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## CORPORATE STATE DOOMED

Day after day, as the British economy declines, the ruling class and its servants try to unite to protect themselves against the blizzard. The Labour government, the trade union leaders and the employers make increasing efforts to build a corporate state - a state which unites these different bourgeois forces to attack the working class and to compete with other stronger capitalist countries.

### STERLING CRISIS

The extent of the economic crisis is the driving force for the growing corporate state. Because of the worn out and decaying nature of the British economy British goods cannot compete successfully in the export battle that capitalist countries have to wage to stay alive. Frantic overproduction means the weakest goes to the wall. British money is only wanted by international bosses if they want to buy British goods. If they don't want the goods - the steel, the cars, the textiles, the power generators - then British money is useless. Just after the 2nd world war the British £ bought four dollars: 5 bob was 'a dollar' to most people.

Today a £ buys less than 1 dollar 60 cents. The ruling class doesn't know what to do. Increasingly the big companies build new factories in Europe and even the US where they can make more profits. But that only

makes running Britain for the monopoly capitalists more difficult.

The only way out the bosses think is to find money to build up British industry again, though of course that will add to world capitalist overproduction and crisis. To get this money they have to squeeze it out of workers' wages and expenditure on social services like hospitals and education. Healey speaking at a bankers' banquet last month said "living standards" (not his or the bankers' of course) "will have to suffer a further fall...The Social Contract has been an unprecedented success."

### BOSSSES SEEK MUSSOLINI STYLE CORPORATE STATE

The trade union leaders are the main open supporters of Government attacks on their members. Jack Jones even blames newspaper  
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articles for the fall in sterling and calls for a 'united nation' of bosses and workers. Like all such leaders his job is to try to stop class struggle.

But the employers through their organisation the CBI, are rallying to the growing corporate state. Last month there was a private meeting with American big business and finance. These big business representatives of one of the two superpowers were jointly begged for investment by the Labour government, the TUC and the CBI. They all agreed the Government were running a big business policy but explained that this couldn't be said openly because it would break the attempts of the union and Labour Party leaders to con the working class. Two weeks later the CBI brought out its major policy document called 'Road to Recovery'.

Commenting on this the bosses' paper 'The Financial Times' showed it represented a move to what they admitted would be a 'corporate state'. It explained that the CBI committees have been restructured to fit the Government pattern. With the Government and the TUC they try to plan the economy through the National Economic Development Council (NEDC) and its thirty sub-committees. The CBI have accepted nationalisation, state intervention and price supervision. Its policy statement called for TUC/CBI co-operation on planning wages and both recently approached the Government together on controlling imports. The 'Financial Times' commented that the CBI's close relations with Labour might cut it off from a future Tory government.

The Tories are in fact panic stricken and split between those who want an old fashioned capitalism without state help and those who realise that such a policy would double unemployment and break the trade

union leaders' powers to dampen down the rising anger of workers. Tory spokesman James Prior said at the last Conference that "relations with the trade unions is the most difficult of all questions" to his party.

All these ruling class groups - the Labour and Tory parties, the trade union leaders and the bosses - are jumping around like ants in a hot pan shouting for things to cool down. They hope that if they can all get together they can cure capitalism's sickness. But for them things will get worse. Workers are seeing through all the phoney promises of 'contracts', 'compacts' and new laws to give them 'rights'. These tranquillisers work less and less. Prices cut through frozen wage packets like a hot knife through butter. Industrial expansion is only the expansion of lies in television speeches and newspaper articles. The new laws of so-called Employment Protection and Equal Pay mean unemployment and unequal pay supported by legal clap-trap and highly paid barristers telling you whether you're allowed a job or a rise - of course most aren't.

## CLASS ACTION THE ANSWER

At Fords workers refuse to be sent home in the middle of the night and Trico workers ignore the law and win their demand. Bye elections will show that more and more workers refuse to chose between Tweedle-Callaghan and Tweedle-Thatcher.

The revolutionary current grows as workers realise that there is no safety in trying to shore up a condemned building. We are starting on the new foundations to build a fighting working class Party. The corporate state will be a corporate grave for its architects.

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# SOCIAL IMPERIALISM THREATENS WEST EUROPEAN WORKERS

The fight for hegemony, for control of the world, between United States and Soviet social imperialism is one that extends to all parts of the world. But it is in Europe that the contradictions between these two imperialist plunderers is sharpest. Europe is not only large, rich and highly developed, but it is also in an important military position between the two superpowers. Today, the Soviet superpower not only attempts to increase its exploitation of east Europe, but is also attempting to seize the whole of west Europe as well.

## COMECON - AN INSTRUMENT FOR SOCIAL IMPERIALIST PLUNDER

The main vehicle for Soviet economic domination of east Europe is Comecon. Comecon was launched to organize economic cooperation between the socialist states and peoples' democracies, but since 1956 the new bourgeoisie in the Soviet Union has turned Comecon into a tool of social imperialism. They argue that all Comecon countries must recognize the "leading role" of the Soviet Union, and declare that certain countries shouldn't "develop certain industries" because the Soviet Union has already "built up such industries". These countries are instead ordered to supply the Soviet Union with raw materials, and even, in the case of Bulgaria, cheap imported labour.

Each year, tens of thousands of Bulgarian wood cutters migrate to the USSR to cut wood in the forest of Kom, and 20,000 Bulgarians have, during the last couple of years, been constructing a huge paper and cellulose factory in Archangel. If the Soviet Union wasn't imperialist, these workers would have been working to develop the backward Bulgarian economy.

## SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM LOOKS WEST

The Soviet leaders cast their eyes most greedily towards the west, however. Western Europe is one of the richest and most highly developed areas in the world. It has both a larger population and more industry than either of the two superpowers. It also has a highly skilled and productive working population, many raw materials and a large inner market. Social imperialism dreams of using west European capital and technology to overcome its own weaknesses and great economic difficulties.

During the last few years, Norway has increasingly become an important target of Soviet expansionist policies. There is a very large Soviet navy base on the Kola peninsula, not far from the Norwegian border, and the USSR holds regular offensive exercises in preparation for raids against Norway. In the event of war with the USA the social imperialists would need to secure a strong base in the Arctic ocean, and in the North Atlantic. The threat against Norway and other small countries in this area, is an essential part of the USSR's long term policy.

The USSR exerts this military blackmail while increasing its economic plunder of the North Atlantic. They grossly overfish the area, while attempting to prevent the just extension of Norwegian and other fishing limits. They reveal their desire to plunder oil resources by attempting to take over Norwegian maritime territory in the Barents sea. They make agreements, and promptly break them. On the Svalbard islands, part of Norway, they have illegally built installations and arrogantly told Norway that the islands should be joint Norwegian-Soviet territory.

In Norway, as in other countries, the revisionist 'Communist' Party plays a treacherous role, in betraying the working class, and serving its Soviet masters. Revisionists everywhere represent the interests of the bosses in the workers movement, attempt to sabotage class struggle, and try to prevent the working class from creating a truly Communist leadership that can take up the struggle for socialism. In Norway the revisionists do all this, while claiming that the USSR's activities are "designed to guarantee Norway's independence"!

The USA in its turn is not satisfied with the massive profits it makes from its big investments in western Europe. It is also trying to extract profits from the east European working class. They have had some success, particularly in areas where Soviet technology is weak, and in the tourist industry (every east European capital wants its own Hilton hotel!) They have had to concentrate mainly on defending their 'own interests' in the west though, and it is the Soviet Union at the present time that is desperate to expand, although meeting resistance in east and west Europe.

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# U.S. PEOPLE SEE THROUGH ELECTION FARCE

Less than half of American electors are expected to vote in the presidential election according to opinion poll experts. The American people have been faced with a daily barrage of propaganda from the press, TV and radio. There have been farcical TV debates between the two contenders, Ford and Carter, and Conventions and carnivals with balloons and tickertape have been staged in all the states by their campaign managers. If that wasn't enough, Ford paid for a half hour TV show at peak hour to make sure electors didn't miss him.

The American working class have not been taken in by all this propaganda and gimmickry. They are learning that what counts isn't who wins the elections, but what class is in power.

The United States is in its worse crisis since the 1930s. The crisis has hit the working class particularly hard. One in every ten workers is unemployed, industrial production has dropped and inflation continues to rise. Food has become so expensive that many working class families can't afford to buy any meat. To the working class the US is not a land of prosperity but a land of poverty. The US monopoly capitalist class are trying to solve the crisis by shifting even more burden onto the working class, making life very difficult.

## CARTER AND FORD - SERVANTS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM

The American people can see that there is no real difference between Ford and Carter. Both say that they can solve the crisis and talk a lot about future prosperity. The American people are not fooled by these vote catching lies. As 'The Times' pointed out, "Voters find it difficult to decide which of them is talking the greater nonsense." Both Ford and Carter serve US imperialism and the US monopoly capitalist class, and offer nothing to the American

people. Whoever wins, the US will still be a superpower.

Recently President Ford, with the full support of Carter, announced the sale of new sophisticated weapons to Israel as part of America's massive military aid shipments. These weapons will be used against the Palestinian peoples who have been robbed of their homes and land by the Israeli aggressors backed by US imperialism. US imperialism will still struggle to expand its military and economic domination of countries the world over, in South and Central America, Asia, Africa and Europe. It colludes and contends with the other superpower, the Soviet Union, in all parts of the world in their struggle to carve up the globe between themselves. It's bound to end up in war between them.

Faced with the growing crisis of imperialism the American people are becoming aware that there is no point in voting for either Ford or Carter. Whoever gets in will not serve the people's interest. Instead the American people are resisting the crisis and the attacks on their living standards. Not by voting but by taking action themselves. There has been growing militancy and strikes. Truckdrivers, miners, carworkers, rubberworkers, nurses and hospital workers and even the police have come out on strike to protect their living standards. In the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, 37,000 workers held their first national strike for over 20 years. Even the unemployed are forming unions.

The American capitalist press say, "This year voter apathy is causing concern." It isn't that the American people are apathetic more and more they can see that people like Ford and Carter do not work for them, and that the only way to protect their living standards is to take action themselves. No wonder the capitalist press is concerned at so-called voter 'apathy'!

## Social imperialism....

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### EAST EUROPEAN WORKERS HIT BACK.

In East Europe, the Romanian Communist Party, led by comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, is refusing to allow its hard won independence to be snatched away by the USSR, and the heroic Polish workers have yet again shown that "where there is oppression there is resistance."

In the west, certain governments are to an extent standing up to the Soviet Union, and the Irish arrest, in October, of a Soviet boat arrogantly fishing in Irish waters was good. But the only force that will be able to inflict a decisive defeat on both superpowers, is the working class, armed and led by a genuine Communist Party!

# ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENT ON ROAD TO VICTORY

The African people of Zimbabwe are determined to achieve freedom and independence. The freedom fighters are continuing their heroic armed struggle and continuing to win victories against the racist white minority regime of Ian Smith. It is an armed struggle involving the whole of the African people, 95% of the population, and it is bound to win, because its cause is just. The Zimbabwean people are fighting for the right to control their own destiny through majority rule, and to control the wealth that they themselves produce.

The white minority dictatorship is in a state of collapse. Smith has had to eat his words that Rhodesia would always be white-ruled. People's war has disrupted road and rail links to the outside; turned the border areas into a ring of fire; picked off Smith's soldiers at will. The racist army is demoralised, and white settlers are leaving Rhodesia in ever greater numbers. They don't want to die for the lost cause of white terrorist supremacy.

## FREEDOM FIGHTERS STEP UP THE ARMED STRUGGLE

The Zimbabwe nationalist forces have rejected the phony Kissinger-Callaghan pact. They will accept surrender from Smith, nothing less. One of their leaders, R. Mugabe, said: "We shall negotiate in Geneva and make war in Zimbabwe simultaneously. Vietnam is our model." The people's army are intensifying the struggle.

The racist dictatorship will not surrender except at the point of a gun. They have too much to lose. The  $\frac{1}{4}$  million whites own half the land in Zimbabwe, and it is the most productive land. The 6 million blacks own only the poor half. African leaders have made it clear that whites will not be allowed to keep their massive privileged wealth squeezed out of the poverty of the black masses.

## IMPERIALIST LABOUR GOVERNMENT DEFENDS BRITISH CAPITAL

The United States superpower is trying to save its own imperialist interests in Southern Africa. British imperialism has over 300 companies profiting out of the labour and resources of the people of Zimbabwe, including state capitalist concerns like British Steel and British Leyland, and multinational exploiters like Unilever. The Labour Government is intent on saving those profits. Smith can no longer defend their interests against



*Practice without theory is blind, theory without practice is useless.  
Zimbabwean liberation fighters studying.*

people's war, which will return the wealth to the Zimbabwean people. But Smith can be used as a bargaining counter to try and weaken the determination of the Zimbabwe nationalists. This Labour wheeling and dealing has exposed itself to the African leaders. J. Nkomo said: "Callaghan is a man who for all time criticised the Tories for failing to be forthright on the Rhodesia question, and we can see now that he is even worse than the Tories."

## DEFEAT FOR BRITISH IMPERIALISM AND THE SUPERPOWERS

The Zimbabwe struggle will achieve real independence from foreign exploiters, and drive out the British and American companies which grow fat on their resources. Their victory will greatly strengthen the British working class in its struggle against British imperialism at home, for it will weaken our common enemy. For liberation struggles transform, as Stalin says, "the dependent and colonial countries from a reserve of the imperialist bourgeoisie into a reserve of the revolutionary proletariat."

The people's war in Zimbabwe is also in the forefront of the world struggle against the two superpowers. At present it is the US superpower that is the most obvious

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# BUSMEN TAKE ACTION

In July the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive (MPTE) which is run by the Labour party-dominated county council announced that it would soon be in the red to the tune of £24 million, due to inflation and loss of passengers.

Since 1971 MPTE has lost 25% of its passengers. In 1975 MPTE put up bus fares, three times. After the November increase, MPTE lost 13% of its passengers and £2 million.

One Liverpoolian said, "it's becoming too expensive to use the buses, and what with unemployment on Merseyside running at 81,000 it's hardly surprising the number of passengers is dropping."

So the Labour-run council ordered MPTE to make immediate savings of £2 million. They could hardly increase fares after what had happened in November, so, they decided to cut the service, axing 150 routes, 190 buses, and reducing the number of bus-miles by 6 million.

## BUSMEN TAKE ACTION

As soon as the busmen were informed about the proposed cuts, they immediately started industrial action - non-cooperation with MPTE. If the buses were not in full working order and complying with union regulations, they refused to take them on the road.

One shop steward said, "the day they say that they will implement the cuts, we will have a complete stoppage."

## Zimbabwe Liberation Movement

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enemy in Zimbabwe, and despite its tricks, it will be thrown out. But the other super-power, Soviet social imperialism, is no less a threat. The Soviet fascists are trying to use fake 'support for liberation' to gain a foothold in the freedom movement. In return for arms supplies, they will try and dictate to the African leaders. They will try and stir up divisions and conflict, and throw their weight on one side to establish their domination in Zimbabwe, just as they did in Angola.

There is only one guarantee against super-power domination, whether from slippery enemies like the US or from false 'friends' like the lying Soviet imperialists. That is a national liberation movement which has united the people in the revolutionary war to overthrow imperialism.

The capitalist system is in its worse crisis since the '30s and the working class is facing a massive attack on its standard of living. Unemployment is at 1½ million and the fight for the right to work against sackings, redundancies and 'natural wastage' has become the order of the day. The Liverpool Labour council is directly involved in laying off workers. They have tried to hide behind false phrases. Bill Wiseman, deputy chairman of the transport committee, said there would be no redundancies and that many busmen had the wrong ideas about the cuts.

Liverpool busmen know what the proposed 'natural wastage' means. People aren't sacked or made redundant in one lump - they just aren't replaced when people retire, leave to get another job etc. They do know that 'natural wastage' stands for loss of jobs available for workers and they will not stand for it. "We refuse to negotiate on these whatsoever", said one steward.

The Labour Party is leading the onslaught on the working class. The working class must oppose the action of the bosses' Labour Party and reject all proposals by the opportunists to give in to the bosses or limit the class struggle in any way.

## THE FIGHT FOR JOBS IS A STRUGGLE FOR THE WHOLE CLASS

Only by unleashing the full collective strength of the working class demanding the right to work, will jobs be saved. As a TGWU shop steward from another firm said, "Who benefits from the bus cuts? Not the workers with threats of redundancy hanging over their heads, nor the passengers who are paying more for a reduced service. No, as usual, it's the Labour and Tory bosses, who are trying to save their rotten system at our expense. The fight for jobs, decent conditions, and proper transport service affects all of us; we should fully support the busmen in their fight."

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# BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY

The working class struggle for the socialist revolution is a struggle for which the working class absolutely must have its own political party, the revolutionary Communist Party. As Lenin said "in its struggle for power the proletariat has no other weapon but organization." This Party is the sure guarantee that the working class will overthrow the ruling class, the bourgeoisie, by violent revolution and build a new socialist Britain.

Building the Party is the most important task for Communists in Britain, who today are split into several small groups. Many of these small groups just work away in their own backyards and ignore the need to unite into a single, fighting Communist Party. This is what Mao called the 'small group' mentality.

What is absolutely necessary in this situation is a big struggle against the 'small group' mentality. Instead of doing this and uniting the groups, the six groups which formed the Communist Federation of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) in 1969 came together under one roof to try and work together but keep their 'independence' as separate groups. Often the CFB(ML) pretended that the small groups were a good thing, not a bad thing.

Once, when a demonstration was held about the struggle in Portugal one group refused to go on the demonstration saying that they didn't agree with the slogans. Another time a majority of the groups said that the working class shouldn't support the Labour Party. Because one group didn't agree with this it put out a separate leaflet urging workers to vote Labour. Other errors were several groups refusing to pay their share of money towards a bookshop and printing machine because they didn't agree with the majority decision.

Every time a group put its own interests first it struck a blow against the working class principle of unity of will and action in the struggle against the ruling class.

About eighteen months ago, the CFB(ML) launched a big campaign against the 'small group' mentality. Comrades pointed out instances of the 'small group' mentality and explained how this served the bourgeoisie, not the working class.

The biggest step forward was that every group sent its leading members to the National Committee of the CFB(ML) and entrusted them to take decisions collectively in the best interests of the working class, not to represent their own groups.

Increasingly decisions of the National Committee were acted upon by all the groups. As a result of the campaign the groups of the CFB(ML) have now been transformed into branches. The branches are all under the leadership of the National Committee, and follow its leadership and guidance even if a majority of the members of a particular branch disagree with the line of the National Committee.

This is a significant step forward for the working class. A fairly large number of Communists who were paralysed by the effects of the 'small group' mentality are now united in one fighting organization. The CFB(ML) also recognises that it must fight the 'small group' mentality in its national organization as well as in its branches, and put the interests of the future Party of the working class before those of the CFB(ML).

*BUILD THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY  
TO LEAD THE REVOLUTION!*

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# LESSONS OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

59 years ago, in November 1917, the working masses of Russia, led by the industrial workers and their Party, the Communist Party, rose up in revolution, overthrew the capitalists and established the first socialist republic. Through the Soviets and the Communist Party, the workers and peasants held state power.

To the capitalists around the world, the revolution was a severe blow. By the middle of 1918, the imperialists of Great Britain, France, Japan and America had landed troops on Russian territory, linked up with the Russian counter-revolutionary forces, and embarked on a vain attempt to crush the workers and peasants of Russia. They did not succeed. The heroic workers and peasants smashed all foreign intervention in defence of their socialist state.

To the workers of the world, the revolution was like a beacon. Suffering from mass unemployment, low pay, and bad housing conditions under the yoke of capitalism, suffering from the imperialist war, the success of the revolution showed the path to liberation. In the aftermath of the revolution, new Communist Parties, based on the proven democratic-centralist model, were brought into existence, in the heat of the class struggle.

The existence of the socialist state in the USSR for the first time provided a steel link between the workers in the imperialist states, and the oppressed nations and peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The oppressed nations and peoples suffering from foreign capitalist exploitation and oppression found that only the socialist Soviet Union stood unerringly by their side. Under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin, leaders of the revolution, the Soviet Union became a bastion of the world revolution. A great international united front between the socialist state, the national liberation movements, and the workers of Europe and America against the imperialist bosses was born, and the world entered the era of the proletarian revolution.

## LESSONS OF THE REVOLUTION

For the international working class the revolution provided many lessons. It showed that only when the working class had its own party that served its own interests could there be a revolution. It showed that only by a revolution could there be socialism. It showed that Lenin

and Stalin were correct in how the Party should be organised; that it had to be disciplined and act as one united force; that the members of the Party should be the most advanced workers; only in that way could it be a Party that could give leadership to the class struggle. It showed that the Party was only successful because it followed correct policies, because it really understood what was happening in the class struggle. It had the correct theory and applied it and developed it further in class struggle. It did not act blindly. Its every action was based on its theory and policy; and the theory and policy of Lenin and Stalin were proved correct in the revolutionary struggles of the Russian workers and peasants.

## USSR GROWS STRONG - THE CAPITALIST STATES RACKED WITH CRISES

The Soviet Union remained the only dictatorship of the proletariat - the only state where the workers and their peasant allies had state power - until after the second world war. Throughout this time it was beset by enemies at home and abroad. Traitors like Zinoviev, Kamenev, Trotsky and Bukharin attempted to deflect the Party from the path of socialist revolution and rig up a state capitalist system. Throughout this period comrade Stalin led the Party in strengthening the dictatorship of the proletariat, and in building socialism. Economic construction was amazingly rapid, while in Europe and America the capitalist system entered yet another economic crisis, and unemployment and poverty grew. Under comrade Stalin's leadership the Soviet Union grew ever stronger as the bastion of world revolution, and reflected the aspirations of millions and millions of working people suffering from the anarchy of the capitalist system.

## THE REVOLUTIONARY LEGACY

On the 59th anniversary of the Russian revolution, Communists can look back and learn a lot. But the Soviet Union today has changed colour. The red banner of Lenin and Stalin has been torn down by the revisionists, and capitalism has been restored in the USSR. The state monopoly capitalist regime brutally exploits and oppresses the workers and minority nationalities of the Soviet Union. The new bosses are faced by waves of working class struggle, and resort to fascist terror to defend themselves. (cont'd on p.9)

## 35th ANNIVERSARY

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*Joseph Stalin, the great Marxist-Leninist, leader of the first socialist state and the international communist movement for over 30 years.*

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Internationally the Soviet Union has become an imperialist Superpower occupying most of Eastern Europe, and competing with the other superpower the USA for world domination.

On the 59th anniversary of the Russian revolution, the revisionist 'Communist' Party of Great Britain and the Labour Party National Executive Committee welcome with open arms Boris Ponomarev, a chief representative of the Russian fascist bureaucracy. They attack Lenin and Stalin, and peddle their diversionary 'theory' about 'peaceful transition' to socialism. They fight for more state monopoly capitalism in Britain. They spread the soviet lies of 'detente', while the new soviet imperialist bosses grow even more aggressive and prepare for war.

On the 59th anniversary of the Russian revolution, revolutionary Communists look to the lessons of the revolution and the immortal writings of Lenin and Stalin. They look to China and Albania, who have learned the lessons of the counter-revolution in the USSR, and gone on to establish invincible bastions of socialism. They look to the mighty upsurge of struggle in the Third World against the two Superpowers. They look up to the heroic struggles of the Russian workers and the oppressed nations of Eastern Europe against the new bosses of the USSR. That is the real legacy of the Russian revolution.

Between 1941 and 1944 the Communist Party of Albania worked tirelessly to integrate with the masses, to serve their interests in all things, to win their confidence and unleash their initiative and enthusiasm in the anti-fascist war. At the same time a great struggle was begun against all anti-working class ideas within the Party. In April 1942 Enver Hoxha mounted a powerful criticism of these incorrect ideas, and called on the whole Party to study the works of the great Marxists so that honest communists would be armed against the enemies of the people. Using the weapon of class struggle enemies within the ranks of the Communist Party were rooted out and exposed.

In this way the Communist Party of Albania was built as a united and disciplined organisation linked to the working class with chains of steel. It developed correct strategy and tactics and led the National Liberation Army to victory. By November 1944 - three years after its foundation - it had led the Albanian people in completely liberating the country from fascist domination and in overthrowing the rule of the landlords and capitalists.

The great advances of the Albanian people are an inspiration for working people throughout the world. The Party of Labour of Albania is living proof that through struggle against incorrect ideas and deep faith in the working masses, a revolutionary Party will be built in Britain, to lead the revolution and emancipate the people from oppression and exploitation.

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On October 5, an 84 year old man, who was a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union for 58 years resigned. In an open letter to Brezhnev he denounced the present Soviet regime for autocratic rule and militarism in the Soviet Union. He pointed out that Soviet leaders forming a "privilege caste".."are wallowing in wealth, isolated from the people, contemptuous of ordinary folk, not willing and unable to understand their needs and sufferings." He pointed out that the present regime is bent on imperialist expansion, and said: "While preaching 'international detente' and 'peaceful coexistence', the Soviet Union is in fact amassing nuclear weapons and rockets at an ever faster rate and preparing for wars of aggression."

# 35th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARTY OF LABOUR OF ALBANIA

35 years ago this month, the Communist Party (now Party of Labour) of Albania was founded by representatives of different Communist groups meeting secretly in Tirana. At that time the Albanian people faced enormous difficulties and danger. Their country was the most backward in Europe with almost 3 out of every 5 people unemployed. It was occupied by hundreds of thousands of Italian Fascist troops who cruelly oppressed and murdered Albanian workers, peasants and intellectuals.

In the face of this onslaught the Albanian people did not surrender. They fought back heroically to sabotage the aims of the fascists. They disobeyed the laws of the fascist regime, and refused to serve in their armies.

## "WE ARE TOO WEAK"

The founding of the Communist Party of Albania was a major step down the road of the Albanian people towards national liberation and socialism. This road was not an easy one. At the outset the young Communist Party faced many difficulties. It was small in numbers and operating under conditions of open repression. Some of its members thought that the difficulties were so great that nothing could be done. They said, "We should not go into action, because the police may discover us". They held back from fighting the enemy because "we are not strong enough". Others had little faith in the peasant masses of Albania. They said, "Work in the countryside is impossible. When you talk with a peasant he agrees, but once you turn your back he sticks out his tongue and makes fun of you."

Such ideas came about because in 1941 the Communist Party of Albania did not have close links with the masses. Enver Hoxha the great leader of the Party, has pointed out that many of the Communists were infected with what he calls the "spirit of the groups". By this he means that they paid more attention to the interests of their own small group than to the interests of the working people. "Everyone was striving for himself.... abusing the others, pointing out all their "mistakes", saying that the others were "to blame" for everything while they alone were "absolutely right". Because of this spirit of the groups some militant workers were refused entry to the Party.



*Enver Hoxha, leader of the Albanian people in the struggle for national independence and socialism.*

## TROTSKYITE ENEMIES

In addition the Communists faced enemies within their own ranks. Trotskyite groups put forward ideas that were in the interests of the Italian fascist occupiers and their Albanian collaborators. They said, "We should not engage in agitation work and propaganda work because the time is not ripe". "It is not the time for us to fight, it is not the time for revolution. When we have a Communist government and army the revolution will burst out". Because these Trotskyites claimed to be Communists, and spoke in a 'revolutionary' way, they confused many workers and did damage to the real Communist movement.

## HAVE FAITH IN THE MASSES

Faced with such difficulties, and under attack from the outside and the inside, how did the Albanian Communists, led by Enver Hoxha, unite the mass of the people against the enemy? They did so by holding fast to the principles laid down by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. They took as their watchword, Stalin's words - "If they do not detach themselves from the people, from the mother who gave them birth, the Communists will be invincible."

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