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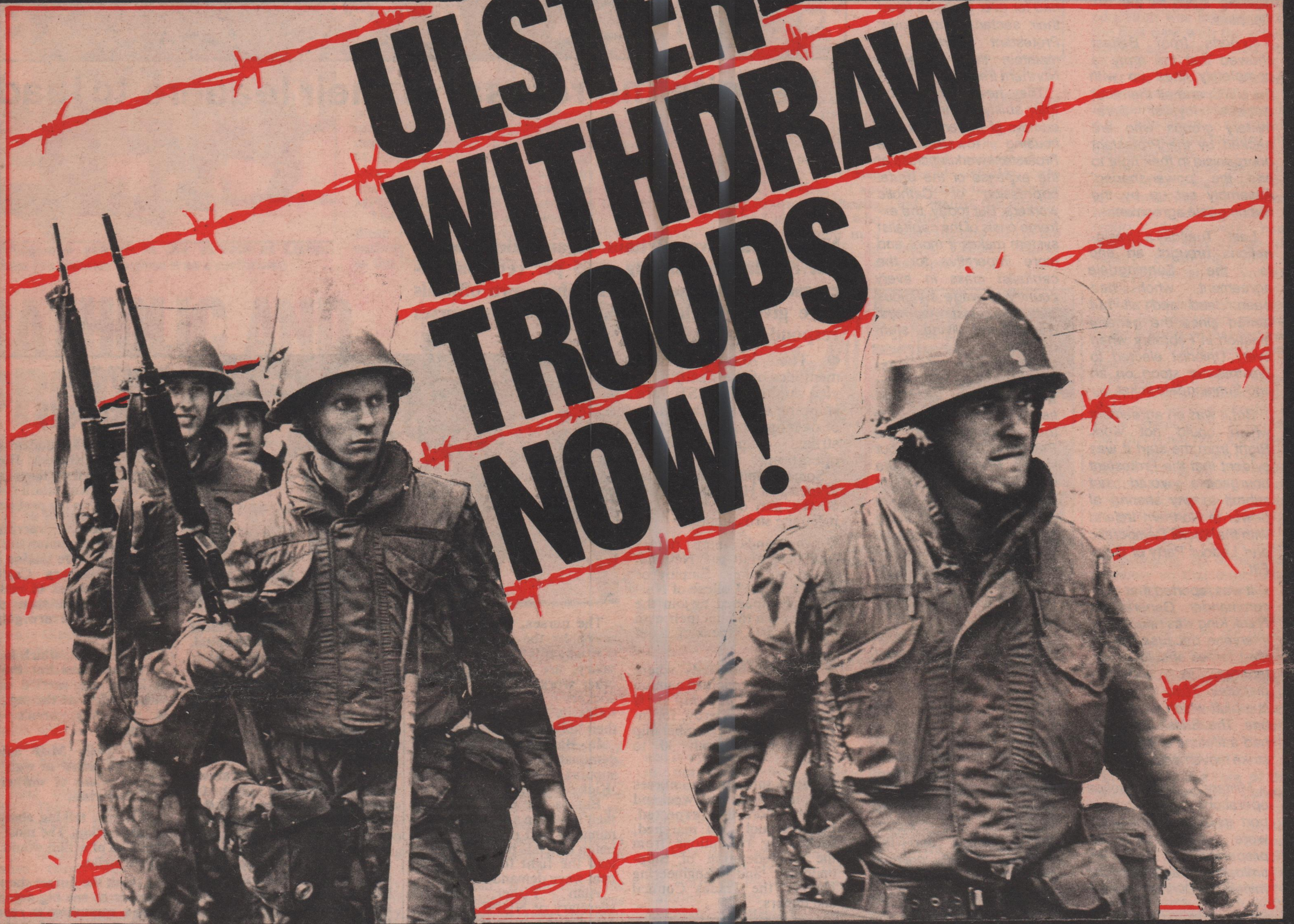
# KEEP LEFT

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## ULSTER WITHDRAW TROOPS NOW!



## NURSES TAKE ACTION!

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## KEEP LEFT SAYS

**THE STATE of rebellion by the Protestant right-wing forces which has forced the collapse of the Northern Ireland Executive has been directly aided and abetted by the British army and sections of the Tories.**

Direct military rule from Westminster is now on the agenda again in the Six Counties.

Reports from Belfast showed that the army is completely lined up with the UWC, and all the other extreme loyalist paramilitary groups who are backed by the Protestant bourgeoisie in their fight to end the 'power-sharing' Assembly set up by the Sunningdale agreement.

Last Tuesday's resignations brought an end to the Sunningdale agreement, which had been dead and all but buried since the general election in February when every Unionist elected to Westminster stood on an anti-Sunningdale ticket.

But it was an agreement which could not work. Right from the start it was evident that the Protestant bourgeoisie would not submit to any sharing of power in Northern Ireland with the Social Democratic and Labour Party of Gerry Fitt.

It was reported that army commander General Sir Frank King was reluctant to intervene because the armed forces should not interfere in industrial disputes. This, of course, is a bluff which will fool no one. The British army has had a lifetime of smashing strike movements.

Military and police operations at Heathrow airport in January this year were part of the preparations for intimidation against the miners. During earlier

strikes under the Heath Tory government the army intervened against British workers without a moment's hesitation—during the Glasgow firemen's strike in October 1973 and against striking council workers in October 1970.

Yet, in spite of the army's support for this rebellion, the troops are the class enemy of Protestant as well as Catholic workers. The Protestant ruling class had for over 50 years used their sectarian hold over Protestant workers to maintain their 'state' of Northern Ireland.

They have done so by their ability to throw a few crumbs of better jobs and housing towards the Protestant working class at the expense of the brutal oppression of Catholic workers. But today, the extreme crisis of the capitalist system makes it more and more imperative for the capitalist class in every country to wage a vicious battle against workers' wages and living standards.

The threat of mass unemployment now stalks workers in the Six Counties. The answer lies not in the strengthening of the Protestant bourgeoisie, but in the unification of the working class in a fight against the employers to defend jobs and living standards and for socialist policies of nationalization of the shipyards and all industry under workers' control and without compensation.

And every day longer the British army is allowed to remain in Ulster, they aid and abet the forces of reaction against the working class.

The Young Socialists demand the immediate withdrawal of troops from Northern Ireland. We demand the immediate closure of the concentration camps and the release of all political prisoners—in Britain and Ireland.



Despite the refusal of their leaders to lead

# NURSES STEP UP PAY FIGHT

**NURSES all over Britain began official action last Sunday demanding a 55 per cent pay increase. Despite the fact that their own officials have given no clear lead, thousands of nurses responded to the action.**

- The 70,000 nursing members of the health service union COHSE are stepping up their campaign of overtime bans, selective strikes and non-cooperation.

Some hospitals, such as St Francis's at Haywards Heath, Sussex, may close because of indefinite strike action.

- Thousands more nurses who belong to the National Union of Public Employees and the Royal College of Nursing are expected to join the action, even though their own leaders are speaking out against it.

- In some hospitals where nurses have not joined a union before, membership is shooting up. In Derby, for instance, NUPE membership has increased from 30 to 1,300.

- The turnout on nurses demonstrations last weekend was far more than expected. In Liverpool, 500 marched, backed by resolutions from the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, the Trades Council and miners.



The nurses, forced to take action by the runaway inflation which is eating into their salary, are being backed by other workers. In Liverpool, dockers are striking in solidarity with the nurses on their 'day of action' on June 3. In Basingstoke, engineers demonstrated last week in support of the nurses shouting 'Kick out the pay laws!'

But as the nurses step up their action in a wave of determination and militancy, their union officials have refused to lead the fight for the 55 per cent wage demand.

Alan Fisher, general secretary of NUPE, has condemned the overtime ban and selective strikes as an 'irresponsible act of amateur adventurers'.

Albert Spanswick, general secretary of COHSE, after having the 55 per cent claim turned down by Harold Wilson and social services secretary Barbara Castle, said he thought it would be only 'right and proper' to allow Wilson time to reply to the demands. 'It would be irresponsible to encourage any official action of the serious type until we have had a reply.'

The old tradition that nurses won't strike for 'moral' reasons has been broken. The nurses have been forced to take action because of the soaring inflation which is part of the economic crisis.

And it is that crisis, reflected in huge balance-of-payments deficits, that makes it impossible for the Labour government to pay the nurses what they need.

Breaking Phase Three would only lead to another round of wage demands from workers desperately trying to maintain their living standards.

At the same time, the nurses leaders are speaking out against the action because it puts the 'social contract' which has been set up, bet-

COLLETTE (18), student nurse at Whittington Hospital, north London (left): After lodging, National Insurance, and so on, we end up with about £10-£12 a week: That's not even half what you get in an office, and no food is provided free or anything like that.

The Labour government aren't doing much to fight for the workers. We were told that they were having a full-scale investigation into nurses pay, but what's going to come of that? It's all very well for them to go round in their Rolls and look at the hospitals, but it's the nurses who have to work in them.

The effect would also be good if other workers came out and supported the nurses.

YVON (26), student nurse at the Whittington hospital (centre): It's extremely expensive, living in London. You have to pay so much for transport, meals, and everything else. We are nurses and professional workers—we should have a better wage than we do now.

between the Labour government and the union leaders, in great danger. This contract is an agreement to keep workers wages down.

These leaders are not concerned with the interests of young workers like the nurses but with the interests of the capitalist system. That is why Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said that wage control would be a 'way of life' for workers.

What is urgently needed by the nurses and all other workers fighting for wage rises—the teachers, NALGO workers, seamen, and others—is a new leadership which will fight against the principle of state control over wages and defend the standard of living that the working class has won.

Only the adoption of socialist policies and the end

### WHAT THE NURSES SAY

DEIRDRE (18), student nurse at the Whittington Hospital (right): Even if we do get a rise, the cost of living is still going to go up. This is a big problem.

We had a recruitment meeting for the union the other night. They were talking about allowing Barbara Castle to have three weeks to make up her mind, and then decide what action we are going to take.

In the union, which is made up of members but the final decisions are carried out by those leaders at the top, those at the top aren't doing anything.

The 'Daily Mail' said we might be asked to wait while other sections of workers are paid their rises.

We were talking about how to take action. The most effective type of action would be an all-out strike.

I think the nurses should get together as one big union, forming a committee to represent all the nurses, elected from themselves.

This Labour government is a load of rubbish. Let Harold Wilson come and work on a nurse's salary, in the accommodation we have to live in.

It would be best from the workers point of view to get rid of the whole lot of these parties and start again.

of the capitalist system can defend the rights of the working class, and meet the crisis that has been created by that system.

For the nurses, the policies that an emergency Labour Party conference must instruct this government to adopt are:

- No state control of wages! Stop rising prices!
- Defend the health service! End private practice! No budget cuts!

The Young Socialists are building a new leadership in the unions to fight for these socialist policies, in opposition to the present bureaucratic leaders.

We appeal to all nurses and young workers who are fighting to defend their rights: Join the Young Socialists and fight for an alternative revolutionary leadership!

# A very ugly situation

LAST week seven million workers covered by threshold agreements received a £1.20 per week rise as the retail price index shot up a record 3.4 per cent in April. The latest figures mean that the rate of inflation is 46 per cent in a year.

The Tories, in collaboration with the TUC reformists, brought in threshold agreements originally to get the working class to abandon the fight against the state pay laws.

This scheme has backfired as the expected slump in commodity prices has not occurred, and at the present rate of inflation workers can expect to get between £8-£10 extra each week under the threshold agreements. This will produce, as Confederation of British Industry chief Campbell Adamson said, a 'very ugly situation'.

However, thresholds in no way cover massive price rises and simply mean more wage cuts, according to the Finan-

### ALISTAIR CAMPBELL COMMENTS

cial Times of May 25. They state that wage rates, up only 12.5 per cent over the year ending in April, are now lagging well behind the rate of inflation, even before the effects of taxation are accounted for.

Many employers will have to raise an extra £5,000 for every £1m of annual turnover, at crippling interest rates, to pay these wage rises. For a firm the size of British Leyland this could mean extra loans of £5m, a sum hard to realize when their share price is down to a record low of 11½p.

This will further aggravate the already tense situation at their works in Cowley, Oxford, where the local managing director, Mr D. J. Whittaker has described the financial situation as 'serious' in a startling understatement. During the first half of the 1974 financial year Leyland lost £16m.

'We have started the year with £50m of cash reserves,' he said. 'This has gone; and we are now having to borrow money on an extensive and growing scale to finance our current operations and the development of new models.'

Confronted with such huge borrowing problems and in the grip of runaway inflation, many employers will be totally unable to meet the threshold increases without resorting to massive layoffs and speed-up in all work places.

To meet such an onslaught on the working class an entirely new leadership has to be built: a revolutionary leadership which will answer these attacks with a call for nationalization under workers' control and without compensation, and other socialist policies, as the only way to defend jobs and living standards as this inflationary crisis deepens rapidly.

Central to this is the fight to build the YS as the mass youth movement of the Workers Revolutionary Party.



# Portugal minister talks with liberation movement leaders



Portuguese sailors in the streets of Lisbon when the Fascist regime was overthrown

**CEASEFIRE** talks have begun in London between Dr Mario Soares, the Socialist Party leader and Foreign Minister in Portugal's Popular Front Government, and leaders of PAIGC, the Guiné-Bissau liberation movement in West Africa.

Soares, acting on behalf of General Spínola, head of the ruling junta in Portugal and a life-long fascist, is prepared to offer some form of independence to the poverty stricken colony with few natural resources.

The PAIGC are demanding a ceasefire conditional on four points which include recognition of independence of Angola and Mozambique after talks with their respective liberation movements, MPLA and FRELIMO.

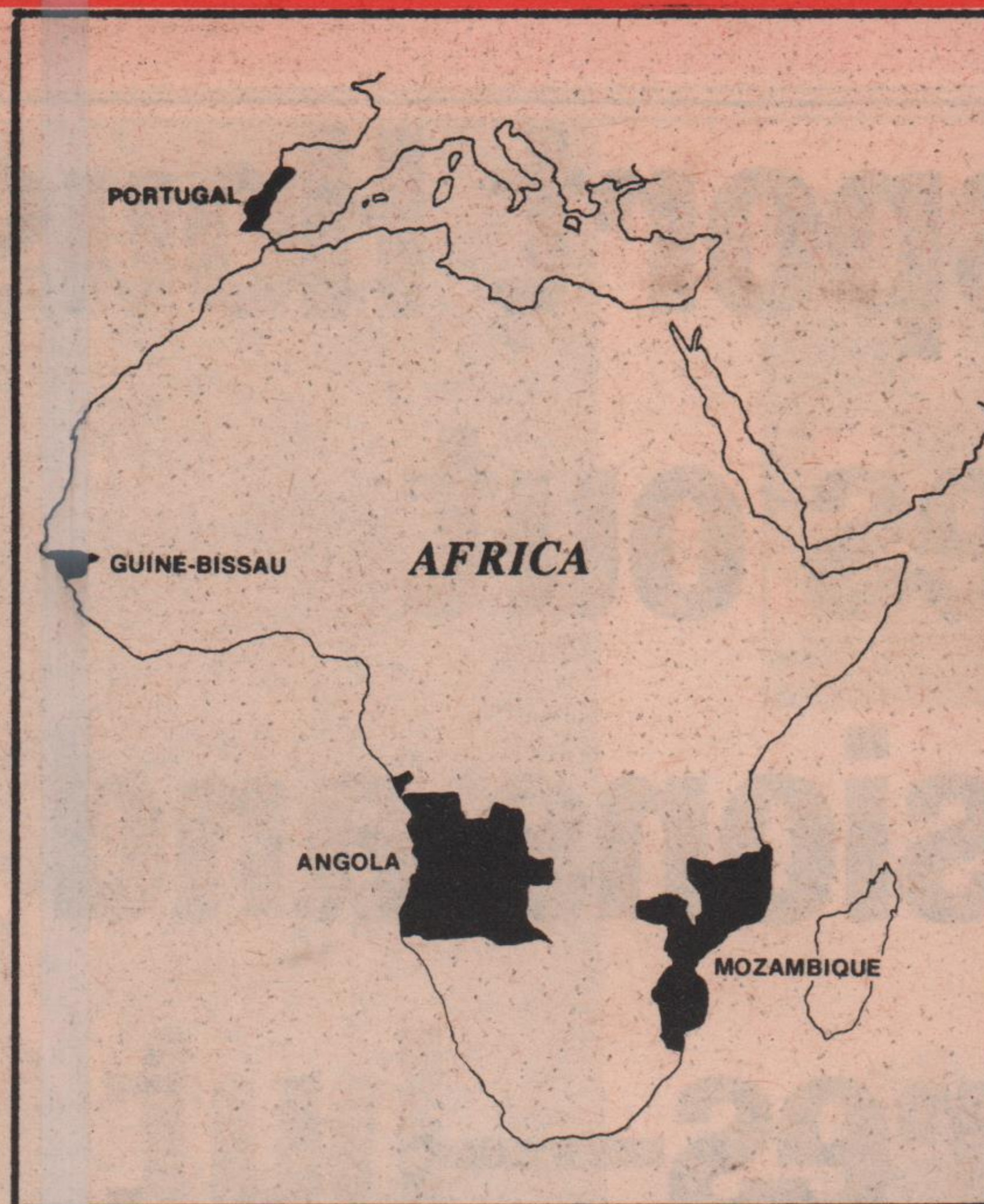
The recognition of these two states is an entirely different matter as the Portuguese ruling

class desperately needs the wealth of oil and minerals found there. For them any form of independence must not alter the present right of Portuguese capital to exploit these deposits without regard to the needs of the African masses.

It is becoming increasingly clear to the working class in the colonies that independence cannot be arrived at after talks with the junta, but only through an uncompromising struggle against the Popular Front government which is only a left face on the unbridled dictatorship of the ruling class.

It is for this reason that the Stalinists in the Communist Party have altered their call for an immediate and unconditional ending of the war to demand immediate talks towards progress for ending the war.

The Stalinists' craven support for the ruling class only underlines



their counter-revolutionary nature.

The junta has already broken one of its many pledges made to the working class when it came to power; the refusal to release PAIGC adviser, Captain Rodriguez Peralta of the Cuban army who is being detained in a military hospital in Lisbon subject to a

'review of his case' by the junta.

During a 5,000-strong demonstration last week demanding his release, the junta brought troops and armoured vehicles onto the streets in Lisbon for use against the demonstrators for the first time since the downfall of the fascist Caetano regime on April 25.

# Jamaica: compulsory national service

**MICHAEL Manley**, Jamaican Prime Minister has recently announced that all secondary school pupils who do not complete their two-year compulsory National Service will not be eligible for higher education in colleges or universities or for employment in any government service.

Last year, post-secondary education was introduced for the first time with the school-leaving age being raised from 13 to 15.

At the same time National Service (work assisting any of the main government agencies e.g. education, agriculture etc.) was also introduced on a voluntary basis.

These measures were supposed to be a significant step in conserving the 'human resources' of Jamaica. In reality, there were panic measures to soak up the constantly expanding pool of unemployed at its youthful source.

No provision had been made for increased numbers in the schools so that there are now 60 to 70 to a class in some places.

In the April 1974 budget speech, it was announced that National Service would be made compulsory. It is clear that this is not only a question of keeping the youth occupied but of trying to thoroughly confuse them as well with dog-gooder reformist concepts and in particular with Manley's bankrupt petty nationalism.

Patriotism is thus a means for propping up a bankrupt economy so that imperialism can carry on plundering its wealth.

Nevertheless, indications are growing as to the impending political explosion among the youth.

province, and to have a government controlled completely by the Protestants, which ultimately means the Protestant ruling class.

**KL: What is the role of the Social Democratic Labour Party?**

People who looked to the Social Democratic Labour Party for an answer to the problems in the north, are now completely disillusioned. Their policies, which allow the army to remain, the Ulster Defence Association to exist, and the internment to continue, play completely into the hands of the right wing, instead of carrying out a struggle to unite the Catholic and Protestant workers to take the power.

# CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT WORKERS MUST UNITE

**KEEP LEFT:** What stand do the British army take in relation to the right-wing forces in Ulster?

**YS MEMBER:** The army stood by and allowed the Ulster Workers Council to completely disrupt the life of the province. But in the Catholic area of the Bogside and Creggan Estate, they arrested a hundred people one night and forty another night and held them for several hours. They arrested indiscriminately, going from house to house, picking up young blokes and girls, because there was some stone-throwing. They made several early-morning raids—this is while the leadership of the IRA are already locked in

## SAYS A YOUNG SOCIALIST WHO HAS RECENTLY VISITED ULSTER

a concentration camp.

For the Ulster Workers Council, who were putting up barricades, stopping people going out of the Protestant estate at half past six in the morning, turning off all the power supplies, creating a situation where there is very little food and we're all on rations, they were letting them get on with it.

Where a tiny nearly powerless minority of Republicans were harassed by the army, the UWC, who



Troops in Ireland: arrested and tortured Republicans, allowed UWC to bring the province to a standstill

were controlling nearly the whole province, were allowed to do what they wanted.

**KL: Wilson has ordered the army to man the power stations but they have not, and there is almost a state of rebellion in the army—why is this?**

You can see clearly the forces at work in northern Ireland at the moment.

The old 'B Specials', the old loyalist police force, was disbanded in 1969. In their place was set up the Ulster

Defence Regiment, which is a regiment of the British Army. Ninety per cent of the Specials joined this regiment, and it's permanently stationed in northern Ireland. This regiment was trained and armed as a regiment of the British army.

What many Protestant workers don't understand is the class issues involved, that the northern Protestant and Catholic Tories, and the southern Protestant and Catholic Tories, and the

army, are not on their side, and cannot answer their problems. It is only the Catholic and Protestant working class uniting together to establish a socialist dictatorship which can answer their problems.

As the crisis grows deeper in both north and south, all the Tories and bourgeoisie, will be forced to attack their rights.

**KL: What is the nature of the 'strike' by the Ulster Workers Council?**

This isn't a strike like one in Britain, where the working class strike for better conditions and fight the employers for their rights. It is one to assert Loyalist domination over the whole

# 'BIG BROTHER' SYSTEM AT SCHOOL DOWN UNDER

A 'BIG Brother' system of closed circuit television used to keep watch on the leisure activities of the pupils of a Sydney suburban school has come under investigation by the New South Wales Education Department.

Pupils at the Engadine High School in a semi-rural green-belt, 30 miles south of Sydney have also complained about the fines imposed by observers of the 'electronic eyes' for such offences as littering the school

grounds with the penalty for a dropped piece of paper at two dollars (£1.22) a time.

Some boys have complained that this is more than their entire weekly allowance.

Defending the system, the school's Deputy Principal Mr S. Anstee said he felt it was important to watch, and correct, the behavioural attitude of the children.

Since the introduction of the closed circuit television monitors, he said, the behaviour of

the pupils had improved and there was a marked decrease in litter in the school grounds.

He said the money collected from fines would be allocated to useful purposes in the interests of the occupants of the school.

A spokesman for the State's Teachers' Federation, Mr Michael Hourigan, had the last say with 'I don't think this practice should be either extended or encouraged.'

# HEATH VISITS MAO

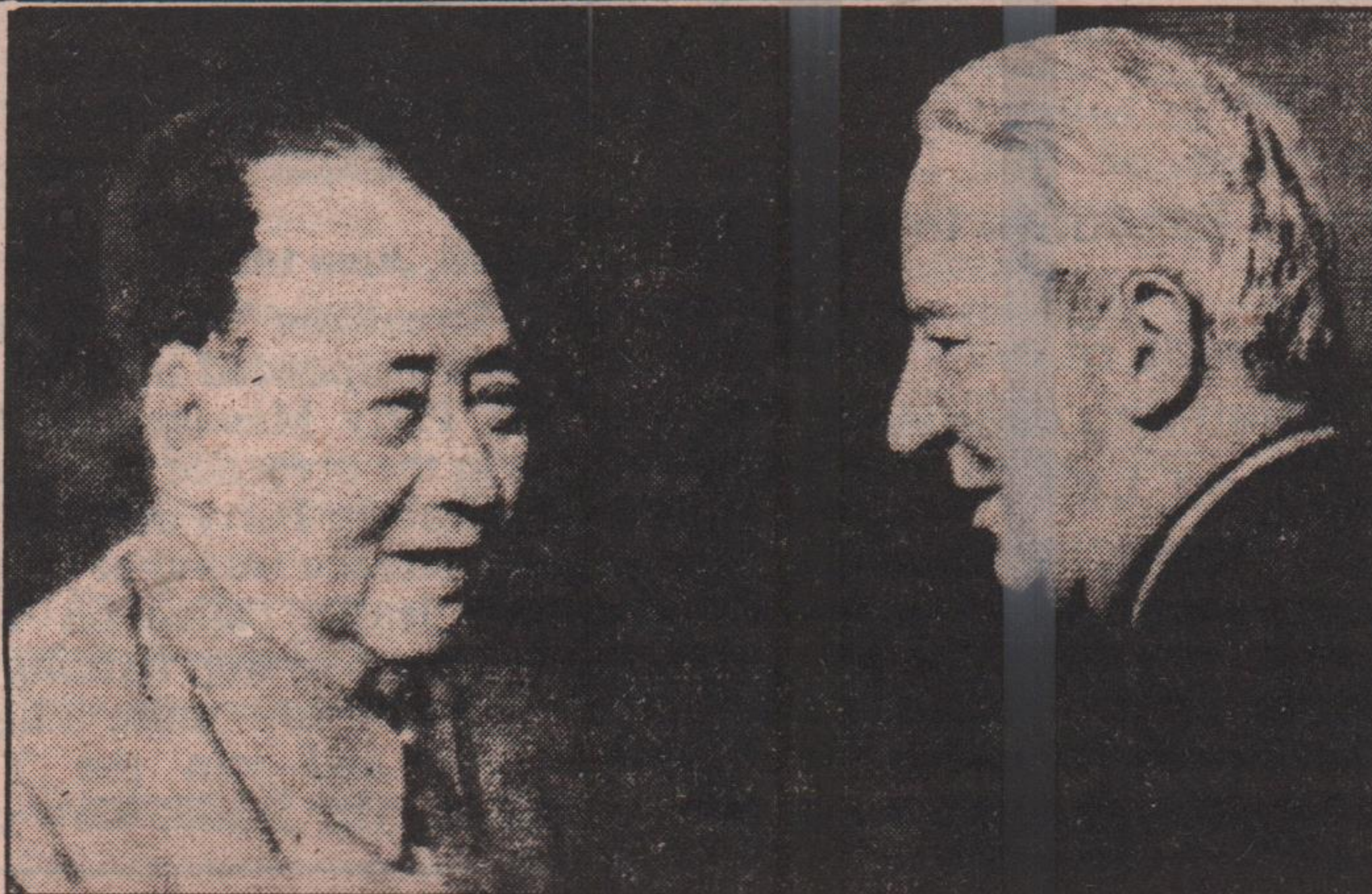
**GUESS** who came to dinner last week as guest of chairman Mao Tse-tung, leader of the Chinese Communist Party? None other than Edward Heath, leader of Britain's Tories and a savage anti-Communist.

He was given the red carpet treatment usually reserved for heads of state.

This boot-licking reception given by the Chinese government shows their support for the architect of the most savage attacks on trade unions.

Maoist, Reg Birch, leader of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) is an executive member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers threatened with sequestration by the National Industrial Relations Court under Heath's Industrial Relations Act.

He in particular, as well as the rest of British Maoists, are immediately called upon to make clear where they stand on the Chinese bureaucracy's welcome for Heath.



PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE: Heath and Mao



The new metal Young Socialists badge is out! Send off 25p plus 3p postage for yours, or a bulk order for your YS branch. To: YS National Treasurer, 186a Clapham High Street, SW4. Please send me ..... new YS badges. Money (.....) enclosed. Name ..... Address .....



# Transport House carries out expulsions and closures—but the youth fight back

## Role of the 'lefts' in the fight against Labour right-wing

by Jack Gale

Part Three

**THE LABOUR Party's National Agent—Reg Underhill—fought desperately and unsuccessfully at the northern conference of the Labour Party on May 18 to defeat a call for an inquiry into corruption in the Labour movement in the area.**

Despite Underhill's appeals, the Party delegates insisted on calling for an inquiry by 306,000 votes to 166,000.

Rank and file party members and trade unionists—as well as a growing number of MPs and trade union leaders reflecting this pressure—want an inquiry into what has been going on in the area.

They want to know how many other prominent figures in the Labour movement had connections with architect John Poulson and T. Dan Smith, now in jail for corruption.

Underhill's attempts to write the whole business off as 'ill-informed and mischievous' came to naught.

Mr Underhill has not always been so eager to avoid inquiries. As this series of articles shows, when he was assistant National Agent, he was extremely enthusiastic to 'inquire' into the activities of those who were fighting for socialism.

They were used in 1959 the year when the Socialist Labour League (forerunner of the Workers Revolutionary Party) was proscribed, and even earlier in 1954 when Trotskyists were expelled from the Labour Party in Islington (where Ted Grant leader of the 'Militant' group voted for their expulsion), Norwood and Lambeth.

Frequently, the right wing could not push the required expulsions through the local Constituency Labour Party. Their tactic then was to arrange for 'complaints' from 'party members' who were never named.

The Party leadership would immediately launch an inquiry in the interests of these unnamed Party members.

The inquiry invariably decided on expulsions and if the local party disagreed, it was simply disbanded and only those members who would accept the inquiry's verdict would be admitted to a 'reorganized' constituency party.

Now of course, it is a different matter. Now it is not a few planted and anonymous complaints but thousands of active members of the Labour movement who want to know the truth about their leaders.

Despite the opposition of Underhill and the rest of the Labour bureaucrats, these members have forced the National Executive to agree to an Inquiry.

What is involved, however, is not the personal misdeeds of individuals, but the whole role of the Labour Party leadership in defending capitalism.

It was because the Young Socialists around 'Keep Left' waged a principled struggle against the Labour leadership around socialist policies that they were witch-hunted in the way described in these articles.

The Young Socialists are now the official youth movement of the Workers Revolutionary Party, to which they are affiliated.



Above: Young Socialist lobby Transport House protest against expulsions on June 24. Right: Labour Party officials called the police to disperse the youth during the protest. Here YS National Agent, Dave Ashby (left) and Sheila Torrance (right) manhandled out of Transport House. Inset: Reg Underhill, then Assistant National Agent of Labour Party, (second from left) manhandled out of the 'Coventry Express' office after a wite against the youth expulsions in 1966.

**THE open support given by the centrists to the Labour Party right-wing witch-hunt encouraged Transport House to intensify their attacks on the youth.**

Immediately after the conference a ban was placed on members visiting any other branches except by invitation. And YS National Committee meetings were reduced from one-and-a-half days to five hours.

In fact Underhill closed down the first post-Brighton YS National Committee (on June 7) after two hours because it refused to limit its opposition to bans and expulsions to mere words.

for total opposition to any reintroduction of conscription.

The National Committee not only passed a resolution against the Streatham suspension but decided to inform Streatham YS members, who were waiting outside Transport House, of their decision.

(The 'Tribune' MP Ian Mikardo, on his way to the meeting, had walked straight past the YS lobbyists, refusing to answer their questions.)

After Underhill closed the NC meeting supporters of 'New Advance' left the building, as did Roger Rosewall, sole supporter of Young Guard on the Committee.

(Rosewall later became industrial correspondent on the International Socialists' weekly paper 'Socialist Worker', 'Young Guard' having long since collapsed.)

No further meeting of that committee was ever called by the official Labour Party apparatus. They had, in fact, embarked on a process of disbanding the youth movement, even though 347 branches had been represented at the Brighton Conference.

The Keep Left of June, 1964, called on all adult Labour Party and trade union members to unite against any attempts to disband the Young Socialists and to fight for the policy decisions of the Brighton Conference.

On July 8, police with dogs dispersed 30 Streatham Young Socialists lobbying a further meeting of the Streatham Labour Party's General Committee.

This meeting decided by 24 votes to ten to expel five YS members—Aileen Jennings, John Roberts, Paul Carpenter, Ann Tobin and Ray Maher. Aileen Jennings subsequently became editor of Keep Left in September 1964.

In July 'Tribune' called 'Keep Left' supporters 'lice on the body politic'.

But the July-August issue of 'Keep Left' declared: 'We will not keep our mouths shut when we know that the refusal of Harold Wilson and the right wing to adopt

socialist policies will be a betrayal of millions of women who vote against us in General Elections.'

**Keep Left**  
The time to NOW

### YS MUST NOT CLOSE

**Keep Left**  
£500 fund for a better paper

**MODS and ROCKERS**  
Tory onslaught against working-class youth

Keep Left, June 1964

The Streatham Young Socialists had been suspended by their local Labour Party Management Committee in the presence of a London Region Labour Party officer.

Their offence was that they had issued a leaflet called on 'mods' and 'rockers' to stop fighting each other and to unite against capitalism and join the Young Socialists. The leaflet also called

Keep Left, July-August 1964

It called for a Labour victory while fighting socialist policies decided on and fighting also for a revolution in the Labour Party that, said Keep Left, to be 'no socialism in Britain' and 'no government of capitalist Britain presided over by Labour leaders'.

'It would certainly be a betrayal on our part of revolutionary youth, if we preach otherwise.' A Keep Left promised to the 'Tribune' Left in 1959, they would not election time drew near.

Meanwhile the Young Socialists had a strong 'expulsion' protest at the Cora Hotel, London, June 28. Again they organized attempts to bring a meeting by the right wing 'moderates' of 'Young Socialists'.

But these were unsuccessful. A call was issued from the refusal to recognize the of the YS branch.

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The gauntlet had been thrown  
down by a 400-strong lobby of the  
Labour Party NEC on June 24.

It was here that Frank Cousins,  
then General Secretary of the  
T&GWU, refused to support the  
youth ('But I'm a trade unionist  
and I'm not on the NEC' he told  
them—KL July-August) and called  
the police to move them away  
from Transport House.

Although a number of Labour  
'lefts' sat on the NEC the question  
of the Streatham YS branch was  
never raised and the expulsion of  
YS Chairman John Robertson  
went through without comment.

When YS National Committee  
tried to see the NEC and refused to  
leave Transport House until they  
had done so, the police were called  
to forcibly evict these Young  
Socialists from the premises.

(A significant development at  
this time was the development of a  
similar witchhunt in the Young  
Communist League. Again the op-  
position was accused of Trotskyism.  
The then secretary of the  
YCL, Jimmy Reid—later to  
achieve notoriety at UCS—  
organized the expulsion of YCLers  
from Ealing, Lambeth and Pad-  
dington for 'Trotskyism'.

Just as 'Tribune' had referred to  
those accused of Trotskyism as  
'lice', so Reid called them  
'political pygmies, sub-Hitlers and  
lumps of excrement'.

A demonstration of dissident  
YCLers outside the King Street,  
London, headquarters of the Com-  
munist Party carried banners  
which proclaimed 'Transport  
House and King Street both purge  
the Left'.

With Labour's National Youth  
Officer Reg Underhill refusing to  
call a further meeting of the YS  
National Committee on the  
grounds that everybody was 'too  
busy electioneering', such a  
meeting was summoned by the  
new National Chairman, Dave  
Ashby of Yorkshire.

This meeting issued a manifesto  
'Forward with the Young

Socialists' under the names of  
Ashby, Sheila Torrance (London  
and Middlesex), Peter MacCallum  
(Wales), Mike Farley (NW), Barry  
Evans (E. Midlands), Bob  
Hamilton (Scotland) and Wally  
Hobson (Northern Region).

Three right wingers—Janet Dug-  
dale (Eastern Region), John  
Charlton (West Midlands), and  
John Packer (SW) refused to at-  
tend the meeting, although as NC  
members elected at the Brighton  
Conference, they had been invited  
to do so.

GENERAL ELECTION: Young Socialists National  
Committee  
demands:

**Keep Left**

**Fight the Tories**

**For Socialism**

Apprentices out YCL out

ALL OUT ON SEPTEMBER 27th!

**Keep Left, September 1964**

Roger Rosewall, the 'young  
Guard' supporter who was NC  
member for the Southern region,  
attended the meeting but abstained  
on the Manifesto and also on the  
call for a mass anti-Tory rally to be  
held on September 27.

(By the time the meeting was  
held Ashby had received a letter  
from Harold Sims, the Yorkshire  
Regional youth organizer for the  
Labour Party, saying that he had  
been 'deleted' from Transport  
House records!)

Transport House's policy of at-  
tempting to demolish the Young  
Socialists organization was now in  
full flow. In August the Leicester-  
shire Federation was disbanded for  
organizing a campaign against  
racism.

The youth had distributed 8,000

leaflets in Leicester's Highfields  
area and had placed a 40-strong  
picket on the 'Admiral Nelson'  
public house in the centre of  
Leicester where the landlord had  
allegedly banned coloured people  
from the lounge.

This was described as a 'gross  
violation of the Labour Party con-  
stitution'.

Following the Streatham exam-  
ple, the youth decided not to  
recognize the closure and in fact  
opened up a new branch in High-  
fields. On August 22 they  
organized a joint march against  
racism with the Indian Workers'  
Association.

In Scotland, the YS National  
Committee member, Bob  
Hamilton, was on September 1  
refused admission to a meeting to  
'reconstruct' the Glasgow  
Federation. Police were called to  
evict him.

On September 14, Ashby and  
three others—Steve Rich, Janet  
Hinchcliffe and Jennifer McKen-  
ny—were expelled by North West  
Leeds Labour Party.

The West Yorkshire YS  
Federation was closed down in  
October for campaigning amongst  
immigrant youth. Both the  
Federation and the campaign con-  
tinued unofficially.

In South Leeds, Dave Winter  
and Susan Best were expelled from  
the Labour Party because they  
refused to give an undertaking that  
they would not attend any meeting  
or demonstrations without the ex-  
plicit permission of the General  
Management Committee.

In Bradford a YS branch was  
closed down and police called to  
eject youth from the local  
Management Committee to which  
they were elected delegates.

This was the pattern throughout  
the country.

In the midst of all this, 3,000  
youth marched on the September  
27 YS anti-Tory rally.

Writing in the October issue of  
Keep Left, Chairman Dave Ashby  
had this to say of the rally:

**THE anti-Tory demonstration  
on September 27 at which 3,000  
young people demonstrated in a**

serious and disciplined manner for  
socialist policies can only give us  
absolute confidence that the YS  
will become a mass socialist youth  
movement. The immediate question  
is where do we go from September  
27?

There is one point that I would  
like to make perfectly clear. In call-  
ing for the demonstration on Sep-  
tember 27 the National Committee  
was acting in what it considered to  
be the best interests of the  
movement.

At the Brighton conference  
delegates from Young Socialists  
branches all over the country  
agreed on a whole range of policies  
which were fully discussed and  
voted on in a thoroughly democratic  
manner. A National Committee was  
elected to lead a fight for these  
policies.

**Keep Left**

Apprentice  
Special page 1

**3,000  
YOUTH  
IN  
ANTI-  
TORY  
RALLY**

For a full report  
see pages 4 & 5

**Next step — a YS National Conference**

**Keep Left, October 1964**

We could not have been given a  
clearer mandate. Our responsibility  
was one of initiating, both locally  
and nationally, campaigns to build  
the YS on the policies of  
nationalization of the major in-  
dustries, opposition to all forms of  
wage restraint, better wages, shorter  
hours and improved training  
schemes for young workers and ap-  
prentices, opposition to the call-up  
and the Tory Immigration Act and  
a socialist foreign policy of with-

drawal from NATO and the with-  
drawal of all foreign troops from  
abroad.

These policies passed at Brighton  
were the culmination of four years'  
work in the Young Socialists. If the  
present National Committee had  
failed to campaign for them it  
would have represented a complete  
abdication of leadership and  
responsibility. There would have  
been no point in continuing with the  
youth movement as a national  
organization. It is this that we have  
to remember in considering the next  
stage of the movement.

The National Committee took the  
step of issuing the Manifesto 'For-  
ward with the Young Socialists'  
which was in complete accordance  
with the Brighton policy decisions.  
We must now prepare the entire  
movement for a national conference  
in January. At this conference we  
would propose to put forward for  
discussion and amendment the  
document 'Forward With the  
Young Socialists'. We would also  
make our own actions accountable  
to the conference and proceed at the  
conference to the election of officials  
for 1965.

This is the next stage in the  
building of the YS—to continue the  
fight for the Brighton policies as a  
responsible section of the labour  
movement in Britain, and to refuse  
to tolerate any expulsions or  
closures.

Both 'Tribune' and the Com-  
munist Party's 'Daily Worker'  
(now the 'Morning Star') had  
refused to carry paid adver-  
tisements for the rally, though  
both carried advertisements for a  
'Save the YS Campaign'. This—a  
national effort by a combined force  
of right-wingers 'Young Guard'  
supporters, and supporters of a  
new paper 'The Militant', run by  
the Ted Grant group—mustered  
fewer than 200 people.

Its purpose was to collaborate  
with Transport House in the ex-  
pulsion of the revolutionary left in  
order to then negotiate terms un-  
der which they could run a youth  
movement under official Labour  
Party patronage.

**CONTINUED NEXT WEEK**



# STALINISM AND BOLSHEVISM

### REVIEW

**'STALINISM AND BOLSHEVISM—concerning the Historical and Theoretical roots of the Fourth International'**  
First published in 1937  
Published by New Park Publications, 186a Clapham High Street London SW4 7UG. Price 20p.



**BOLSHEVISM in action during the civil war in Russia: Trotsky speaks to troops of the Red Army. Above right: STALINISM in action, 1939. Stalin greets Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop after signing a pact.**

**THIS** new translation of the pamphlet written by Trotsky in 1937 is essential reading for all Young Socialists who want to understand the degeneration of the workers' state in Russia, led by Stalin, and the historical roots of the YS as part of the Fourth International.

In it, Trotsky explains how the Stalinist bureaucracy grew in complete opposition to the principles of Bolshevism on which the workers' state in Russia was founded in 1917.

He exposes the reactionary arguments of revisionists and idealists who claimed that Stalinism was the necessary outcome of Bolshevism.

In 1917 the Bolshevik Party, its practice based on Marxist philosophy, dialectical materialism led the working class to power in Russia.

But with the temporary failure of the revolution in other countries, particularly Germany in 1923; with the intervention of invading capitalist armies during the civil war; with the famine that developed in Russia, the working class was weakened and isolated. Conservative



elements, led by Stalin, were able after a bitter struggle to usurp political power and entrench themselves as a bureaucracy.

Stalinism, representing the pressure of international capitalism on the workers' state, based itself on the theory of 'Socialism in a single country', and the world Communist Parties were subordinate to the interests of the Moscow bureaucracy and not the interests of the international working class.

The theory 'Socialism in a single country' led to their policy of 'peaceful co-

existence' with the ruling class. The enormous betrayals that this policy has led to can be seen today in Chile, Greece, France and other countries.

After the historic betrayal of the German working class by the Communist Party in 1933 which led to the rise of Hitler and the Second World War, Trotsky set about the construction of a new, Fourth International, in opposition to the Comintern, to lead the working class to power internationally.

However, many middle-class observers saw Stalinism, with its system of repression, falsification, showtrials and tortures against the Opposition, as a continuation of Bolshevism and a necessary result of the Bolshevik programme. They said that 'anti-democratic' measures taken by the Bolsheviks during the period of 'War Communism', when the Russian workers had to fight off 17 invading capitalist armies, contained the seeds of Stalinism.

In fact the ruthless struggle of Lenin and Trotsky to prevent the return of capitalism in the civil war period was inseparably bound up with their struggle against the development of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Looking at Stalinism as a national or even more localized question and not in its international context, the

centrists only aided the further degeneration of the Bolshevik Party under Stalin and could give no leadership to the working class.

Only Trotsky and the Left Opposition in the Bolshevik Party grasped the true nature of Stalinism. Trotsky and his comrades waged a continual and principled struggle against Stalinism. In this fight Trotsky and many thousands of his supporters were to lose their lives at the hands of the bureaucracy's repressive machine.

The Trotskyist movement in the 1930s emerged in a period of defeat for the working class. But it was in the struggle against Stalinism, at every stage of its degeneration, which laid the basis for the Trotskyist International Committee of the Fourth International, represented in Britain today by the Workers Revolutionary Party, of which the Young Socialists is the youth section.

Today we work under entirely changed conditions: a situation in which the working class internationally is undefeated and on the offensive against the capitalist class and the Stalinist and reformist bureaucracy.

This pamphlet is a vital work for Young Socialists to expose the Stalinists and their revisionist supporters, and through that struggle to build a leadership to take the working class to power.

## Prentice attacks NUS stand on Fascists

**REG PRENTICE**, right-wing Labour Education secretary, has said he will not speak to the National Union of Students on any occasion because of the Union's decision to keep Fascist and racist speakers out of the colleges.

Rejecting an invitation to speak at the NUS conference in September, he said: 'I have decided not to speak to any NUS conference or function so long as this policy prevails.'

And Labour Minister for Higher Education Fowler has gone along with Prentice's stand and is also refusing to speak.

The policy of banning Fascist speakers has already led to incidents in several colleges. Students at Hatfield Polytechnic, for instance, drove Chilean lecturer Gerardo Zegers off the platform before he said a single word on the subject of 'The New Chilean Regime'.

Students at other colleges have blocked Fascists and racists from platforms by every possible means. A

vicious witch-hunt against students has begun in the columns of the Tory press, on the grounds that the NUS policy to stop the reactionaries, made official at last term's Liverpool conference, is a threat to 'Free Speech'.

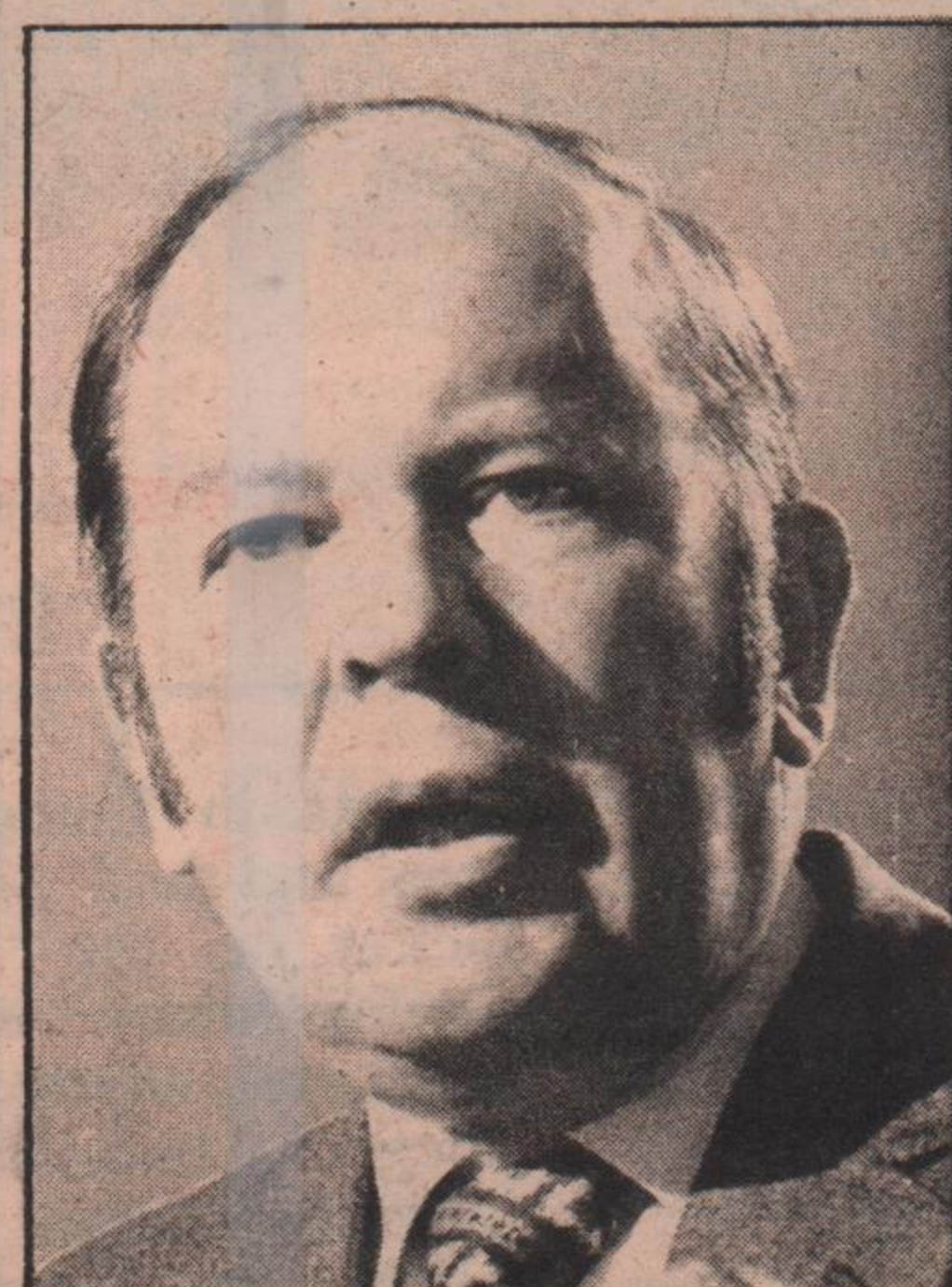
Students have rightly replied to these attacks that they have the right to stop any political enemies of students and workers entering the colleges. And Reg Prentice has shown his true colours by lining up with the Tory press in attacking students.

Mr John Randall, president of the National Union of Students, has said that Pren-

tice is entitled to his own views and that he is disappointed that he has turned down an invitation to talk to teacher-training students.

A resolution drafted by the NUS Executive for next month's emergency NUS conference re-affirms the principle of banning Fascists and racists but condemns 'individual acts of aggression' by students.

This resolution also plays into the hands of reactionaries. Students must demand that their union leaders back them up at every stage of the struggle against the Fascist speakers.



Reg Prentice

## RENTS WIPE OUT GRANT INCREASE

**THE SAME** day that the Labour government announced 25 per cent rises in student grants, students in at least one university learned their rents are likely to go up by 32 per cent.

Simultaneously with Education Minister Reg Prentice's announcement that grants are going up from £485 to £605 in September, a notice went up in Aberystwyth University that the hall of residence committee on May 20 would discuss plans to increase student rents from £289 a year to £381.

One of the 3,500 Aberystwyth students commented: 'This virtually wipes out the grants increase.'

'About 1,000 students will be affected by the rents rise which looks inevitable. It will also hit all the students who live outside the college. Private landlords will put their rents up.'

Rent rises are only some of the cost of living increases facing students. This makes a mockery of the statement from the National Union of Students that Prentice's grants award is 'an outstanding achievement for the student movement.'



### Stop Fascist speakers!

**WE THINK** Reg Prentice's statement last Thursday, that he wouldn't speak at any NUS conference or meeting until the NUS had modified its platform on free speech for fascists is quite clearly a move to the right by this right-wing Labourite. By making this statement he peddles bourgeois ideology with its sham of 'free speech', and sides with the most reactionary elements and tendencies of our society.

But the whole issue has to be clarified. As for the YSSS our position on this subject is quite clear. We are definitely not in favour of allowing free speech for fascists and that where the working class is sufficiently well-organized they should act to prevent such people from having any platform to speak.

However we also believe that the NUS resolution on 'Free Speech for Fascists and Racists' is a complete diversion from the question that faces the student movement. This diversion is led by the bankrupt NUS Executive,

dominated by the reformists, revisionists and Stalinists, who continue to peddle worn out protest politics that direct student consciousness into blind allies.

As the class conflict grows, and that's what Prentice's statement is part of, the real issues should be posed; that is, ones of an alternative revolutionary socialist leadership to break the student body from these old ideas and policies, and to align itself to the class conscious sections of the working class, in order to build a Revolutionary Party.

**Leeds Polytechnic Young Socialists Student Society**

### Dangers in the crisis

**THE** economic crisis of capitalism has entered a completely new period characterized by international recession. In the attempt to prop up their ailing profits the ruling class has had to turn to completely naked force to suppress the working class.

This suppression, where the police-military conspiracy in

Britain will now be taken into practice in the most vicious way, is the last resort of a historically bankrupt class with its back to the wall.

The weakness of this ruling class today is shown in the reaction to the long-overdue political strike of the AUEW against the Industrial Relations Act, where they were forced to buy the engineers back to work within hours.

Had the strike not been finished quickly, large sections of British industry, particularly the newspaper and car industry, would have gone bust.

However, the emergence of the strike as a political weapon today, means that the ruling class will now use even stronger measures to ensure the working class pays for the crisis. The big confrontation has not been averted—only postponed.

In this context, the question of leadership becomes even more vital and the necessity to build the revolutionary leadership to replace the corrupt labour bureaucrats the most urgent question of the day.

This is the role of the Young Socialists—to build a party to

take the working class to power.

**Allstair Leyton YS**

### What kind of socialism is this?

**I THINK** that the latest tax increases really expose the Labour government's contempt for the working class youth in this country. Not only have they made youth pay tax directly, through their wage packets, but they have also increased tax on cigarettes and beer.

They have done this consciously, knowing that the youth are the most poorly-paid and exploited section in the working class. They have done it in order to subsidize the parasite bosses, and shareholders of the super-markets' profits.

Considering that the Labour government is supposed to be a (sic) socialist government, I would like to know what kind of socialism subsidizes the rich whilst it taxes the poor.

I feel the only way to combat these attacks on the already falling living standards of working class youth is to demand a recall of the Labour Party conference and, make the government pursue socialist policies.

At the same time we must build a mass YS to ensure that these policies are carried out.

**Steve Casely Tunbridge Wells YS**

### YSSS MEETINGS ON 'THE MARXIST ANALYSIS OF THE CRISIS'

**BRISTOL UNIVERSITY YSSS:** Thursday June 6, 1 p.m. Union HR2.

**EXETER UNIVERSITY:** Thursday June 6. For place and time see posters.

**KINGS COLLEGE YSSS:** Tuesday June 4. For place and time see posters.

**LA SAINTE COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION YSSS:** Thursday June 6, 7.30 p.m. For place see posters.

**P O R T S M O U T H POLYTECHNIC YSSS:** Tuesday June 4, 7.15 p.m. H6:6, Mercantile House, Hampshire Terrace.

**SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY YSSS:** Tuesday June 4, 8.00 p.m. For place and time see posters.



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# Reading YS stage Folk and Rock concert

OVER 200 youth attended a pop concert at Reading organized by the YS last Thursday night. Various groups and artists performed from 7 pm until after midnight.

All the performers played for free in support of the YS and the artists ranged from English and Irish Folk to R&B and heavy rock.

Several folk artists performed early in the evening including the Jack the Hat Duo, and some good harmonica playing from Phil Bird and Owen Bray.

The main groups of the evening were Graphite, a four-man rock band who played a few numbers from well-known groups such as the Grateful Dead, and also with some of their own songs. They had just released a record called 'Comeback'. The group's writers, guitarist Dave Hook and singer Keith Allen have been professionals for some time, but they have to fight continuously to scrimp and save in order to survive.

Dave told Keep Left: 'Very few artists can make it without money; the monopolies in this field of entertainment are growing and control everything. New companies are formed to rip off and exploit thousands of youth today.'

Keith said 'sub-

standard groups like the Osmonds with plenty of money backing them also make it big because the media pushes what they want. The clean good-living law abiding youth.

Dave Carlson, who travelled down from London to perform, did a session backed by drummer and guitarist from 'Justin Cann', and base guitarist from 'Graphite' Led Calier who gave a superb performance.

Carlson did a series of songs—Joe Cocker style—such as 'Honky Tonk Women'. Teamwork was brilliant for four musicians that have never played together before.

Three Irish dancers and a Ceili band received a fantastic reception from the audience.

The last group, 'Justin Cann', a local Reading group, played a series of 'Stones' numbers.

Because of the capitalist system which



Above: A section of the 200-strong audience at the Reading YS Folk and Rock concert. Left: Jack the Hat. Top right: Graphite perform. Right: Star guest Dave Carlson on stage at the Coronation Hall.



ment under the control of those who work in it can provide a future to the youth who work in this field.

The YS concert made a very big impact on youth in the town. Many who came decided to join the YS and others bought tickets for the YS coach trip to Cheddar Gorge this Sunday.

exists only to make profits out of groups and artists like those at the concert, most youth are not given the opportunity to develop.

As Keith and Dave from 'Graphite' pointed

out they had been playing for years but because they have very little money are forced to work under terrible conditions.

Only the nationalization of entertain-

## North West kick-off summer programme with successful football competitions

FROM PAUL SALVESON, LANCASTER YS



LAST Sunday Lancaster Young Socialists held their first football competition and rally. It was a big success with teams coming to play from all over the city—Newton, Bowerham, York Road and New Planet City.

Although New Planet were the clear winners all the teams played well, with spirited performances from the younger players in the York Road and Bowerham teams.

Chris Adams scored four goals for Bowerham and Michael Smallshaw of Newton got the goal record with eight, scored over three games. Brian Hampsey, Bowerham's goalie made

Above: tough tackle at the YS football at Lancaster last Sunday

some thrilling saves and Steve Smith and Tony Redfern from New Planet both put in some brilliant goals.

After the competition, a lively discussion was held on topics such as the lack of facilities for youth in Lancaster, the role of trade unions and the present economic crisis. The discussion was introduced by a YS member from Skelmersdale.

It was decided to hold more competitions in the future and have regular meetings and discos for local youth. A strong team is being built up for the coming regional football competition in Liverpool.



ALTHOUGH Skelmersdale's Ronnie Thomas scored at the beginning of the first half, Kirkby always looked the better side.

They scored three times, the scorers being Alan Johnstone, Tony Ward and Peter Shannon. Skelmersdale were far from defeated at the end of the first half and another goal from Ronnie Thomas meant that they were only one goal down. In the second half

Skelmersdale began with a concerted attack which led to a goal from Alan McDougal which brought the teams level at 3-3.

From this point on however they began to lose their grip on the game and conceded two more goals, one to Tom Ward and another to Eddie Traynor. Despite another Skelmersdale goal which was scored by Michael Hallsworth on the third attempt following

Above: Players in the Skelmersdale vs Kirkby YS football match which ended in a 5-4 win for Kirkby

a penalty, they appeared to have lost any hope of winning by the last minutes of the game.

Kirkby had not had an easy victory, though a more determined Skelmersdale team could well have them worried when they meet them at home.

JOIN THE YOUTH MOVEMENT THAT LEADS THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALIST POLICIES!



THE YS!

JOIN THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS! COME TO OUR DISCOS, FOOTBALL MEETINGS AND RALLIES.

I wish to join / have more information about the Young Socialists.

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Post to: YS National Secretary, 186a Clapham High Street, London, SW4 7UG.



YS SUMMER PROGRAMME

# GREAT RESPONSE FOR SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**THE Young Socialists are winning hundreds of new members in every part of Britain as their Summer Recruitment Campaign is stepped up in each branch, federation and region.**

Four very well-attended Regional Rallies were held by the YS last weekend and youth were signed up at each one.

Our campaigns with 'Keep Left', our campaigns against police brutality, low wages, the attacks on the unions, and for socialist policies, our social and sports activities, are winning a great response from youth.

Our Regional Correspondents report on last Sunday's rallies:

**From Kent:** The Kent Region of the YS held their rally in Maidstone. It was attended by about 110 youth from all over Kent.

A total of ten teams from the various YS branches played in the afternoon's football competition. The Sevenoaks YS team emerged

as the winners after beating Woolwich in the final 7-3.

This was followed in the early evening by a showing of the YS film 'Looking for Freedom'. A great deal of interest was shown by the audience and a lively discussion followed. The evening was brought to a close by a very enjoyable disco.

The Regional Rally has given us a basis from which to go forward and build large YS branches in all parts of Kent.

**From Scotland:** Over 60 YS members gathered in Glasgow for the premiere showing of the YS film 'Looking for Freedom'. In the afternoon there was a five-a-side knock-out contest with seven teams competing. Gorbals YS won, and the prize was a year's subscription to Keep Left.

Speakers at the rally were Andy Wooly from the Young Socialists Student Society and Patsy Ballantyne of the YS National Committee. 'Young people must realize, here in Britain we are living in a revolutionary situation, that the question of power now faces the working class, that capitalism is in the deepest crisis of its history. The world banking system is on the verge of recession,' she said.

She warned of the dangers of the Stalinist and reformist leaders.

Keep Left youth asked youth at the Rally what they thought of the film.

Alan Steele from Greenock



**Football match at the Eastern Region YS Rally.**

said 'it was very informative, and could be used to recruit new members to the YS, as it shows what the struggle of the YS is about.'

Margaret McQuay of Edinburgh YS said: 'It shows the excitement that goes on in the YS. It could be used as a means of recruitment.'

Many youth at the rally were signed up to become readers of Keep Left.

**From Eastern Region;** Sunday May 26 was a big success for the Eastern Region YS. It started with a Football Tournament at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, in which eleven teams participated.

After an exciting tournament, the final was played between the 'All Blacks' from Ipswich YS and the 'Sproston Mashers' from Norwich. The 'All Blacks' won 1-0. Although the Sproston team came close to

scoring, the 'All Blacks' won through with fast passes and accurate shooting.

The Film and Rally was held at the Sproston Youth Centre in Norwich, and was attended by over 120 youth. The speaker at the rally was Sarah Hannigan, Editor of Keep Left, who spoke about the military dictatorship in northern Ireland and the economic crisis. A lively discussion was held where many questions were asked.

Many youth joined the YS afterwards, and in the evening there was a very successful disco. This is the first big event of the Summer Recruitment campaign, which is being used to build up strong YS branches.

**From North East London;** Over 200 youth attended the YS Rally which was held last Sunday in North-East London Region. Thirty teams competed in a five-a-side football competition. 'Aegus' team from Tottenham YS won the final.

A Rally was held where the YS Film 'Looking for Freedom' was shown and got a good reception.

Speaking at the Rally was Dave Brotherton, secretary of the YS Region, and Waveney Grant of the YS National Committee.

There was great enthusiasm for joining the YS at the rally and many youth signed up.

There was a disco in the evening, with sounds provided by Stoke Newington YS.

**MORE REPORTS AND PICTURES NEXT WEEK**



**Left: The audience at North East London YS's Rally.**



## DISCO ONE

About 400 members from West London and the Western Region joined each other for a disco at Tiffany's Bristol.

## DISCO TWO

Winsford Young Socialists have established a regular disco. Here they pose in front of the Sound System.



## YS REGIONAL RALLIES

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE REGION YS**  
Sunday June 2  
Rally, YS Film and disco: Centenary Rooms, Civic Hall, Barnsley.

**NORTH EAST REGION YS**  
Sunday June 9  
Five-a-side football: 2 p.m. Lightfoot Stadium.  
Rally and Film Show: 5 p.m. Sally Port Towers, Tower Street, Newcastle 1.

# Keep Left subs drive hits the road!

A TRAILBLAZING team from London Young Socialist branches, led by Sylvester Smart of the Keep Left Editorial Board, started off in Birmingham last Saturday for a non-stop weekend campaign to sell Keep Left and win new YS members.

From a great campaign in Birmingham City centre on Saturday afternoon where with local YS members they sold 90 Keep Left, the team spent Saturday night campaigning for a coach outing to Barry Island the next day. Altogether 40 youth went on the trip.

The team stayed behind and worked in Handsworth around the cafes and parks and organized five-a-side football. Seventeen youth joined Handsworth YS, a

disco was organized to the sound of 'Downbeat'.

On Monday, the team went to Coventry, campaigned round the hospitals and organized a nurses' meeting. They also campaigned and won new members for the Bell Green YS branch.

Gerard O'Doherty, one of the YS members on the team told Keep Left:

'It was a non-stop campaign, going round parks,



**The Keep Left Subs Team in action in Birmingham last weekend.**

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clubs, seeing young people. We organized football. We got some young people with a sound system to join the YS.

Right throughout the summer teams will campaign in all the main towns to sell Keep Left and win new YS members.

Trevor Caesar of Poplar YS, another member of the team said:

'This first weekend campaign for the Young Socialists in Birmingham

we sold over 200 Keep Left and "Workers Press". We have got about 30 new members and also organized discos, football and coach trips. Bank Holiday Monday we went to Coventry. We met a lot of youth, most of them had never heard of the Young Socialists. They were very interested and they all agreed to join and help build the Young Socialists movement and the Workers Revolutionary Party.'

Please send . . . . copies of each issue.

To Keep Left subs, 186a Clapham High Street, London SW4 7UG. I wish to subscribe to Keep Left for . . . . months. (Postal subscription: 78p for 3 months, £1.56 for 6 months, £3.00 for a year. Delivery by local YS branch: 36p for three months, 72p for six months).

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## FUND

COMRADES, as we go to press our fund total is £178.15, with only two days left to raise the final £21.85. We urge all branches to rush in their donations before Saturday.

At the same time, we must immediately begin the campaign for our June fund. The great success of the YS summer recruitment campaign makes it possible for us to have many new members who will help in the fight to raise our fund.

Post all donations to: Keep Left Fund, 186a Clapham High Street, SW4 7UG.