Smash the Social Contrick

Strong protest from student unions, but Trade Unions silent

10,000 people joined a silent march called by the National Union of Students in protest against the killing of Kevin Gately, who died, after police charged an anti-fascist demonstration on June 15th.

Many trade unionists joined the march, but top TUC leaders have been entirely silent on the killing — in fact on the whole question of the National Front. The lessons of history show that fascism, when it has gained in strength and power, strikes its most deadly blows at the labour movement.

But the leaders of the labour movement ignore the fascist peril. Thus the task of inquiring into Kevin Gately's death will be left to a tribunal appointed by the government and headed by a judge.

This is called 'independent', though it would be difficult to find a single judge in Britain who is not of right-wing Tory views.

There has been no move from the union leaderships for a trade union inquiry.

If the TUC leadership took a simple decision to mobilise hundreds of thousands of trade unionists to stop the National Front — as it could — it would not only prevent the two further demonstrations to be called in London this year by the NF; it would send the fascists scurrying back to their holes for a long time. And probably without any need for any violence, too.

Until the union leadership takes that decision, though, the responsibility for combating fascism falls to the left; and we must not shirk it.

THE TUC's wages policy document, out on June 26th, beats loudly on the drum of the 'social contract'.

But already the tune is hollow and cracked. The reality of the working class fight-back against rising prices is shattering the Labour Government's schemes of social harmony.

Ray Buckton of the train drivers' union ASLEF supported the TUC document, which endorses the social contract. When presenting ASLEF's 16% claim just two days before, he had proclaimed that his members would not be "shackled by any compact entered into by the TUC and the Government".

No contradiction, he explained to the press — after all, "anomalies" had to be sorted out!

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Jenkins' false amnesty trick

WHAT AN OUTRAGE

The extreme limitations of Labour's so-called "amnesty" for illegal immigrants shown up in the first report of its Home Office "shadow" and whose cases have been examined are bled for deportation.

Out of 667 immigrants to "surrender", only 90 have had their cases examined. Of the 90, only 21 have been allowed to stay.

Only about 1% of illegal immigrants who have themselves up — and so far, before even a quarter of the cases have been examined, 69 have been told they will be deported. According to Liberal politician Lord Avebury, some of those now subject to possible deportation have been in Britain for over five years.

This is a disgusting trap baited by the Labour Government. It must declare the amnesty to be total. It has tantalisingly dangled before one of the most oppressed, most insecure, and most exploited sections of society, the hith, not of privilege, but of simple freedom from fear, harassment, and a life of hiding — only to use it to deport our black brothers.

This outrage must draw the angriest response from the working class. Labour must be told: Free them all. They are all our brothers.

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Policy

A realistic wages policy for the labour movement must therefore include these points:

— Opposition to any wage restraint plan until workers' readiness to use direct action to smash any legal wage freeze;

— For automatic, legally-binding, indexed, zero threshold classes whose benefits are continuously consolidated into the wage rate. For a National Minimum Wage of £30, increasing automatically to keep pace with the cost of living. For this National Minimum to apply also to pensions, grants, and other fixed benefits.
IN MEASURES described by The Guardian as "dubiously similar to those enforced by the Ceaucescu regime in Romania," the Portuguese Government has moved decisively to stifle the revolutionary left press.

Indefinite detention, fines of up to 300,000 escudos, and 60-day suspension of publication are the penalties just announced for a range of left-wing "offences" from incitement to strike to "disorderly movements." These measures are part of a new familiar ritual.

The Portuguese government has made an open show of its willingness to stop at nothing to protect its own power and the power of the armed forces whose chief aim is the end of the war in Africa.

Censorship

Five weeks ago, Observer reported on the recent arrest of some members of that movement. The newspaper quotes some of them as saying: "The officers say Portugal's 13 years of war in Africa have cost 500,000 lives and 150,000 wounded. After that, if Spanola can be defeated, the Movement will take over. We have proof that the links we have established among us, Portugal and the world, cannot be taken over in the first place."

The officers say that the Portuguese are dangerously confused and counterproductive, giving the links established by the movement the real meaning and right wing of that movement. The movement is a very necessary expression of Portugal's desire for national independence. The first step of the rebellion is in the army and in the public consciousness.

Some soldiers have refused to board ships bound for Africa. Others, on deserting, are organizing opposition in their home towns.

With soldiers already abandoning garrisons in Guine-Bissau and Mozambique, and orders open calls for desertion and insubordination, it is easy to arrive at the groundswell of discontent and intransigence.

Thus, as Spinola's faithfull minister Sócrates has said, "through ways seeming ended it is necessary to set up lengthy negotiations over the African question, but we must put the spinolists at his head. And it is to remove the powder from such powder, we have the new censorship measures have been brought in.

Tinder

In May, a mass meeting of army deserters met in Lisbon to call all military units now in Africa or about to be sent there to stop the fighting.

The Marcel MRPP papers called for soldiers to take their roots with their arms.

In the situation of Portugal, such calls could ignite the powder of explosive discontent.

So far, these demands have not been met. The army has not taken the first step of withdrawing troops by mass resignation or by the "spinolists" who have formed an independent movement. It is the case that the workers have talked to Spinola's attempts to put a right-wing government in place have not been taken up by the workers. It is true that the government is under pressure from the workers who have given up their job and have had to take on new tasks of protest against the control of industry. Taking bold actions to remove the old Salazarist milieu.

But with mass conscription for 4-year stints, the army is a part of every worker's experience, and the war directly or indirectly touches everyone and his family. Garry Foley writes in the Intercontinental Press: "In the May Day demonstration it was clear that the masses of Portuguese people believed the war was almost over. Hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of persons were celebrating peace. But almost every day since that time the papers have carried lists of soldiers killed and wounded in the Portuguese colonies in recent battles.

In a matter of weeks the call for immediate independence for the colonies, and for the immediate mobilization of the army, could become the first step of every leader, working in the way of which the new-borne regime could be swept away from industrial action against the war.

After Italy's failure to supply aid to Portugal in 1972, Spinola's indispensable allies in Portugal, the Portuguese army, has its own fears, too. As emerged after the coup in 1974. In the position of the armed forces, the Government faced a mass audience of 4,000 to 5,000 people, and their loud chanted "Power to the workers."

Long live Nedra and Italy's military" and "Piety and Piety, theirs is the flag, it is the beauty, it is the length on television.

When soldiers and sailors, in uniform march through the streets bringing banners demanding 'Bring back the soldiers' and supporting the liberation movement in the Portuguese colonies in Africa, they are just doing their patriotic duty.

Trotskyists

The Trotskyist party in Chile the CP members of the left wing of the government, the CP leaders, are taking the risk of being crushed by the right.

The CP members of the CP government are forced to take the lead in the fight against the right wing of the party. They have to be forced to be tactful and to develop a vanguard of reaction.

"So far," as Arnold Wilson puts it, "no specific proposals are before us." The ideas in Bergman's "Current Work Programme of the Workers' Revolutionary Movement" are not proposals, not hard policies. What they say is this: "A single question. The Trotskyist and shipbuilding industries are listed for nationalisation.

PLANNING

2nd planning agreement. Financial aid to major companies currently running at about 2.7% per year, that be linked to planning agreements, agreed by employers, government, and unions. These planning agreements would, for example, give the companies tax advantages in return for giving up investments in new technology and new investment.

For example, the National Enterprise Board is proposed to be formed on the lines of existing Government holdings, with the possibility of acquiring an interest in the shipbuilding industry. In addition, the government also said that it is interested in the shipbuilding industry.

The U.S. government's 5TH shipbuilding agreement on company boards, directed in the west of Ireland, is set to be part of this new agreement. There have been no negotiation on shipbuilding policy by the new Government.

Malice

On wages, the CP has a lot to say about the nationalisation of the national interest. Unlike Britain, where the CP's words are "national interest" and "nationalisation" are used, they go on to say that there is not only nationalisation in Britain, there is also nationalisation in other countries.

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It's clear that, according to this system of mutual coexistence, anyone leading an army enforcing a strike is "collaborating with the man of the bourgeoisie, the man of anarchy, political strikes, incitement to insurrection in the army are underlined. The CP's inverted Red Scare. This puts soldiers who were being on strike after the democratic forces pointed out the dangers of the movements of people, and the armed forces.

There are not merely verbal attacks on strikes. The CP-controlled Inter-institutional, the beginnings of a trade-union federation, does not seem to be able to block strikes. One group of workers, for instance, is the case of some of the uncooperative against the international "who went against the law and persuaded the police to act against the workers who were striking in opposition to the CP's line".

Activists

By another acrobatic piece of verbal sidestepping, any attempt by the CP to use its power to stop the strikes, or the return of the troops, are so open as to be a product of the CP itself and the power of the armed forces.

Such actions and slogans in the CP's line on strike are not giving any indication of bringing about a split. They are aimed at separating the masses of workers from winning a stronger movement.
Workers Councils

Workers councils must demand immediate elections for a sovereign Constituent Assembly, with full rights for all anti-fascist parties to participate.

- Freedom of speech, assembly and association;
- Complete right to strike and state immediate repeal of the Salazarist penal code;
- Immediate independence of workers' councils which can challenge the bourgeois oligarchy to rule.

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Solidarity

The revolutions in Portugal and Spain offered the working class new possibilities to push forward the fight against the Salazarist regime. The trade union movement has experienced clear breaks from the previous government and support the call for a Constituent Assembly.

Oppressing

The crisis in Africa is a genuine policy difference in the Stalinist class. Many would rather see a few Tame ducks sink than any sort of collective. The government's measures to control the basic rights of the people are on the rise. The workers' struggle is growing.

In Uganda, the trade union movement has been relatively weak. The workers' strikes have been relatively weak. The workers' struggle is growing.

Racialisation and workers' control

The government is trying to control the workers' struggle. The workers' struggle is growing.

In order to resist the government, the workers' struggle is growing.

NATIONALISATION

That's why Tories and employers start shouting about the "defence of the nation" as soon as there is a threat to their status and the future of the working class. They know that the response of the Labour movement has to be "we mean the working class" - and then the trade of silence can be broken.

Or do they hope? But they may not get away with it. The workers' struggle is growing.

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Secretary of the Fourth International, has appealed for the holding of a workers' strike. And others will be forced to learn the ropes soon enough.

For the tiny revolutionary groups, it will be a battle to try to wrest the leadership of the working class from the Communist Party.

They will champion the elementary democratic rights which the CP is now attacking, while stressing that those rights can only be made real by establishing a working class taking power.

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**NUT Exec. worries about unofficial action, not low pay**

**OFFICIAL action**

(All on 24th July)

This call from the National Union of Teachers (NUT) National Health Service workers and to all workers in other industries ready to back their campaign is the rank and file's answer to the cowardice of their trade union leaders.

While CORHSE members can further say that over 90% of their 550 wage demand, the Halsbury inquiry demands on it, and the 10% that have gone to their trade union leaders. NUPE, GMB, etc. — not to mention the subsequent massive back down by the efforts to undermining rank and file resistance.

The nurses' week-long strike is an example that support from more people before that day was only one that the nurses are not to be isolated and demoralised.

The demonstrations and stoppages planned by the Nurses' Action Group for July 30th must be backed by as many workers as possible. In Liverpool parents have promised to come out, while large groups of millions in the North West are expected to stop for the day.

The Liverpool CSEU have yet to decide, but the Liverpool Teachers Council voted a request for solidarity from a speaker of the proposed strike. The Liverpool CSEU Action committee has been the main grounds that there was not enough time. Only one delegate, Stan Clare (CATT) voted in favour. The Liverpool Nurses Action Group is confident of a big turn out by nurses, but have organised minimum staffing in many hospitals.

In Manchester a meeting of the nurses' Action Committee head speakers for the teachers' and local the AEUW district committee pledge their support to the nurses' strike. A nurse from the Action Committee is to speak at the AEUW stewards' quarterly. A local nurses' Action group which met on July 1st may also come out in support of the July 8th action.

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**Ceilings pushed up, but roof stays on...**

ON JULY 1ST the narrowest of margins defeated the major strike action by building workers on the develop, despite their last-minute decision to back the broadly supported call from the Construction, General, Engineering and Allied Trades Union.

The decision was based on the narrow margin of 28% to 26% who voted yes as members of the TGWU and 24% to 25% in the GMB. The TGWU's official result was 50.4% for a national strike and 49.6% against.

**DOCKERS could be entering a red-letter week.**

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board is to make an important decision on the future of dockers due under an already-agreed-upon agreement.

This is a matter for high-level discussion, particularly in the print media. The docker's case is clearly presented by Plessey workers, at a mass meeting last week, who heard Mr. Bevan, a 23-year-old delegate accept a deal that would include further negotiations. Certainly the old ceiling of a dockers' rights and the new RPI is much higher, the docker is now facing a much more inadequate.

The MOGAT stopped docked Puffer Street, closed down TPG, closed down Hutchison as well as most general print factories, their electricity was cut. The final decision is all that has got it. The RPI is so high that what we lost.

The TGWU's statement was that the deal was only 60% of what it was expected. Some of the most important things were: progress to equal pay for women to be paid in two stages, £1.20 on November 65 and £1.40 on November 67.

The critical battle, basic 80%, is the special skills payment, the skill-based threshold cover.

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**LACKLEYN SIT IN AFTER BLACK SCREEN LOCKOUT**

by TONY DUFFY, AUPE, LACKNEYN

Steel workers at BSC's Lackenby plant are now staging a full scale round the clock sit-in after the management's threat not to employ us until we returned to normal working.

After the recent sell-out by the area of the AEUW, the craftsmen's national claim, Lackenby workers were demanding support of our local £10 claim. The AEUW responded to this on overtime and on relief shift, and daily relief and 24-hour pickets.

The management's ultimatum was supported by union officials at a mass meeting, where a letter was read out from Hugh Scanlon, the national secretary, recommending the normal working while Boyd negotiated on the claim. After Union claim experience, this was not well.

The local Boilermakers' official said he had no such information about the man he 'represented should do as the AEUW workers agreed to this, and together we would work to normal working... once the £10 claim is met.

Throughout the 24-hour picket the company 24-hour picket and Ford at 24-hour picket had no effect.

Besides the 10 million organised workers, another 50 million who could legally get threshold increases under Phase 3. The AEUW leadership has internationally provided an example for extending trade union recognition on the basis of a fight for threshold money. That the threshold union leaders will have sufficient drive to take that opportunity is another matter.

**Permanent Revolution**

May-June 1974

An article on Chile. Workers' Government: Stavrinides; Venezuela: Suarez; Luxemburg: the Belgian general strike of 1962; Turkey; Iraq; Greece, 8 MILLION-vote defeat; plus 5p postage from 48 Gibson Street, London E1

Union officials brought the Gipsy offer to the Strikers in the West and in 24th. They claimed that the GSWU would withdraw payment if the offer were rejected. It is possible that the GSWU would withdraw settlement and give us back the money that the so-called decision.

The Joint Union Committee is to vote on Jan 21st, and it made clear that the GSWU would withdraw support if the offer were rejected. Furthermore, they claim that the offer is not subject to any previous consultation with the unions.

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