SMASH FASCISM!

STOP THE NATIONAL FRONT NOW!

THE NATIONAL FRONT Annual General Meeting scheduled for Saturday October 11th at Chelsea Town Hall, must be stopped.

If we do not crush the fascists of the National Front, eventually they will crush us. This hard truth should be driven home to all of our heads by the NF’s threat to break up a meeting of the Campaign that is to be held in London on the previous evening, Friday 10th.

The NF’s attempt to disrupt a West London anti-fascist committee meeting on September 30th was foiled by Workers Fight calling on its readers to meet in Ealing at 6.30pm on Friday 16th, at Friends, Hannover Street, Ealing, and for 9am on Saturday, 17th, outside Chelsea Town Hall (which is being used by the National Front underground).

2000 Hull dockers have voted at a mass meeting to black all Spanish goods until the fall of the Franco regime. Airports workers in Heathrow and Stansted have blacked services to Spain. Night telephone operators in London blacked calls to Spain.

In Italy, unions have decided to black all communications with Spain, including post and telephones.

In France, Belgium, Sweden, and of course Portugal, workers have taken action against the Franco regime.

The Spanish workers are fighting against the arbitrary executions of five members of opposition groups, the Basque nationalist ETR(V) and the Mocet FRAP.

For nearly 40 years Spain has lived under Franco’s jackboot. According to Amnesty International’s recent report, torture is standard in Spain and Spain’s police are impossible to form any exact estimate of how many hundreds have been submitted to torture.

But now long imprisonment is little use to the crumbling Franco regime. Its only resort is to cut down as many as possible of the working class activists who are undermining the regime — people whom we must consider our comrades, people who are fighting for socialism and liberty in whatever way they can under Spanish conditions.

The ferocity of the Franco regime’s death spasm, the obfuscation of the blood that demonstrations officially organised in Madrid, has aroused such general and widespread horror that even the ruling classes of Europe have recoiled. They are no strangers, any of them, to blood on their hands, but they do wish to be seen as the last allies of the dying dictator. Some 16 countries (so far) have withdrawn covers, and 14 EEC has called off trade negotiations with Spain.

But the Tory and social democratic governments whose predecessors allowed Franco, with support from Hitler and Mussolini, to crush the Spanish working class in the 30s, will not go beyond rhetoric now. More vital is working class response. As yet that response is far from enough.

The official trade union leadership has confined itself to ‘passionate’ speeches at conference and bland directives, without leaving a large-scale agitational campaign among the rank and file to denounce the importance of the issue.

A properly organised official trade union campaign for blackings could forge an iron collar strangleing the Franco regime, as the iron collar of the garrote has strangled working class militants in Spain. We must demand such a campaign, and demand the Labour government imposes a complete boycott on all diplomatic and trade relations with Spain, while also working to extend anti-Franco action to the maximum at rank and file level.

The Franco regime is nearing its end. Working class action can save those lined up as victims of the regime’s death agony. It can hasten the end of the regime. It can open the way for Spanish workers to fly abroad once again the banner of socialist revolution and strike from the hands of the workers of Catalonia in 1936. It is they who must carry new forces into the fight alongside the revolutionary workers of Portugal.

DEMONSTRATION 2pm, Saturday 18th October, from Speakers’ Corner. Called by the Spanish Solidarity Committee.

ONE OF the biggest events at the Labour Party Conference was for Dennis Skinner, supporting a resolution which “recognised the enormous debt which the Labour Government owed to the Clay Cross councillors”. But the motion was lost. Here it’s votes that count, not dopes.

The conference tells a tale. With a few exceptions — notably the AUEW — the trade union vote is going to support the government, while the constituency votes are in large part supporting the left.

From 1964-70 onwards, the trade unions were on the left in the party, testing against moves like ‘In Place of Strife’, but that situation is now reversed. The hysterical outburst by Jack Jones against Jack Mills at the Tribune meeting illustrated that fact. It also illustrated the tremendous pressure on the trade union bureaucrats. They feel that they must stamp down on their membership in order to save the government.

The meeting of Dennis Healey from the constituency section of the National Executive Committee by Eric Heffer was a victory for the left, but, in the context of the Conference, a hollow one. The government’s economic policy had been approved. Its wage curbs had been approved. Its cuts in social service expenditure had been approved — despite successful rearguard action to win verbal victories on education and housing cuts. “Saving the government” has come before the working class interests.

In the first two days the government won approval for almost everything it had done and proposed to do. The one defeat on economic policy at the hands of the left forces was when a motion supporting import controls was passed. But this was a proposal which was in the right of the government’s policy. The attacks on organised currents within the party were, as expected, made in the name of “party democracy”. Needless to say, those baying for the call for ‘democracy’ today are the same bunchers of yesterday (and tomorrow)!

No doubt it was in the spirit of this same quicksilver democracy that the conference ruled the excellent film on Portugal, and the one from Richmond, also supporting the workers’ councils, out of order.

Paul Adams Fuller report next week.
Your son's not missing, he's dead.

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The idea is submission...

Australian and New Zealand Labour Dunn submitted a motion to the Industrial Museum of New Zealand for an exhibition of War and Peace. The proposal, which was deferred, will now be considered by the Board of Management. The motion was moved by J. A. Duncan, the former president of the Industrial Union of New Zealand, and seconded by D. E. Smith. It was carried unanimously. The Board of Management has given its approval to the proposal.

The Malaysians, who have been in the country for over a century, have been living in peace and harmony. They have made many contributions to the economic and cultural development of the country. The Malaysians have been instrumental in the development of the rubber industry, the tin mining industry, and the logging industry. They have also been involved in the development of the transport and communication sectors.

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WHAT A FARCE! A jobs plan—by a government that's cutting jobs

Chancellor Denis Healey chose the wrong day to unveil his package of plans to dampen down unemployment. He should have chosen the First of April to make sure of the joke result.

The £175 million package is designed, of course, less to dampen down the rate of unemployment as the fulcrum of its duty of regaining the Labour Party Conference. With Jack Jones—a man whose approving touch transforms the most blatantly anti-working-class policy into "a bid for socialism in our time"—giving his support to the measures, it seems that they have succeeded already in their real purpose.

The package plans:

- to extend the £10 a week Temporary Employment Subsidy to the whole country.
- to create 15,000 jobs mainly for young people in the public service sector;
- to offer employers taking on school leavers an additional subsidy;
- to increase the number of places at "skill-centres" for training and retraining by about 8,000;
- to offer unemployed workers help in moving to areas of lower unemployment.

These steps are to be backed up by increased investment in modernising industry and advance factory building and construction.

The reaction from the Labour and trade union left was instant. "This was a red herring" said the executive of the TUC, "the measures were only 'scratchings off the surface'," while Blackwell condemned the "betrayal measures".

Despite a lukewarm but generally favourable reception by the TUC, Clive Jenkins felt that the measures were "too little and too late". Ray Buckton said they were "no more than palliatives", and Bernard Dix of NUPE noted that by cutting expenditure on public services the government was going to make thousands of older civil servants redundant while offering a handful of school leavers jobs.

Abandon

"End the nightmare, get back to school!" greeted the NUPE statement, which added: "We can't accept more unemployment or less pay because of the government's failure to match the pace of inflation!" According to the TUC, the government is taking the fight to the workers instead of the workers taking the fight to the government. "If the government is not prepared to abandon the principle of new unemployment as a means of fighting inflation," said the TUC, "we are facing a new level of mass shop-strike action in the next two months."

CASH IN HAND NOT CARE IN HAND

In "Fort Bewick" and "Fort Ardwick", two concrete fortresses being built on the outskirts of central Manchester, the tenants are already causing a rise in the rate of inflation. The officials say the cost has soared from £300,000 to £3,000,000. But when I asked Kitty, an elderly pensioner, "What's the matter with you?" she replied: "We're being cheated completely by surprise. I should have something to live on, but the way they're going, it will be very easy to understanding the pension on a pension of £100 a week and £300 a week at the same time."

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**Forces of the right gathering in Portugal**

As the 6th Provisional Government took office in Portugal, all the milling was to be seen. A triumph for “democracy.” What precisely pleased them as the workers from the Socialist Party, and two of the liberal PFU. The EEC suddenly found its problems in giving a free ride and decreasing. And their hopes must have been reawakened when they read in the New York Times that the CEA — that other self-appointed guardian of democracy - was supplying several million dollars a month to the PSP-Left leader to bolster their efforts.

And what has the government done — or tried? It has promised to reduce unemployment (about $13 million loan to 177 — just for continuing operations in Portugal. It has had to appeal to all the 80-SW militia groups to the left and centre for help. Obviously they hope that this new force — if it is ever established — will be more reliable than its present force, CPPF, COM, which is riddled with left-wing influence.

In short, the 6th Government has done its best to restore state authority and capitalism — which is just what the EEC, NATO and the CIA want it to do.

The policies of the Socialist Party and the bureaucratic manoeuvring of the Communist Party — which have been just about the only dynamic force in the government was declaring it would never enter a coalition with a capitalist party of the PFU — impressively demonstrated that the revolutionary left is still weak, have allowed the right wing to regain some initiative. But the Azores and Costa Gomes stand forces more right-wing still — like Costa Gomes' own UFD. Bolivia, who is talking today about the underground activity of his “Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Portugal” and the “Portuguese Liberation Army”, which has claimed credit for a whole number of bombings and is probably responsible for the 83-84 massacre of the left-wing umbrellas.

Behind the oily smile of Mario Soares stands the hard-faced men of fascist counter revolution, preparing for the moment when successive progressive government announcements have dismantled the working class sufficiently for them to make a successful attack.

In recent days, farmers have been carrying out armed harassment of peasants and farm workers who have occupied the land.

The right wing is gathering its forces for civil war — but so are the left and the working class.

The episode Azores seized on to justify the new Order and to silence the radio stations — the repressive force of the Spanish embassy in Lisbon in protest at the executions in Spain — was itself evidence of an increased level of struggle and of international consciousness. The visible tightening of the Franco regime will give rise to a new upsurge of Portuguese discontent.

Purging

In a country where any suspicions of democracy is likely to call itself “revolutionary”, that is a serious problem.

On a number of points, we would consider the manifesto directly wrong. We cannot agree that “the solution of the constituent assembly” is a correct slogan that an incipient order is in the making, particularly the Marzuki.” While this is doubtless, it’s certainly gotten a long way to go before it can be described as a potential revolution in the Portuguese working class, combined with the left-wing underground opposition. The LPR manifestos main emphasis is, however, that we have been made up of vague main points. “Struggle against unemployment!” it says. Excellent idea, and of course everyone can agree to that — but as to how to conduct that struggle is a different matter. Of course where the disagreement is going to occur — the manifestos says nothing.

On some points, the vagueness is positively harmful. The manifestos ends up by calling for a Government of Revolutionary Unity. What does that mean? Obviously it depends on who you think are the “revolutionary forces” to be united. And the group inside the LPR has its own interpretation on that.

In short, the task is to see what can delay a decisive showdown between the Popular Assemblies, workers’ committees and the Communist Party, which has the right to be questioned, the Popular Front, and those who have occupied the radios stations. The Spanish embassy in Lisbon is now under pressure and daily paper Republique, which are run by the workers. The Popular Assemblies are growing throughout the country, and the North, where the Popular Assembly of the Free Workers’ Congress, is pressing forward with the formulation of a new Leftist Popular Front.

In the meantime, however, the task is the CEA, the “Soldiers United We Will Win” movement is spreading through the army, even into the North. Its demands include the right to organise politically, to form worker-controlled bodies, and its demonstration of 20th September was reported in the Guardian as 2,000 strong. In fact there were 10,000 soldiers around 10,000 — 20,000 comrades on it.

Coupuscus went to the radio stations when Azores seized them — but once they got there and heard what the workers had to say, many of them sided with the workers. The latest development, as we write, is that many comrades have gone round Radio Reunions and the daily paper Republica, which are run by the workers.

The Popular Assemblies are growing throughout the country, including the North, and in this region, where the Popular Assembly of the Free Workers’ Congress, is pressing forward with the formulation of a new Leftist Popular Front. However, the Popular Front has been re-formed itself with a different manifest.

**Criticism**

The new manifesto is certainly well to the left of the 25th August platform, which explicitly supported the line of the 6th Provisional Government. However, the new Front is like the old one in that it can’t make up its mind what it is trying to do. There is certainly an urgent need in Portugal for united action by the left to resist the right wing and to build the Popular Assemblies and other organs of workers’ democracy. Any revolutionary group in Portugal could and should sign concrete practical agreements for definite actions along such lines, while retaining full independence, including the Popular Front, and workers’ committees, and that the working class forms an independent progressive action, the “PCP” and the Popular Front’s manifestos cannot agree with the Portuguese nationalism expressed in the manifest. Its talk of “purging social democracy” could be a cover for the most vicious bureaucratic manoeuvres by the Communist Party. And we cannot agree with the manifesto’s endorsement of the pro-PFU 10th Division (a collection of officers with no rank and file) as a progressive revolutionary force.

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THE Barnett-Loch-Allen team (of Big Flame fame) continues to conjure up a campaign concept appealing to an audience normally fed on offensive business nonsense and the distant reality of the outside world. "Days of Hope" (BEC) is a refreshing reclamation of the period between 1916 and 1917. The theme that runs through the first 3 parts (we go to press too early for the 4th) is that the present generation is being forced to make political choices, forced by the bitter reality of their lives. 

The first film, set in 1916 when conscientious objection was introduced for the first time, is presented in 8 frames of the Church of Ireland and of the "representatives of labour". The local union official argues that it is the Labour movement which is in favour of conscientious objection, so it is in favour of conscience. It is only the HLP which opposes it, and works mainly on pacifist, Christian social laws grounds. Isolated from any mass support, they have to suffer deeply for their convictions.

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LIVERPOOL LP lefts meet to demand 'NO RETREAT!'

AT ONE stage, the chair- man, Bob Wilson, com menting on the comparison between the treatment of the Rank Corporation's union chairman and what happens to working class people, said: "We're all about, this is why we are in the Labour Party'.

Indeed, that was the general feeling at the 200 Labour Party members who attended the joint Liverpool Labour Party - "LP's" meeting, "No Retreat from the Manifesto". And when Ian Mil liond told the meeting that the government 'had not been raped by economic circumstances, they've gone along as correspondents', he expressed the common view of the left wings, Eric Heffer and Tony Benn though vice-chairmen of the Borough Labour Party meeting.

MOBILISE

The platform speakers criticised the government's economic policies. The only way forward, both for the 'people' and for the 'economy', was 'an irre versible struggle for a new way towards wealth and socialisation'. A sign had supported the move to mobilise both the rank and file of the movement against wage cuts and strikes against the present retreat. We would agree but the picture of Labour lefts against the strikes for socialism while the government's socialist stamps on the working class is a traditional one - as a Workers Fight supporter pointed out in the brief discussion at the end.

CONCLUSIONS

The two points on how to break out of the traditional deadlock, about the section for clarity in policy, "No retreat from the Manifesto", that meeting could take place as a platform, that when the monopoly interests are in charge of the wage-earners 'Social Credit' would not be left for us to control, were controlled by Tiptonites like Heffer and Mil liond. Such controls only mean an effort to solve British labour problems' to the expenses of working class people in other countries. As long as Militants are told to fight against national interest policies the right will continue to maintain their control.

The second point was the need to tie the strike movement in the Labour Party to the struggle against strike, of the labour movement. Here and now, that was to overcome the 'negative struggle' against wage cuts and 'in the face of the workers' control action was the result of a campaign waged by members social party managers and local fight waging Labour councilors, against the crushing of strike methods used at William Tynsdale. Of the inspectors who were supposed to set the stage of the Tynsdale strike was seen grappling with an eighteenth century idea of trying to fight in a direction he didn't want to go. Our visiting speaker stated that he saw them using methods so old fashioned they would sooner dave revolution against them in public.

A routine inspection in February of two favourable inspection report, the Chief Inspector would not introduce a retrorphorical criticisms Will not be introduced into the inspection report without the support of the inside information provided the Chief Inspector for his report.

The Tynsdale staff have now been asked to check facilities in a nearby church hall for a similar inspection. Dis appointment. Attendance on the second day was up to 28. As far as I remember, they didn't attach to the school the school of the Tynsdale's strike. NUPE instructed inspectors not to be more than any more screen and open the roost for the children who had to let that do the show in the classroom when the new Tynsdale staff. GLC Saluted Staf Association instructed to return to work to rule.

A school run by strikers and vise versa

FOR a week inspectors have been in contact with local Tynsdale school, in Birmingham. The inspectors have now only handed over their recommendations and have been drafted in to break the strike. The report is supposed to be written by the deputy head principal.

The executive of the National Union of Teachers went on strike in protest against an extra inspection of the school and the Inner Lond on Education Authority. The action was the result of a campaign waged by members social party managers and local fight waging Labour councilors, against the crushing of strike methods used at William Tynsdale.

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Balfour and Darwins

A serious meeting between management and the workers chain shop committee on Tuesday led to the resolution that the strikers will continue until all 500 jobs at Green- land Rd are secured.

Balfour Darwins is part of the Eden Allen group. Steve Housfield 24-9-76.