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MIDDLE EAST PEOPLES NOT COWED BY SUPERPOWERS' SABRE RATTLING

Once again the two Superpowers are meddling in other countries' affairs. The struggle in the Lebanon has brought the two Superpowers rushing back to the scene. Both are throwing their weight around, ^{How} telling everyone what they should or should not do. At the same time these international bully boys are rushing their navies to the scene, threatening the peoples of the Middle East. They are not interested in the conditions or problems of the Middle East peoples. The only thing either is interested in, is what they can get for themselves. Both want to control the Middle East. Both see it as important in their aims of controlling and exploiting the world.



The struggle for world-wide dominance by the two Superpowers, US Imperialism and Soviet Social Imperialism is particularly sharp in the Middle East. This is because Middle Eastern countries are the world's leading suppliers of oil, fulfilling nearly all the requirements of Europe and Japan. The Superpowers can use the control of this oil as a blackmail weapon which would be of extreme importance in the event of a war between the US and the Soviet Union. The Middle East is also important, lying at the crossroads of three continents, Asia, Africa and Europe in particular. Control of the Suez Canal in war time would be vital to the Soviet Union, as it cuts the trip between Soviet naval ports on the Black Sea to the Indian Ocean by 9000 miles.

The US already has many fingers in the Middle East pie. It is desperate to hang on to its interests in Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and Iran. The valiant struggles of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples against Zionism and Imperialism scare it stiff.

The other Superpower, Soviet Social Imperialism (Socialist in words, Imperial-

ist in deeds) claims to be "the natural ally of the Arab people". The true nature of the Soviet Union has been increasingly exposed in the Middle East. Its military bullying, economic profiteering, and its selling out of the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people have all clearly shown the Soviet Union to be a false friend of the Arab people.

The USSR first got its foot in the door in Egypt. Its trade and arms sales to Egypt grew rapidly until Egypt was in massive debt to the USSR. The Soviet Union used this situation to try and boss the Egyptian people about. It held up spare parts for tanks and machinery to blackmail the Egyptian people. It even tried to force Egypt to agree not to fight to regain its territory occupied by Zionist Israel. The anger of the Egyptian people at the Superpower bullying and exploitation forced the government to throw out the Soviet "advisors" last year.

Like the USA, the USSR is rich in natural resources. But its thirst for profit drives it to exploit cheaper resources elsewhere. The USSR forced a deal with Iraq, and today buys nearly all of Iraq's oil production at well below the world market price. Immediately after the war the Arab oil producing states imposed an oil boycott to attack imperialism. The Soviet Union demanded six million pounds worth of oil from Iraq in part payment for arms "assistance" and then sold it to West Germany during the boycott for eighteen million pounds.

The most treacherous aspect of the Soviet Union's manipulation of the Arab people, lies in their sell out of the Palestinian Liberation movement. Besides placing restrictions on the use of arms, they have attempted to pressurise the PLO into recognising the state of Israel. The Soviet Union has done its utmost to maintain a state of "No War, No Peace" between the Palestinian and Arab peoples and Israel. This enables them to test new weapons in preparation for a new world war and reap huge profits from arms sales, while stifling the just desires of the Palestinian and Arab peoples for freedom and independence.

Increasingly the Arab and Palestinian people are realising that they must fight both Super-powers and Soviet Social Imperialism is being weakened daily in the face of protracted struggle and revolution.

NATIONALISATION IS RATIONALISATION

Both Tory and Labour are lining up in an effort to rationalise the Aircraft and Ship-building industries. The ruling class is split on the question of nationalisation. The bosses' newspapers are saying that it is a struggle about Socialism. It is not. It is about the best way to save capitalism. As usual the social democrats are preparing for an attack on jobs using all the strength of the state, whilst at the same time attempting to divert and damage the just struggles of the working class from within its own ranks.

NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TORIES AND LABOUR ON THE FUTURE OF THE AEROSPACE AND SHIPPING INDUSTRIES

The Tory spokesman, company director Michael Heseltine says that the aircraft firms of B.A.C. and Hawker Siddeley should merge through 'voluntary rationalisation'; some of their plants should close, and the two sets of design teams made into one. This he says will make the new firm more efficient, profitable, and able to compete abroad.

The Labour spokesman, ex-miner Eric Varley stated last December, when moving the Bill, that there would be "a planned reduction of manpower in full co-operation with the unions". This he said, would make the new state company, 'British Aerospace', more efficient, profitable, and able to compete abroad.

The Financial Times Aerospace correspondent last year estimated that the aim would be to cut 30,000 of the 70,000 jobs.

The attack on the workers is the same whether by 'private enterprise' or state capitalism.

In ship-building, also, both Labour and Tory aim to close many yards. The search for profit is the aim of both; widespread sackings the method proposed by both.

STATE CONTROL IS BOSSES CONTROL

Industries taken over by the bosses' state, have a record like Bluebeard's.

JOBS IN NATIONALISED INDUSTRIES

	1964	1974
Mining	530,000	270,000
Railways	422,000	255,000
Electricity	210,000	170,000
Gas	123,000	102,000
Steel	254,000	222,000

A loss in these industries alone of over ½ million jobs in ten years; and many workers in nationalised industries are



Steel workers demonstrate, in 1973, for the right to work.

fighting now against further redundancies, like the Shotton steel workers.

In fact in the last ten years jobs were slashed 5 times faster in nationalised industries than in private industry! As Lenin said: "Steps to bigger monopolies and increased nationalisation of production are accompanied by intensified exploitation of the labouring masses".

Workers in nationalised industries know well that in practice they have to fight just as hard. The great struggles of the miners from 1970 to 1972 for higher wages, the struggles of the steelworkers and railwaymen all show that class struggle must continue. State control by the bosses' state has nothing to do with Socialism, it is still bosses' control. The struggles in British Leyland since nationalisation are a recognition that there is no real difference. But in all these struggles as well as the fight for jobs, social democrats have sabotaged the struggles from within. That is why the Observer newspaper could crow last February that the nationalised "giants have thinned down their payrolls with suprisingly little resistance from the workers".

Aircraft and shipbuilding union leaders have been calling for nationalisation because they say they want their industries 'planned'. No wonder the rank-and-file are luke warm about it all. The only real concern is that the present fumbling indecision of the ruling class will let these industries go down the drain with no new projects being commissioned.

Workers in aircraft and shipbuilding have a long history of struggle for 'the right to work'. The 'Concorde' and HS 146 projects have been kept alive through the efforts of workers involved. The whole

ICELANDIC PEOPLE DEAL A BLOW AGAINST BRITISH IMPERIALISM

The Icelandic people have won a victory for independence and control over their own natural resources. Because Iceland is a small country, the British imperialists thought they could plunder Icelandic waters at gunpoint. But the Icelanders put up a determined fight and forced Britain to accept their 200 mile limit.

Iceland's cause is just. An essential part of their economy depends on fish, and the survival of the Icelandic people depends on the protection of their fish stocks. Most of the world's governments support the 200 mile limit. Even the Labour government wants to extend Britain's own limit. It is almost certain that the International Sea Conference will lay down this limit for all countries. The main opponents of this limit are the two superpowers - U.S. and Soviet social imperialism.

The British ruling class stood against the just struggle of the Icelandic people. Its gunboat tactic was pure imperialist plunder. The British ruling class was playing into the hands of the superpowers and their desire to enslave all countries.

The two superpowers are ransacking the world's oceans and threatening all countries with their trawlers and war-fleets. The Soviet Union, who like to pretend they oppose imperialism, gave the main support to British imperialism's assault on Iceland. The Soviet rulers issued threats when Iceland extended her limits to 200 miles. They are building up their domination in the North Atlantic.

NATIONALISATION ...

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shipbuilding industry is a testament to the energy, skill and fighting spirit of British workers from the early days of trade unions to the U.C.S. 'work-in'. It is this fighting spirit that will stop sackings, certainly not nationalisation.

Social democracy calls for workers to wait for 'saviours on high' like nationalisation. The Labour Party preaches that they will reform the country bit by bit, so nobody will notice it. In this they are supported by their 'left' face, the so-called 'Communist Party'. These reforms like nationalisation have nothing to do with socialism, and certainly

Soviet trawlers fish within the waters of Britain, other European countries, and Canada, refusing to accept fishing quotas imposed by international bodies, or making agreements and then breaking them. Soviet military presence is violating the air and sea territory of countries all over the world with warships, aircraft and electronic spy equipment .

Small countries cannot rely on the other superpower, U.S. imperialism, to protect their interests. The U.S. also wants to use their territory, like they used Iceland, for its own aggressive designs. It opposes their control over their own waters.

Iceland's struggle is a lesson for the British people. Britain is used as a pawn by the U.S., and is threatened by the Soviet Union, whose aggressiveness can only lead to world war. Britain must join the struggle against the two superpowers. It can only do this through uniting with other countries, like Iceland, like the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, in the fight against superpower domination.

It was the Icelandic people who forced their government, despite NATO pressure, to protect their national territory. The British people, mainly the working class, must force the British government to stand up for independence from the superpowers!

nothing to do with saving jobs. In fact state capitalism is an even greater danger than private capitalism because it disarms some militants. The hidden enemy is all the more dangerous just because it is hidden.

The growing realisation that social democracy, with its weapon of nationalisation, is the real enemy of workers and "the principal social prop of the bourgeoisie" as Lenin called it, will release the full fighting force of the working class. It is only that force that can smash capitalism and build socialism.

**FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!
STATE CONTROL IS BOSSES CONTROL!
NATIONALISATION, NO! SOCIALISM, YES!**

UNCTAD: THIRD WORLD UNITY GROWS

The Fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) ended at the end of May with the growing unity of the Third World Countries against the economic aggression of the two Super-powers.

The Third World Countries have suffered greatly from imperialist exploitation, especially at the hands of the Super-powers. Raw materials, food and other products have been taken by the imperialists at dirt cheap prices, whilst the people are forced to work long hours and live in absolute poverty. The Super-powers want this system to continue in order to reap massive profits.

SUPER-POWER EXPLOITATION

The Super-powers want to keep a system of 'unequal exchange' in trading with the developing countries. To increase their profits they buy cheap and sell dear to the developing countries. Because of the Super-powers' massive economies they can greatly influence prices on the international market for their own ends.

As the Third World Countries try to industrialise, the Super-powers offer loans at very high interest rates, to get them into massive debt. Often to pay off old debts, the developing countries have to contract new ones, and some countries spend more paying off old debts than they can borrow! The repayment of debts has drained many of the developing countries, but the Super-powers insist on early repayments, crippling any economic development in these countries. Last year, without consulting the Indian government, the Soviet Social Imperialists changed the exchange rate between the rouble and the rupee and increased India's debt by £275 million over night!

UNITY GROWS AGAINST THE SUPER-POWERS

The Third World Countries, with the help and leadership of the Socialist countries, China and Albania, are more and more uniting to fight the Super-powers. At the UNCTAD Conference the developing countries proposed an 'Integrated Commodity Programme' which was greatly opposed by the Super-powers. This programme proposed major changes in the debt system which would lessen the plunder by the imperialist countries. It also proposed setting up a common fund to keep commodity prices stable. Whilst these proposals would not abolish imperialism it would greatly help the economic development of the Third World Countries.

THE SUPERPOWERS EXPOSE THEMSELVES

But the Superpowers were determined to resist these just demands of the developing countries. The US proposed setting up an 'International Resources Bank' under its own control, in order to exploit the developing countries.

The Soviet Union said that it was "the natural ally" of the Third World. It said it supported the struggle to change the world economic order. The real intentions of the Soviet bosses were soon revealed when it said that the demands of the Third World were "not possible to achieve". They even tried the old bosses trick of splitting the progressive forces, saying each country should negotiate separate deals with them. The Third World Countries were not fooled by this old trick and remained united.

BRITAIN WAVERS

The British government originally strongly supported the US at the conference along with Germany and Japan. They sided with the US Super-power against the Third World because the British capitalists are still exploiting the Third World. As the Super-powers grow and the Third World unites, the British imperialists don't know what to do. They plunder other countries, but they are scared of the strength of the Superpowers, and of the growing strength and unity of the Third World. This forced Britain to waver in its position at the conference and it started saying it was willing to 'talk about' a common fund for commodities - as the Third World had demanded.

The working people of Britain have no interest in exploiting other countries. The bosses will never stand up firmly to the Super-powers. British workers must force the British government to protect independence, and oppose the Super-powers.

RESISTANCE IS GROWING!

The Super-powers failed to get the Third World Countries to give up their demands. The Third World Countries did not slacken in their determination to struggle. Although the conference ended in deadlock it represented an advance in the struggle against the main enemies of the people of the world. More countries than ever before now realise the reactionary nature of these Super-power regimes and are calling for independence. Unity and Resistance is growing!

THE CFB(ML)

SELF-DETERMINATION

The Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) holds that the central task in Britain today is to build the revolutionary Communist Party, the party of the working class. This revolutionary Communist Party must unite the various struggles into a revolutionary overthrow of the monopoly capitalist state to set up a dictatorship of the proletariat and build genuine working class Socialism.

The party must be constructed by ideological, political and organisational struggle. By a bold internal struggle the CFB(ML) has recently decisively defeated serious opportunist errors. One of these was liberalism, which refuses to stand up boldly for what is in the interests of the working class, but believes in unprincipled peace to keep on good terms with everyone. As a result of the internal struggle the CFB(ML) has taken important steps away from federalism and towards a united and democratic-centralist Party.

The CFB(ML) is self-reliant in party building but it will not be self-sufficient: where it can learn from other British Marxist-Leninist organisations it will do so. We must break down the small-group mentality which exists between Marxist-Leninist organisations in Britain, and struggle to build the revolutionary Communist Party as fast as possible.

We have to apply the general truths of Marxism-Leninism to the concrete practice of the British revolution. In the contradiction between theory and practice at present theory is the principal aspect. However, practice is an important second. Training and tempering comrades in practical work is essential to build the revolutionary Communist Party.

The most important task is to build bases in the industrial working class. This will make sure that the future Marxist-Leninist party is a firm proletarian party with deep and unshakeable roots in the working class.

***Build the revolutionary
Communist Party to lead
the revolution !***

For hundreds of years the Irish people have fought British Colonialism and Imperialism. This just struggle will never stop until the Irish people have won full independence. Today there is no independence. In the north British troops patrol the streets day and night. In the south British capitalists and their American and European allies control the raw materials and many important fields of production. The Irish government bows to the demands of the British bosses. Britain has always used a combination of violence and tricks to oppose the struggle of the Irish people. In Ireland today, the British bosses are using the same methods in a desperate attempt to protect their interests.

THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE IN IRELAND GOES ON DESPITE RULING CLASS TERRORISM

Since 1968 the RUC and British army have stepped up their violent attacks on the Irish people. On "Bloody Sunday" four years ago a massive demonstration of workers and other progressive people marched through the streets of Derry. Thirteen unarmed men and boys were shot down in cold blood, by the British army.

Murder, imprisonment without trial and torture are commonplace. But the Irish people are not cowed. Ruling class terrorism has not stopped the struggle for independence.

The ruling class tries to pretend that the army is in Ireland to stop sectarian violence. For hundreds of years the British ruling class has stirred up religious bigotry, to divide the working class and people of Ireland. Now, sickeningly, they weep crocodile tears and try to use it as a reason for continuing to

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FOR THE IRISH PEOPLE

oppress and exploit the Irish people. The real enemy in Ireland is not religious bigotry, though it exists, but the British ruling class who caused it. The British imperialist army can never 'protect' the Irish people. It is there only to protect the profits of British capital.

BRITISH IMPERIALIST TRICKS WILL NOT STOP THE STRUGGLE

The British ruling class is desperate to find a solution to protect their profits. For hundreds of years they have tried every trick in the book. Sixty years ago, Irish people rose in strength. The British bosses were forced to grant a measure of independence. But the British bosses used the divisions they had created between the north and south, and supported a separate state in the north. In the northern state they used the trick of divide and rule to oppress and exploit all the workers. They discriminated against the Catholics and stirred up religious bigotry.

But the struggles for independence and against discrimination could not be held back and rose up again and again. In desperation the British bosses have been trying another trick. They want to set up a united Ireland, that is independent in name, but economically controlled by Britain. They hoped the 'Council of Ireland' would do that. But the Irish people are not fooled by this trick.

The British ruling class will never find a lasting 'solution' that will protect their profits. It is the Irish people who will decide their own future, through National Liberation struggle led by the Irish working class.



30th Jan. 1972 - 'Bloody Sunday': part of the mass demonstration, just before the imperialist army opened fire.

BRITISH IMPERIALISM - COMMON ENEMY OF THE IRISH PEOPLE AND THE BRITISH WORKING CLASS

British imperialism oppresses and exploits both the Irish people and the British working class. British workers must unite with their Irish brothers and sisters, oppose the imperialist army and demand its withdrawal from Ireland. The Irish people are our real friends. British imperialism is our common enemy.

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ONE STEP BACK

The trade union leaders have now decided, with the Government, that we will have another cut in wages to save the capitalist economy. Labour's Chancellor Healey states, "The increase of about 4½% is well under half the increase represented by the £6 limit." As 'Class Struggle' said last month that's a transfer from real wages to profits of about £9 a week. No wonder the bosses' newspapers are clapping their Labour friends. Callaghan has also threatened to the Engineering workers' conference that "a new social contract will carry us through the rest of the decade."

How will the working class respond? Already the building workers' conference, most miners (in contrast to the mining staff), nearly half the engineers' conference, a third of the Transport union's executive, and half of the Railway union's leadership have opposed the deal. Among non-manual workers ASTMS for scientists and foremen, a third of local government officers, many civil servants, film technicians and the journalists' union (remember that when you read the papers!) have also voted against the wage-cut policy. In the factories anger is growing on the shop floor against the Labour Party, and its worn out tricks and attacks on the working class.

We know that workers will inevitably fight against a reactionary policy even when it is disguised by social democrat leaders. In the last century most trade unionists were at one time conned by the bosses' theory, 'a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.' But in the 1880's and 1890's the dockers and gas workers smashed these restraints. In the First World War when British imperialism was the main world oppressor, most British trade unions backed the chauvinist policy of supporting their own ruling class aggression. But the lessons of the imperialist war and a young Communist movement showed millions of workers that the real enemy was at home. In 1926 the TUC sold out the miners and the whole working class and the next year engaged in a social contract with the employers in the Mond-Turner talks. (Mond was the head of I.C.I., Turner the TUC chief). The talks agreed that rationalisation and mergers should be encouraged and that a joint board of employers and trade unionists should intervene to prevent

strikes through arbitration. Within a year this agreement had broken down under workers' attacks.

In 1946 the TUC 'backed Britain' by supporting productivity and export drives and later the first official wage freeze - under a Labour government. By 1949 the Labour class collaboration policy was in ruins.

In 1966 and early 1967 the TUC again backed wage freeze policies, again under Labour. Yet by the autumn of 1967 the support for these policies was withering away and trade unionists were spontaneously fighting the employers.

There is no reason to be dismayed by the 4½% wage cut. Workers will again break through that obstacle. Our main aim as revolutionary Communists is to show how social democracy has again and again preached class collaboration to 'save the country'. Only by freeing our class from these chains of Labour Party subservience can we build a movement that will not declare a truce every time the capitalist crisis becomes acute. It's one step back for the moment but shop floor anger is growing and strides forward against the Labour enemy are inevitable.

Revolution

THEORETICAL JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CFB (ML)

Building the revolutionary Communist party to lead the revolution is the central task for all genuine marxist-leninists in Britain today. 'Revolution', the theoretical journal of the CFB (ML), has been founded to be a sharp weapon in the struggle to build that Party.

Issue Number One contains...

RESOLUTION OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE CFB (ML)... a resolution which criticises past errors in the work of the CFB, and outlines the main tasks in party building.

'BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY TO LEAD THE REVOLUTION'... outlines the two line struggle in the CFB, the present stage in our work, and our future tasks.

'BOLDLY COMBAT SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN THE STRUGGLE TO OVERTHROW CAPITALISM'... a National Committee statement on Social Democracy, identifying it as the main enemy in the working class movement.

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UPSURGE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM

Over the last month workers have taken to the streets marching against racism in several places. The huge street demonstrations of Asian workers in Southall, through to the 3,000 strong anti-racism march in Rotherham, show the rising anger of black and white workers against racism and fascism. Another national mass demonstration is planned for July 11th in London. This upsurge in struggle against racism and fascism has sent the British bosses and their spokesman into a frenzy.

RACISM IS PART OF THE ROTTEN IMPERIALIST SYSTEM

Racism has always been part of the imperialist system. The bosses' attempt to 'justify' imperialism by saying black people are inferior. School books praise the British Empire - the ruling class empire that oppressed and exploited the peoples of the world.

The liberals, social democrats and the bosses' press try to blame racism on a few individuals, or the openly fascist organisations. They say the nazi groups, like the National Party and the National Front are 'too extreme'. At the same time they stir up racism themselves. Labour leaders say they are against racism, but the Labour government of 1968 brought in the Anti-Immigration act. Only last month the bosses' papers and the t.v. carried out a sickening systematic campaign, attacking Asians, who came to Britain after being thrown out of Malawi. The police carry out racist attacks on black youth, and then attack black people for fighting back. These attacks by the bosses all do the same thing - they try and blame immigration and black people for the capitalist crisis, and stir up divisions in the working class.

AZANIAN PEOPLE FIGHT ON

An unparalleled wave of resistance by the Azanian people is rising against the South African racist and fascist regime. In Soweto the South African fascist police shot over 100 black people. These murders did not quell the fighting spirit of the Azanian people. The demonstrations spread to other towns throughout South Africa.

The British press, while saying the South African police were extreme, attack the Azanian people with headlines of "Black terror", and saying they "should not use violence". No wonder Dr Vorster on June 24

It is the ruling class itself, and its political parties and press, that stirs up racism. They are scared of the unity of black and white workers. They are scared of proletarian internationalism - the unity of British workers with the oppressed peoples and nations of the world.

ONLY ANSWER TO RACISM - UNITED WORKING CLASS ACTION

The growing struggle of black people to organise and defend themselves, and the rising opposition to racism and fascism by workers terrify the ruling class.

The bosses' papers talk about 'race war' and try to attack black people and other workers for organising themselves. What they are really scared of is not race war, but the united working class waging class war against ruling class racism and imperialism. At the same time they try to use the situation to increase the powers of the bosses' state - they say the state should be stronger, that we should rely on the capitalists' laws and the police!

The false 'communist' party and the social democrats are playing the same game - saying the state should increase its powers to ban political parties and demonstrations. This is just supporting the racist ruling class. Building the strength of the bosses' state is making one more step down the road to fascism.

Only the united working class led by a revolutionary Communist Party can mobilise the masses to defeat racism and fascism. Racism and fascism will only ever be defeated by the mass action of the working people in the factories and on the streets.

thanked the British press for supporting him even more than the South African papers. 3 out of every 5 pounds of foreign investment in South Africa comes from British imperialism, so the attitude of the bosses' papers is not surprising.

The Azanian people will not be held down by the fascist terror of the South African regime. They know full well that imperialism uses violence to oppress the people, and the only way it will ever be defeated is by the revolutionary violence of peoples' war.

LONG LIVE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE AZANIAN PEOPLE!

EVERYTHING FOR THE PEOPLE

This year is the 30th anniversary of the founding of the great People's Republic of Albania. In 1941, the new Communist Party (now Party of Labour) of Albania united and led the working masses in the National Liberation Front, and by 1944 had driven the Italian and German fascists from Albania.

Albania was the most backward country in Europe, with virtually no industry, primitive agriculture, little education, and almost 3 out of every 5 people unemployed. Now Socialist Albania has a strong self-reliant economy, a national income 11 times higher than before liberation, and no unemployment.

The enormous increases in production and wealth has not gone to fatten the bellies or increase the power of landlords or capitalists. It has benefitted the Albanian workers and peasants, sweeping away the old life of poverty, misery, illiteracy and disease. In Socialist Albania: "Everything" is "for the people". As Apostol Vanjeli, an Albanian lathe operator says:

"Many of my fellow workers are far ahead of schedule with their work. You may ask what prompts us to push ahead so fast? It is our desire to contribute the maximum to society. We see that the stronger our socialist state becomes, the more it spends on us - on our children in the kindergartens and schools, on pensions, on health services, on new housing...What we produce comes back to us, not only in the form of wages but also in all these other forms I have just mentioned. Therefore each of us feels it is his duty not only to contribute to the maximum but also to help his fellow workers to carry them all forward with him, so that the whole collective will advance and become a vanguard collective. When work becomes a spiritual need of man, when the fruits of our work lift the whole of society and the individual at the same time, that is real happiness."

These words vividly portray the difference between a worker's life in a capitalist society such as Britain, and in Socialist Albania, where "everything is for the people."

What does "everything for the people" mean in practice? It means that unlike the capitalist countries there is no



Young volunteers turning wasteland into terraced fields

unemployment in People's Albania. All citizens are guaranteed the right to work work, and any violation of this right is severely punished. In capitalist Britain redundancies and lay-offs, caused by falling profits or 'rationalisation', are commonplace. In People's Albania it is illegal to dismiss workers from their jobs.

It means that there is no inflation in Albania. Since 1950, the prices of most common articles have actually been reduced. Many articles can be bought today for 25% less than in 1960. There is no taxation of any kind in Albania, and monthly rents can be paid with 1 or 2 days' wages. (In British terms that would mean house rents of about £2 per week!) Health services, education, recreational facilities are all supplied free, or at very low cost for the Albanian working people.

These phenomenal changes in the lives of working people, did not come about because the Albanian people are 'super-human', or different from other working people. They took place because, throughout many difficulties, the Party of Labour of Albania has held fast to the principles of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. It has played the lead in sweeping away the old and building the new society of the future, by relying on the initiative and enthusiasm of the workers and peasantry, and by using the weapon of class struggle to root out class enemies even within its own ranks. In this way the Party has ensured that it has remained the servant of the Albanian people.