

THE WORKER



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A SINGLE WORLD DIVIDED BY CLASS

All over our world the two class forces, the capitalist class and the working class, confront each other with their radically different ways of life and thought: profits, exploitation and war on the one hand, production geared to people's needs, freedom and peace on the other. The front line is drawn between those countries where the working class is in power like China, Albania and Vietnam and those countries where the capitalist class is in power. There are no third countries where neither rules. The front line is also drawn within each country between capitalist forces ruling with ever greater ferocity where they are still in power or seeking restoration where they have been overthrown, and the working class which everywhere can only end its exploitation by establishing and retaining state power itself. That is why the working class of every country has to have its own Marxist-Leninist party operating scientific socialism to its own conditions.

Britain has a special place in this alignment of class forces. The action of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in granting a conditional loan to British capitalism and in propping up the Sterling balances shows that Britain is world capitalism's front line.

Because Britain was the first capitalist country it is the locus, in capitalism's general

decline, of its gravest internal contradictions. The essential nature of those contradictions is the struggle between the working class and the capitalist class which exploits it; and in Britain that struggle is more developed than in any other industrialised country.

The bourgeoisie here has found it more and more difficult to govern under a bourgeois

democracy. The counter-revolutionary riposte of capitalism is shown in the economic battle with a setback of all reform and savage cuts in wages. We have to go back to the old struggles over wages and conditions in order to go forward; but those old struggles are now revolutionary.

We can never opt out of class struggle nor compromise with the class enemy. We will never go to bed with our bourgeoisie, nor will we get into any common monopoly-capitalist bed which our bourgeoisie makes up with the bourgeoisie of Western Europe. EEC membership, devolution, IMF and World Bank agreements are all part of British capitalism's counter-revolution on the political front. We repudiate the EEC utterly and will have no more to do with phoney direct elections to a 'European Parliament' than

we have with phoney elections in Britain as to which capitalist party shall be in power over us. We denounce devolution and will use any referendum to express the working class's rejection of this attempt to destroy our national base which is the political equivalent of the economic attempt to destroy our industrial base. We recognise no conditions on our struggle which our bourgeoisie has agreed with the organs of international capitalist finance.

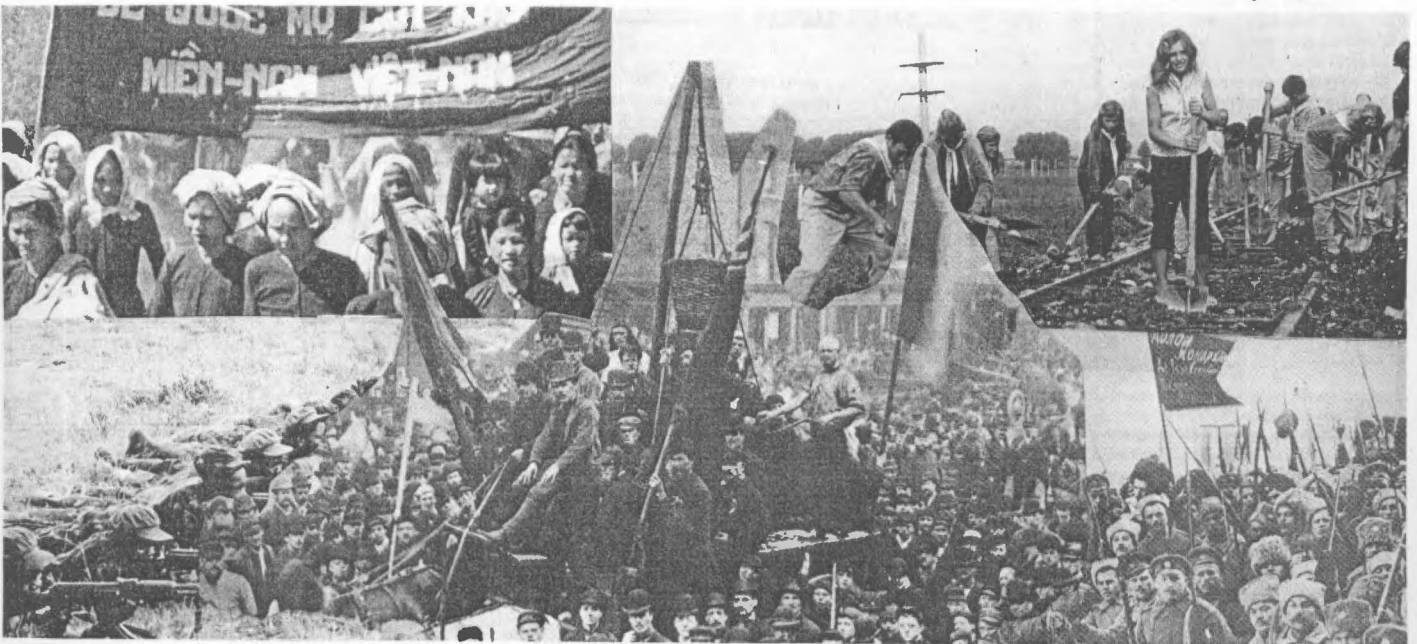
As we have said in our Congress '76 Document: "The most devastating setback to the working class in struggle in all their weakness was the new revisionist 'Power' of a former socialist country, the USSR. It was in its coming a necessary shot of adrenalin to a dying capitalism prolonging and postponing its expiration date." But we would be collaborating in and

compounding that setback if we accepted "a philosophy of co-existence in order to save Britain and Europe from the USSR. To save it for the bourgeoisie." There can be no question of the working class anywhere allying itself with a weaker or weakening imperialism. We will never cease, because Britain is under some kind of threat, from our total opposition to British imperialism which rules part of Ireland, attempts to resume direct power in Rhodesia and dominates many other parts of the World. The defence of Britain devolves on us, the working class. That is the only devolution we countenance. We made Britain: we must save it.

The danger of world war from Soviet or from US imperialism we do not separate because they are identical in purpose. The imperialist thrust to war cannot be given the shape somebody would like it to have. The question of which imperialism is the more dangerous is a question of time and place - not of type.

For us there is one world and one enemy; but that enemy can only be grappled with in the guise of one's own bourgeoisie.

However, that bourgeoisie is linked to the bourgeoisie everywhere in the capitalist world. That is why when we overthrow our bourgeoisie in Britain it will have such a devastating effect throughout the capitalist world. And the effects will not be limited to that world; it will strengthen the socialist countries and, indeed, will be a discharging of the debt we owe to our working class brothers in those countries for their sacrifices in first demonstrating the viability of the socialist system.



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