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COMMUNIST FEDERATION OF BRITAIN (M-L)

British employers are spending abroad nearly £3000 million a year more than they are getting back in sales.

The £ is worth 20% less abroad than it was two years ago - so employers have to sell even more abroad and less will be left at home for ordinary people.

Oil-producing countries now demand a realistic price for their oil - petrol could cost 70-80p a gallon in a year's time. Other poorer countries - many were British colonies - can no longer be pushed around by US, British or French bosses.

The Vietnamese, Cambodians and other small countries are showing that the richest and 'strongest' powers in the world can be beaten in the battlefield.

Capitalist countries - US, Japan, those in the Common Market - are in fierce competition to sell each other more cars, steel, televisions etc than they buy.

But British capitalist can make more money by buying and selling land and building office blocks than by investing in machine tools. They can make more money investing abroad, than here at home - that is why £2000 million is invested in exploiting black South Africans in that fascist State. Money has been poured into the oil industry - Shell and B.P. are the biggest British companies - while the pits were run down

British industry is the sick man of Europe - hardly able to compete in the cut-throat capitalist trade-war.

So

British bosses have to try and get more money from their workers - more work for less pay

Food prices up 20% in a year

Wages up 7% in a year

That is Government policy.

'National interest' calls are made to pretend that the miners and railwaymen are the enemy. But what Heath calls the national interest is his class interests - that of Lonrho, Poulson, those who own the wealth of this country but produce nothing.

It is the miners, the railwaymen, the power workers, the engineers - those who really work in factories and offices - who produce the wealth of this country.

There is a crisis - it is between those who
- produce the wealth and those who
- control the wealth, the employers and their Governments.

Every section of the working class is involved in this crucial battle.

If we win it is their crisis.

If they win it is our crisis.

The prize is the real wealth of Britain.

NO WAGE CUTS

WORKING CLASS - A SPECIAL CASE

Heath's two-day lock-out and Barber's budget in health and education are a desperate attempt to force the MINERS, TRAINDRIVERS and the POWER ENGINEERS to swallow Phase 3 cuts in their standard of living.

These workers are fighting our battles. The T.U.C. leaders say they oppose Phase 3 - growing sections of workers are acting to destroy it but they cannot beat it in isolation. Two million ENGINEERS have just had their wage claim rejected under Phase 3. BUILDING WORKERS at Shrewsbury have just been jailed for picketing. Workers in their millions are experiencing Government attacks through price rises, wage freeze, rent rises, racialism and cuts in public services. The only 'special case' is the working class.

Yet the T.U.C. continues to plead for mercy to Heath at Number 10 talks. Only by action can the trade union movement smash Phase 3, the two-day lock-out and all the other attacks.

1. IN FACTORIES, OFFICES AND ALL PLACES OF WORK - We must demand No Wage Cuts - No Lay-Offs - No Worsening of Conditions
2. IN EACH AREA - We must build Action Committees to link all trade union militants, tenant associations and all other working class organisations, to support those in struggle against the Government.
3. NATIONALLY - Each Union and especially the AUEW and the TGWU must give a lead to implement their Conference decisions against Government incomes policies. The Miners, Railwaymen and Engineers must co-ordinate action against the Government attacks.
4. THE T.U.C. must be forced to call off talks with the Government - there must never again be the leadership betrayal of the 1926 General Strike.

TO DEFEND THE WORKING CLASS MEANS TO ATTACK THE RULING CLASS
SOCIALISM IS THE ONLY ANSWER

Capitalism is in crisis. Tory, Liberal, Labour Governments have all been power. Each time big business is in trouble, workers have been attacked.

Wages were frozen under Heath and Wilson
Prices rose under Heath and Wilson
Pits and railways were closed under Heath and Wilson
Industry stagnated and foreign investment grew under
Heath and Wilson
Pensions, education and health services suffered under
Heath and Wilson

Every struggle against these attacks raises the political question - WHO RULES BRITAIN? Elections and Governments changed will not alter the present problem. Only the building of a workers' movement and a workers' party pledged to a Socialist revolution can answer the question in the interests of the mass of the British people.

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