NORTHERN IRELAND
RACISTS TRUMPHANT AS WILSON DITHERS

The power-sharing Executive in Belfast collapsed because the British government was not prepared to back it up with the necessary force. At the meeting of the British Workers' Council, held to lift morale of Northern Ireland workers in taking strike action, there would be no doubt that the objectives of the Ulster Workers Council had mass working class support right from the start. As the sectarian general strike continued, and the power of the Ulster Workers Council to decide what happened in the north of Ireland swelled to the proportions of a provincial government, the confidence of the Protestant workers grew.

The British government did nothing against them — indeed, there are a number of cases of the British Army attacking Catholic workers who naturally refused to support a reactionary strike aimed at resisting them, to complete secession. Britain has been divided.

The Orange Tory politicians like West are jubilant at victory over Faulkner. But they are, generally, unhappy with how it was won. This may make them amenable to pressure for compromise, and a new attempt at power-sharing Executive, if the power-sharing Executive is renewed and the Tory blocking of a council of Ireland prevents further unity, the distance, or drop altogether.

The immediate danger now in the north of Ireland is that Orange religious bigotry, flushed with victory and with a new confidence in their own strength, may turn with renewed sectarian energy towards organizing anti-Catholic programs. They are determined to restore their old ascendancy over the 40% of the Northern Ireland population who are Catholics. When they demand elections they have no other goal but that in mind.

During the strike the Ulster Workers' Council practiced blatant discrimination against the Catholic areas. They may now decide to go on a new offensive, a new binge of sectarian assassinations. These are the people who showed the world the difference between the 'economic warfare' bombing campaign of the HRA and real terrorist tactics by setting off bombs in Dublin and Monaghan, without warning and calculated to slaughter and maim as many as possible. So far, so far.

British Imperialism has just shown that it lacks the nerve even to energically fight for its own programs, of a remedied Six County State. Sectarianism is built into it, working class division and importance is programmed into it. It will always remain a sectarian beast. It cannot be remedied, only destroyed.

British Imperialism has just shown that it lacks the nerve even to energically fight for its own programs, of a remedied Six County State. Sectarianism is built into it, working class division and importance is programmed into it. It will always remain a sectarian beast. It cannot be remedied, only destroyed.

The collapse of the power-sharing Executive proves the impossibility of remaking the Six County state. Sectarianism is built into it, working class division and importance is programmed into it. It will always remain a sectarian beast. It cannot be remedied, only destroyed.

British Imperialism has just shown that it lacks the nerve even to energically fight for its own programs, of a remedied Six County State. Sectarianism is built into it, working class division and importance is programmed into it. It will always remain a sectarian beast. It cannot be remedied, only destroyed.

The collapse of the power-sharing Executive proves the impossibility of remaking the Six County state. Sectarianism is built into it, working class division and importance is programmed into it. It will always remain a sectarian beast. It cannot be remedied, only destroyed.
Threshold agreements backfire on bosses

by Chris Reynolds

The Tory worm of threshold agreements finally turned last week. In a massive leap, the government-controlled Retail Price Index jumped 3.4% (that’s equivalent to 40% per year) — and the threshold was crossed.

For nearly 6 million workers the payout on their threshold agreements means that, for the first time this year, they will leap 40p over the earnings line that the RPI has put in their path.

But what is it worth? Like most other things in this present poverty, it’s worth very little.

The threshold agreements backfire on bosses.

Gift?

Certainly the sections like builders, engineering workers, etc. who are not covered by the threshold agreements, will be eager for a gift to pay retail increases to combat inflation. The low paid workers, especially, are very little under the wage control policies of the government. So it’s a fight for a gift. The nurses are the first far, but ancillary workers and local government manual workers are also prepared for struggle too.

The Union of Post Office Workers, not the most militant of unions, recently declared itself financially in the black after their big strike in 1971, and Tom Jackson has been making militant noises. Alongside the low-paid workers stand the white collar unions, many of them having declared that they will fight against all the threshold agreement from their bosses. But many of those who are in the unions will try to get the threshold paid.

For the bosses, large-scale industrial action is certainly going to happen, but the ‘threshold agreement’ problem — it undermines our wages.

There is a need for threshold agreements to safeguard wages, but the ‘threshold’ agreement should be set at 0%. That is, for every rise in the cost of living there is an automatic compensation.

This compensation would become part of the basic through negotiated wage holiday which is being made by the government. The ‘threshold’ agreement must be fought against.

Defence

The employers’ main defence is in fact provided by the monopoly of the state. (Though the army is not a monopoly the state eventually...) “We shall make you fight for it”,“We shall make you fight for it”, we hear. This is how we learn the lesson of Chile: “To maintain the unity of the forces favourable to comparable to the ‘influence of the forces’ (Mao Tse Tung). In Mozambique, at least, the freedom fighters reject any kind of agreement, insisting on full independence. Of course, it may be that Portugal will attempt therefore to get the workers to accept a threshold agreement and put pressure on the government to make it more generous. But the workers will be put up to a much harder fight by the workers’ parties have come to control the situation in Portugal. The Communist Party, which is strongest, having maintained its own economic and organizational through all the Salazar years.
In Portugal there is not — as there was in Russia after the February Revolution, or with events in Portugal itself before 1974 — a tradition of working-class democracy. In Russia there was the tradition of the Cossack councils of 1905 — direct democracy which recalled at any time, and without manipulation by politicians and state bureaucrats. In Russia there was no such tradition. After so many years of indiscipline it is only to be expected that the mass of workers would not be captured by illusions in ‘democracy’, which all parties tell them means parliamentary democracy. No party, least of all the so-called ‘Communist Party’, has explained in its propaganda the need for the direct democratic power of the workers’ councils. Direct democratic needs not a government with neutered Socialist and Communists in the government. It needs a government, the only way to become conscious of itself as a class that has power and will use it to fight against the African problems, that can and must stand up to the African workers against its own rulers. It needs to be able to win the parliamentary elections which are so important for the ‘electoral’ regime. It is a regime, that with a network of workers’ councils which can challenge the right of the bourgeoisie to rule. The strikes and demonstrations show that the organic strength of the working class is capable of spontaneous drive of the working class.

But the workers’ parties say differently. They rush to join the government, they sell the working class groping towards a working class Portugal to return to work. The Communist Party too, to Moscow, will do its best to help the junta seize its African problems, at the same time as attempting to blind the Portuguese working class to the interests of Portuguese capital (and to international capitalism which largely controls it).

Karl Marx once wrote that great historic events usually occur twice, the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce. His example was the two French Bonapartist dictators, Napoleon and Napoleon III. In Great Russian revolution of 1917, ferment among the Russian Bolsheviks in 1905, as it is in Portugal today. The Lisbon regime shows the country with a network of workers’ councils which can challenge the right of the bourgeoisie to rule. The strikes and demonstrations show that the organic strength of the working class is capable of spontaneous drive of the working class.

The Mozambican workers have stood up to defend the new democratic ‘electoral’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.

The response of the workers’ movement to the Frelimo government was to defend the new ‘democratic’ regime. Even the Mozambican regime, led by Frelimo, has been repressed in the last few months.
ASIAN-STRIKERS FIGHT RACIALIST OFFICIALS AND BOSSES

Barbara Cast's offer of an appeal of the case against the strikers was an important part of the nurses' campaign on pay and conditions. It was supported by most of the trade unions, organisations at top level and by the majority of nurses themselves.

An enquiry was as much as the nurses' union and individual nurses for war, was asking for Cast's offer of an appeal. But the War now stolen the limelight with a press conference when the union's changes, which are being carried out, were announced.

The NUFU called strikers 'nuisance' and described the 'War' as a campaign against it. Cast said she did not feel the desire of many nurses to do something, and not wait for the queue.

Barbara Cast's of an appeal of the case against the strikers was an important part of the nurses' campaign on pay and conditions. It was supported by most of the trade unions, organisations at top level and by the majority of nurses themselves.

An enquiry was as much as the nurses' union and individual nurses for war, was asking for Cast's offer of an appeal. But the War now stolen the limelight with a press conference when the union's changes, which are being carried out, were announced.

The NUFU called strikers 'nuisance' and described the 'War' as a campaign against it. Cast said she did not feel the desire of many nurses to do something, and not wait for the queue.

One of the main reasons for the success of the nurses' campaign—indeed, of the four anti-fascist campaigns—was the existence of the Regional area. The Press Anti-Fascist Committee in London, the NEC's planned meeting week, was to contact anti-fascist committees in London, and the Nufu, some of these committees then agreed to link their branches to the meeting place, and after standing for the nurses' campaign, was able to vote successfully for a committee of the Central Council to give up and the fascists shuck.