

Public Meeting After the Election, what next?
 Cora Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London, WC.1.
 Sunday, October 11, 7.30 p.m.
 Speakers: CLIFF SLAUGHTER, PETER KERRIGAN, Docks leader (NAS&D) and G. HEALY
 Auspices: SOCIALIST LABOUR LEAGUE Admission: SIXPENCE

3,000 Youth March for Socialism

Send off *Young Socialists march through London to*

rally against the Tories

By The Editor



At the head of the march at Hyde Park four Young Socialists proudly bear the portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

ACCORDING to 'The Sun', one of the daily newspapers owned by the world's most powerful press baron, Cecil King, nearly 3,000 young demonstrators marched under the banner of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square last Sunday. According to police estimates, there were over 4,000 gathered in the Square after the demonstration arrived.

We are sure that tens of thousands of labour militants all over the country will join with The Newsletter in saying 'Well done' to this splendid gathering of socialist youth.

The demonstration was as political as it was exciting. Over 30,000 Manifestos containing the full policy of the Young Socialists were sold in advance during the weeks of preparation in the towns and great industrial centres of Britain.

It was not just a demonstration bringing youth together on some urgent specific issue such as the H-bomb or youth unemployment. It was a demonstration based on a full socialist programme which included a call for action on these burning issues, but which related this call to the urgent need for the labour movement to fight on a full socialist policy.

Exciting

This was the feature which made it unique in the turbulent movements of youth which have been taking place since the late 1950s. It was a march for socialist policy.

The demonstration was exciting because it embraced a majority of young people, many of whom had never been on a demonstration before. There were contingents of apprentices from various factories, including Harland & Wolff Belfast, AEI Manchester, and others from factories whose names are household words, on Tyneside, the Midlands and Scotland.

Marching in step with the apprentices were young students, Young Communists and certainly the most colourful and powerful array of Young Socialist branches that has been seen since the movement was founded in 1960.

United fight

They came from as far north as Aberdeen, as far West as Wales and from London right down to the new industrial centre of Crawley.

There were Mods and there were Rockers, who are now rapidly learning how to turn their energies to a real and effective fight against capitalism instead of fighting amongst themselves. In this demonstration they were united.

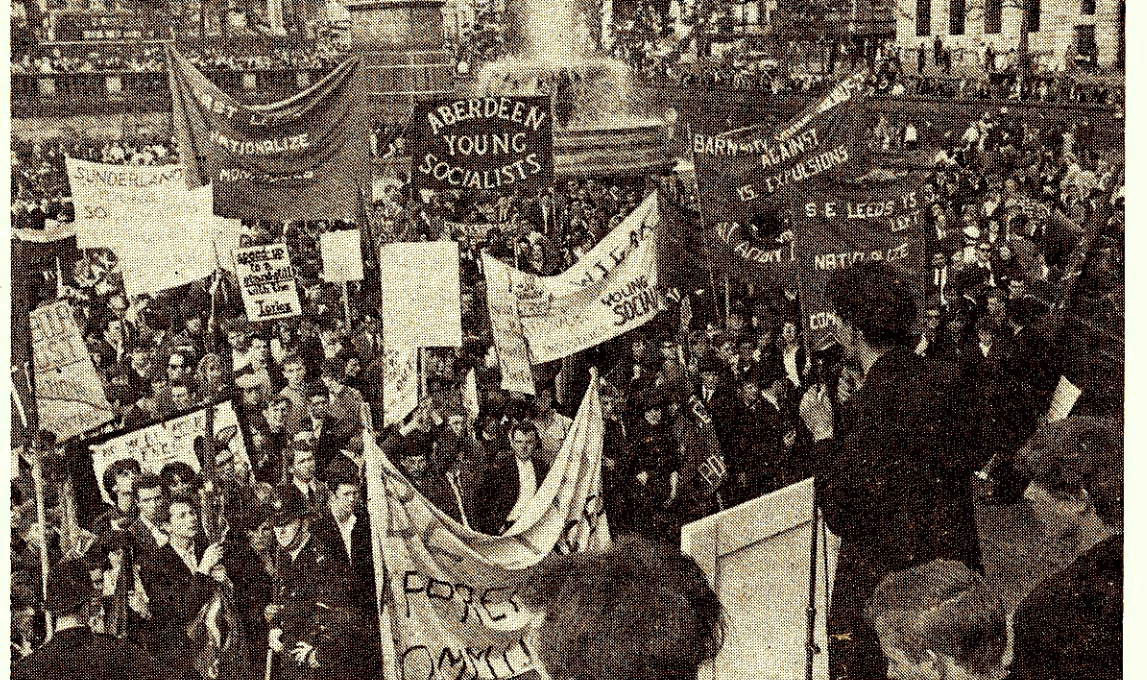
The contingent in the lead was, of course, the majority of the National Committee of the Young Socialists whose average age is 22 years. Immediately behind them were the portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, telling the world at large that the youth movement in Britain rejects Stalinism, Khrushchevism, Maoism and Wilsonism.

We ask all those 'dothering' old men of the revisionist and centrist camps a simple question.

How did it happen, in Britain of all places, the heart of social-democracy?

You have been busy telling everybody that it could not

National Committee address meeting



Chairman of the National Committee of Young Socialists, Dave Ashby, addressing the rally.

Britain is, for two reasons, not an accident. Firstly, the economic crisis of world imperialism is at its sharpest point in Britain. Secondly, the consistent struggle of the Socialist Labour League and The Newsletter against revisionism has assisted in the education of hundreds of new cadres to the revolutionary movement, although at no time have these Young Socialists joined the Socialist Labour League.

This development in the Young Socialists is of a qualitative character. The youth are today potentially the most powerful force in the working class movement. Those who snigger over their 'tactlessness' in the fight against social-democracy will eat their words before very long. These three thousand marchers can, must and will

build the most powerful revolutionary party the world has ever seen.

The tired old centrists of the United Secretariat in Paris will scratch their heads and say that surely to march behind the banners of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky is sectarianism. Think again, gentlemen.

Politically advanced

The youth, even in their immaturity, are a thousand times more advanced politically than you are. Because they are young they have time to learn. In the next year or so they will be playing a more and more important part in the trade unions and in the adult movement. They already know all about centrism and fake lefts. They have their own trained leadership in whose hands the red banners of the communist future are already firmly held.

They reject the theory that is first necessary to build a centrist movement within social-democracy before the revolutionary party can be built. They can bring 3,000 on to the streets.

We wonder, in spite of all your subtle disguises as editors of right centrist papers, could you muster 30, under the same conditions?

The Young Socialists are not isolated from the mass of the labour movement. In their fight against the right wing today they will be joined by hundreds of thousands of adult workers tomorrow. For every one who is expelled from the Labour Party today, they will train ten to replace them in the coming period. When the left wing develops inside the Labour Party they will be organised and ready to do final battle to expose and defeat the right wing and their centrist allies.

Welcome to Trafalgar Sq.



Dave Longley, publisher of Keep Left, welcomes the marchers to the rallying point.

Over 4,000 at meeting



Over 4,000 people congregated in Trafalgar Square to listen to the National Committee speakers.

SEPTEMBER 27th

A Sunday to remember

By Robert James

SUNDAY'S 3,000 - strong march began at Hyde Park where six members of the National Committee of the Young Socialists: Chairman Dave Ashby, Vice-chairman, Sheila Torrance, and Mike Farley, Barrie Evans, Wal Hobson and Bob Hamilton, took the head of the demonstration followed by the four portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky and their own banner. A seventh NC member could not appear because of illness.

In brilliant sunshine as the procession wended its way into Oxford Street, the marchers immediately began shouting their slogans 'Tories Out! Labour In!' Unemployment, police violence, conscription and racialism

also came under fire. The police attempted to break up the procession into sections, but by the time the National Committee had turned into Bond Street, the procession stretched back to Hyde Park where the last of the marchers were just leaving.

The whole of narrow Bond Street reverberated to the slogan-shouting as red banner after red banner with its chanting followers turned the corner. At one stage the whole length of the street became a mass of red.

Into Piccadilly and down to Piccadilly Circus where Eros took second place: hundreds of sightseers turned to gasp at the spectacle which seemed even more impressive when the marchers entered Trafalgar Square from all directions to mass in front of the plinth.

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Procession stretches length of Bond Street



The silence of Bond Street is shattered by the noise of the massive demonstration which, led by the National Committee, stretches the whole length of the street.

EDITORIAL

TROTTLING AFTER THOMPSON

IN the world of monopoly capital, the role of that liberal-minded newspaper, 'The Guardian' becomes increasingly difficult. Occasionally, it gets agitated over such issues as individual freedom, just as if it was living 100 years ago. Then suddenly its editorial staff wake up to the requirements of the capitalist world and hit out viciously, not against bureaucracy but against those whose rights are really being taken away by such agencies of monopoly.

This is the meaning of the ill-tempered, peevish report in 'The Guardian' of last Monday concerning the Young Socialists demonstration. Now, all this 'trotting after Trotsky' might not be such a bad idea as 'The Guardian' seems to make out. After all, the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky have done more to progressively change the world and the destinies of

man than all the verbiage of the capitalist and liberal newspapers since the industrial revolution. On matters of advice, 'The Guardian' in particular, is in poor shape. The growth of monopoly is perhaps greater in the newspaper world than anywhere else. 'The Guardian' is printed in London on the presses owned by Lord Thompson, who, in fairness to him, does not claim to be anything more than a money changer in the best capitalist sense. Recently, he appeared like a fairy godfather to the beleaguered 'Guardian' (some 'Guardian' employees even say that he was too much of a fairy). He closed down his Manchester evening paper in order to enable the evening paper owned by 'The Guardian' to increase its circulation and thereby subsidise 'The Guardian' so that it could regularly pay its printing bills to him, for work

done on presses which would otherwise be idle. In turn, he acquired without paying a penny piece a substantial number of shares in the 'Manchester Evening News'. So today 'The Guardian' is printed on presses which it does not own, by a man who has already got a firm holding in the only substantial asset which it has for subsidising the paper itself. Certainly, trotting after Lord Thompson does not appear to have done 'The Guardian' much good, especially since it is rumoured that the next change may be 'all change' when the noble Lord takes over 'The Guardian', lock, stock, and the reporter who dislikes counting beyond a thousand. The Young Socialists, therefore, are on to a much better thing so far as change is concerned when they follow the policies of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

