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Comrade Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, died on September 9th after a long illness.

Comrade Mao Tse-tung was the great leader and teacher of the Chinese people. His life and theoretical writings inspire and give leadership to workers and oppressed peoples throughout the world.

**TURN GRIEF INTO STRENGTH!
LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM
MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT!**

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PUBLIC SPENDING CUTS - LABOUR ATTACKS THE WORKING CLASS

The Labour government is carrying out a policy of public spending cuts. Together with the cuts in wages, this is part of its plan for saving capitalism from its crisis. Some of these spending cuts were proudly announced by Healey in July. There are others planned over the next 4 years. The main cuts will not be in industrial investment or law and order, things which directly serve the capitalist class. They will be in Housing, Education, Transport and Health. They will fall directly on the working class. Once more the Labour party is showing itself to be the best bosses' party.

LABOUR, TORY BOTH CAPITALIST PARTIES

Healey's so-called 'July package' is only part of a programme of cuts which both capitalist parties have carried out in the present crisis. The first of these spending cuts were in November 1973 under the Conservatives, when spending, particularly on schools and hospitals, was cut by £1,350 million. In 1974 the minority Labour government made some concessions to the working class (food subsidies, rent freeze), but

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Public spending cuts

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did not restore the cuts already made by the Conservatives. After the October 1974 election, Labour soon showed its true colours. Cuts were introduced in January 1975 (10% cut from spending on Health, Transport, Education and Social Security), local councils were instructed to hold back all spending. In February of this year, the strategic plan for public spending over the next 4 years was unveiled. Again the main cuts fall on Education, Transport, and Housing. More money will be spent on Social Security. This doesn't mean that pensioners, or the unemployed will have a better life, but only that more money will be needed just to keep the growing numbers of unemployed alive.

Both capitalist parties agree that there must be cuts in public spending - "in the interests of national recovery" and "to maintain a stable pound and finance the balance of payments deficit". The only difference between them is that the Labour party - with its support from the Trade Union leadership, and false promises that it is a workers' party - has been better at carrying out the vicious attacks of the capitalists.

'PUBLIC' SPENDING SERVES CAPITALISM

'Public' spending sounds as though it's a present from the government. It's not. 'Public' spending is the money raised mainly through taxation, and spent by the capitalist government in the interests of the capitalist class. This money is spent in different ways. Some is used for investment in industry - both nationalised and private through organisations such as the National Enterprise Board. This area of public spending has not been cut. Money is also spent on running the capitalist state - the government, civil service, police, army and so on. This area of spending has also been hardly affected. About half of public spending is used to finance the Welfare services - Health, Education, Housing, Social Security. It is here that the main cuts have been made.

Already there is a standstill on building new hospitals and schools. Hospitals like Oldham General - 100 years old, where patients must wait in dark corridors, or count cockroaches in the wards, or wait at home for up to 3 years for an operation - will not be replaced or modernised. The Public Health Service will continue to decay. In our schools pupil/teacher ratios are getting worse while teacher unemployment has passed 10,000, there is no money for even routine maintenance of school buildings, and all expansion of education for the under 5s has stopped. In housing fewer and worse

council houses are being built, rents are increasing even more than under the Tories' 'Housing Finance Act', which Labour so proudly repealed! Repairs and improvements are no longer being carried out to dilapidated and insanitary houses.

All this is the work of the Labour government, with no real opposition by the Labour Party and Trade Union leadership. If they have their way, it will not end there. If they are to carry out the further cuts they have planned they have only one course to take - to decrease wages and increase unemployment among council workers, building workers, doctors, nurses and teachers. There's nothing else left to cut.

OPPOSE THE CUTS

This vicious attack on working class living standards must be militantly opposed. The Labour 'left', the false 'Communist party' and the Trotskyites say they oppose these cuts, but they fight to keep the Labour Party in power. Their alternative to cutting 'public' spending is "No Cuts! Increase Public Spending!" This, they say will be a step towards socialism. But this just spreads illusions about the Labour Party and the capitalist system. Capitalism cannot be reformed by "saviours from on high".

The capitalist system is in crisis. The bosses' state has no choice but to attack workers. If the bosses do not attack workers through the cuts, workers' living standards will be attacked by inflation. That is why the working class needs a revolutionary Communist Party to overthrow the whole anti-working class system. At the present time, workers will continue to fight every attack on the working class.

Where there is oppression, there is resistance. Already groups of working people are fighting back against the spending cuts. Teachers are refusing to work in overcrowded class rooms, while unemployment rises. In many hospitals nurses and other health workers are fighting staff cuts. The Labour Party is sowing yet more seeds of its own destruction, along with the rotten system it represents. As the struggle continues, more and more working people will see that there is no alternative under capitalism to increased poverty, homelessness and misery. The only alternative is a different society run not for the benefit of a few, but to serve the needs of the majority. That is why we must build the party of the working class, that fights for the interests of the working class - a new revolutionary Communist Party which will lead the struggle to overthrow the rotten capitalist system, and establish a new society where everything is for the people.

OPPOSE LABOUR'S ATTACKS ON THE WORKING CLASS!
BUILD THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY!

SOVIET PEOPLE FIGHT BACK AGAINST FASCISM

"Wherever there is oppression there is resistance". The entire history of the human race bears out this fundamental principle of Marxism-Leninism. The restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union, after the death of Stalin, was a tremendous setback to the Soviet people. Yet the Soviet Union today is by no means as "harmonious" or "stable" as its new rulers describe it. It is filled with sharp class antagonisms and social upheavals, and increasingly the Soviet people carry out resistance against the fascist rule of their new oppressors.

It is not possible today to find another country where a bureaucratic capitalist class has such a great and uncontrolled power over industry. A series of economic 'experiments' in the late fifties and early sixties, led to the Kosygin 'reforms' of 1965. Kosygin argued that the first task of any enterprise should be to make a profit, and in order to make this possible, gave massive powers to a privileged class of managers, supervisors and 'experts'. These new 'leaders of industry' have the right to hire, fire, fine and punish workers; they can buy, sell, rent or dispose of equipment and land once belonging to the people and their state. The more profit the factory makes, the bigger the pay of these new rulers, and many of them boost their already huge salaries by illegal operations on the black market, while calling for greater sacrifices and effort from their workers.

In agriculture it is the same story. Brezhnev stated in 1965 that "The rate of profit should be made the basis for the objective assessment of the operation of collective and state farms". Today a new class of rich farmers - the managers and chairmen of the state and collective farms, sell the bulk of their produce on the free market. In Stalin's time all produce was sold to the state for resale to the people at cheap prices. But now food production and distribution have fallen into anarchy, with one result for the people - shortages, queues and high prices in the shops. The restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union has meant that the country that once led the struggle for freedom and socialism throughout the world has turned into an imperialist superpower bullying and exploiting other nations. The result has been a huge increase in military spending, with well over 20% of the Soviet budget being spent on building up its aggressive armed forces, and less and less on goods for the Soviet people.

This waste has helped reduce the once thriving socialist economy to a wasteland of stagnation and chaos, no longer serving the people's needs. Soviet 'leaders' have long abandoned the spirit of socialist self reliance, and go running to western banks and firms to beg help in financing Soviet capitalism. U.S., European and Japanese imperialist firms like Fiat have at long last the chance to plunder the resources of the Soviet people, who have to slave to pay off the burden of foreign debt incurred by their masters - over 5,000 million pounds since 1970. Like Hitler the Soviet bosses seek to solve the problems of Soviet state capitalism by aggression and plunder of other countries.

CLASS STRUGGLE IN THE USSR INCREASES

Because Soviet workers have been deprived of all control over production, vast differences in income now exist between those who control and those who produce. Inflation is recurrent while wages are held back and tied to productivity deals. Trade unions are allowed to discuss, but not to negotiate wage deals, and unemployment has reappeared. Housing is inadequate and welfare facilities poor. Alcoholism, drug taking, and criminal violence are increasing, as the cultural decadence of capitalism increases.

All this has not gone unchallenged by the Soviet working class, and because of these challenges, the Soviet 'leaders' have resorted to open fascist rule. Under fascism the working class is deprived of even the most elementary bourgeois-democratic rights, such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to hold meetings and demonstrate, and the freedom to organize itself politically. Such activities are criminal offences in the Soviet Union today.

This cannot stop the resistance of the working class however. In fact it makes that resistance all the more inevitable. Revolutionary organizations have been formed illegally, and workers have taken to the streets or struck against bad pay, conditions and repression. For example in May 1969 at the Kiev hydro-power station; in June 1972 thousands occupied the offices of the security service in Dniepropetrovsk destroying the files there; in the same month 10,000 workers demonstrated in Dneprodzherzhinsk against bad housing and low pay. The Soviet rulers have in recent

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THE RIGHT TO WORK - A CLASS QUESTION

The bosses and their Labour government are always calling for more 'productivity' and 'flexibility' from workers. "The government's proposals unfortunately entail several thousand workers", said Labour's Industry Minister, Eric Varley, about the sacking of 8,300 Chrysler workers. This was "in order to provide increased productivity". Unemployment has now topped 1½ million. Labour's whole record shows that capitalism cannot be 'reformed'. It needs to attack workers just to survive. All the clever speeches and promises of reformists cannot hide this reality that we suffer every day.

Defending jobs is a class question. The bosses profit by getting fewer workers to produce more. Capitalists compete against each other to survive, and we are the pawns. About this industrial war between capitalists, Marx said over a hundred years ago: "This war has the peculiarity that its battles are won less by recruiting than by discharging the army of labour." In other words unemployment is built into the capitalist system. In socialist countries like Albania the right to work is guaranteed in the constitution. Here we have to fight tooth and nail to defend every job. Only by seeing through the tricks of the reformists will we end unemployment.

Workers have fought very hard against redundancies. The UCS work-in through to occupations by Plessey workers and the Fisher Bendix occupations are high points in the fight to work. Every week British workers are on strike somewhere fighting factory closure and sackings. Within the nationalised industries this class struggle is just as fierce.

JOBS NOT SLANDERS

Massive redundancies, short-time working, unemployment soaring over the 1½ million mark, and school-leavers going straight into the dole queue. Capitalism is the sickest it's been since the 30s.

Blind to the real cause of the crisis, the bourgeois press harps on about layabouts who don't want to work. The bosses lay off 167,000 from British Rail in 10 years between 1964 and 1974 and the papers greet the new arrivals to the ranks of the unemployed with terms like 'lazy scroungers'. Tories like Thatcher and Joseph go on about social security fiddles and blame working class families for squandering their money on bingo, fags and beer. The fact that the price of essentials climbs daily and the wage packet correspondingly shrinks is forgotten. Since 1970 the pound has dropped in value to 59p. How can families

OPPOSE 'VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCIES' AND 'NATURAL WASTAGE'

The bosses and their politicians use every trick to try to divide workers and undermine this resistance. 'Voluntary redundancies' and 'Natural wastage' are their usual weapons. Many workers, relieved at not being sacked, have accepted these proposals. Plessey workers at Kirkby saw through this trick. The bosses did not want to replace 2 workers who left. The other workers opposed this 'natural wastage'. They saw that it meant extra work for them, and that it was two more jobs lost. Teachers and students from teacher training colleges are seeing the same thing. Teachers that have left are often not being replaced. That is why so many newly trained teachers are thrown on the dole queue.

'Voluntary redundancies' are used in the same way. Vauxhall workers at Ellesmere port were offered redundancy money 2 years ago. Many accepted it. Most of them are still on the dole, and many more jobs have been lost.

School leavers and casualties from factory closures will only get jobs, if all workers fight all cuts in jobs. It is a struggle for the whole class to fight every cut in jobs, to unite all the struggles for the right to work. This can only be done when the working class builds its own party, a revolutionary Communist Party that fights against the tricks of reformism, a party that will lead the struggle for revolution and working class power.

make ends meet?

They also try to soft soap us by saying that there isn't that much unemployment by using terms like "people between jobs" and "regional unemployment". Hogwash! Behind the smokescreen of words is people having to live on lousy dole and social security pittance.

Living on the dole means living on subsistence, not being able to pay bills, running up debts and generally restricting all activities of the family. It's certainly not the paradise that some M.P.s would lead us to believe. Remember the ridiculous outbursts about thousands drawing social security while sunbathing on the Costa Brava. Turned out that only one case was ever found. Seems our M.P.s are living in a fantasy world.

It's a myth that people don't want to work.

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U S PROVOCATIONS IN KOREA WILL MEET DEFEAT

On August 18, US imperialists carried out further provocations against the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK). At quarter to eleven in the morning, the United States officers led 14 men with weapons and axes into the zone between Northern and Southern Korea, which is supposed to be jointly controlled by both forces. They attempted to cut down a tree. Four security personnel of the DPRK went to the spot and repeatedly told the US officers that the tree could not be cut down without prior consultation. The US imperialist forces assaulted them and attempted to cut it down arbitrarily. In the ensuing fight two US officers were killed, and 5 DPRK soldiers injured. This was a deliberate provocation by the US imperialists.

Only 12 days before, the DPRK had issued a statement which said:

"US army units and South Korean puppet army units, fully combat ready, have been moved and massed in the front line areas on a large scale and an order has been issued to all the army units for round-the-clock 'combat readiness'."

The US had already earlier this year reinforced its army and airforce units. The statement also said:

"Korea's reunification must be realised by the Korean people themselves without the interference of any outside forces, through a great national congress extensively reflecting the will of the whole nation".

The statement demanded that the USA should implement the resolution of the 30th session of the United Nations general assembly on dissolving the 'UN command' and withdrawing all foreign troops stationed in South Korea.

The US imperialists and their fascist south Korean puppets ignored these just demands. They know that without US troops, the fascist Pak Jung Hee puppet clique would soon be overthrown by the South Korean people themselves. They continue to commit provocations to try and give themselves an excuse to keep the US imperialist army in Asia.

These plans of the US superpower will come to nothing. As Hyun Jun Keuk, DPRK ambassador to the Peoples Republic of China militantly said on Aug 23:

"Should US imperialism dare to start another war in our inviolable territory, we, the people of the whole nation will rise up under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung and answer it with a just war and inflict a more ignominious defeat upon the enemy."

THE CFB(ML)

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!

'DETENTE' - A THIN COVER FOR WAR PREPARATIONS

The European countries should take a lesson from the Third World countries which are uniting to fight for their independence from the two superpowers. The working class will not give in under the threat of war, but will fight all aggressors, and the threat of a World War in Europe is rapidly increasing. The two superpowers, the US and the Soviet Union, are stepping up their deadly rivalry for world domination. The Soviet Union, the newer power, which is madly increasing its arms expansion and war preparation, is the most dangerous threat of war.

A clear warning comes from a strange source. Tory leader Thatcher has set out the truth about Soviet war mongering. She pointed out that the Soviet Union runs its economy on a war footing, and that its foreign policy is one of a powerful thrust to expansion. Its ground forces outnumber western forces by 40%. In the Eastern Atlantic, the Soviet surface ships outnumber western by 2 to 1, and submarines and aircraft by 3 to 2.

SOVIET IMPERIALISTS WILL ATTACK LIKE HITLER

Communists also point out the increasing threat of war from Soviet social imperialism. The Soviet Union, once a great socialist state, is now a fascist dictatorship. The new masters in the Kremlin seek to extend their enslavement of other countries to extort profits for themselves and to compete with their US rivals. Like Hitler in the 30s, the Soviet fascists today must expand abroad to solve their economic crisis at home. Like Hitler they have turned their economy into a war machine. They see Western Europe as a fat prize. To capture its industrial wealth and highly skilled labour force would strengthen the Soviet economy and allow the Soviet imperialists to overtake the US.

The Helsinki Conference was meant to lull West European opinion into a false sense of security. The Soviet bosses' lies of 'detente' and 'peace and co-operation' were followed by continued preparation for an offensive war:

the Soviet Union immediately signed a new 'mutual assistance' treaty with East Germany;

it intensified military and strategic preparations in North Europe;

it sent a special naval task force to control the North Sea;

it added a Southern Europe command to Warsaw Pact forces;

it increased its naval presence in the

Mediterranean to over 70 warships; it sent its first aircraft carrier, the Kiev, into the Mediterranean; it sent a fleet into the Indian Ocean; it strengthened its nuclear missile force with new warheads.

The Soviet social imperialists used threats, infiltration and massive sums of money to try and seize control of Portugal. They stirred up civil war in Angola in order to get a foothold in southern Africa. They make furious threats against anyone who stands up and exposes their lies and preparations for war.

A GOOD WARNING FROM A ROTTEN SOURCE

The Soviet fascist leaders attack Communists because genuine Communists point out their aggressive buildup. They also attack politicians like Thatcher, which just shows she has touched them on a sore spot.

Thatcher is an evil tool of the British ruling class, like the Labour Party. But unlike Labour politicians, she does not try to appease the Soviet imperialists. Her warning is sound. In the 30s Churchill also correctly refused to appease Hitler and the Nazis, and warned of the danger of war. Churchill was also an enemy of the working class and the oppressed nations. But even a pig can grunt a warning.

The working class knows that Thatcher is an enemy, but we will take care of our own enemies. We do not need the Soviet Social Imperialists to 'liberate' us, like they pretended to liberate Czechoslovakia in 1968, when they silenced the Czech people's struggle for independence with tanks and guns.

Thatcher despises the working class. That is why she attacks Communists, and her attacks take the form of pretending the Soviet imperialists are Communist. The Soviet Union is a threat because it is imperialist and fascist in deeds, though 'socialist' in words. It is the arch enemy of Communists and of the world's peoples.

ONLY PEOPLE'S WAR WILL DEFEND EUROPE

Thatcher wants the British imperialists to continue to oppress the peoples of Ireland, Southern Africa, and the Middle East. That is why she wants to increase the armed forces. Workers cannot rely on the ruling class army. Reactionaries like Thatcher

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will not hesitate to use the army against the working class.

She wants Britain to rely on the US imperialists and NATO for defence. But the US is the other dangerous aggressive superpower. It tries to control Britain for its own profit, and to help in its contest for world domination. The British people cannot depend on the US Imperialists to defend our independence, since they also are the ones who take it away.

The British people can only depend on themselves, and particularly the working class, who have no interest in exploiting others. Unity with the Third World, and reliance on the working class is the only way to oppose the two superpowers. Only the armed people united under the leadership of a revolutionary Communist Party, and united with the workers and oppressed people of the world, can defeat both superpowers and ensure freedom and independence.

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BLACK YOUTH HIT BACK

Once a year, black people of West Indian descent, from all over Britain, join in carnival celebrations on the streets of Notting Hill, London.

This year, 1,500 police swamped the carnival, harrassing people on the streets. The police already have a bad reputation for false arrests and assault generally, and for racist harrassment. In Notting Hill groups of 10 to 20 police grouped provocatively on street corners, rudely harrassing 'suspects'. As Mr C. Gutzmore, a local community worker said: "This trouble was set up by the police and the local council because they are against the carnival. The police swamped the area and the blacks were provoked."

One onlooker, Fred Finlay, who saw a police squad swoop on a 'suspected' pickpocket, was quoted in the 'Mail': "A crowd of policemen were giving a black boy a terrible hiding with their truncheons. He was bleeding very badly. Then a group of blacks waded in to help him and before I knew it all hell let loose."

Police were even reported in many newspapers to be stopping and searching cars with black occupants, who were just driving near the area. Many white youths who saw these events joined in the fighting against the police.

Black workers face racism continuously. Their average wages are less than the national average, and one time out of every three that they apply for a job they face discrimination. Unemployment among black youth is double even the very high level of youth unemployment generally. School leavers are far more likely to be unemployed, than to get a job when they leave school. It is hardly surprising that young people generally, and black youth in particular, do not meekly accept the provocations of agents of the bosses' state.

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ON THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE

Last month, the Japanese 'Communist' Party held a party congress. This congress further revised the party constitution and dropped 'the Dictatorship of the Proletariat' and 'Marxism-Leninism' from its constitution. This is nothing strange. They long ago stopped preaching Marxism-Leninism, and in practice they had already dropped the aim of the dictatorship of the proletariat (working class). Now they are saying this openly.

In February this year the so-called French 'Communist' Party, also dropped the aim of the dictatorship of the proletariat from its constitution. The month before Bert Ramelson boasted "As a matter of fact, our Party hasn't used the phrase for a long time indeed. You will not find it in the 'British Road To Socialism', which was published in 1950."

This revision of Marxism-Leninism is the cornerstone of the degeneration of these parties.

THE BOSSES WILL NOT GIVE UP POWER WITHOUT A FIGHT

In 1875 in 'Critique of the Gotha Programme', Marx attacked the same revisionist ideas. He said, "Between capitalism and communist Society lies the period of the revolutionary transformation of the one into the other. There corresponds to this also a political transition period in which the state can be nothing but the revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat."

Marx pointed out that even after the working class had political power, the bosses would try again and again to make a come-back. As Lenin said, the bosses' "resistance is increased tenfold by its overthrow".

They have international links with other capitalists, and even inside the country they will still have allies from the higher ranks of the middle class, senior officers in the forces, managers, civil servants and so on.

The capitalists and state bosses will not

give up their wealth and power easily! The lesson of Chile is a very clear example. Allende, and the revisionist communist party thought that they could bring in socialism by being elected to parliament. But they only held back the working class, while the bosses got organised. The bosses' army and civil servants threw out Allende and now Chile is in the grip of fascism.

GREAT INCREASE IN DEMOCRACY FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat' means the replacement of the bosses' state by a workers' state. It means the replacement of the bosses' army by the army of the working class. It is far more democratic than 'parliamentary democracy'. It extends democracy into every aspect of life including the most important - work in the factories. It is absolutely necessary to prevent the bosses making a come-back and bringing exploitation and oppression like in Chile, and the USSR. The dictatorship of the proletariat is the democratic dictatorship of the vast majority of society over the minority who seek their own power and wealth.

China and Albania are both socialist countries. In both, the working class and their peasant allies have political power. The state in both is a 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat'. The experience of both shows that the bosses continuously try to get back political power.

In China class struggle continues all the time. The old landlords and big capitalists have been smashed; but even now some elements among the officials try to gain power for themselves. Many of the ideas of the old society hang on in the minds of these people. Liu Shao-chi, Lin Piao and recently Teng Hsiao-ping all tried to turn China into a country ruled by a new bureaucratic capitalist class. A class that would run the factories and farms for their profit and not for the people. A class living off

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PROLETARIAT

Soviet people fight back

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years admitted to strikes in Moscow, Leningrad, Karkhov, Kiev and many other places, and responded with more and more repressive laws, while declaring that "class antagonism has disappeared" and "everything is for man's happiness."

The Soviet people have a long and heroic history of struggle against all oppressors, and new revolutionary groups, while small now, are bound to grow. A new revolutionary Communist Party will be built. The Soviet people will overthrow their new Tsars. A new October Revolution is inevitable.



Lenin - great leader of the first dictatorship of the proletariat.

the backs of the workers and peasants; but their dreams were smashed. The proletariat still dictates to the bosses.

In Russia, the new bosses succeeded and have turned the once great Soviet Union into a fascist prison. Class struggle continues under socialism for long after the working class has political power.

The whole experience of class struggle throughout the world is

that the bosses and their state must be smashed;

that the workers must build their own state to 'serve the people'; a state of the dictatorship of the proletariat;

that the bosses will try to make a comeback and that new elements will try to become new bosses.

Lenin summed up the decisive importance of understanding this, when he said "only he is a Marxist who extends the recognition of the class struggle to the recognition of the dictatorship of the proletariat... This is the touchstone on which the real understanding and recognition of Marxism is to be tested."

MARXISM-LENINISM WILL TRIUMPH OVER REVISIONISM

Like the 'Communist' Parties of the Soviet Union, Japan, France and Italy, the 'Communist' Party of Great Britain is not a Marxist-Leninist party. It has revised marxism, stripped it of its most important principles. It is filled with reformist delusions; delusions that are shown to be false every day of the class struggle. The Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) practices Marxism-Leninism, not revisionism. It will play its part in building the new revolutionary Communist Party; at the centre of that party's Programme will be the aim of leading the working class in establishing working class state power - the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Jobs not slanders

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They must to live, and support families. More women are going out to work because one wage packet is not enough. Many old age pensioners actively seek work. They don't like feeling useless - on the scrap heap. Most people want to work. They get bored and depressed and isolated at home.

Capitalism is based on intense competition. Firms have to make cuts, speed up, rationalise and lay-off. Periodic crises and unemployment are part and parcel of capitalism. We can do without the bosses and their press attacking the people they threw out of work! Their slanders do not cover up reality - the only reason so many people aren't working is that their system doesn't.

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CHINESE PEOPLE FIGHT NATURE IN THE STRUGGLE TO BUILD SOCIALISM

For 55 years the Communist Party of China has led the working class and masses of China in making revolution. Today the Party is leading the masses in overcoming a major natural disaster.

At 3.42 in the morning of July 28 a strong earthquake took place in the Tangshan area of eastern Hopei province in north China. It caused great losses to people's life and property, especially in Tangshan city. But the people there and all over China are fighting back and continuing the socialist revolution. Some in the area hit by the quake have said defiantly: "When there is an earthquake, we meet it with a revolution."

The bosses' press and television in the west, and even a few Chinese officials, followers of the recently sacked Teng Hsiao-ping, have flung up their arms in despair. They say earthquakes are the "will of God" and nothing can be done to overcome them. The masses in China are struggling against this defeatist line by word and deed. And are showing the whole world how man will conquer nature.

Examples of their nature-conquering spirit and revolutionary determination are really inspiring. The Kailan Coal Mine, near the heart of the earthquake in Tangshan, was badly hit. But the sudden quake didn't cow the heroic Kailan miners. The city and Mine Party committees and leading cadres at the mine started to organise rescue operations. Under their leadership, the workers immediately swung into action to save their class brothers underground.

Within a few hours, the great majority of the 10,000 Kailan miners were out of danger and safe above ground. Within a few days, the leading Party committees began to mobilise the miners for the difficult task of restoring the mines. After several days of hard round the clock work, power was restored to all eight mines at Kailan and three of them were being drained of water. Only 10 days after the quake the first load of postquake coal was brought out. These were real victories for the workers of Kailan and for the socialist revolution in China.

How are the Chinese people able to overcome these difficulties, keeping up production even in areas close to the earthquake centre? How are their leaders able to release the full energy of the masses there? China is a socialist country, where the



Chia Pang-yu, a member of the Communist Party Committee at Kailan coal-mine planning to get the mine working again, in defiance of the earthquake.

workers and peasants are the masters. Where production in industry and agriculture are run in the interests of the vast majority of the people, not in the interests of a few bosses and their profits. Where the revolutionary Communist Party of China and the people "Never forget class struggle".

They have taken up class struggle against those in the Party, like the sacked Teng Hsiao-ping, who don't rely on the masses to overcome natural difficulties like the earthquake. Who want to sit by in horror with folded arms and rely on foreign aid. Instead the Party is mobilising the workers and peasants to themselves rebuild the areas hit by the quake.

The people of China know that victory in these struggles will benefit them. They fight against the capitalist roaders' line of inaction, and for the rapid rebuilding of their mines, factories, railroads and homes. Like the Kailan coal miners, the masses of China are working miracles.

Their great leader Mao Tse-tung has said: "Of all things in the world, people are the most precious. Under the leadership of the Communist Party, as long as there are people, every kind of miracle can be performed". This is a truth, not only for the people of China, but also for the working class and working people of all countries.

LONG LIVE MARXISM—LENINISM MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT!

On Thursday, September 9, Radio Peking announced that after a prolonged illness and in spite of meticulous medical care, comrade Mao Tse-tung had died. Comrade Mao Tse-tung was Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China. He was a great leader and teacher of the Chinese people and the oppressed peoples of the whole world.

When the news was announced thousands of workers and peasants flooded into Tien An Men square, Peking; many were crying unashamedly. Flags flew at half mast. Loud speakers played the 'Internationale', the anthem of workers and peasants throughout the world.

A GREAT REVOLUTIONARY LEADER

In 1921 comrade Mao Tse-tung helped found the CPC. At that time there were only a few dozen members. Within a few years the CPC was a mass party deeply rooted in the struggles of the working class. In 1927 the Kuomintang (KMT), a nationalist party which had been playing a progressive role in the democratic and anti-imperialist struggle, betrayed the Chinese people and sold out to imperialism and the feudal landlords. It turned on the CPC and massacred many workers.

Mao Tse-tung had already criticised other CPC leaders for failing to see the revolutionary potential of the peasantry and for over-reliance on the KMT. He led a strong force of armed industrial workers and miners into the countryside in south-east China. Here they established a liberated area, confiscated the land of landlords, and redistributed it to the peasants.

The KMT, backed by the US and European imperialists, launched five extermination campaigns against the red base areas using millions of troops. Eventually the Red Army was forced to leave the liberated area.

Inspired by comrade Mao Tse-tung they learnt deeply how to turn a bad thing into a good thing. Although fighting continuous battles with KMT armies, they marched 6,000 miles to north China. In the villages and towns they passed through, they gained mass support. Along the whole line of march they left seeds of destruction for the reactionaries. Throughout China the people were getting organised. In north China new red base areas were set up. They were never defeated.

The Japanese had begun invading China. The KMT were doing nothing about it. Comrade Mao Tse-tung saw that if China was occupied by Japan, the Chinese people could not
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IRISH STRUGGLE WILL GO ON

All around the world, resistance against imperialism is growing daily. The grip of the imperialist countries on their colonies grows weaker. They use devious tricks and brutal repression to hang on to their profits. But everywhere they meet the resistance of the people.

Ireland is very important to British Imperialism. It is a vast market for British goods and capital. It is the colony that is closest to 'home'. After the Irish revolution in 1921, the British ruling class kept their hold on the country by playing up the divisions between the people there and creating a separate state in the North of Ireland. That state was a sectarian state where privileges were given to a privileged section of the people, and Protestant and Catholic workers were set at each other's throats. The development of the Southern Irish State was also held back by partition.

In the nineteen sixties the British Imperialists made a new deal with the ruling class in the South of Ireland that would enable them to increase exploitation of the Irish people and use Ireland as a dumping

ground for foreign goods from all over the world. To get popular support for this they tried to make some reforms within Northern Ireland so that the Catholic middle class politicians in the North, and the Southern ruling class could become openly pro-imperialist.

But the policy failed. The oppressed Catholics in the North of Ireland saw through this fake policy and demanded real reforms in jobs and houses and the end of the sectarian state. Many Protestant and Catholic workers united in this demand. Imperialism could not grant these demands and it answered with the police baton and CS gas and the gun. It increasingly relied on the most reactionary sections in Northern Ireland to prop up its position.

That is why we see continued torture and imprisonment. All over Ireland the unemployment rates are twice as high as in dole-queue Britain. In the North of Ireland, not one single aspect of life is better for the Catholic population than it was in 1968 at the start of the Civil Rights movement. That is why the resistance will continue until the sectarian Northern State is smashed and the people all over Ireland can determine their own future.

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build socialism. The revolution needed two stages: a stage to win independence and democracy, to defeat imperialism and feudalism, and then a stage to win socialism. The people's enemies could only be defeated one by one. Under his leadership the CPC put out a New Democratic programme to unite the vast majority of the people around the first stage. Workers, peasants, intellectuals and even many capitalists supported this programme. The KMT was forced to support the United Front against Japan.

The Red Army was always at the front of the fighting against Japanese imperialism. In the areas it liberated feudalism was overthrown, land redistributed, and the people armed. Armed, they would never be exploited and oppressed again. The people found out that the Communists were workers and peasants like themselves who fought for the people. It was their Party and their Army. Everyone fought, it was a people's war. This was the reason for victory. After the defeat of Japan, KMT treacherous attempts to restore the landlords was itself answered by people's war. In 1949, 4 years later, the Peoples Republic of China was established. It was a Peoples Democratic Dictatorship: democracy everywhere for the people, and suppression of all anti-democratic and oppressive exploiters.

Comrade Mao Tse-tung's analysis of the stages of revolution, and the role the peasantry would play in the revolution, was proved correct in practice. His strategy and tactics of 'people's war' was proved. Today, these writings of comrade Mao Tse-tung are used by anti-imperialist fighters all over the world. His theoretical writings are an inspiration and guide to the workers and oppressed peoples everywhere.

NEVER FORGET CLASS STRUGGLE

Since 1949, the class struggle has continued fiercely. New bourgeois elements have tried to hold back the advance to communism. "We have socialism now," they said. "Class struggle is not the most important thing now." Comrade Mao Tse-tung denounced these reactionaries. "Never forget class struggle," he said. He pointed out that socialism was a very long period of change, after the workers hold state power, with the aim of fully building a communist society. At every step of the struggle, reactionaries would try to halt this advance, and turn back the clock. Liu Shao-chi, Lin Piao and Teng hsiao-ping all tried to build a new bureaucratic capitalist class living off the backs of

the workers. Under Chairman Mao's leadership, the CPC and the people of China learnt the lessons of how capitalism had been restored in the USSR. They continuously struggle on a mass scale to smash these new enemies and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Comrade Mao Tse-tung is loved and respected by the workers and peasants of China. All his life he has dedicated himself to serving the people. His death is felt as a great blow; but they will turn their grief into strength, learn more deeply the lessons of his life and writings, and intensify the struggle against all enemies of the working people, their party and their state.

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We, too, will turn grief into strength, and learn the lessons from the life and writings of comrade Mao Tse-tung. There is much to learn.

He himself studied the lessons of the history of the international Communist movement and never deviated from Marxist-Leninist principles. He stressed the need to apply these principles and lessons to the concrete conditions of the class struggle. He also stressed that the working class needs its own party to build socialism, and that socialism could only be built by the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalists and their hangers-on: "If there is to be a revolution, there must be a revolutionary party," he said. "Without a revolutionary party, without a party built on the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary theory, and in the Marxist-Leninist revolutionary style, it is impossible to lead the working class and the broad masses of the people in defeating imperialism..." He pointed out that "Wherever there is oppression there is resistance", and that the victory of the working class is certain: "The socialist system will eventually replace the capitalist system; this is an objective law independent of man's will. However much the reactionaries try to hold back the wheel of history, sooner or later revolution will take place and will inevitably triumph."

There is much more to learn, but that is what is most important. We must build a new revolutionary Communist Party, and we must grasp that with correct leadership and policies the victory of the working class is certain. As comrade Mao Tse-tung himself summed it up: "We must have faith in the masses, and we must have faith in the Party. These are two cardinal principles. If we doubt these principles, we shall accomplish nothing."