regime of Emperor Haile Selassie.

At present approximately 160 people are being held as prisoners in the cellars of the Grand Palace in Addis Ababa. They have been charged as a group with being enemies of the people.

Many of the prisoners have been confined by the army since the events of April; originally there were over 200 prisoners in the Grand Palace, but 60 were executed in November.

The former head of the military government, installed after the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie, was killed at the same time. Lt. Gen. Aman Andom was killed after he refused to carry out a full-scale operation designed to wipe out the Eritrean rebels.

The new leadership of the Dergue, the military co-ordinating committee, headed by Major Mengistu Mariam, have indicated their intentions to deal with the Eritrean secessionist movement using military, rather than political means.

What in effect the military dictatorship intends to do is to physically wipe out the



Haile Selassie

Eritrean movement completely, so that it does not challenge its own position.

On the question of land reform, which was one of the major demands of the movement that overthrew the old feudal system, the military council is undecided as to the measures to be taken.

In the midst of the economic crisis the Ethiopian military dictatorship can solve none of the problems facing the workers and peasants.

Only the construction of a revolutionary party and the victory of the socialist revolution can ensure the Ethiopian toilers a decent standard of living.



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MIDDLESEX YS FOOTBALL

Southall 5 Northolt 3

The Southall team dominated the first half of this game—they took their chances and a well co-ordinated attack from the wings left the Northolt defence open.

The ground was soft and took its toll on the Southall team who were making the running. Half-time score was Southall 3 Northolt 0.

The second half was much more evenly matched as the Northolt side began to play as a team, attacking successfully and backed up by a re-organized defence they fought back. The game started to liven up as both teams challenged for every ball.

Northolt were now making the running but Southall's attack when given half a chance came forward and held on to their lead.

The game finished in good spirit and both teams are looking forward to a return match.

South London friendly match

PICTURES (right and above) show New Park YS's 11-8 victory over Brixton at Clapham Common last week.



KEEP LEFT PHOTO COMPETITION

KEEP LEFT invites all Young Socialist branches to enter the National Photographic Competition which we will run from now until the YS 15th Annual Conference in April.

The aim of the competition is to take as many interesting, powerful or amusing photographs as possible, both of the YS in the area and all other aspects of the life of young people.

YS branches are invited to submit as many entries as they like. All entries will be exhibited at the Annual Conference where a panel of judges will present prizes for the winners.

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The picture above was taken by a South East London YS member on their last coach trip. Now let's see your entry!

Students condemn anti-liberties law

STUDENTS at Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry are calling on their leadership and the trade union movement to campaign against the Labour government's 'Prevention of Terrorism' Act.

At a union Annual General Meeting last week the students voted for a resolution from the Young Socialists Students Society which said:

'We condemn this legislation as a serious threat to the political rights of every worker and student in this country, and call on the National Union of Students and the trade unions to oppose this legislation in every way possible.'

This legislation introduced by Roy Jenkins has been prepared by the Tories over a year ago — the government had just been waiting for a pretext to introduce it, YSSS speakers pointed out.

The laws gave the Labour Home Secretary powers to add more organizations to the banned list.

The 600-strong AGM also voted overwhelmingly — with only five votes against — to go on rent strike from the beginning of the January term in protest against proposed 33 per cent hall fee increases.

Rents in catering halls at the college are now £7.50 a week and are due to go up to £10 if the authorities have their way. Tony Dykes, students union president told Keep Left that they have already elected a committee to run the rent strike.

He said that the proposed increases brought in during mid-session were based on the 25 per cent grant award which students received last June. But this increase was part of a direct attack on students and all those on fixed incomes.

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