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DON'T LET THE PRISONERS DIE!



ON MONDAY 27th OCTOBER the political prisoners in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh concentration camp just outside Belfast started the latest and perhaps final stage of their bitter struggle.

The commencement of the hunger strike was met with a solid wall of defiance from British government which is prepared to let the prisoners die rather than recognise that they are not just 'ordinary criminals'. The prisoners have already been subjected to the most atrocious living conditions, which have made them weak and desperate.

Unless the government can be pressured into conceding the prisoners'

- 2) The right to refrain from prison work.
- 3) The right to free association among other political prisoners.
- 4) The right to organise their own educational and recreational facilities, and to receive one letter, one visit, and one parcel per week.
- 5) The right to full remission of sentences.

For four years British governments have sought to label the prisoners as 'ordinary criminals', while at the same time reinforcing their 'ordinary', 'crime-fighting' apparatus, which includes special no-jury courts, special rules governing interrogation. Also the prisoners are charged under special 'emergency' legislation. Even in this climate the British government has recognised the political nature of the 'crimes' of the prisoners within another part of the special legislation — the Prevention of Terrorism Act — which defines terrorism as 'violence for POLITICAL ends'.

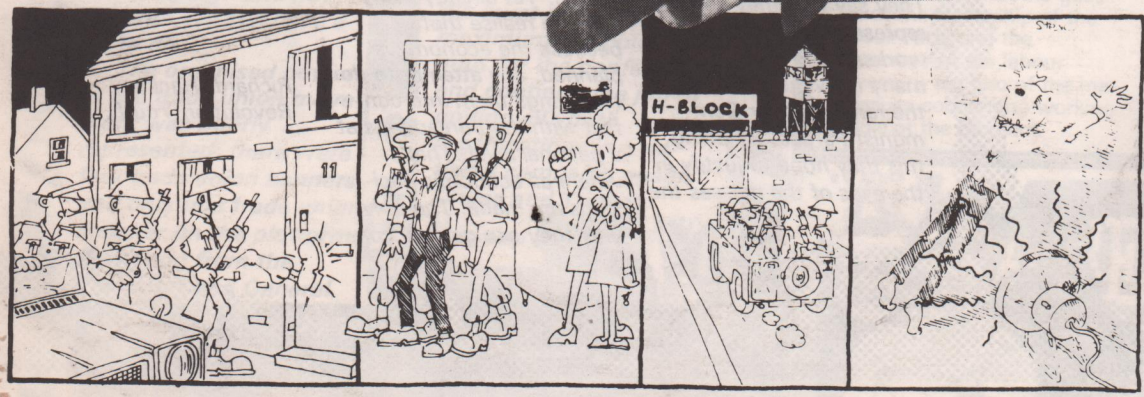
On October 23rd an emergency Cabinet meeting announced the intention of the government to grant ALL male prisoners in the North of Ireland the right to wear PRISON ISSUED 'civilian' clothes. This half-hearted so-called 'concession' is an indication that the Tories realise that people might begin to see the two-faced nature of their policies, so they tried to prevent this before the hunger strike started.

We must ensure that the Tories fail before the hunger strike reaches a bitter conclusion. The silence must end if the prisoners are to be saved.

demands they can face the prospect of a slow, painful death.

The five demands of the prisoners constitute political status — known as 'special category status' until it was withdrawn in March 1976. They are:

- 1) The right to wear their own clothes.



LETTER FROM A HUNGER STRIKER

WE HERE ON PROTEST WERE YOUTH LIKE YOURSELVES WHEN WE CAME INTO PRISON. We believed then and believe more strongly in our political convictions now we face death for do so. So I appeal from the bottom of my heart to you all. Act on our behalf, save our lives. Each individual one of you listening or reading this letter must not think someone else will do something. You are the ones who can act and who can encourage others to act, so do so now before it is too late. I sign off hopeful and confident that my trust and belief in youth will not be disappointed.
Yours in trust and confidence,
Sean McKenna
H-Block hunger striker.

IRAN AND IRAQ are at war. On September 22 Iraq invaded Iran after several months of border skirmishes. It has little to do with the dispute over the Shatt al Arab waterway in the Straits of Hormuz as the press in the West would have us believe.

In February 1979 the working people and oppressed masses of Iran overthrew the hated Shah. He'd been the puppet of American big business in the Middle East. The bosses in the West feared the Iranian revolution would spark off a massive anti-imperialist upheaval in the region.

Since then, they've tried to crush the revolution. But economic sanctions, and attempted military takeovers have all failed. The ex-Shah's generals have been plotting to overthrow the government. President Hussein of Iraq has supplied them with arms, bases in Iraq, and money.

With the Shah gone, Hussein's regime has come under increasing fire from the Iraqi people. In order to stay in power he's had to ban all political opposition, execute over 500 political prisoners in the last five years, and imprison thousands more. He's decided to save his own neck and do imperialism's job in one go: crush the Iranian revolution.

When the Iraqi invasion started, western experts gave Iran little chance against Iraq's military superiority. However, they didn't count on the heroic resistance of the Iranian masses, who rose to defend their revolution.

What gains have the Iranian people made? Many of the workers' councils — *shoras* — are now independent of the reactionary Islamic clergy, to which they were tied at the time of the overthrow of the Shah. Although the government is still popular, mainly due to the personal standing of the Ayatollah Khomeini, unemployment is over 30%. Many of the jobless are becoming disillusioned with the

HANDS OFF IRAN

government because it refuses to do anything about their problems.

The government is a bosses' government, but it has been unable to crush the *shoras*. Indeed sections of workers have won substantial pay rises and shorter working hours.

60% of Iran's population is national minorities such as the Kurds of Kurdistan and Arabs of Khuzestan, where most of the fighting has taken place. The government has been fighting a vicious war with the Kurds for over a year now, denying their democratic rights to self-determination. However, Khomeini has been unable to weaken their resistance.

The bosses in the West are worried that Khomeini is not able to crush the revolution. To keep his credibility he's been forced to place himself at the head of the people's mobilisations against imperialism.

When the Iraqis invaded they declared they were coming to liberate the Arabs of Khuzestan. But the Arabs of Khuzestan know this is an attack on their revolution and have risen to defend their cities. Armed men and women have fought to the death in their bunkers rather than surrender or retreat.

Elsewhere in Iran thousands of youth signed up to defend their revolution. The Kurds have stopped fighting the government and turned their guns against the Iraqi tanks. Fedayeen and Mujahedeen guerrillas, who also oppose Khomeini, have fought side by side with his Islamic Revolutionary Guards. It was this resistance which brought the Iraqi advance to a virtual halt around the three cities of Khorramshahr, Ahwaz and Abadan.

We stand with the Iranian masses in defense of their revolution. We think that the best way to do this is for the government to recognise the democratic rights of the Kurdish and Arab minorities, to rebuild the army under the democratic control of the rank and file soldiers, together with armed workers' and peasants' militias in the cities and villages.

The Iraqi people have no interest in this war which is being fought by Hussein so that he can strengthen his own position. They should call on the Iraqi soldiers to turn their guns on Hussein's regime and extend the gains of the Iranian revolution to their own country.

The US bosses have declared that they are neutral in this war and only want to make sure the Straits of Hormuz stay open for the West's oil supplies. They would have supported an Iraqi victory even though they didn't plan it directly. They hoped that this would lead to the downfall of Khomeini and the installation of an openly pro-Western government, which would be able to restore the bosses' control for good. As the invasion got bogged down they began to get worried. They've got a massive naval strike force off the Persian Gulf, ready for the possibility of any direct military intervention, although they would prefer not to have to do this because they still haven't won American working people over to the idea.

The attempted deal with the hostages shows just how desperate the US bosses are in their attempts to restore 'stability' to the region. We must oppose any imperialist attempt to invade the Persian Gulf. **HANDS OFF THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION! IMPERIALIST FORCES OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST!**

POLAND IS IN THE THROES OF A POLITICAL REVOLUTION. What do we mean by "political revolution"? What should socialists' attitude be towards the so-called 'communist' countries of Eastern Europe?

The countries behind the 'Iron Curtain' are very different from capitalist countries. They are workers states where capitalism has been overthrown. There are no individuals owning the factories with the power to throw hundreds of workers on the dole if they aren't making enough profit. The factories are under common ownership and the economy is planned nationally. There are no landlords with massive estates, living off the work of poor peasants.

Unfortunately, although capitalism has been overthrown, the workers and peasants don't have power themselves. It lies with a small group of bureaucrats.

The bureaucrats plan and administer the economy. They hold political power in the workers states, not because of what they own, but because of their social positions. They are able to rake off benefits for themselves: better homes, cars, shops where they can buy goods that workers can't buy.

In order to survive, the bureaucrats have smothered all forms of workers self-organisation. They allow no democracy. They keep managerial and technical skills, vital if the workers were to plan the economy, to themselves. They stop information about the crisis of the economy getting to workers by strict censorship in the media. They have banned all political



"DAMNED WORKERS"

opposition. The only legal political party is their own, and the official trade unions were set up by the bureaucrats, not to defend workers' interests, but to police them.

But the bureaucrats are totally dependent on the workers for their survival. They say that they are the representatives of the workers, and point to the many individual workers in the ranks of their Communist Parties. By doing this they hope to justify in the eyes of the masses the

fact that they hold the power, and that they, not the workers, plan the economy.

The workers' states of Eastern Europe are great gains for working people. Their planned economies are a great step forward compared to the anarchy of capitalism. We defend these countries against any attempts to restore capitalism, either internally or externally. We oppose all imperialist campaigns aimed at discrediting these countries.

At the same time we give no support whatsoever to the bureaucrats who rule these countries. They rule by repressing the workers, they rake off benefits for themselves, and they are unable to organise the economy efficiently.

We stand for the overthrow of these bureaucrats, and the seizure of power by the workers and peasants. This is what we mean by political revolution. A socialist revolution

POLAND: SOCIALISM YES! BUREAUCRACY NO!

means the overthrow of capitalism. Capitalism has been overthrown in these countries. The victory of these revolutions has to be completed by the overthrow of the bureaucracies.

This is on the cards in Poland today. The Polish workers have said, "What we are fighting for is the control of the factories, the land, and the things that we produce."

The right to self-organisation, won during August is a great victory for the workers. They have called for the abolition of the bureaucracy's special shops, for the relaxation of the censorship laws, and for the right to strike. But this is only the beginning. Bigger conflict is yet to come.

Many workers believe that they will be able to control the economy through the free trade unions. Yet already many of them realise that because the economy is planned, any attempt to do this brings them into conflict with the bureaucrats at a national level. That's where all economic decisions are made. The only way they can get real con-

trol is by overthrowing the bureaucrats and taking power themselves.

Already there have been further trials of strength. Solidarity, the national union formed by the Gdansk strikers, organised a national one-hour strike on Friday 10th October. It has been declared that if the government doesn't stop its harassment of the free trade unions, it will organise further stoppages, and, if necessary, general strike action. It has affirmed its political independence by refusing to recognise the leading role of the Party in its statutes.

The bureaucrats of other Eastern European countries are really frightened. The self-organisation of the Polish workers could easily spark off upheavals in their countries as well. Erik Honecker has all but closed the border between East Ger-

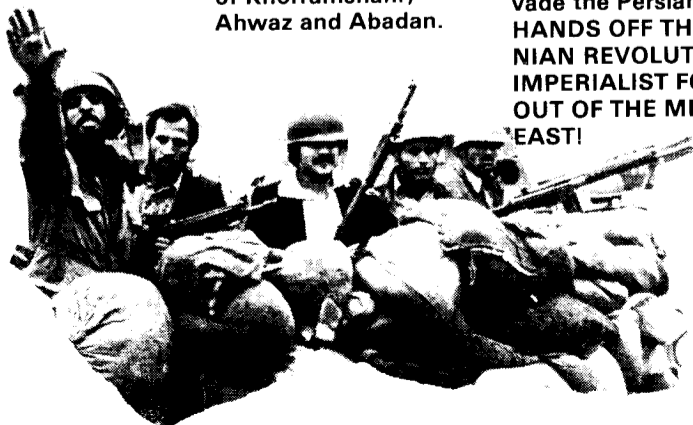
many and Poland. Stanislaw Kania, the Polish Party Secretary was summoned along with the Polish Prime Minister Pinkowski to Moscow on Thursday 30th October.

In 1917 the Bolsheviks declared that the Russian revolution's survival depended on socialist revolutions in the West. Today the political revolution in Poland will only survive if the actions of the workers spark off uprisings in the whole of Eastern Europe, together with mass solidarity from the workers in the West, and ultimately with the victory of the socialist revolution throughout the world.

VICTORY TO THE POLISH WORKERS AND PEASANTS!

FORWARD TO THE POLITICAL REVOLUTION!

Richard, Hackney Revolution Youth.



GARDNERS : "THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT US IS TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE"



L. GARDNERS AND SONS OF ECCLES is the 2nd largest engineering plant in Manchester, producing diesel engines for the commercial vehicle industry. On the 21st August the management announced 700 redundancies, out of a total workforce of 2,400. All the members of staff and the manual workers attended a mass meeting on the 2nd October, and voted overwhelmingly to occupy the plant until the redundancy

notices are withdrawn. Terry Harrison (22) is a member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (AUEW) at Gardners: "I was on the dole for two months before I came to Gardners in 1976, and if I lose this job there is no chance of finding anything else in Eccles. The job situation here is terrible — there's twenty two people on the dole for every one vacancy, and more closures are being announced every week. The

management originally threatened 700 redundancies, this has fallen to 590, because 100 workers have left. We're fighting against ALL redundancies.

"I don't think we should accept early retirements either — older people still need the money. Most of the apprentices are active in the dispute even though their jobs aren't at risk — they just don't think they've got the right to sell anybody else's job.

"Management say redundancies are necessary because of a shortage of orders, but that's not the workers fault and we shouldn't be made to suffer. We make a good engine, and we should be allowed to share the work that is available without losing jobs or pay.

"Thatcher's got in a rut and she's got no way out. If we don't get rid of her soon there'll be no work left for anybody.

"The right to work march was very good — some of our lads went down to Brighton — but there should have been millions on the streets. We'll be supporting the November 29th march in Liverpool (called by the Labour Party) — we support any action against unemployment. If everybody did what we are doing there'd be no unemployment problem.

"The AUEW should be fighting for the 35 hour week, in-

stead of accepting an 8% pay rise, which is useless when inflation is running at 16%. I want Duffy out now — I'll be voting for Bob Wright in the election for President.

"We're getting a lot of support from workers in other firms, with collections etc. But the best way to support us is to follow our example. We need a mass movement in Britain that can kick out the Tories and start to tackle the real problems that workers face."

Leaders of the Labour Movement such as Len Murray, Callaghan, and Duffy speak fine words about the unacceptability of high unemployment. They are for ever trying to convince us that they can take care of everything with discussions and negotiations; the result of all this talking is over 2 million unemployed, with no signs of improvement. It is no use begging and pleading with Mrs. Thatcher for jobs. She and the entire capitalist class will not be satisfied until workers are queuing up at the factory gates offering to

work for next to nothing, like they did in the 'Thirties.' Mass unemployment helps to keep profits up, so what's the use of asking the bosses to help cure the problem. The time for talking is over — the time for action has begun.

Workers at Gardners are showing the sort of action that is necessary to halt the tide of unemployment. All firms threatening redundancies should be OCCUPIED. The only language that the bosses understand is that which threatens their profits. A 35 hour week, with no loss of jobs or pay must be OUR answer to THEIR crisis.

REVOLUTION YOUTH appeals to all its supporters for help in the struggle at Gardners. A victory there will be a victory for the entire working class in Britain. Send donations and messages of support to D. Masden, 187 Barton Lane, Eccles, Manchester M30 0LN., and get your Trade Union, Students Union or Labour Party branch to do the same.

Roy Wilkes, Manchester Revolution Youth.

YOUTH AGAINST MISSILES



"WE DIDN'T KNOW SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE ON THE DEMO. If everyone who opposes Cruise missiles came on the marches then we might stop them." Keith, 14, a school student from Sheffield.

80 000 people marched through London on October 26 against Cruise and Trident missiles. The day before, 7000 people marched through Glasgow in Scotland with CND. Tens of thousands of the marchers were youth. Many marched behind Youth Against Missiles, Schools Against the Bomb, Young CND, Gay Noise, Revolution Youth and Labour Party Young

The tens of thousands of youth were represented by only two of the 20 speakers: from Schools Against the Bomb and Second Generation Young CND.

"The War Game" must be shown in every youth club, school, college, unemployed centre and factory. Collection of signatures calling for the BBC to show the film on TV should be stepped up, along with pickets of local BBC studios.

The missiles are coming in 1983. That gives us just under 3 years. The size of future demos can easily be doubled or tripled; it means we have to start preparing for them now.

Duncan, Manchester Revolution Youth.

Youth Against the Missiles groups should be set up in every area. Their aim must be to unite youth in action against Cruise and Trident missiles. These groups must also involve themselves in the activities of other anti missile groups in their local area.

2nd Generation are planning to hold a conference for youth involved in the campaign sometime in December. We must ensure the maximum possible turnout for the conference and continue the job of uniting all youth organisations in a national campaign against Cruise and Trident.

Socialists banners. Thousands more had just come on the demo because of a gut feeling they have against the threat of nuclear war. In Oxford, 50 youth from a local school booked a coach on their own.

The demo was obviously a great success. But the march must be seen as the beginning of the campaign and not the end. We still have a lot to do.

The organised power of the trade union movement was poorly represented: there were few trade union banners and only one trade union speaker on the platform: Ron Todd from the Transport and General.

Conference Victories For Labour Left

THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE marked a big step forward. The successes on the questions of mandatory reselection of MPs, the idea that the labour movement should play some part in electing its leader, and the resolution passed opposing Cruise missiles are not just a triumph for the Labour left, they are a significant victory for working people.

Of course there remains a long way to go. A resolution opposing NATO was defeated, as was a resolution calling for the nationalisation of firms declaring redundancies, and the democracy question has still to be finally settled.

Callaghan's resignation and the present leadership election, show that the question of the leadership of the Labour Party and the democracy of the labour movement are two of the major issues concerning working people at the moment.

This is because that last Labour government managed to abandon every major reform it was committed to, despite the decisions of the TUC and Labour Party conference during its term of office. It was this experience and the defeat of the Labour Party at the election that brought the question of who controls the Labour government — the International Monetary Fund or the labour movement — into prominence.

It is this political issue rather than just personal ambitions which has led to Callaghan's resignation. Tony Benn stands for the policies which have been passed by the TUC and Labour Party conferences, time and time again, his more radical reformism is supported by the majority of Labour's activists.

The decision to involve some of these people in electing Labour's leader led to fears that Benn might actually be elected leader, so in a

delaying and divisive manoeuvre Callaghan resigned so that Healey might be elected under the old voting system, which only involves MPs.

A victory for Benn would be a major blow against Tories and the bosses and a blow against Healey and Co. whose policies brought the Tories into office. Healey and the Gang of Three stand for more of the same. Another Labour government that introduces policies that cut wages, and public expenditure, and increase the numbers of unemployed workers, is not in the interests of working people.

A victory for Benn would be a victory for millions of trade unionists and Labour Party members, who want no more of either the Tories, or the Labour right wing. They want a Labour government responsible to, and willing to implement the policies of the labour movement. The only people who can put Benn in power are the rank and file

members of the labour movement, if they are to have the say then labour movement has to be democratised.

Today this rank and file faces cuts in public spending, huge dole queues, attacks on trade union rights, and possible annihilation due to the bosses war drive. Tony Benn has to stand with these people in their day to day struggle against the Tories. We say, only mass action, organised by the labour movement, can kick out the Tories, and save working people from disaster. This is the message being echoed across the country by thousands of working people.

Is Tony Benn going to support working people, or is he going to leave them to the attacks of the Tories until the next election? We say Tony Benn must support the workers, and the workers must support Tony Benn in his bid for the leadership. Together they must organise mass action to kick out the Tories.

Vince. Newport Revo



AS YOU ARE READING THIS, Irish prisoners, captured by the security forces are rotting in their cells in Armagh and Long Kesh. They will continue their hunger strike to the death to win political status. Their struggle is the desperate but inevitable result of the political and military domination of Ireland by the British state for hundreds of years.

The brave spirit of resistance shown by the prisoners is the very same spirit that was behind the 'Easter Rising' of 1916, which was a blow struck for Irish independence. The Rising involved not only militant nationalist and Fenian republicans but the great Revolutionary Socialist James Connolly and his Irish Citizen Army (the first 'Red Army' in Europe). The Rising was brutally suppressed by the British forces and Connolly was shot by a firing squad along with the other leaders of the Rising.

Inspired by the Rising, Irish people began to struggle for complete independence from Britain. In the 1918 General Election, the Irish people voted decisively in favour of independence and against partition. They elected 73 Sinn Fein members out of a total of 105 parliamentary seats. In January 1919 the Sinn Fein MPs constituted themselves as an independent

parliament — the Dail Eireann — and began to set up a legal and governmental apparatus independent of Britain. The result was a full scale war of independence (led by the IRA) against the British armed forces and the notorious 'Black and Tans'.

Unable to defeat the mass resistance to British rule, the British government started negotiations. In mid 1921 under Lloyd George's threat of 'immediate and terrible war within three days', six of the Irish leaders signed a compromise document giving 26 counties of Ireland 'Dominion Status'. The province of Ulster was partitioned. Three counties went to the 'Irish Free State' (as the 26 counties became known). The remaining 6 counties formed the new state of Northern Ireland and remained part of Britain.

Not only did those compromisers who signed the Treaty allow the country to be artificially partitioned, but their actions led to a split in the Republican Army (IRA) and the Sinn Fein government, which led to the civil war. The civil war was a bitter struggle, but the anti-treaty forces were defeated with the help of the British government which wanted to see a healthy capitalist free state in which British interests were maintained.

Ever since its creation, the artificial Northern Irish state has been maintained by force.

65% of the population in the six counties are protestant descendants of Scottish and English Planters who were settled on land stolen from the native Irish. British capitalism has manipulated and deliberately fostered sectarianism (based on material privilege of the Protestant workers over the Catholic workers) in order to divide the Irish independence movement and to split the Irish working class.

For nearly 50 years, the sectarian six county police state maintained Protestant ascendancy on the backs of the oppressed Catholic minority, with only occasional problems from the small secret IRA, which loomed in the nightmares of the Northern Irish ruling class.

In 1968 a mass movement demanding basic reforms and civil rights began to grow up. But this movement met with a violent reaction from the state which attempted to 'baton' it off the streets. The paramilitary Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) attacked the Catholic area of Derry in August 1969 but they were repelled and kept out in a battle which raged for two days. The exhausted and demoralised police lost control so the

troops were sent to Derry while the RUC and Loyalists were rampaging through the Catholic ghettos of Belfast, leaving thousands of houses burnt out and six people murdered.

The troops have been in the six counties ever since, and the government argues that they will stay until a 'Solution' has been reached.

This position has been the core of successive Labour and Tory policies. As the history of Northern Ireland shows again and again, it is impossible to have justice in an inherently unjust state.

It is not those who resist discrimination, repression and injustice who are responsible

Mark. Birmingham Revolution Youth.

for the violence which results. The responsibility lies with those who institute and uphold the system. Britain and its troops are part of the problem but can never be part of a solution.

The removal of the British presence, once and for all, will signal the collapse of the six county state and lay the basis for uniting the Irish working class so that it can follow its revolutionary traditions to their logical conclusion. That conclusion is the 32 county Irish workers Republic that James Connolly fought and died for.

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SELF DETERMINATION FOR
THE IRISH PEOPLE
VICTORY TO THE HUNGER
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"NORTHERN IRELAND. WHAT IS IT LIKE FOR SOLDIERS?". This is the title of a British Army pamphlet designed to attract unemployed youth and school students into army cadet and recruitment schemes.

The pamphlet is full of propaganda which says that the army is doing a good job, and is welcomed and accepted by the Irish people. Obviously this is the army's side of the story, which categorises everyone who opposes the British presence as 'terrorists', and portrays the army and the Royal Ulster Constabulary as the 'knights in shining armour' of the Irish people.

However, the pamphlet shows no pictures of Republican youth and soldiers together. This is because the Republican youth do

not see the soldiers as their protectors, but as their enemies, as an invading army. It is the youth that take to the streets to show their opposition to the British troops being in Ulster.

The youth that join the British army are sent to Ireland to suppress those people that believe that the Irish people should decide their own future without any interference from Britain. This inevitably means that unemployed youth from Britain, who have joined the army, fight a war against unemployed youth in Ireland, who are fighting for their rights.

The position that youth in Ireland and youth in the British army find themselves in is not of their own making. It is not in their interests either, but it is in

the interests of big business, that British and Irish youth kill each other.

The youth in Northern Ireland are forced onto the streets because of the imperialist policies of British governments for centuries past. Youth in Britain are unemployed because of the policies of British governments that have always put profits before jobs, and through other social and economic attacks on the working class. This means that there is almost a situation of conscription at the moment due to the lack of jobs. The rates of pay offered to soldiers, along with the 'Professionals' advertising campaign, are obviously directed at school students and unemployed youth.

The war in Ireland is a war waged by the Irish people for national liberation, against an army of occupation, (not a 'peace keeping force' as the government would have us believe).

We believe that Britain has no role to play in the solution to the crisis in Ireland. We demand the withdrawal of the British troops NOW.

Anyone who joins the army is 'digging the graves' of youth in Ireland, and maybe digging their own as well. We demand an end to all army recruitment, and oppose the use of youth to do the British bosses dirty work on the streets of Ireland. **TROOPS OUT NOW.**

Phil. Haringey Revolution Youth.

INTERVIEW WITH THE STUDENT

Students in the North of Ireland are organising support for the men in H Block and the women in Armagh. Already three major student unions in Belfast support the prisoners and their campaign for political status.

We spoke to one of the students who is active in the Student Campaign Against Repression and the Belfast Students Hunger Strike Committee — he wishes to remain nameless for fear of Loyalist or Army reprisals.

What is the Student Cam-

paign Against Repression?

The Student Campaign against Repression was set up in 1978 by republican students at Queens University, Belfast, to highlight the grave injustices which were being perpetrated against the nationalist minorities in the North. It is a broad based alliance involving People's Democracy, Irish Republican Socialist Party, Provisional Sinn Fein, Fianna Fail, and concerned individuals. SCAR is organised in many colleges, on an all Ireland basis, with its political direction coming from Belfast, in particular the group

at Queens. Now we are principally concerned with the H Block issue, and we were instrumental in getting the Queens Student Union to make an about-turn on the issue, coming out in support of the men on the blanket.

What is the role of students in the solidarity movement?

We believe that students at Queens University played a leading role in the civil rights campaign in 1968, and were in the forefront of the struggle against the Brits until 1972. Since then the students union has been dominated by the

Stickies ('broad left') — and students have dropped out of struggle, without a clear leadership.

During the campaign for political status, several students decided to set up what then became SCAR — over 500 students turned up at the inaugural meeting. Students can play the same leading role they did ten years ago.

Students are affected by the 'troubles' — we reject what NUS so often says about students having no interest in what is happening in the North. Many Queens

University students have been killed in the present troubles, and students have relatives who are on the Blanket. In fact there are a number of students — members of NUS and the Union of Students of Ireland — who are in the H Blocks serving sentences. Students are also regularly lifted and harassed, or tortured, by the security forces.

What activities is SCAR involved in?

We argue against Unionists and Brits coming into our students union to speak — we arrange regular forums for the relatives of the

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IN BRITAIN, women are having a tough time facing Tory attacks on their rights. But in Ireland, many of the rights we are fighting for have not yet been won.

In the South, abortion and divorce are illegal. There is even a new law which makes the sale of contraceptives a criminal offense. Try and imagine what that means about the way ordinary people run their lives... For youth it means you can't have sex unless you want to get married and settle down and have a family. Often there doesn't seem to be any alternative, because the State can rely on the enormous influence of the Catholic Church over society.

Getting married and having lots of children is what good respectable Catholics girls are supposed to do. So if you're a young Irish woman, the Church and the State tell you what to do with your body and what to do with your life. And it's all backed up by the religious ideas which dominate society and tell you it's wrong to want anything different.

As a British colony, the situation in the North is somewhat different. Divorce and contraception are legal. But many of the women under the direct occupation of the British armed forces are subjected to treatment which abuses them physically and sexually. The most extreme example of this is the plight of the political prisoners in Armagh

WHEN REVOLUTION YOUTH was invited to attend the 1980 conference of People's Democracy in Dublin, we jumped at the chance to find out what revolutionary socialists were doing in Ireland and to discuss what solidarity work we should be doing in Britain.

People's Democracy (PD) was formed two years ago out of a fusion between two organisations: the Movement for a Socialist Republic (former Irish section of the Fourth International, the world party with which RY is in political solidarity) and the former PD, a revolutionary socialist organisation which developed out of the civil rights movement in the late '60s.

PD has mainly been involved in the campaign for political status for the Republican and socialist prisoners in the H Blocks and Armagh, and in the

fight for women's liberation and freedom of access to abortion, contraception and divorce (all outlawed in the south of Ireland). PD places great emphasis on its political work having a '32 county' perspective. It stresses the unity of the working class in the two 'statelets' in their fight against the same enemy — the British capitalist state, in the form of the British Army in the North, and in British economic domination in the South.

Since the announcement of the hunger strike of the H Block prisoners, PD has made the campaign in support of the prisoners their absolute priority. Much of PD's propaganda and activity is directed towards Fianna Fail, the government in the South, demanding that it come out in support of the prisoners.

PD also emphasises taking the prisoners' five demands into the Trades Union Movement in the 26 southern and the 6 northern counties. They try to

Women's Jail.

For hundreds of others, women's liberation comes down first and foremost to a question of survival for themselves and their families. Women who have joined the struggle to get the British troops out of Ireland, to regain political status for their relatives in British prisons, to get rid of partition between North and South, have come to reject their traditional roles as stay-at-home wives and mothers.

They've also come to see how imperialism tries to exploit those roles for its own ends as one more way of keeping its hold over Ireland. Women who have organised around the right to abortion and to control their own lives independent of men have had to face the fact that their country is divided by the British rule in the North. They have to face British guns if they want to take action on the streets. So they've also realised how imperialism acts as a block to winning the most basic demands of women's liberation.

For many of the women's

VICTORY TO THE ARMAGH WOMEN

groups which have sprung up in Ireland, the withdrawal of British troops from the North is a central demand. It's the condition for being able to struggle effectively for women's rights in Ireland. At the moment, the most crucial issue is that of the Republican prisoners. If they die, the fight for a united Ireland will suffer a massive set-back. The war will go on longer. Women will suffer continuing oppression.

The whole women's movement in Britain should be taking up the question of the Armagh women prisoners. But we've also got to argue in young women's groups, and all organisations we're involved in, how the whole question of the prisoners in H-Blocks and the struggle for national liberation cannot be separated from the struggle for women's liberation.

Not just young women but all Revolution supporters should be taking up these issues and involving themselves in the campaign to show our solidarity with the Irish struggle.

Helen. Oxford Revo

win support in the ranks of the trade unions for taking industrial action in support of the hunger strike. If this is successful, it will have a tremendous impact on the outcome of the hunger strike.

At the conference, many PD members stressed the important role that youth have to play in the struggle for the liberation of Ireland. In the prisoners' campaign the comrades of Peoples Democracy are arguing very strongly for

Youth (SAY) — was set up. This is a very important development because, due to the influence of the Catholic Church in Ireland, knowledge about, and access to, contraception is very limited. CAP and SAY have been selling contraceptives on market stalls in Dublin. This is now illegal, according to the new Family Planning Act which came into force on 1st November 1980.

Youth in Britain must stand fully behind our com-

PEOPLES DEMOCRACY MEETS

the involvement of youth. This has been taken up by Bernadette Devlin MacAliskey in a recent speech.

PD has also begun working with young people in the Contraception Action Programme campaign. A youth conference on contraception was organised in Dublin two months ago. It attracted 30 to 40 people, and a youth campaign — Sexuality and

rades in Ireland. Their struggle is our struggle. Defeat of the British state in Ireland would be a massive victory for youth and the working class in Britain. We want to develop close links with revolutionaries in Ireland so that we can learn from their experiences and pass on some of our own experiences of building a revolutionary youth organisation.

Alix. Hackney Revolution Youth.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST REPRESSION

Blanket Men, and groups which support them. We helped to get the international petition launched, for support for the prisoners, which is still going on. We participate in marches and demonstrations — this year many of us went on the march to commemorate Burntcollett (when students marched from Belfast to Derry during the civil rights campaign in 1969, and were violently attacked by Loyalists and B Specials). That march this year was attacked by police, and by a prominent Loyalist, who shot at us for 'trespassing his field'.

Now SCAR is involved in organising a major demonstration in Belfast on Wed 3rd December, from Queens University to the city centre. This is in support of the hunger strikers — since the hunger strike was announced we have set up an all Belfast Student Hunger Strike committee, and we are building as much support as we can. The demonstration will hopefully involve students throughout Ireland, and we want to see delegations from English and Scottish colleges as well.

Around the hunger strike, students are also involved in

the Belfast youth committee, which was set up after the big march last weekend (30,000 people marched down the Falls Road to support the prisoners). This committee involves youth organisations and independent youth and everyone under 26. Why is important for students in the South to support you?

Irish politics can't develop with a 6 county framework — they are stunted by partition — we believe in fighting for a 32 county socialist republic, and students in the south have to become aware of their

role in the campaign, and join with us in the struggle for political status for the prisoners.

The struggle against repression in the North is a struggle against British Imperialism, and this can only be understood in an all-Ireland framework. The fight for political status is a fight against British imperialism. As Mr. Haughey increases repression in the 26 counties against the Republican movement, we believe that students in the South will suffer the same repression as we do in the North.

What role is there for students in Britain?

SCAR would like to thank the British socialist students for their support on the Troops Out question and on the H Block issue. It has not gone unnoticed in the North that it was British socialist students who were responsible for raising the issue of political status inside the National Union of Students. We hope that students from Britain will support the demonstration we are having in Belfast on December 3rd, and continue to support the Irish national liberation struggle as

vociferously as they have in the past.





Birmingham YAM on the move

ON THE CND demonstration on 26th October Birmingham Youth Against Missiles was one of the largest and noisiest youth

contingents, and attracted many independent youth. The Youth Against Missiles group was set up after showings of 'The War Game'. The meetings are fortnightly and attract between 20 and 40 youth. Most of the members of the group are new to political activity. At the last meeting a committee of six

people was elected. The group does not have any financial structure, so collections are held to pay for things like rooms that have to be booked, leaflets, etc.

The group is going to picket the national conference of the Federation of Conservative Students later this month.

The group at first did not have very good relations with the local CND, but it is hoped that the group will become the official youth wing of CND in the area.

Birmingham Revolution Youth



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NAZIS ATTACK

HUNGER STRIKE DEMO

180 people who marched in Birmingham on a torchlight demonstration in support of the H-BLOCK HUNGER STRIKERS on Monday 21st October were attacked by a gang of about 50-60 fascists, including a few Black youth. They were waving Union Jacks and wearing 'Young National Front' T-shirts and shouting anti-Irish slogans.

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The fascists started to throw bottles and bricks at the demonstrators. Stephanie, a Revolution Youth comrade, recalls what happened:

"As I was helping to light the torches that were being handed out, a brick hit Liz, a friend of mine, on the head. She collapsed on the floor with blood pouring down her face. I heard the fascists cheer and then saw them charging at us."

Chris, another Revolution Youth comrade, tells what happened then:

"I saw two demonstrators on the ground and the next thing I know is the Fascists have run across the road at us. Quite a few of us scattered... we had all sorts of people on the march supporting the H-BLOCK HUNGER STRIKERS, I suppose that some of them were just not prepared for what was happening. Luckily some of the more experienced of us stood

our ground and laid into the Fascists who immediately ran off when we put up a fight."

We felt even more furious about the attack when the Police arrived just in time to stop us organising to attack the Fascists. Even the local right-wing press criticised the police for their 'late arrival'. They even found it difficult to write off the demonstration as 'a group of IRA supporters' because it was so obvious that the demo had gained support from the Irish and Black populations as well as the 'left' of Birmingham.

PAPER SELLERS

ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th, in the midst of a passively onlooking crowd of shoppers in Swindon town centre, three *Socialist Worker* and one black *Revolution* paper seller were savagely beaten up by fascist thugs, in a totally unprovoked attack.

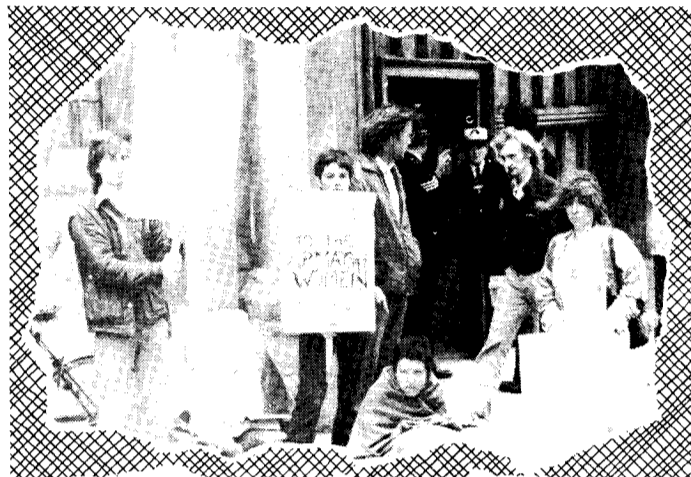
SWINDON

The attack on the *Socialist Worker* and *Revolution* sellers marks the beginning of an upsurge in fascist activity anticipated in a so-called 'boom town' caught unawares by the capitalist created economic recession.

Although it is believed that the thugs were brought in for the attack, there seems now to be a real attempt to establish an NF branch in Swindon. Young people on the dole can easily be taken in by the Front's simple answers, not to mention the 'glamour' and excitement of their violent stance.

We must be prepared to fight the fascists and defend our right to sell papers, but we must also prove to youth that our answers are the right answers, the only answer — socialist revolution. KIM, Swindon Revolution

REPORTS... REVO NEWS



HUMPHREY ATKINS, the Tory Secretary of State for Ireland, and some of his ruling class chums, decided to hold a conference in a nice Oxford College to decide what they were going to do about the fate of the Irish people. We think its none of their business and that the Irish should determine their own future. So we organised a little welcoming party for them...

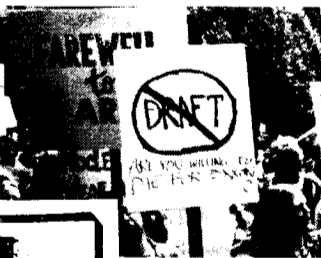
Oxford Revolution Youth

"NO DRAFT" SAY U.S. YOUTH

THE YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE (YSA) is the sister organisation of Revolution Youth in the United States. The YSA has been very heavily involved in the anti-nuclear movement, the campaign against the draft, and campaigns in support of the Nicaraguan and Grenadan revolutions. It has about 500 members, many young industrial workers. If not for reactionary legislation in the US, the YSA and the revolutionary party they help to build, the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), would be affiliated to the Fourth International, as is

the International Marxist Group, the party with which Revolution is in political solidarity.

In the USA the draft has been at the centre of the government's battle to militarise society. The Carter administration wanted to see 98% of 19 and 20 year-olds registering for the draft. There was even a series of pro-draft advertisements on the



television.

Opposition to the draft is widespread. Major black organisations like the NAACP and Operation Push have come out against the draft. In Chicago, 50 black organisations got together to oppose the draft among blacks, as they're not full and equal citizens of the US.

At the Socialist Workers Party/Young Socialist Alliance educational conference, Tom from San Antonio told an anti-draft workshop that only 7,500 of a projected 40,000 turned up for registration in the first week. A worker from the General Motors plant in

Tarrytown, New York told the same workshop of the favourable reaction, especially from young workers,

John, a school-leaver from Baltimore, said how easy it was to campaign in high schools.

No accurate figures are available on how many people failed to register. We may never know. But according to the *Boston Globe*, about one million (about 25%) of 19 and 20 year olds failed to register, and hundreds of thousands more registered only because of the threat of criminal charges. This is an

important defeat for the American bosses.

However, as Paul Mailhot from the YSA National office said, the question facing the anti-draft movement now is how to turn the government fiasco into a rout. The YSA and SWP are determined to carry on building the anti-draft movement and the planned activities over the winter. They also plan to educate activists on the causes of war and deepen their understanding of how the current militarisation drive is linked to the revolutionay upsurge in the Caribbean and Latin America. Mike. West London.

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LONDON — 150 people attended a Young Workers Conference, on Saturday 25th October, organised by the London Region of the Labour Party Young Socialists (LPYS). Amongst the 150 were young workers from the Brent and West London branches of Revolution Youth.

FIGHT REDUNDANCY — GARDNER'S MESSAGE TO YOUNG WORKERS

The highlight of the conference was a speech by Tom Macafee, convenor of the Gardner's factory in Manchester, where the workers have occupied to stop 590 job losses.

Brother Macafee was invited after West London Revolution Youth wrote to the LPYS suggesting that they got a speaker from the Gardner's occupation.

Brother Macafee explained the realities of organising on the shop-floor, and how vital an efficient system of shop-floor communication is for strong union organisation. He said that this was one of the reasons

why Gardner's has been able to fight redundancies so effectively.

In the main session on unemployment and in the workshops on working women and organising youth, supporters of Revolution Youth had plenty of opportunity to speak. We pointed to important issues that weren't covered in the conference, like Cruise missiles and Ireland. We emphasised the need for practical joint activity in building Youth Against the Missiles, and campaigning on Ireland.

Despite many differences, the discussion was always fairly fruitful and positive. Afterwards, we all agreed that it had all been worthwhile and educational for us all. The LPYS might be holding a conference like this near you. If you get the chance why not go along. MIKE (West London Revolution Youth).

I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING YOUR ORGANISATION. I am 16½ and a school student. I come from a 'safe European home', and the more I become aware of this middle-class shit hole the more I come to detest it. Please don't assume that I'm just another middle-class kiddy who wants a bit of excitement, because this is just not true.

As I am a homosexual I am constantly threatened (more by the state than by individuals). At school we do not have enough books, enough teachers with some level of humanity, and we are constantly subjected to under-heated classrooms, disgusting toilet facilities, equally disgusting school meals at ridiculous prices, and a whole list of other

things which would fill scrolls of paper. Of course we all know that a large chunk of public money goes to private education — a totally unnecessary evil which should be abolished now.

My mother works as a nurse in a local hospital. She says it is understaffed and that the staff are underpaid. More people die

because of the present government spending cuts and we are told that this is necessary for the public good. The people who make this and other similar statements are the ones that have enough for the whole world to live on comfortably. I rest my case.

I am going to fight for what I believe in. Lorna. East Kilbride

WOMEN TOGETHER ARE STRONG — that was the message that came from the NUS Women's Aggregate in Cardiff on 17-19 October, which attracted over 200 women students from England, Scotland, Wales and the north of Ireland.

We are strong within NUS because women students have campaigned consistently for many years to get the sovereign body of NUS, National Conference, to grant women students within NUS the right to meet together as women, to discuss issues that affect us. This was won two years ago.

Student women's autonomy though, is under attack. Firstly the Tories in NUS claim that it is undemocratic that one section of students should be excluded from a meeting organised by NUS — ie. MEN!

Secondly, the autonomy we have won is very limited — we now meet as women students once a year, but the Aggregate is not a policy making body, and the Womens Committee, elected by the Aggregate, is often deliberately obstructed by the National Executive.

This Women's Aggregate overwhelmingly supported a motion from the Socialist Students

Alliance/Women's Left Caucus that outlined basic principles of autonomy. It demands that more decision making should rest with

STUDENT UNIONS UNDER ATTACK AGAIN!

THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS were on the streets on October 26, protesting against the Tories' plans for Cruise and Trident missiles. The campaign has attracted massive support throughout the colleges. At the same time, students in the colleges are faced with the effects of the Tories' policies on education: loss of facilities, increased rents and prices, overcrowded classes and the removal of even the most minimal grants for FE students. Many overseas students can no longer afford to complete their studies. More education cuts are on the way.

Rhodes Boyson, Further and Higher Education Minister has come up with a new plan to remove students' right to organise, weakening their ability to fight back against the Tory attacks. Through proposals which will take effect from January, student union

autonomy will be seriously threatened. This is the most serious threat to the existence of students unions for 10 years. We want the right to decide how we spend our student union funds. We don't want the college authorities or the government to have that right.

The Employment Act is an attempt to make trade unions incapable of defending their members. The cuts in education spending have to be seen as part of all the cuts in public spending, which is an attempt by the Tories to make working people pay for the bosses' crisis.

As students we have to fight to defend our right to organise, and fight the cuts and other attacks on education. But we have to support those trade unionists who are fighting to defend their jobs — like the workers at Gardners who have occupied their

the Women's Aggregate. However, this has to be supported nationally before more changes can be made.

Student women need a voice in the colleges. The importance of building womens groups in the colleges, especially in F.E. colleges, was reiterated time and again, to give women students confidence to work in their own unions and to fight for their unions to support womens autonomy and the Womens Campaign.

But one of the biggest attacks on student women is coming nationally, from the National Executive of the NUS, who are sabotaging the Womens Campaign in NUS. This is part of their 'Development Plan', a strategy for NUS, dishonestly pushed through last National Conference by the Left Alliance. It states that social and political issues should be 'de-prioritised! The Womens Campaign, along with work around Gay Liberation, Overseas Students and Youth Unemployment are severely under attack as a result of this.

The Womens Campaign has declared its total opposition to the Development Plan and is now taking a lead in organising opposition to it.

But women are also strong outside the student movement, when they organise as women. We face oppression and discrimination in education not as students, but as women, so the best way to fight these conditions is by building a

factory to fight against redundancies. Students must not be isolated, as thousands have made clear by joining the campaign against Cruise and Trident. It's been students who have led the fight to raise the plight of the Armagh and H Block prisoners, and the war in Ireland.

Thousands of students have shown they're prepared to get involved in campaigns to fight the Tories' attacks. Unfortunately the National Union of Students hasn't provided a lead. Over the last few years the leadership of the NUS — now the Left Alliance, consisting of the Communist Party, the Union of Liberal Students and some Labour Party and independent students — has consistently failed to defend students interests. With their plans to make the NUS 'respectable', discussing with government and trying to concentrate activity on issues of 'specific concern' to

strong, active, womens liberation movement that has support in trade unions, and the mass of working people.

The best example of how to build a strong womens campaign in NUS was shown last year around the Corrie Bill. The womens movement fought a hard battle against the Corrie (Anti-Abortion) Bill which attempted to restrict womens rights to abortion. It was a successful battle, because they won the support of the trade union movement and within the student movement, women mobilised thousands of students. That gave student women an enormous amount of confidence, confidence to oppose the Development Plan, confidence to continue campaigning around issues other than those 'directly' related to students.

Now women have taken a lead in the Irish prisoners solidarity movement. The Womens movement in this country organised a mass picket of Armagh Jail in the North of Ireland last International Womens Day, to which a group of women students went.

It was in the Womens Campaign in NUS that the wall of silence around Ireland was finally broken, and we declared our support for our sisters on protest in Armagh Jail. National policy condemning the conditions of women prisoners in Armagh was won as well, as a result of this lead taken by many women activists in the student movement.

At this Womens Aggregate we reaffirmed our support for these women, and for

students, they've only weakened and isolated the student movement.

The government feels quite confident that the National Union of Students will not effectively oppose their plans for restricting student union rights. If students lose their right to self organisation, then the existence of the national union itself is seriously threatened.

We have to build an alternative to that leadership. Through the SSA, Revolution Youth will be fighting to involve all those students prepared to take action. This year at the NUS National Conference in Margate in December we have to make absolutely clear that we reject the Tories' plans for student unions, and that we reject the plans to negotiate and the compromise offered by the NUS leadership.

We also have to make clear that students are affected by what goes on outside the colleges. We have to build for Trade Union and Labour Party activities such as the Labour Party/TUC demonstration

against unemployment in Liverpool on November 29. We must continue to build the campaign in the student movement against Cruise and Trident missiles. We must campaign in support of the Irish prisoners on hunger strike and the women in Armagh — first raised by the NUS Womens' Campaign. Students in the north of Ireland are affected by what's going on — some of them are sitting in the H Bocks at the moment. They need our active support.

We need to win students to the side of the workers in their struggle against the Tory attempts to cut their standards of living. We need to win workers to the side of students in the fight to keep their student unions. We need to challenge the leadership of the National Union of Students. We have an alternative to their discussion and negotiations with the Tories: a MASS CAMPAIGNING UNION OF STUDENTS. Join us in that fight.

ANN HACKNEY REVOLUTION YOUTH



Shocking Pink is in financial difficulties.

Any donations will be gratefully received.

Charter 80, which is being built as a mass participation single issue campaign around the prisoners.

There were several attempts to divert the Womens Aggregate from supporting these 'external' issues, with accusations that the Armagh women, on protest for political status, abused as women in that situation with continual sexual harrassment, is NOT a feminist issue. As feminists and socialists we identify with their protest as the pole around which other general womens liberation issues can be raised.

Student women and the Womens Campaign in NUS know who our allies are — our allies are students inside NUS that are also under attack from the NUS leadership, and the womens movement generally.

Recognising that women experience discrimination throughout the education system, as in society as a whole, the NUS Womens Aggregate passed a motion calling for positive action for women, SPECIAL action has to be taken, discriminating in favour of women, to compensate for the disadvantaged position women are in.

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JOBS



NOT BOMBS

ON OCTOBER 26th, at least 80,000 people demonstrated against Cruise missiles being sited in Britain. The National Executive of the Labour Party has called a national demonstration against unemployment to take place in Liverpool on November 29th. It should be very large.

It makes sense that this demonstration should follow so soon after the other. There are links between unemployment and nuclear weapons, and these links are central to the Tory Party's economic policy.

Increased spending on defence — £6 billion on Trident missiles alone, and millions more on other nuclear and conventional weapons — on recruitment to the Army and Police, are only possible because less is spent on hospitals, housing, education and unemployment benefits. At the same time, policies designed to increase unemployment enables profits to be increased, and provides recruits for the army and the police. These policies are clearly not in our interests. We must, take to the streets deman-

ding or, if necessary, forcing changes.

The Tories are using policies of militarisation and economic and social attacks on the working class to create the kind of society they need to boost their profits. The campaigns against the missiles and unemployment have to be extended to as many people as possible

This applies especially to youth. We must convince them of the need to fight back against the attacks on their rights, and to gain control over their futures. They need to follow the example being set by Gardners workers.

The workers occupying Gardners in defence of 590 jobs, have shown the 'War Game' inside the factory. Now they are involved in a national speaking tour under the slogan, 'Jobs not Bombs.' Also, the Gardners workers collected £1,200 on the CND demonstration.

The CND march was successful. But it represents a beginning, not an end. The anti-Cruise missiles campaign must be built inside the Labour movement. It must also organise the thousands of youth that were on the march and many thousands more that weren't. This can best be done by continuing to build Youth Against the Missiles locally and nationally, and by continuing to show the 'War Game'.

Similarly, the march against unemployment represents a beginning. At last the organised labour movement is taking action.

We must build for this march, and demand that action becomes more widespread and frequent.

The Labour Party conference has agreed on policy against Cruise missiles and against the Tories' economic policies. We must argue for these words to be turned into action. Trade union branches and Constituency Labour Parties should be raising demands for a 35 hour week, job sharing, no loss of jobs or pay (which can be paid for by money diverted from military and police expenditure).

We must work with all youth organisations to build the Labour Party march. Youth face the worst unemployment. We must

get as many youth as possible on the youth contingents. This means working with the Labour Party Young Socialists, the Socialist Youth League, and Barricades, and other youth organisations locally and nationally.

If young people in particular, and working people in general can be convinced to take to the streets to fight against Cruise missiles and unemployment, then we can kick out the Tories.

LABOUR PARTY
DEMONSTRATION
AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

Liverpool November 29th.
Assemble: Sefton Park 11-12 midday.
March to rally at Liverpool Pier Head.

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All over the world, in Iran and Nicaragua, Zimbabwe and South Africa, Grenada and El Salvador, youth are leading the struggles against the monster that is Imperialism. In Ireland youth are at the heart of the armed struggle against the British state, and are paying for their heroism in the prisons of

H-Block and Armagh.

In Britain black youth have fought the racist state, and at Bristol showed the way to defeat it. Young women showed how to defeat the Tories' attempts to restrict abortion rights by taking mass action on the streets. Youth have been the first to realise that liberation struggles against Imperialism are part of our struggles against capitalism.

In short youth will lead the socialist revolution. Revolution Youth is an organisation fighting to unite youth. The struggle for socialism is the struggle to take control of our own lives, to say and do what we want, to have sex when

we want, to have free access to abortion and contraception, to leave home when we want, to have a decent education, and to be able to get a job when we leave school.

We believe that this should apply to ALL people in the world. That is why we build a world Revolutionary Party, the Fourth International, and its British section the International Marxist Group.

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