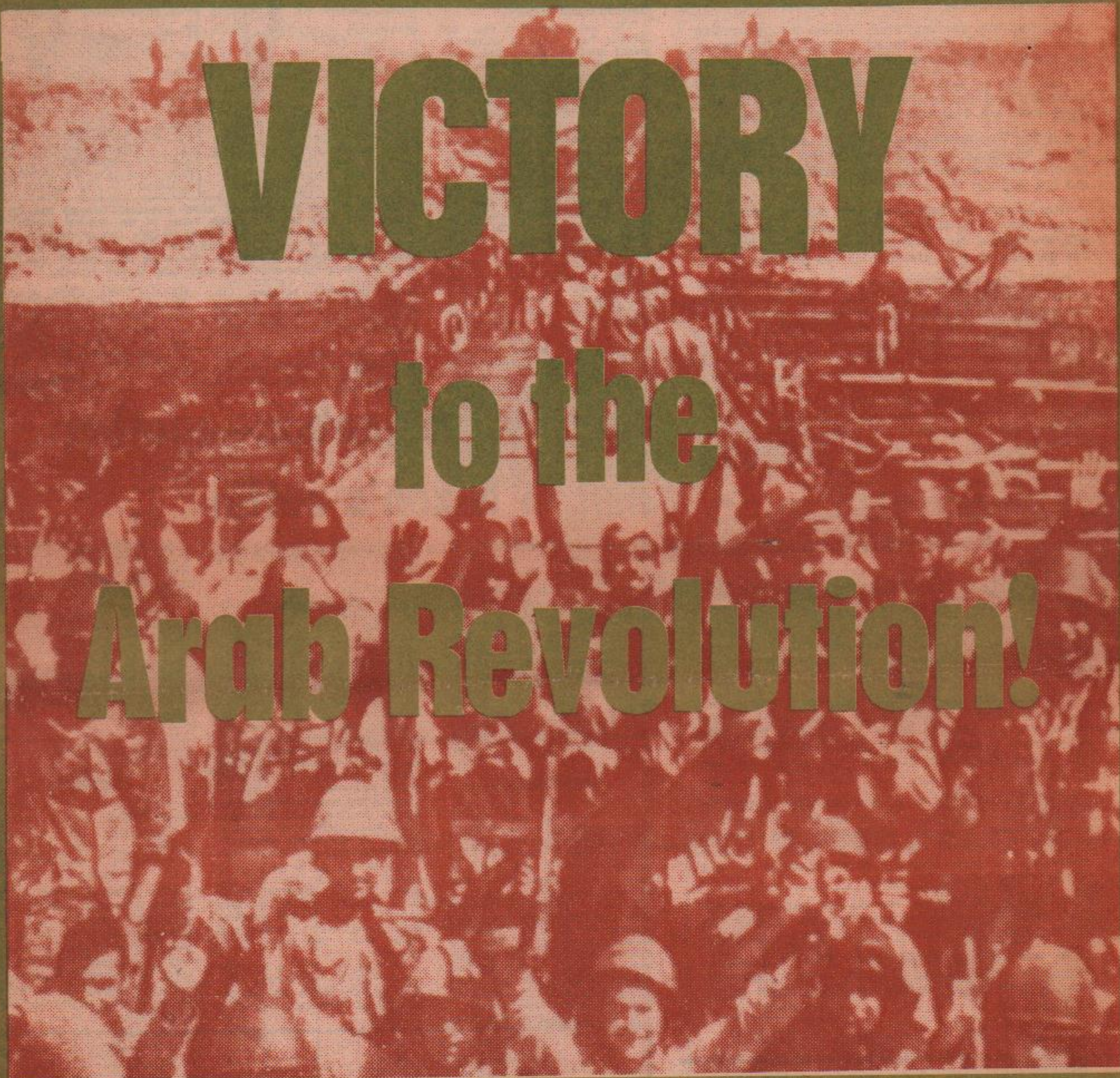


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VICTORY to the Arab Revolution!

AS THE Middle East war moved into its 12th day last Wednesday, Israeli forces were no nearer their goal of Damascus on the Syrian front, while on the Egyptian front fierce fighting continued.

Reports from Cairo said a fierce tank battle which broke out in the central sector of the Suez Canal front on Monday night was still continuing. A late-night announcement from Syria made it clear the unrelenting battle for the Damascus road is still continuing.

At an overnight meeting in Kuwait, six of the Arab Gulf states raised their prices for crude oil and threatened to put it on the open market if Western oil companies refused to pay.

And Arab oil ministers were still deciding whether or not to begin oil embargoes or at least a general cut-back of Arab oil production while the war lasted coupled with a stern warning to the United States.

Meanwhile, the US continued to supply supersonic aircraft and air-to-ground missiles to the Zionist state. It was also bolstering its military strength near the war zone, with 2,000 marines despatched to the Mediterranean bringing the total

force to 4,000. Reports persist that American pilots are flying jets with Israeli markings against the Syrians and Egyptians.

The US imperialists are coming to the aid of the Zionists because the gains made by the Arab forces threaten the whole imperialist strategy in the Middle East.

This is why the war in the Middle East now demands a fight to the finish against the Israelis and their imperialist backers.

- ★ Victory to the Arab Revolution!
- ★ For a United Socialist States of the Middle East!
- ★ Down with Zionism and US imperialism!

Revisionist adventure—no answer for youth and workers

WHEN THE National Front held their annual conference in London last Saturday, about 500 demonstrators turned up outside to protest against the ultra-right wing, anti-immigration policies of this group.

The enormous strength of police forces—including mounted men—outside the conference hall kept the demonstrators back with the use of superior strength and sheer brutality.

And had any demonstrators broken through police lines, they would have faced a band of heavies in the hall who had come prepared for trouble.

The march was called by the International Socialists and the International Marxist Group, who claim they are Trotskyists and revolutionaries.

But the Socialist Labour League, British Section of the International Committee of the Fourth International founded by Trotsky and the Young Socialists did not support the protest.

The growth of right-wing and fascist forces in Britain cannot be fought by protesting and fighting with the police. Nor is it just a question of bringing the dangers to the attention of the general public.

Holding such a protest plays into the hands of the police and 'law and order' forces and their vicious campaign against left-wing and working class movements. At the same time it does nothing to bring trade unionists, workers and youth into the struggle against the Tory government whose policies provide the basis behind which the right-wing develop.

The threat of dictatorship today is a direct result of the deep political and economic crisis of the entire capitalist system. The ruling class has no alternative but to destroy all the rights and conditions won by workers in the course of hundreds of years of struggle.

To do that they must enlist the support of right-wing, reactionary and extra-parliamentary forces. Sections of the middle class are won to this position because they see their futures and their livelihoods threatened by inflation.

And a weakness in leadership in the working class aggravates this position.

The Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League have been in the forefront of the campaign to warn of the dangers posed before the working class in this political situation.

But we have always pointed out that the only way to combat these dangers is the mobilization of the entire working class, firstly to remove the Tory government whose attacks against the trade unions and living standards provide the cover for the right-wing.

Only the building of a revolutionary leadership which unites all sections of workers in a programme to defeat the Tories and which poses the question of power can defeat the threat of fascism. Such a leadership is also able to draw sections of the middle class behind it.

Unlike the revisionists, we do not and never will base our hopes on adventurist protest against the National Front or any other section of the right wing.

We will build a Revolutionary Party capable of taking the working class to power — and destroying the capitalist system which nourishes such forces once and for all.

Victory to the Arab Revolution!

Israelis claim victory but Arabs are far from beaten

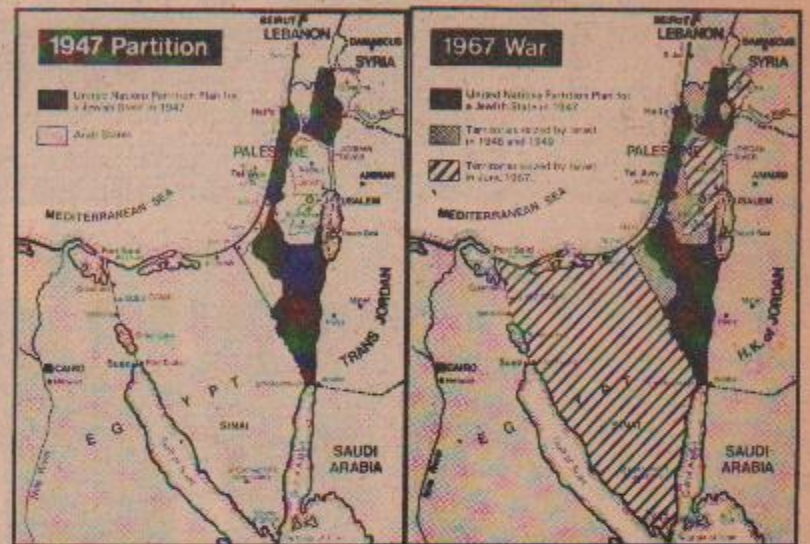
MINISTER of Defence for Israel, Moshe Dayan claimed last Friday that the 'Syrian front will be finished off within hours'—but the Middle East war continues, with the Israelis in no position to claim victory.

The real position is that the Israelis have suffered extremely heavy losses of planes and tanks and have only been rescued from defeat by heavy assistance from the United States. Nixon has sent Phantom jets, Side-winder missiles, and air-to-air missiles as well as supplying ammunition for artillery and anti-tank weapons.

US Congress passed legislation approving the delivery of 48 more Phantom fighter-bombers and 36 Skyhawks, and one Senator said that 'it was inevitable that we are going to have to re-supply Israel', indicating that the American government is making up Israeli losses.

The position of the Israeli troops worsened when Jordan entered the war on Saturday, after nearly a week of fence-sitting, and sent its crack Bedouin tank units to fight alongside the Syrian army.

The United States are desperately worried about Israel



MAPS show how the state of Israel expanded through war on the Arabs from 1947 to 1967. Main areas of the present conflict are near the Suez canal and the Golan Heights (upper right corner of map). A total of 2,525,000 Palestinian Arabs have been dispersed, over half of whom are refugees. The maps show clearly that Israeli Zionists aim to gain more and more land at any expense.

being defeated, because this would mean a huge set-back for them in their economic and political control of the middle east.

The Israeli army is too small to replace any major losses—

that is why 2,000 American Marines have been sent to the East Mediterranean as a threat of further US intervention. The use of US troops will cause a further escalation of the war from both sides.

Spiro's resignation—another nail in Nixon's coffin

THE RESIGNATION of Spiro Agnew as vice-President of the United States last week put another nail into the coffin of the Nixon administration.

Agnew resigned just as he was fined \$10,000 (about £4,100) for one minor income tax evasion offence that he committed in 1967.

This was after his almost frenzied attacks on those who were gunning for him. Talking about Attorney-General Henry Peterson, he said:

Vindicated

'... I am not going to fall down and be his victim, I assure you.' On television he said: 'I want to make it very clear I am not resigning.' To the Press, he said: 'I am confident that I shall be vindicated.'

A deal between the government and Agnew has been made to drop all the other charges of bribery, corruption and extortion that he was facing. The arrangement to protect Agnew was first cooked up by Judah Best, head of Agnew's legal team, and Fred Buzhart, Nixon's legal counsel. If all the charges had been

pressed against Agnew, he could have faced the possibility of a long jail sentence.

Problems

And now the question of a successor to Agnew is posing very great problems for Nixon. His first proposal was Congressman Gerald Ford, who leads the Republican minority in Congress.

Ford's 'strong' points are that he is relatively well-liked in government circles, and not controversial in any way. To many foreign observers, he is completely unknown.

Nixon has been ordered by the Appeal Court to hand over tapes that were made with 'bugging' devices in the White House to Judge John Sirica.

But as we go to press it is widely expected that he will appeal to the Supreme Court, in a last-ditch effort to save himself from almost certain political destruction which would result from the tapes being released.

On top of this, a growing number of law suits have been filed against Nixon on charges relating to Watergate and other scandals.

These enormous problems are being felt on the New York Stock Exchange, where the Dow Jones industrial index fell over 13 points on the day of Agnew's resignation.

Immense pressure on the economy is also coming from the Middle East, where the Arab defiance of US imperialism and Zionism is threatening America.

But workers all over the world must be clear—as the Nixon administration sinks into deeper and deeper crisis, it will fight determinedly to force the American working class to bear the brunt of the crisis.

Decisive

A DECISIVE step in building a leadership for American workers against Nixon and his wage-cutting measures was taken this week.

The 'Bulletin', paper of the Workers League, which is in political sympathy with the International Committee of the Fourth International, last week was transformed from a weekly to a twice-weekly publication and the campaign is now going ahead for the formation of a daily paper.

£50 FUND

OUR FUND this week has improved. The total stands at £43.82.

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Coventry and Cambridge colleges highlight accommodation crisis

Student housing fight builds up

THE TORY government were blamed for the housing crisis by students at Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry, this week.

Nearly 50 students are sleeping on camp beds and mattresses in tutorial and lecture rooms at the college because no accommodation is available for them.

And up to 200 more are having to spend the night huddled under blankets on the floors of friends' rooms.

Studying is difficult, examination results are in jeopardy and students' health is suffering through lack of sleep.

Student union leaders accuse the Tory government of deliberately following a policy of education on the cheap.

Modern languages student, Andy Lesser said this policy was not only responsible for the accommodation crisis but for shortages of all other facilities as well.

He told Keep Left, 'The government are just raising the number of students in full-time education and saying, "Get on with it".'

Short

The 4,300 strong college has increased its register by up to 700 this year with no commensurate improvement in facilities.

Everything from toilets and showers to books and study rooms is in short supply.

Social secretary Pete Hansford, a 22-year-old trainee teacher, said the accommodation crisis had been worsened by owners selling houses for a quick profit.

He claimed their policy of high interest rates coupled with inflation had turned the house market into a dog eat dog jungle.

Said Pete, 'It is not just students who cannot get a place to live. Working class families in Coventry have to fight for it too.'

'The policies of the government force one group to compete against another.'

The students are trying to persuade the college authorities to put pressure on the government for more money.

And there is a scheme to

involve the city corporation in a joint venture to provide students with cheap housing.

But union leaders say if all else fails they may have to consider militant action. They would not say at this stage what steps they could take.

ALMOST 150 students at Cambridge College of Art and Technology have occupied an empty block of nursing flats in protest over the chronic lack of housing in the town.

The student nursing home, Owlstone Cross, has stood empty since 1969 when new hospital premises were opened. The block containing 150 purpose-built study bedrooms is ideal for students, but it stands under a demolition order to be torn down and replaced with 30 luxury flats for hospital management committee members.

Housing shortages have reached crisis proportions in Cambridge with 10,000 university and 9,000 college students trying to find accommodation. Prices have soared and landlords are finding the shortages very profitable.

Paul Butler, students union president at Cambridge College of Art and Technology told Keep Left that the occupation had been started for three reasons.

'Firstly we wanted to secure immediate temporary accommodation for students who have nowhere to live and who are sleeping on bedroom floors. Some students are even sleeping on toilet floors, one chap is living in a shed in the bottom of someone's garden, two others are living in a sinking houseboat on the river.'

'Secondly we wanted general publicity—as wide as possible—for the urgent need for a housing solution to be found.'

By a
Keep Left
Student
Correspondent

EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION
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HELPERS ARE REQUIRED TO
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Emergency accommodation notices at Coventry.



Students at Coventry sleep anywhere they can find—in this case an empty college classroom.

'Thirdly we wanted to highlight the problem of Owlstone Cross—a really beautiful building which is lying empty.'

Paul explained that repeated attempts had been made to acquire the block as a student hostel but that up to now requests had always been met with flat refusal from hospital authorities.

Plans for the occupation were agreed by an overwhelming

majority at an emergency general meeting of the students union attended by nearly 300 people.

Well

At present, said Paul, the occupation is going very well. The students have their own power supply, food is being brought in and messages of sup-

port have arrived from many colleges all over the country.

At night up to 150 students sleep in the building while during the day an occupation team of 30 or so students keep the building open.

So far the occupation has been met with little or no resistance from either hospital or local authorities, but this of course does not mean that no resistance will be forthcoming.

YSSS MEETINGS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: Wednesday October 24, 8 p.m. Junior Parlour, Trinity. 'Forward to the founding of the Revolutionary Party.'

GOLDSMITHS COLLEGE (LONDON): Every Wednesday, 1.00 p.m. New Science Lecture Theatre.

KINGS COLLEGE LONDON: Tuesday October 23, 1.00 p.m. Committee Room 'E' Floor, the Chesham. 'The Russian Revolution.'

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY: Wednesday October 24, 1.00 p.m. Meeting Room 1, Percy Gee Building. 'A Marxist Analysis of the Economic Crisis.'

NORTH LONDON POLYTECHNIC: Wednesday October 24, 12.30 p.m. Room 215. 'The role of students in a revolutionary party.'

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY: Wednesday October 24, 8.00 p.m. Room C21, Fine Art Department. 'Chile — Stalinism and the Popular Front betray.'

MIDDLESEX POLYTECHNIC YSSS FILM SHOW: 'OCTOBER' by Sergei Eisenstein. Wednesday October 31, 1.45 p.m. Lecture Theatre A18.

MARXIST CLASS: 'The role of the state in capitalist society.' Wednesday October 24, Room T57, Tower Block, Enfield branch.

KINGS COLLEGE YSSS MARXIST CLASS: 'Ludwig Fuerbach and the end of Classical German Philosophy.' Friday October 26, 1.00 p.m. Committee Room, 'E' Floor, the Chesham.

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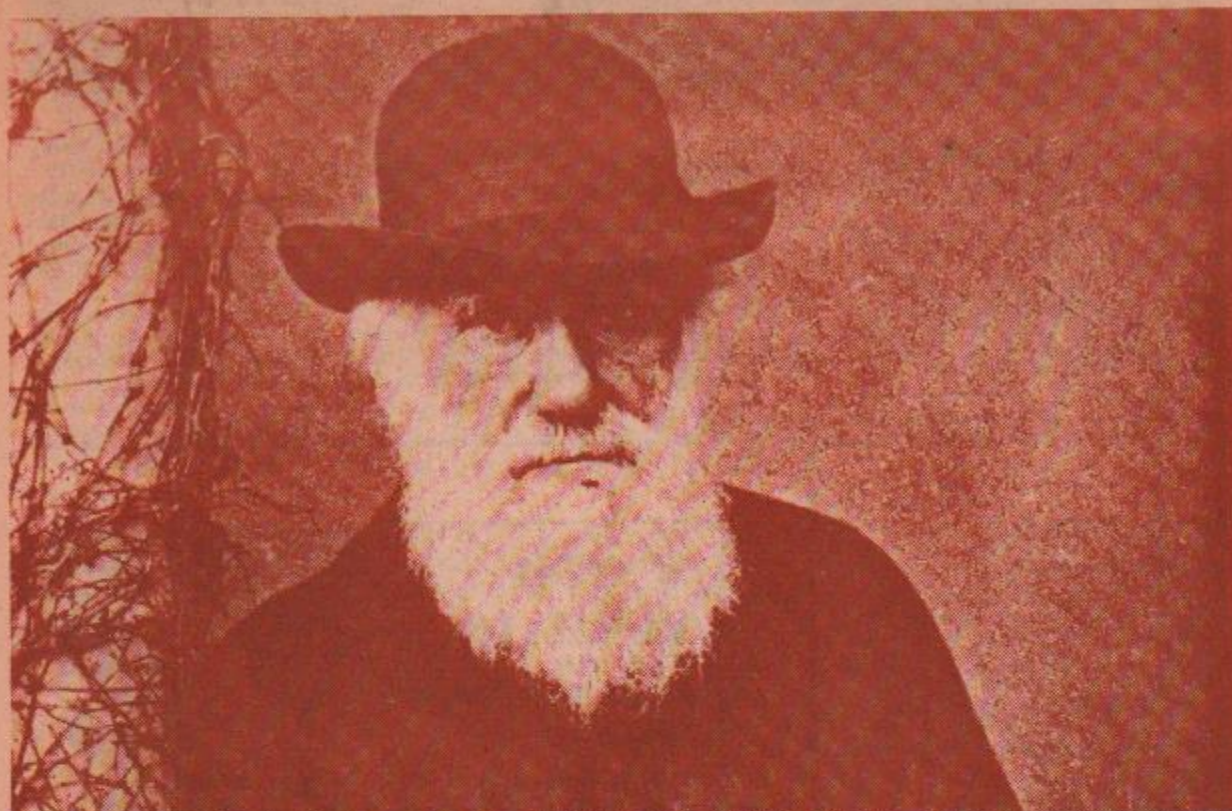
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An Introduction to Marxist Philosophy

PART FOUR

by Peter Jeffries

HISTORICAL MATERIALISM



Just as Darwin (above) discovered the law of development of organic nature, so Marx discovered the law of development of human history. . .

THE FIRST three articles in the series were intended to discuss two important questions: first the nature of philosophical materialism, second the weaknesses of the 'old' mechanical materialism.

Marx was not however content merely to criticize the old materialist outlook. Above all he wished to apply the dialectical materialist world outlook to a study of society and its history.

He saw his task as one of 'bringing the science of society . . . into harmony with the materialist foundations and reconstructing it thereupon'. (Engels, 'Ludwig Feuerbach'.)

In doing so, Marx arrived at what has since become known as the materialist conception of history, or historical materialism.

Our next three articles will be concerned with an introduction to this theory. (At this stage everybody should read and study Marx's famous Preface to the 'Critique of Political Economy' (1859) in which this theory is outlined.)

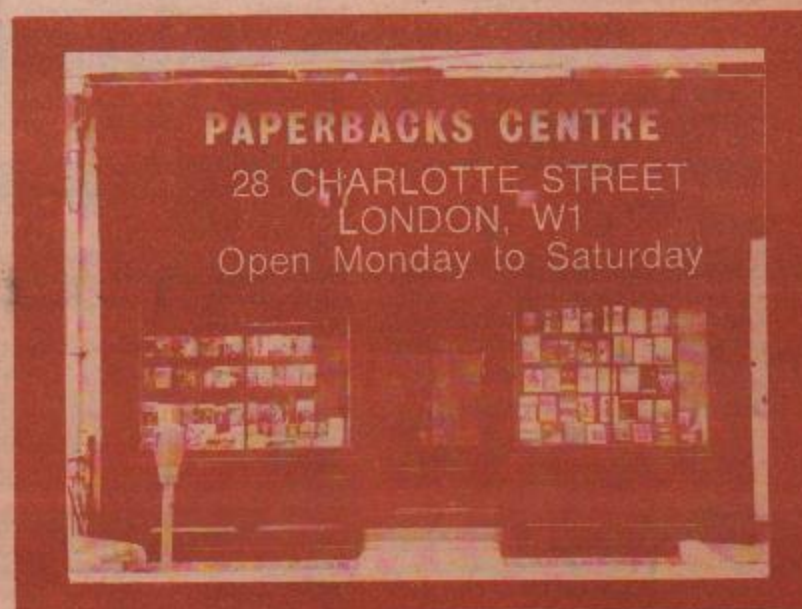
Approach

What is the basic point in Marx's approach to the study of history? It was this that the foundation for man's existence is to be sought in his continual struggle against nature for food, shelter and clothing. The study of history is a study of the conditions

under which this struggle was carried out and the changes in consciousness or thinking to which it gives rise.

Here is how Marx's life-long friend and collaborator, Engels, put the matter when he spoke at Marx's graveside in Highgate cemetery in 1883:

'Just as Darwin discovered the law of development of organic nature, so Marx discovered the law of development of human history: the simple fact . . . that mankind must first eat, drink, have shelter and clothing, before it can pursue politics, science, art, religion etc.; that therefore the production of the immediate material means of subsistence and consequently the degree of economic development attained by a given people or during a given epoch form the



QUESTION

'IT IS NOT THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MEN THAT DETERMINES THEIR BEING, BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, THEIR SOCIAL BEING THAT DETERMINES THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS.'

What does Marx mean by this statement? (From the 'Preface' to the 'Critique of Political Economy') Why does it contain the basic point in the materialist conception of history?

foundation upon which the state institutions, the legal conceptions, art and even the ideas on religion, of the people concerned have been evolved, and in the light of which they must be explained, instead of vice versa as had hitherto been the case.'

Material conditions

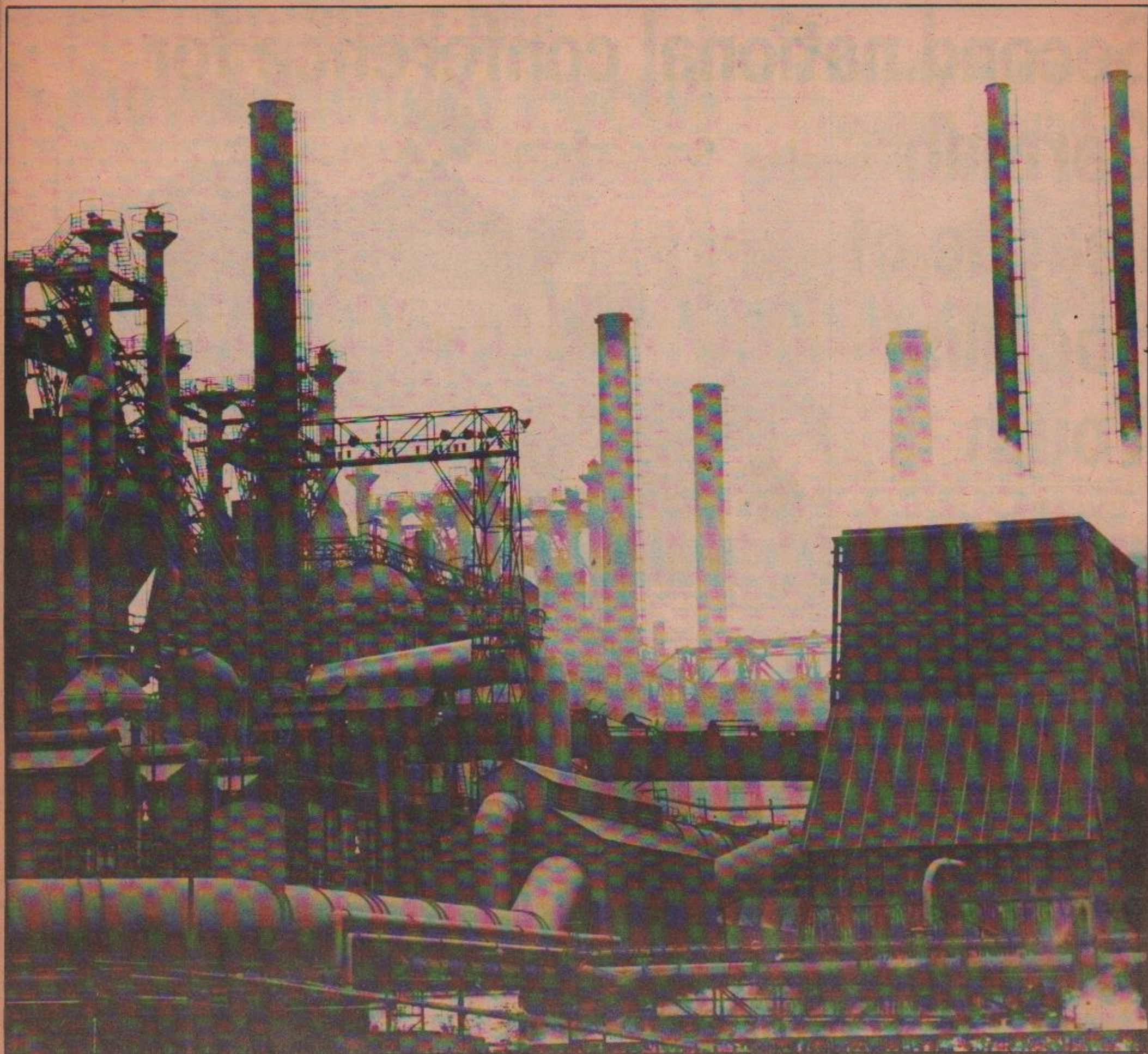
In other words, the study of history does not start from the ideas which men have held at certain times, nor from their 'motives' or 'intentions' but from the material conditions under which they have lived and worked. To explain changes in ideas we must begin from these real material circumstances.

The next question therefore is this: how does man actually produce these means for his survival? He does so of course, in struggle against nature, of which he is a part. He takes from nature his food, the means for his shelter and so on.

But we could also say that this was true of any other species of animal. A horse feeds on grass, breathes the air etc. So another question must be considered: if all animals, not merely man, are in conflict with nature, what distinguishes man from the rest of the animal world?

It is of course possible to point to many features which distinguish man from the other animals: the size and complexity of his brain; the use of speech; the shape and dexterity of his hand.

But the crucial question for us is this: man actually, in



An individual takes part in the development of the productive forces by entering into definite social relationships with the employers such that he extracts profit from your ability to work. Above: All the equipment and machinery necessary to produce steel is under the control and ownership of a small number of firms. The face of steel production in Sheffield.

them (which gives rise to technology and science) Marxists know as the productive forces. In primitive times these productive forces consisted (apart from labour itself) of the most simple implements: knives, spears, arrows chipped out of stone. Over thousands of years they have developed into the productive forces of today—atomic power stations, automated production processes, etc.

Activity

But how does man actually use these productive forces at different stages in history? We can get a clue to the answer by considering the nature of the productive forces in the world today.

Imagine that you are a steelworker, living in Sheffield. You have been trained in all the skills associated with this job. But how can you actually take part in the activity of steel making? How, that is to say, can you take part in the development of the productive forces?

All the equipment and machinery necessary to produce steel is under the control and ownership of one of the small number of firms that dominate the steel industry in that city. Unless you can get access to this plant, machinery and other equipment you will not be able to use your skills or to take part in the

development of the productive forces.

To put the matter concretely: only if one or other of the steel industry employers is willing to employ you for wages, can you, as an individual, take part in the struggle against nature, at least in the sphere of activity for which you have been trained. Now, as any worker knows, the owner of such a steel mill will only employ you if he calculates that he can make a profit out of you. If there is no profit for him there is no job for you.



In primitive times . . . productive forces consisted of the most simple implements. . . . Over thousands of years they have developed into . . . atomic power stations, automated production processes, etc.

So we have arrived at the following conclusion from this simple example: in order to develop the productive forces as a steelworker, you have to enter a definite relationship with the employer such that he extracts profit from the use of your ability to work.

In other words, you have to enter into a set of definite social relationships if you are to take part in the development of the productive forces. **And you have no choice!** How else can you make steel? It can only be made through utilizing the most advanced means of production which are owned and controlled by the capitalist class.

You cannot make steel in your back garden. And even if you could, it would be so insufficient that you would never be able to compete in selling it with that produced in the most up-to-date factories.

It is clear that the productive forces can only be worked through definite social relations of production which men have to enter into, which exist, 'independently of their will and consciousness'.

Social relationships

But these social relationships have not always been the same. Like everything else (this we saw in the second article) they must be

studied not as static 'things', but as processes, changing over time.

Today, in all the big countries of western Europe, America and Japan, we have capitalist social relations through which production is carried out. The basic relationship is between the owners of capital, the capitalist class, and those who sell their ability to work (their 'labour power' as Marxists call it) as their only means of livelihood. But in the past quite different social relations of production have existed.

Violent

Next week we shall examine briefly these past forms of society. We shall also consider the problem: why do certain social relations disappear at certain periods of history, often in the most violent fashion, to be replaced by new social relations of production?

Use of tools

From a physical point of view (strength, speed, sense of vision and smell etc.) man is inferior to many other animals. His superiority arises only from his ability to carry his fight against nature to a higher point than any other animal through the use of tools and equipment.

These tools and equipment, and the struggle to improve

● Continued next week. Answers to questions on this series should be sent to: Keep Left, 186a Clapham High Street, London SW4 7UG.

Second national conference for German League of Socialist Youth



Dany Sylveire (at rostrum) brings fraternal greetings from the Young Socialists to the League of Socialist Youth second national conference.

By a
Keep Left
foreign correspondent

THE LEAGUE OF SOCIALIST YOUTH (SJB), German sister organization of the Young Socialists held its second national conference on October 6 and 7 in Frankfurt.

Discussion at the conference centred on the deepening class struggle in Germany, and the economic crisis which threatens the whole future of youth in Germany, just as in the rest of Western Europe.

West Germany has a reputation of being a country of golden employment opportunities, high wages and great prospects. The economic crisis is now causing all these signs of the boom to disappear.

This coming week a strike of 450,000 engineering workers in

South Germany will mark a new stage of the class struggle in West Germany. The strike comes in spite of big betrayals by the trade union bureaucracy in the summer when they abandoned the fight of Ford workers in Cologne.

The past year has been marked by a great witch-hunt against the left, both inside and outside the Social Democratic Party launched by the extreme right, but assisted by the right wing bureaucracy which leads the ruling Social Democratic Party.

Rising interest rates have caused considerable crisis within the building industry and other sectors with the collapse of a number of firms. Unemployment is growing as a result.

The Brandt government has encouraged the training of special police forces to fight supposedly against 'terrorism'. But it is clear that they are preparing consciously for confrontations with the working class.

The main task facing the SJB is to prepare a leadership in the

working class which will fight all the betrayals of Brandt and the Social-Democrats and show the way forward against unemployment, rising prices and the moves towards dictatorship.

Many new branches of the SJB were set up in the weeks leading up to the conference. Teams which campaigned throughout the country achieved big successes and sold over 7,000 copies of the German Trotskyist paper 'Der Funke'.

On the Saturday, discussion was held on the main policies of the SJB. The main resolution, which was introduced by the National Secretary, called for:

'The Social Democratic party to break off all relations with the Christian Democrats and other bourgeois parties and to form a Social-Democratic-only government.

'This government to be pledged to Socialist policies.'

Young workers at the conference asked how the Social Democrats, who have attacked the working class since they took

office, could be pledged to socialist policies.

Other SJB members explained that in the situation where the working class was moving forward in a big fight to defend its rights, the demand for a Social Democratic government pledged to socialist policies was essential in order to break German workers from their reformist hopes in Social-Democracy.

About a year ago when right-wing and capitalist politicians tried to throw the Social Democratic government out, thousands of workers went on strike to defend it. Now, said delegates, this movement had to be mobilized in the fight to defend rights and living standards in a revolutionary way.

Another subject of discussion was the Stalinist government which controls East Germany.

Additions and amendments to the main resolution from SJB branches were discussed on Sunday, and then fraternal greetings from other organizations were taken.

Bringing greetings from the British Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League, Dany Sylveire said:

'The crisis of the capitalist system and its reflection in England and Germany, has now created the material conditions for the development of Marxism, as a theory, into a weapon in the hands of the working class for the overthrow of capitalism.'

Greetings were also brought from the German section of the Fourth International, the League of Socialist Workers.

A National Committee was elected at the conference, with delegates from Frankfurt, Essen, Bochum, Hanover, Cologne, Hanau and Southern Germany.

The conference pledged to fight for the expansion of the SJB and to change 'Der Funke' from fortnightly publication to weekly.

Also the conference raised a terrific collection of over £200 and took pledges for much more. This money is for the fund to expand 'Der Funke'.

POST BAG



Conditions at work

I AM writing following up the points made by the reader from Southall in the October 6 issue of Keep Left.

My girlfriend is 17 and when she moved into this area she took a job as a shop assistant on the sweet counter of a large store in Gravesend.

She has to be at work by 8.45 a.m. (8.15 a.m. on Saturday) and she finishes at about 5.40 p.m. (6.10 p.m. on Friday). She has to stand behind her counter all day as anyone found sitting down is threatened with the sack.

Not that there is much chance to sit down; she is often left alone on the counter which needs three people to staff it adequately and she serves approximately 500 people every day, bringing in a profit for the store of about £100 a week.

She is so exhausted after a day at work that all she wants to do is sleep—and now she suffers permanently aching legs. And how much does she—and all the other girls who work with her—get paid for this? £11 a week before deductions! Out of this she has to pay for rent, food, clothes, and other 'luxuries'. And what with the Tory

pay laws and the fact that no union is tolerated by the store there is no prospect of her wages going up. In fact, quite the opposite is true!

Driven by the economic crisis, in an attempt to squeeze even more work out of its employees, the store has recently cut down tea breaks (with no increase in pay, naturally), and accused all the girls of being 'thieves' because one assistant ate a sweet without paying for it.

Naturally, girls who have just left school are put onto this job by the Youth Employment Office as a nice, steady job. It has certainly made me see what exploitation of the working class really means, and that the solution is not just a change of government but the complete overthrow of the capitalist system.

Chris Hope
Chatham YS

TODAY we no longer live in a situation that our parents did. Today the capitalist system is falling apart at the seams.

The leaders of the main parties are finding that the working class no longer wishes to support them. The workers have begun to realize that the reformists can do nothing for them. You can-

not change the system by reforming it, because the bourgeoisie will not surrender its privileges without a fight!

The only means by which the capitalist system will be overthrown is revolution. In order to have a revolution you need a leadership, and the tasks of building such a leadership is that which confronts the Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League.

We must realize that the task confronting us is not an easy one. We will not be popular, because we are fighting against the principles of all other parties. Our fight cannot be confined to the struggle with the ruling class, we will also have to fight those workers whose views are Stalinist or reformist.

Every day hundreds of workers are thrown into the struggle against the capitalist class. We must reach these workers and confront them with the alternative: revolution or reform?

We can see now, very clearly, the consequences of reformism in Chile. Only a revolutionary leadership can ensure that the workers win and are not beaten by the capitalists.

The reformists and Stalinists have betrayed the working class in Chile and they

will betray British workers if they are able.

The struggle of youth in its organizations, particularly the YS, will be decisive in the building of the revolutionary party. This is because we, the youth of today are the working class of tomorrow.

It is for ourselves, or at least our children, that we are struggling today. We must go forward and we must build a mass Young Socialists, to unite all the working class youth.

A member of
Bexleyheath YS.

OUR LOCAL paper has just announced that Basildon's only dance hall, Tiffany's, is to be closed to everyone under 25.

This leaves youth with the choice of travelling to London or Southend for entertain-

ment, going to a pub, or walking the streets.

For many youth this choice will not be difficult—they cannot afford to travel out of the area often or go to the pub very frequently so they will be forced to walk the streets and be constant prey for the police who constantly patrol the town centre and already stop and question young people walking around.

The manager explained Tiffany's move to close the hall:

'We have had a great number of private lettings and had to close the hall to public use to accommodate them. If they can't go to Tiffany's during the week they can come and see us at the Van Gogh, Paycooke Road, on a Monday night.'

This statement shows the cynicism and contempt of the management for working class youth—the Van Gogh is on Basildon's industrial estate to which no buses run on any night!

The paper says this decision was taken after 'years of intermittent rowdiness'—placing the blame for closure squarely on youth, but it is more likely to be a reflection of the crisis of capitalism.

Capitalists must constantly increase their profits, and it seems the best way for Tiffany's to do this is by private letting.

The problem of entertainment is now acute in the town and this opens up great opportunities for the Young Socialists to recruit many more youth around the town who will come to our discos simply because it is the only entertainment many of them can afford.

Basildon YS.

WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?



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Building the Revolutionary Party

WE INTERVIEWED four of the young people who are leading the fight to build a branch of the revolutionary party in the 'new town' of Welwyn Garden City in Hertfordshire. First was WILLIAM SHERMAN (21), who is a Transport and General Workers Union member and works for ICI.

Under the Tory government the working class is really being exploited. All the factories and land are owned by speculators and all sorts of property sharks who make a killing at the expense of the people who make the wealth—the working class. The whole legal system and all institutions are there to help this exploitation.

In the fight against the Tories, the Labour Party has sold us out time and time again. In some ways they are worse than the Tories. They try and fool people and say they are with the working class, whereas with the Tories at least you know where you stand.

The Labour Party and the Communist Party are the biggest betrayers of the working class, and the International Marxist Group have got no principles either.

About five years ago I nearly joined the Communist Party, because it was the only strong left-wing party. But I realize now the so-called 'Communist' Party is doing nothing but betraying the working class.

In Russia, where the Stalinists are in power, they are not for workers' control, but the country has a small clique in power. What Russia needs now to go forward is another revolutionary party to take it forward to true socialism. It's a Stalinist country.

The Socialist Labour League is the only principled left-wing party going.

One of the main things you have to watch for is that this party doesn't go like these other left-wing groups, by sticking to our principles and not allowing one or two people to dominate.

It is very important to educate all our members on these questions.

You've only got to go back in history to see what I mean—an archbishop in the last century said that if the workers want to be educated then the next thing they will be wanting is higher wages. We must educate all our members to fight for their rights.

OVERTHROW

PHILIP TAYLOR (22), is a member of Tom Jackson's Union of Post Office Workers:

The only hope for this country is to overthrow the capitalist system of government because otherwise we will just not have a future. The Socialist Labour League, which is soon to be transformed into a revolutionary party, must achieve their ultimate aim, which is to kick out the parties who are responsible for the way that conditions in this country are rapidly deteriorating.

To see what they are doing, you only have to look at the price increases—that's one of the major points to keep in mind. The government are enforcing all these restrictions on the working class because they want to keep the working class at a certain level and not allow them to go any further.

It's not only the working class who are involved in this struggle. Once we can get the proletarian body behind us in this country, then I think the middle class will be forced to join us as well.

We can mobilize a big campaign to kick out the Tories.

INTEREST

JOHN MORRISON (18), a telephone engineer and member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers:

I didn't know too much about politics until I joined the Young Socialists—until now I never realized the state that the country has been getting into.

It's only since YS members recruited me on the street that I've really taken interest.

The only chance that the country's got of making 'wealth' and giving people more money in their pockets is to build a revolutionary party strong enough to throw out the government. This party must cause the working class—who are the people who actually make the wealth of the country, to take the power.

The effects of the Tory government have been most obvious to me in the way the pound has been going. What you can buy now with a pound is nothing to what you used to be able to buy.

FIGHT

JOHN SMITH (21), a member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers:

I've joined the party because I want to fight the Tory government. You've got wage cuts in this country and yet prices—especially food prices—are going up, some by 50 per cent.

In America, they are telling farmers to burn the corn, and in the Common Market they are storing butter, to keep the prices going up—while they are selling butter to Russia for five pence a pound. This is when we have got old age

pensioners getting £6 a week. That butter and corn could help them. Everything should be shared more equally—that is the cause I want to fight for.

Take the price of eggs. At the moment it is 46 pence a dozen—and the price is increasing at a rate of 50 per cent a year. Roughly, if that rate carries on, it will be £1.70 or so in five years' time, for half a dozen.

The only way to fight such increases is to get more and more youth into the Young Socialists and to overpower the government and put the wrongs to right.

We must do this because the present leadership of the working class will not fight—the union leadership is just a corrupt tool of the government.

Take the Chrysler dispute. The 'leader' of this is trying to break the picket line.

The union leaders are backed by the government. The government is backed by the American Senate, and they are not going to stand by with American companies losing thousands of dollars per day. They will move to other countries where they can get cheap labour and more dollars in their fat purses. England is not in that state at the moment.

Although we have not got cheap labour yet, people in the government and on the boards of directors share the money out among themselves. We must throw them out—this means the YS getting as many people as possible and stick by our guns to show that our policies are right and this corrupt government is wrong.

We must fight in the way Lenin and Trotsky did. The government must be thrown out. Whoever's in power must be based on Leninist philosophy.

You've got to have a party representing every section of the working class. If we have a party representing all sections—old, middle-aged, young, we can build a united movement. Through the Fourth International we can unite throughout the world.



Above left to right: John Morrison, Philip Taylor, William Sherman and John Smith.

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Danny King-reggae sound



'THE fines on the union are a load of rubbish. The government are doing worse and they don't get fined for it.' Danny King shown above at the Georgian Club, East Croydon. (wearing headphones) and below Sir Coxone, another big reggae DJ.



AT FIRST sight it might seem that Danny King lives in an unreal world of clubs and discotheques, isolated from the problems facing the working class. Followed by thousands of London youth, he is one of the biggest attractions on the reggae scene.

However, Danny is sharply aware of the pressure bearing down on the working class through rising prices, the attacks on the trade unions and increasing police harassment of the youth who follow him.

There is the constant worry that he will lose the crowd.

'You can't afford to do your own thing. You have to play what people want or the kids won't come back the next time. You never know quite what sort of a crowd you'll draw. If it rains you might as well forget it, but you still have to go and play, otherwise they'll think you're not coming back the next week.'

'I've never been for the Tories. I'm more for Labour. After all the Tories are only for the rich people. I haven't been directly affected myself, but things are getting worse all the time.'

'My mum was speaking to me just the other day about the prices of things—eggs 50p a dozen. It's terrible. Things are pushing on people all the time. Anything could happen.'

It's just like the Tories are experimenting on people all the time to cut wages and everything else.

'They want it all their own way. That's no good because we're just like slaves with no say.'

'The fines on the union are a load of rubbish. The government are doing much worse and they don't get fined for it.'

'Look at the pensioners. They give them £10 extra—once a year. That makes £16 for Christmas if you add it to the £6 they get a week. That's no good to anybody. It's nothing and anyway it all comes from the workers again.'

'The Tories are pushing down on people all the time, but they're all trying to go about it in different ways. Like Enoch

Powell—he tries to make out he's somewhere between the government and the people but he isn't for the working class. He's a stirrer. It's like he's using a big wooden spoon.'

'I don't think there should be so much nationalism. We should have progressed beyond that. Everyone's helped this country, especially the West Indies.'

'I think Enoch Powell is looking into the future and he's scared. He doesn't want black people to have equal rights. He wants to leave the Tory party because he can't get his own way. He wants to make it on his own. He would like to have his own party, but I don't think he'll succeed. He keeps trying to use racialism, but people are too much together, especially young people under 19.'

'The police are the same. I think they are terrible—very biased. They treat youth very badly. There's one law for black kids and one law for white. They don't like black kids or try to understand them. The police ask for trouble and young kids don't stand a chance. I've never really had trouble myself, but a lot of kids come to me and tell me how they've been pushed about.'

'I don't think that black power would help. It's pointless. Black people are outnumbered. We must all be united before anything would happen.'

'The workers' leaders are sitting back too much. The Labour Party didn't speak for the workers at their conference. People are scared of sticking their necks out when their leaders don't do anything. It means that the crawlers are the ones that get their way.'

'I work for the council, but no one's ever bothered to come round from the union to get us to join. They should do much more.'

'We should give something else a try—like the Young Socialists. I was at the "Workers Press" rally. I was impressed because it brought together all different sorts of young people.'

'I would like to find out more about the Young Socialists. There are lots of young people in it, so you must take notice. It needs quick action. We should all gang up on the government and kick it out before its time is up. Ever since they've been in the Tories have been pushing the working class all the way.'

Football round-up



Exciting moments from the Kingston v Southall match which ended in a 7-7 draw at Norbiton last Sunday (See report below).



Top: Battersea v Croydon YS match was played at Mitcham Common last Sunday. Below: Welsh Region YS football has already seen some exciting matches. Winners of the Swansea v Merthyr Tydfil match were Swansea.

London

KINGSTON 7 SOUTHALL 7
AS THE scoreline indicates, this was a very tight match. Right from the kick-off the Kingston attack made its presence felt, made short work of the Southall back four and stormed to an early 5-1 lead.

Anthony Bradley played with particular skill and was largely responsible for Kingston's goals. Southall tightened their defence in the second half and this gave their strikers the confidence they needed to go all out for goals.

Being supplied with a stream of passes from John Cassidy in midfield, Southall's front line managed to bring the score level. The team staged a magnificent comeback—they scored four goals in a seven-minute stretch.

This brought the score level with only two minutes to play, resulting in the second draw for Kingston this season.

A fine performance by both teams.

Paddington 5 Fulham 1

AFTER last week's humiliating defeat by Southall, Paddington overcame this in a well-deserved win over Fulham.

Paddington survived some early pressure from the Blues, and when they gained confidence started to play some good open football. Although the play became restricted to the midfield 15 minutes through the game, Paddington took the lead through Hodgson who hit a shot just

outside Fulham's five-yard box. Ten minutes later, Penn scored through the goalkeeper's legs.

In the second half Alan, Paddington's captain, made a good run down the right wing, only to be brought down by Fulham's left back, Rudi. Later on in the game further goals from Penn, Brown and another player wrapped it up for the home side. Although Fulham pulled one back it was too late to make a revival.

Western Region

THE FIRST three matches in the Western Region Young Socialists football league were played last Sunday.

At Russell Howard Park, Basingstoke, Reading played Basingstoke in a highly entertaining and competitive game. The final score was: Reading 7 (scorers Lawnes 2, Smikle 2, Maynard, Small, Nation). Basingstoke 6 (scorers Bliss 3, Luff 2, Evans). Swindon beat Oxford 7-3 at Oxford, and at Southampton, Portsmouth was defeated by Southampton 4-2.

from Martin Culliford

Wales

SWANSEA 4 MERTHYR 1
UNTIL the last ten minutes this was a very tight game which either side could have won.

Merthyr's Philip Pike opened the scoring after a goalkeeping mistake by Swansea. But Swansea equalized with about two

minutes of the first half left with a goal from Michael Buckley.

In the second half, Merthyr were under pressure. With about ten minutes to the final whistle, Swansea's Michael Squires scored from close range. Merthyr trying to get an equalizer, left their defence open, and Martin Miers scored after tackling three players.

With the game nearly over, Chris Williams scored with a 20-yard shot to prove that in the end Swansea were too strong for Merthyr.

from Chris King.



MEMBERS of Southall YS football team and branch scored a notable hit on the High Street last Saturday—in just an hour they sold 100 copies of Keep Left to shoppers and youth. Can your YS branch do better?

CORRECTION

IN LAST week's Keep Left, we reported the times for the winners of events in the London YS Swimming Gala. In most events, competitors swam one length of the pool. These were reported by us as 50m races, but in fact the pool was only 33m long. The timings therefore apply to 33m events.

WHAT'S ON WHERE

MEETINGS

ACCRINGTON: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. AUEW Branch Rooms (upstairs), 133 Blackburn Road, Accrington.

ACOCKS GREEN: Every Monday, 7.30 p.m. Fox Hollies Forum, Greenwood Avenue.

BANBURY: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. Ruscott Tenants Hall, Evenlode Estate, Banbury.

BASILDON: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Barnstaple Community Centre, Long Riding.

BASINGSTOKE: Thursday, 8 p.m. Westside Community Centre.

BATTERSEA: Every Thursday, 8 p.m. Neighbourhood Centre, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction.

BEDWORTH: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. 'The White Swan', Bedworth, Coventry.

BELGRAVE: Every Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Glen Street Rooms, Belgrave.

BERMONDSEY: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Bede House Community Centre, Southwark Park Road, SE16.

BESTWOOD: Every Thursday, 8 p.m. William Olds Boys Club, Chiltern Way.

BLACKBURN: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Manxman Hotel (Music Room), Highercroft Estate.

BRACKNELL: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Priestwood Community Centre, Bracknell.

BRISTOL NORTH: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. Lawrence Weston School, Lawrence Weston.

BRISTOL SOUTH: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. St Andrews Church, Harcliffe.

CAMBRIDGE: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. 'Duke of Argyle' (upstairs), Argyle Street.

CHEPSTOW: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. 'Coach and Horses', Chepstow.

CLAPHAM: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. St Paul's Vestry, Rectory Grove, Clapham Old Town.

CORBY: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. 'The Nags Head', Corby Old Town.

COWLEY: Thursday, 8 p.m. Nine Elms Meeting Hall, Cowley. Records and discussion.

DEPTFORD: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Aviator Estate Community Centre, Clyde Street (off Edward Street), SE8.

DOWNHAM: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Goldsmiths Community Centre, Baudwin Road, SE6.

DUNSTON: Every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Dunston Community Centre.

ERDINGTON: Every Thursday, 8 p.m. Church Hall, Erdington High Street, Birmingham.

FIRTH PARK: Every Thursday, 8 p.m. Shiregreen Middle School, Sheffield.

GREENOCK: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Keir Hardy House, Brougham Street, Glasgow.

HARBY-COTGRAVE: Every Friday, 8 p.m. The 'Manor House', Strathern Lane.

HATFIELD: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. St John's Hall, High View, Hatfield.

HEBBURN: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Luke's Lane Community Centre, Luke's Lane Estate.

HIGHFIELDS: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. YS Premises, 26 Saxby Street, Leicester.

HOLLOWAY: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.

HUDDERSFIELD: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. The Youth Room, Parish Rooms, Venn Street.

HUNTINGDON: Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Trinity Church Hall (near the Lord Protector), Huntingdon.

INTAKE: Every Monday, 7.30 p.m. St Thomas' Hall, Stanningly Road (opp Pavilion), Bramley. Leeds. Records, refreshments.

IPSWICH: Wednesday, The Sporting Farmer Pub, Snack Bar, Princes Street. Discussion, table football, records.

JARROW: Every Monday, 7.30 p.m. Church Hall, Borough Road.

KEIGHLEY: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. The 'Star', North Street, Keighley.

KINGSTON: Every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Community Centre Rooms, Coronation Baths, Denmark Road, Kingston-on-Thames.

KIRKBY CENTRAL: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Scout Hut, St Chads Hall, corner Country Road/Rough Lane.

LUTON: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. International Centre, Old Bedford Road (Near Rabbit Pub).

MARYHILL: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Shakespeare Street School.

MURTON: Every Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Miners' Welfare Hall, Murton, Durham.

NEW PARKS: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Adult Education Centre, New Parks Boys School, Leicester.

NORWICH: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. Room 5, Kier Hardie Hall, St Gregory's Alley.

ORPINGTON: Every Thursday, 8 p.m. The Beech Tree, Wellington Road, St Mary Cray, Orpington.

PAISLEY: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Paisley Town Hall, Paisley.

PARSONS CROSS: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. Mansell School, Sheffield.

PARTICK: Every Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Partick Burgh Halls, near Merkland Street Underground, Glasgow.

PETERBOROUGH: Every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. 'The Still', Cumbergate.

POPLAR: Every Thursday, 8 p.m. Old Council Offices, Poplar High Street, Poplar, E14.

PORTSMOUTH SOUTH: Every Thursday, 7.30 p.m. Forrester's Hall, Fratton Road.

PRESTON: Every Friday, 7.30 p.m. St Michael's Church Hall, Tolketh Road, Ashton, Preston.

READING: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. 'Happy Prospect', Coronation Square, Southcote.

ROSEHILL:

Every Thursday, 8 p.m. Tree Hotel, Ilfley.

SANFORD: Every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Methodist Church Hall, Broad Lane, Leeds 13.

SHEFFIELD CENTRAL: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. YS Premises, Portobello (nr Jessops Hospital).

SKELMERSDALE: Every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Quarry Bank, Digmoor, Skelmersdale.

SOUTHALL: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Featherstone Road, Records.

STEPNEY: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. St George's Town Hall, Cable Street, E1.

THORNHILL: Every Monday, 7.30 p.m. 'The Star', Hinkler Road, Southampton. Records and discussion.

SWINDON NORTH: Monday, 8 p.m. Fenhill Common Rooms (opposite Deers Leap).

SWINDON SOUTH: Tuesday, 8 p.m. Common Room, Sussex Square, Walcot (behind 'Bulldog' pub).

TILGATE: Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Tilgate Community Centre, Crawley.

TOXTETH: Every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Domestic Mission, Mill Street, Liverpool 8.

WOOLWICH: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m. 'The Castle' pub, Powis Street, opp. Odeon Cinema.

WREXHAM: Every Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Fairfield Tavern (snug) nr Erddig Road/Wellington Road.

DISCOS

ISLINGTON YS: Saturday October 20. Islington West Branch Library Hall, Lofting Road, N1. 8 p.m.—11 p.m. Tickets 20p. 'TOP SOUND SYSTEM'.

WATFORD YS: Wednesday October 24. St Mary's Hall, Durban Road West (off Whippendell Road), West Watford. 8 p.m. Tickets 20p; YS members 10p. REGGAE SOUL SOUND.

EDMONTON YS: Wednesday October 24. St John's Church Hall, Dysons Road, Edmonton. 7.30 p.m. Tickets 15p; Door 20p. LIGHT SHOW.

CAMDEN YS: Friday October 26. Regby Club Hall, Little Edward Street, off Albany Road, Hampstead Estate. 7.30 p.m.—11 p.m. Tickets 20p.

CANNING TOWN YS: Saturday October 27. Curwen School, Atlas Road entrance, off High Street, Plaistow. 8 p.m.—11 p.m. Tickets 15p; Door 20p.

BASILDON YS: DANCE Sunday October 28. Fryers Community Centre, Basildon. 8 p.m. Tickets 50p. ABC SOUNDS.

HARROW YS: Tuesday October 30. Co-op Hall, Masons Avenue, Wealdstone, Harrow. 7.30 p.m. Non-members 30p; YS members 20p. PROGRESSIVE-ROCK'N'ROLL—REGGAE. LIGHT SHOW.

FINSBURY YS: Friday November 2. Finsbury Library Hall, 245 St Johns Street, E1. 8 p.m.—11 p.m. Tickets 20p.

BASILDON YS: EVERY TUESDAY. Blakemore Hall, Ghyll Grove (near Town End), Whitmore Way Starts 8 p.m. Tickets 15p.

KEIGHLEY YS: EVERY THURSDAY.

Apollo Club, Cavendish Street. Starts 7.30 p.m. Tickets 10p; door 15p. The 'Music Machine' and Light Show. Bar.

NORWICH YS: Every Thursday. Back Room, Melody Room, Oak Street. Starts 7.30 p.m.

AUTUMN FAIRS

CAMDEN YS: Saturday October 20. Doors open 2 p.m. Blackfriars Hall, Southampton Road, NW5.

LUTON YS: Saturday October 20. All Saints Church Hall, Warwick Road, Luton. * Bottle raffle * jumble * Clothes, books, records * Refreshments * home-made cakes * household goods * competitions and sideshows for children * DOORS OPEN 2.30 p.m.

LEWISHAM: Saturday October 20. Co-op Hall, Plassy Road, SE6 (on the Catford one-way system). Doors open 1.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL

WEST MIDLANDS YS RALLY TO KICK THE TORIES OUT! Sunday October 28 Starts 3 p.m. Football tournament * Table tennis * Film: 'Battleship Potemkin' * Meeting * Dance in the evening. Astral Club, Castle Vale, Birmingham.

CAMDEN YS RALLY Sunday October 21 Starts 2.30 p.m. Five-a-side Football * Meeting * Disco * Coram Fields Sidmouth Street N1