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STOP THE PAYMENTS TO THE LABOUR PARTY

Every week most union members are paying for this:

	Great Britain Number	change since june	United Kingdom Number	change since june
School leavers	199,955	+ 81,767	209,037	+ 86,141
Total unemployed (Percentage of all employees)	1,402,470 (6.1)	+ 124,586 (+ 0.5)	1,463,456 (6.3)	+131,618 (+0.6)

Extract from Department of Employment press notice.

A LEVY TO CAPITALISM

Most union members pay a political levy on top of their union subs. Nearly all of the levy goes straight to the bourgeois Labour Party - either its Head Office or through its local branches. Much of it goes to help the expenses of the M.P.s, especially during election years when they're begging for workers' votes. Every year workers pay millions of pounds to finance the Party whose leaders are running capitalism and exploiting the very people who pay their expenses.

The Labour Party is a bourgeois party. It has gained the praise and support of bankers, employers and TUC leaders with its strategy of unemployment - the highest since the war, condemning half the school leavers to go straight into the dole queue. The social contract's second stage has just been agreed and is planned "to secure the re-birth of our industrial 'system'", according to Callaghan. Murray said it was "not so much a programme, more a way of life". This 'way of life' restricts wage rises to 4½% while 'hoping' the prices will not rise by more than 12%. In short, a further cut by £s off our living standards so that profits can be boosted.

The Labour Party is a bourgeois Party relying on the illusion that it is a workers' party. We pay for that illusion every week.

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE LEVY

How did it come about that workers are paying a levy for their own exploitation?

The first general union, the Grand National Consolidated Trades Union, had over a million members in the 1830's when it proclaimed the need for a "different order of things." It was not satisfied to merely attempt to defend its members' wages under capitalism. Most trade unions after that had in their constitution the aim to end capitalism and institute a socialist society where production would be controlled

by workers for use and not for profit. It was understood that unions would not themselves change society and that a workers' party was needed.

The Labour Party when it was founded by unions over seventy years ago was not a revolutionary party. But Communists like Lenin accepted that this beginning of a workers' party with the aim of changing society was a progressive first step.

AGAINST THE CAPITALIST ROADERS

A struggle then took place inside the Labour Party. On the one side there were those representing capitalist interests who wanted the party to stick to Parliament and cooperate with the employers. On the other were those who fought for a revolutionary policy of breaking with capitalist ideas and organisations and leading the working class as a fighting force against the system itself.

That struggle reached its peak in the early 1920's. By the time of the General Strike the revolutionary forces had lost the battle for the soul of the Labour Party. Communists were excluded from the Labour Party and it had become a thoroughly capitalist party. In 1928 the leading British Communist of the day representing the Communist Party of Great Britain (before it itself degenerated) summed up the Labour Party like this:

"The Labour Party is conspicuously today, in its whole programme, policy and leadership, the alternative governing party of capitalism. The fact that it still holds the majority of workers in its sway is no more evidence of its working class character, than was the similar fact of the Liberal Party a generation ago".

The last fifty years since then has shown that he was right.

Workers organised in the trade unions must be won to make a clear break with the

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SUPERPOWERS PREPARE FOR WAR

It is one year since the Helsinki agreement. The two Superpowers trumpeted their claims that detente was being achieved, that their relations were peaceful. The Soviet Social Imperialists in particular, talk a lot about their aims of 'peace', 'co-operation' and 'detente'. This loud talk cannot hide reality. Soviet Social Imperialism is the most aggressive superpower. It is making a massive build up in its military machine, making aggressive demands of small countries all over the world, and making threats against anyone who opposes them. The US Imperialists, too, although they are on the defensive since the great victories of the national liberation movements in South-east Asia and Africa over the last two years, are still trying to lord it over the world. Both Superpowers are striving to gain control of raw materials and markets round the world. Both are desperately looking for superprofits abroad in a vain attempt to overcome their own economic crises.

It is inevitable that the two Superpowers clash as they both attempt to dominate the world. That is why for all the smokescreen of detente both Superpowers are increasing the strength of their nuclear and conventional military forces. That is why both are preparing for war.

The USA consistently puts well over 15% of its annual budget into military spending. Precise information on the whereabouts of US forces is an official secret. A retired head of the Marine Corps, General Shoup, however, admitted a few years ago that "We maintain more than 1,517,000 Americans in uniform overseas in 119 countries. We have 8 treaties to help defend 48 nations



if they ask us or if we choose to intervene in their affairs." In its attempts to maintain its imperialist domination, the US continues its military provocations throughout the world. In February for example, the US Government blatantly ignored the resolution adopted at the 30th United Nations General Assembly, which called for the "prompt withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Korea" by reinforcing its troops there with the new F111 fighter bombers.

SOVIET MILITARY EXPANSION EXPLODES ITS MYTH OF 'DETENTE'

The USA's Superpower rival, the Soviet Union has been building up its military forces at an even more frantic rate. It spends more on its military machine than the USA even though its gross national product is much smaller. In the period leading up to Soviet

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"alternative capitalist party". The political levy is a levy to the state monopoly capitalist ruling class.

A LEVY FOR SOCIALISM

Workers need a political levy, to help pay for the fight for socialism. Communists therefore support the payment of a levy in the interests of the working class. It is wrong to 'contract out' of the present levy as individuals. The strength of the working class is in its collective power of organisation. Individual withdrawals from the

levy are petty moral gestures. Tories, Liberals, those who say they are 'not political', flat-earthers and cranks of all kinds will join in individual contracting out.

STOP THE LEVY TO LABOUR

We must, in contrast to this, fight for a collective understanding of the need to stop paying the levy to Labour. Branches and union conferences can and must be won for this. The attack on the payments to the bourgeois Labour Party is part of the fight against capitalism.

DON'T PAY LABOUR TO ATTACK WORKERS -
STOP THE PAYMENTS TO THE LABOUR PARTY!

THE CFB(ML)

The Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) holds that the central task in Britain today is to build the revolutionary Communist Party, the party of the working class. This revolutionary Communist Party must unite the various struggles into a revolutionary overthrow of the monopoly capitalist state to set up a dictatorship of the proletariat and build genuine working class Socialism.

The party must be constructed by ideological, political and organisational struggle. By a bold internal struggle the CFB(ML) has recently decisively defeated serious opportunist errors. One of these was liberalism, which refuses to stand up boldly for what is in the interests of the working class, but believes in unprincipled peace to keep on good terms with everyone. As a result of the internal struggle the CFB(ML) has taken important steps away from federalism and towards a united and democratic-centralist Party.

The CFB(ML) is self-reliant in party building but it will not be self-sufficient: where it can learn from other British Marxist-Leninist organisations it will do so. We must break down the small-group mentality which exists between Marxist-Leninist organisations in Britain, and struggle to build the revolutionary Communist Party as fast as possible.

We have to apply the general truths of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete practice of the British revolution. In the contradiction between theory and practice at present theory is the principal aspect. However, practice is an important second. Training and tempering comrades in practical work is essential to build the revolutionary Communist Party.

The most important task is to build bases in the industrial working class. This will make sure that the future Marxist-Leninist party is a firm proletarian party with deep and unshakeable roots in the working class.

**Build the revolutionary
Communist Party to lead
the revolution !**

Superpowers Prepare for War . . .

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Army Day there was a spate of articles by Moscow's military chiefs, which all revealed how the Soviet Social Imperialists are stepping up their arms expansion and preparing for war. It was admitted that in the five years since the 24th Party Congress radical changes have taken place in Soviet military strength. The Soviet army has increased in size from 3 million to 4 million, and there has been a continual expansion of both conventional and nuclear weapons, with thousands of millions of pounds being spent on "improving the quality" of these weapons.

The military chiefs all admitted that wars have to be fought and that they were determined to "strengthen the fighting power of the armed forces" and raise their "combat readiness to a new level". In line with this the USSR says it has changed its naval strategy from "offshore defence" to "attack in distant seas". In the last ten years the USSR has built 911 warships and the total tonnage of soviet warships has doubled. It has surpassed the United States in both the number of warships and in speed of building. Gorshkov, chief of the soviet navy, boasted recently, that the Soviet Union now "Has all the necessary means for simultaneous operations in the oceans".

THE SUPERPOWERS ARE PAPER TIGERS

Even though the Superpowers are greatly superior in arms and in the size of their armies, it is not hopeless to struggle against them. In reality they are paper tigers faced with crises both within their own borders and all over the world. The World United Front against the two Superpowers is growing in strength. The unity of the Third World in particular, is strong, and even in Europe the Superpowers are not getting their own way as much as they did. The example of Indo-China shows that small countries can defeat the military forces of a Superpower by refusing to give way and by waging a protracted people's war. People's War is also the only really reliable weapon that the British people can use to defend themselves against aggression by either the USA or the USSR. There is only one force that can build freedom and independence in Britain - an armed people, under the leadership of a genuine revolutionary Communist Party, that is willing to combat both Superpowers.

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UNITE TO SMASH RACISM

New moves in the longstanding racist campaign against immigration are under way. The entire bosses' press, church leaders and Labour party leader, Callaghan, are all saying that more vicious controls should be brought in. It is the racist immigration laws that have given the open fascists a chance of coming forward in a big way. Racism runs through the bosses' State to its core and is spread through its political parties - the Labour, Tory, and Liberal parties. Openly racist and fascist organisations of the National Front brand are only militant auxiliaries of the State in its drive against Black and Irish workers.

IMPERIALISM WAS FOUNDED ON RACISM

The economies of the Third World countries have been wrecked over many years through imperialism buying cheap and selling dear. Instead of growing food and developing industry for the people, imperialism has turned these countries into suppliers of raw materials. Their industry is tied to the imperialist economies and is usually producing half-finished goods for the monopoly combines or assembling manufactured goods for their own markets. For example, the Social Imperialists are financing a 500,000 ton capacity aluminium plant in India, all of its production going to Russia. This is the 'aid' imperialism gives to the Third World. The capitalists make fortunes by employing workers at starvation wages. There are the examples of British companies in South Africa and tea workers in Sri Lanka (Ceylon). No wonder Healey said British imperialism couldn't afford to cut such 'aid'.

The 1976 report of the International Labour Organisation said that unemployment and under-employment runs at 40% in many Third World countries. While many countries have got organised to resist super-exploitation, others are still dominated by foreign monopolies economically. This is why many workers emigrate to Britain and other imperialist countries.

All the bosses' parties, including the Labour Party lie about these facts.

CAPITALISM CAUSES UNEMPLOYMENT AND BAD HOUSING

Neither immigration or population size cause unemployment or bad housing. More people can grow food, build more homes and factories. Rather than produce enough essentials for the people, capitalism wastes resources on non-essentials yielding higher profits. More

jobs and homes mean lower rents or mortgages and higher wages - this would mean lower profits for the bosses and the landlords. In the 1920's and 1930's there was massive unemployment and wage cuts, with a smaller population. Obviously these crises have nothing to do with population size or immigration. The immigration issue is a racist smokescreen, to cover up the real cause of unemployment and poverty - capitalism.

In their attempts to stir up divisions in the working class, the press and TV show their racism clearly by distorting figures on immigration. In 1971 for example there were 240,000 emigrants and 200,000 immigrants. Between 1901 and 1961, according to the registrar general almost 2 million more people left the country than entered it. Every year in the last few years more people left than came in. Many people left thinking they could leave unemployment and rotten housing behind - most found the same problem where they went.

Labour and Tory racist laws show up their racist deeds. In 1962 the Tories brought in immigration controls. In 1965 the Labour government published a racist white paper on immigration; by 1968 they had created two categories of British passport holders, restricting the admission of Kenyan Asians to 1500 a year, turning many into stateless people with worthless British passports. In 1971 the Tories Immigration Act created a police state for all 'commonwealth' immigrants without one British parent or grand-parent. The Home Secretary has powers to deport all 'non-Patrials' considered undesirable. They back up police intimidation of Black and Irish people. The 'Ugandan re-settlement board' did a fine job for the bosses - they were pressed to settle throughout Britain into jobs that no one else would take; their average wage is now £26.

NO IMMIGRATION CONTROLS! SMASH RULING CLASS RACISM

The only answer to unemployment, wage cuts and exploitation is socialism. The crises of capitalism will only be ended when the working class sweeps away the entire rotten capitalist system. This will only be done by a strong united working class. The racist attacks of the State must be opposed. The bosses' attempt to split the working class must be met by solidarity and struggle to build ever more the militant unity of the entire working class.

CHU TEH - A GREAT REVOLUTIONARY FIGHTER

Chu Teh, an outstanding leader of the Chinese revolution, died in Peking on the 6th July at the age of 90. He had struggled selflessly all his life for the Chinese and world's peoples. He was an outstanding leader of the Chinese Communist Party (CPC), the Chinese state and army.

Chu Teh was born in 1886 and in his early years struggled for a China free from feudalism and foreign imperialism. In 1922 he became a member of the Communist Party.

The Kuomintang (Nationalist) Party was in control of China at this time, and in 1926 Chiang Kai-shek took over its leadership and sold out to feudalism and imperialism. Chu Teh played a major role in organising an uprising against the reactionary rule of Chiang Kai-shek in Nanchang in 1927, though the Kuomintang defeated it and executed many workers and peasants. Chu Teh became commander in chief of the Workers' and Peasants' Revolutionary Army which later merged into the Fourth Red Army when Chu Teh and Mao Tse-tung joined forces.

Following Mao Tse-tung, Chu Teh organised Soviet areas, ruled by the workers and peasants, to fight off the Kuomintang. In 1934, faced with major attacks from the Kuomintang forces, Chu Teh and Mao Tse-tung, along with 100,000 men marched 6000 miles - the famous Long March - to create a stable base area in North China. When the fight against the Japanese invasion of China began,

Chu Teh was commander of the Eighth Route Army, which successfully defeated the Japanese in China.

In 1946, after the Japanese defeat, Chu Teh was commander of the People's Liberation Army. Under the leadership of Mao Tse-tung, Chu Teh led the army and Chinese peoples to victory over Chiang Kai-shek's reactionary forces.

In 1949, the People's Republic of China was established with the CPC as the leading force. Chu Teh was elected vice-chairman of the Republic. It was a New Democratic China, which was a democracy for the people, and opposed the tyranny of the foreign imperialists, such as the United States and their Chinese collaborators. It opposed the rule of the feudal tyrants and the landlords and redistributed land to the poor peasants. Later on, as the struggle for Socialism developed, he fought valiantly on the side of the working class against the capitalist roaders in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. Through that revolution, China further consolidated the socialist state.



Comrade Chu Teh. Member of the Standing Committee of the Politbureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Peoples Congress. An outstanding revolutionary fighter.

Chu Teh's life was one of unswerving devotion to the oppressed peoples within China. He opposed the enemies of the world's and Chinese peoples and fought courageously regardless of personal danger, dedicating himself entirely to the revolutionary cause. He was modest, unassuming and approachable; he was plain in his style of life and hard working, keeping good contact with the masses. He conscientiously studied Marxism-Leninism in order to understand and change the world in the interests of the oppressed peoples, and adhered to the revolutionary political line.

Comrade Chu Teh set a great example for others to follow. The grief felt for the death of this revolutionary hero will be turned into strength by the Chinese people. The lessons learnt from the life of Chu Teh will help consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism in China. The lessons of his life show what a true proletarian life should be like - devotion to the cause of the working class - and will help combat and prevent revisionism and the restoration of capitalism. Comrade Chu Teh's life was a lesson for us all, and we must strengthen our resolve to fight for the interests of the working class and the triumph of communism!

THE RIGHT TO WORK FOR ALL - MEN & WOMEN

Some people argue that women should go back into the home and leave the jobs for men in the present economic situation. Or that women should be paid for the work they do at home. We oppose these ideas. In order for women to win equality, it is essential that they take part in production.

Production is the central activity of all societies. It is the work people do that determines their position in society. Work done in the home by women is different from work in industry because it is private work, that produces nothing for society. As long as women are isolated in the home, they cannot take part in collective activity - political, social or cultural - on an equal basis.

In a capitalist society like Britain, women workers are exploited like men workers and their struggle for emancipation must be linked with the struggle of the whole class for freedom from exploitation. But even in the short term we must struggle for women's right to work and nurseries or creches that make it possible.

We can see from our own history that women's position in society has improved since they have worked in industry. Through struggle, women have won limited economic independence and legal rights. More important, they have taken part in all the struggles of the working class for better conditions of

work: struggles for basic trade union rights, for the 8-hour day and for the vote. Collective activity and struggle at the work-place prepares us to take part in political struggles.

At the same time, under capitalism men and women are set against each other. Women are expected to work in the home and out in a job. They are used as a cheap labour force. They can be sent back into the home and not paid dole if they are married. We must learn from recent struggles of women workers for equal pay and for nurseries. In the short term we must defend the right to work of the whole of the working class - both men and women and fight for better conditions at work.

In the long term equality under capitalism would only be equal exploitation by the bosses. Even this is impossible because under capitalism there will always be unemployment and lack of facilities which enable women to work. Only under socialism, when the working class control political power and production can women be fully emancipated.

TENANTS HIT BACK

On July 28, tenants of corporation flats from many districts of Liverpool marched to the Town Hall. The corporation, in line with orders from the Labour Government, was attempting to make further cuts in spending. Two committees of the council had already agreed that the corporation would no longer pay the upkeep of communal areas in towerblocks and other flats; this included lifts, stairs, rubbish chutes - the lot. They expected tenants to pay the extra themselves. Alongside this underhand attempt to impose an extra rent rise, it would have meant that anyone injured in the communal areas, due to badly lit stairs, would have found it difficult to get compensation from the corporation. This was only a small skirmish in the general attack on workers living standards, but two lessons were clear. Not a single councillor voted against the move; the main bosses' parties, Tories, Liberals and Labour were united in this anti-working class move. They showed that they all serve the same interests, the interests of the capitalist system. The other lesson was that the prompt action of Liverpool tenants made the council back down immediately.

We must take this lesson to heart. Oppose the collaboration of the TUC with the bosses' Labour Government, and respond to the cuts in real wages, cuts in spending and anti-worker policies of the Labour Government, not by compromises, but by the full force of militant class struggle.

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POLISH WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST THE STATE

On 25th June workers in Poland staged a major protest at the government's decision to raise food prices. Workers throughout the country organised large scale strikes, slowdowns and demonstrations to show their anger at the price rises. Street barricades were set up in many cities as the authorities tried to ruthlessly break the strikes. But the government was unsuccessful. Not daunted by police killing 40 of the strikers, the Polish working class struggled on until the Government, the so-called Polish United Workers Party, frightened of the workers, backed down and withdrew the increases.

The Polish people have been faced with ever worsening economic difficulties and soaring prices. Following a drop in agricultural production, the Government announced an increase in food prices of 60 pence in the pound. Meat would have gone up by 70%, butter by 50% and the price of sugar doubled.

As one Polish worker said, "It's Soviet exploitation that has brought Poland to such a mess today". In order to maintain their domination of Eastern Europe the Soviet Social Imperialists have been stepping up their political control, military occupation and economic plunder of Poland. The result is disaster for Poland. Using its control of Comecon, the Soviet Union has compelled Poland to establish 'joint projects' and build factories in the Soviet Union, forcing Poland to cut back its own capital construction. As Poland's only oil supplier the Soviet Union last year increased the price of oil sold to Poland by 140%, and increased the prices of many other goods. Because their own agricultural production is falling, the Soviet Union even demanded meat, potatoes and butter from Poland, despite shortages in that country!

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

The revolutionary Communist Party of Poland, which played an active part in the strikes said in a statement, "the fight has not ended, but this victory is of momentous significance. It shows the great might of the proletariat and its unity in the struggle, and has made the whole working class truly militant and revolutionary". The revolutionary struggle of the Polish workers against the Polish government and their Soviet masters will continue to grow in strength.

LABOUR TRAILS BEHIND U.S.

The British ruling class once again went running to the beck and call of the USA to the conference in Puerto Rico. The US, like the other Superpower Soviet Social Imperialism, is fighting against the just demands of the Third World. It called the conference to try to rally support.

What worries the US is that the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, helped by China and Albania, are building unity to resist domination by the Superpowers. At the UNCTAD conference they demanded a programme which would give them more control over the price of commodities and international loans. This would help them to free themselves from the clutches of the voracious Superpowers, who buy cheap and sell dear and make loans at crippling interest.

Most of the smaller developed countries are increasingly taking a more independent stand from the two Superpowers. The US is worried by this trend and called the Puerto Rico conference to try to re-establish its dominant position over the smaller developed countries. But France, Canada and Italy refused to toe the US line. They were supported by 15 other developed countries that did not attend the meeting.

LABOUR PARTY IMPERIALISTS HOPE FOR PICKINGS

But British bosses supported the US line. The Labour government wants to continue as the junior partner of US imperialism, and get some pickings for the bosses from the US exploitation of the Third World. The Labour Government is accepting a lank and limping dependence on the US, with the US increasingly dictating foreign and domestic policies.

The bosses and the bosses' Labour Party will not stand up firmly for independence. They are committed to their own imperialist exploitation of poor countries. The working class must lead the struggle for independence from the Superpowers, and unity with the Third World.

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CONFERENCE SHOWS DISORDER IN REVISIONIST CAMP

In June, the Soviet leaders held a conference of the so-called communist parties of Europe, in East Germany, which showed deep divisions between them. All they could say in their final announcement was that they had "exchanged views on a limited number of questions". This conference showed that the Soviet Social Imperialists are increasing their attempts to get a stranglehold on Europe and want to bully the so-called communist parties into helping them. It further showed that these 'communist' parties are falling deeper into collaboration with the enemies of the working class all over Europe.

Europe is the main arena of Superpower contention. The Soviet leaders increasingly try to use their false socialist face as cover for their imperialist actions. After the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 they invented the doctrine of "limited sovereignty" which meant that all socialist states should follow instructions from Moscow and put the interests of Soviet imperialism first. More recently these new Tsars have rediscovered "proletarian internationalism". They do not mean by this the revolutionary solidarity of the international working class. They use it as a cover for their latest plans to strengthen their domination of Eastern Europe through economic and military alliances. Comrade Ceausescu, Chairman of the Roumanian Communist Party, fully exposed this line when he said recently, "Lenin was right a thousand times; he who does not defend his right to freedom and independence and to a firm national identity fully deserves to be a slave".

The new Tsars of the USSR are not only interested in Eastern Europe. Already

their fleets are fishing in the waters of western European countries, and their aim is to expand economically, politically and militarily.

But the Soviet imperialists have a problem. In Western Europe the so-called communist parties are falling over each other to collaborate with bourgeois parties and win elections by getting rid of the communist image. In Britain the so-called 'Communist' Party of Great Britain wants to gain power in alliance with the 'Labour Left'. The French 'Communist' Party has officially abandoned the aim of the dictatorship of the proletariat and signed a joint declaration with the Italian 'Communist' Party calling for collaboration with social democratic parties. These traitors think that they can get power by collaboration with the ruling class. That is why they have to openly oppose some of the Soviet deeds and words. That is why there were so many disagreements at the conference.

But we must be on guard. The 'socialist camp' looks like a barrel of crabs crawling apart, but in reality the fake communist parties are still the main agents of Russian imperialism. Their collaboration policies will fail. The ruling class will betray their allies and the working class will fight to build real communist parties. When that happens, these traitors will scream for help. Then the new Tsars will be ready with 'aid and support' and 'proletarian internationalism' and the door will be open for new Portugals. We must fight to expose these traitors and build a new Communist Party that will fight mercilessly against all imperialism.

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THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS ARE MASTERS

(The following article was written by a worker who recently visited the People's Republic of China. He writes about the fight against attempts to turn China away from socialist revolution and back onto the road to capitalism. - Ed.)

Power. That's what first hits you in China. The workers and peasants have state power and are in control everywhere. From the state-run factories, colleges and hospitals in the cities, to the collectively-run communes, schools and clinics in the countryside.

We visited many factories. From small ones making sandals, to big ones making heavy machinery. In all of these there were no supervisors, no foremen, not one! There weren't any bosses walking around with pieces of paper in their hands doing damn all. Everyone was working. Even the elected leaders and other full time staff in factories did a regular stint on the shop floor; usually about 3 months a year.

The key question then was political power. The workers, not the bosses, have state power. They control the state through their own party, the Communist Party of China, which led the people in a revolution and overthrew the bosses in 1949.

We could see clear signs that workers and peasants had not stopped there. They are aiming towards a communist society, with no classes and no state. Where above all, the bosses can't get back in power. But the workers were the first to admit that there were many problems yet to be solved under socialism.

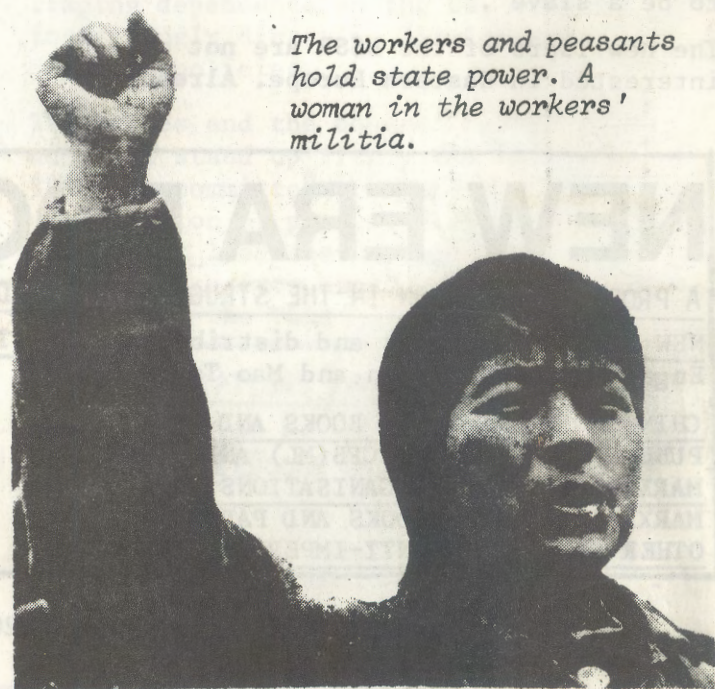
For example, the problem of "bourgeois right". This is a hangover from the old capitalist society. People in China are still paid "according to their work", not "according to their need." Two workers doing the same job, get the same pay. But one may have a large family, while the other is single.

This wage system looks equal at first, but in fact it is as unequal as it is under capitalism. It is a bourgeois right, which workers in China are trying to restrict under socialism. They said to us, "We must put limits on this bourgeois right. Otherwise our government officials and technicians, because of the type of jobs they do, would seek special privileges, like very high wages and much better hous-

ing than ordinary workers. Soon they would turn around and say that they are the new rulers of China, not the workers and peasants." These workers have realised that bourgeois right is one of the economic foundations that a new ruling class would be built on. Like the new Tsars have done in the now fascist Soviet Union.

In one agricultural machinery plant we went to, workers there said there was a constant struggle against bourgeois right. This took three forms. The leaders of the factory organised voluntary study classes for all the workers. These classes studied Marxist works to help them understand why bourgeois right was harmful to the struggle for socialism. Also, the workers agreed to steadily raise the wages of the lower paid, while keeping the higher wages the same. And third, they were reducing the differences between mental and manual work. Staff workers took part regularly in work on the shop floor, while manual workers learned administrative skills and actively helped to run the factory.

This was a real lesson to be brought back from China. Not only can the people make revolution to kick out the rule of the old bosses. Led by the working class and its revolutionary Communist Party, they can keep a new class of bosses from regaining power. This is an inspiration to all workers in Britain who realise that the rotten system of exploitation we have here can, and will, be smashed.



The workers and peasants hold state power. A woman in the workers' militia.