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MARCH AGAINST THE TORIES!

YOUNG people in this country face poverty. A recent survey published in all the national papers showed that in the North East at the present rate, some of the young unemployed will never get work. They can't hitch down the motorway and get a job in the South any more. A look in one of the London Job Centres, or the unemployment figures for the South will prove that. Norman Tebbit, employment minister, tells us to get on our bikes and find work. Tebbit knows that there is no work and his talk is a load of rubbish.

School leavers and other young unemployed are going to face worse poverty than the 30's. That is if we sit back and take it.

Class Fighter says that there is an answer to unemployment, we can fight it by getting the unemployed united and organised. They should be fighting alongside the unions to get real jobs with real wages.

The YOP schemes are a con. So is Tebbit's new scheme. One scheme in Scotland involved 350 young workers. Out of these, 3 got jobs. That's where YOP schemes get you. Tebbit's new scheme is full of promises. It will be no different. In fact it will be worse. They want to turn YOPs into a compulsory institution like school, they want to make us slaves.

Class Fighter says that YOP workers should be in Unions. They have a right to full trade union rates, when the rise is due in November that's what they should be demanding. They should also have the right to a job at the end of each scheme. The unions must take a lead in this fight and withdraw support from cheap labour schemes.

Black youth have come under big attack from the Tories. The immigration controls, police harassment to name a few. The uprisings of last summer showed they want to fight back. The real intentions of the Tories was shown in the case of the black youth who was deported for 5 years for allegedly rioting.

The fascists have also stepped up their activity. We say they should be physically smashed off the streets. The immigration laws should be smashed with a national campaign, similar to the Bradford 12 Campaign, which got 12 Asian youth freed from conspiracy charges.

Young women are coming more and more under attack. If you get raped the judge says you 'asked for it'. If you live with a man they stop your dole money. If you get any ideas about fighting back, they use the weapon of divide and rule, dividing male and female workers by sexual discrimination.

We say youth have no interest in fighting each other on the basis of their sex. That's why we totally oppose sexism and totally support the fight for women's liberation.

The health workers have shown us the determination we need to fight. We say get on the picket lines and demos, call for strike action to support them.

There is one main thing which lies under all the attacks we suffer, the class system we live under. Class Fighter wants a socialist revolution to smash the bosses' system and redistribute wealth in a socialist society.

We are fighting in the Labour Party Young Socialists and the Labour Party for these policies.

Are you on a YOP scheme? Unemployed? Ripped off at work? If so why not join us in the LPYS and start a fightback. The Labour Party Young Socialists has called a demonstration in Liverpool on October 16. Join that demonstration, bring your friends along, let's start a fightback now against the poverty and exploitation we face. The money is there to create the jobs, pay the health workers etc, some of it was spent sending out the task force to maintain Britain's domination of 'their' Falklands/Malvinas Islands, some of it is spent in Northern Ireland, maintaining that army of occupation.

Let's get hold of the 'kitty' they keep talking about and spend it on the right things and the people who need it.



JOHN HARRIS

LPYS

**NATIONAL
DEMONSTRATION SAT,
OCTOBER 16TH 1982,
IN LIVERPOOL.**

ASSEMBLE

**10.30am — 12.30pm
SEFTON PARK. MARCH
TO PIER HEAD.**

BE THERE!

OCTOBER 16th

How we build Leigh YS

TO build the LPYS in Leigh we have taken as our guide the successful way in which the Wigan YS was built in the 1960's. (Wigan is only 5 miles away from Leigh.) We have been able to make contact with the YS Liaison Officer from Wigan at the time. At its highest point Wigan YS had 300 members, of whom 80 or so were active.

They built up their forces by organising regular discos, unemployed football teams and by drawing working class youth into their campaigns.

Though we have not yet got round to organising football teams we are working on organising

regular discos (we had 130 at the last one) and in drawing young people into our YOP, Youth Training Scheme, anti-war drive and NHS workers support campaign. We will be complementing this with regular LPYS educationals and youth canvassing throughout the constituency as part of a 2 month programme of activities at the end of which we hope to have 25 active YS members.

Throughout our work around YOP's and the Youth Training Schemes we want to help build for the LPYS NC-called Demo on October 16 in Liverpool. We must get as many YOP trainees as possible into the

T&GWU and the LPYS.

To raise the money to pay for the leaflets we want to put out we will be selling pontoon cards and getting sponsors for one of our members who is running in the Bolton marathon. We hope to raise about £200 by doing this. We will be distributing our leaflets at our discos, on our youth canvass and during the tour we are organising of local youth clubs, dole queues, schools, etc., as well as on Saturdays at Leigh market. We've issued a press release to the local newspapers and sent a campaign circular to all local labour and trade union bodies.

We also intend to organise a similar campaign in opposition to the Thatcher/Reagan War Drive. We will be trying to get Leigh YCND to support us in this.

Campaign

We have also taken the initiative for organising a public meeting to launch a local NHS Workers Support Campaign. We've invited our local MP Lawrence Cunliffe to speak along with the Secretary of Leigh Trades Council. Through this campaign we want to organise fund-raising activities, factory tours, and flying pickets to support the Health Workers when they take

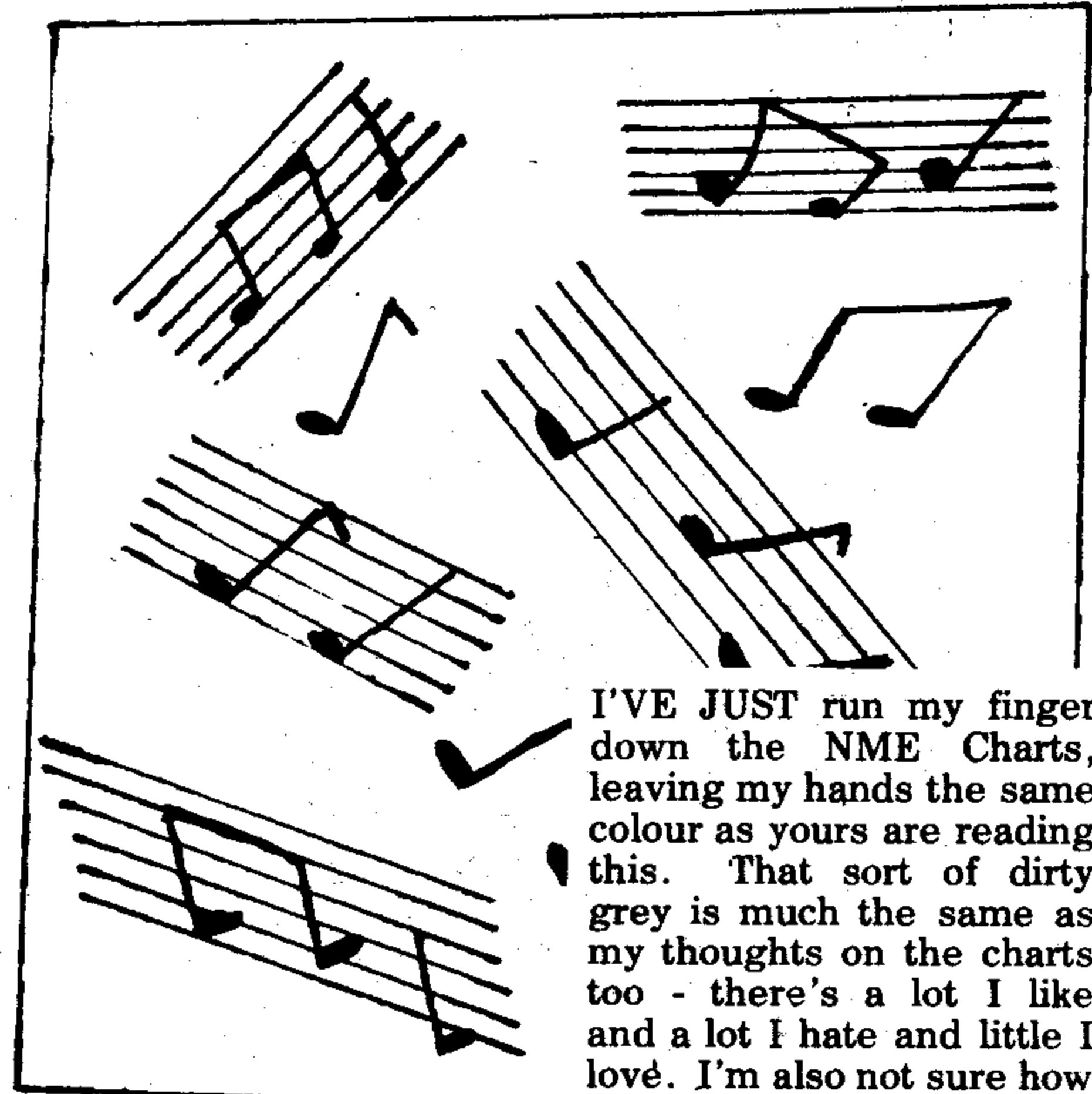
action.

We think that the best way to win support for the YS is by showing that we are prepared to take up a militant fight on all fronts to defend the interests of working class youth against the Tories' and the bosses' attacks.

Needs

Socialist propaganda is important to us but only if it is placed alongside a fight for the practical and immediate needs of working class youth and not as a substitute for it. This is the basis on which we are building the LPYS in Leigh.

Steve Hall
Chairperson Leigh LPYS



Simon Pottinger takes a look at the top 40

I'VE JUST run my finger down the NME Charts, leaving my hands the same colour as yours are reading this. That sort of dirty grey is much the same as my thoughts on the charts too - there's a lot I like and a lot I hate and little I love. I'm also not sure how you approach Pop music, with its innate commerciality and hype.

On the other hand the alternative indie scene (sic) can be elitist and restrictive; although I say 'can be', as there's still loads new happening. More importantly there's quite a crossover between the two with the early evening radio one stuff: Depeche Mode, Yazoo and the like moving into the mainstream. The best of these are Scritti Politti and China Crisis with their lively singles presently moving towards possible 'Top of the Pops' chart status.

They are clever and innovative and don't have the backing of a major label. The same's true of Bananarama as regards label, if not totally true for their single. Their 'image' has certainly softened from their earlier work alongside the Funboy Three and their A sides are still 'boy-hunt' songs, leaving 'Give us back our cheap fares' and their own, more assertive material, for the B sides. The demands of commerciality are to blame rather than lack of intent, I think, but I wish they'd go in harder.

The Belle Stars are making dance records too and I really like both Iko and the Clapping Song. They've become less gritty since their Bodysnatchers days - it seems that only women conforming to Pop/Rock glamour standards make it - remember the banning of Rohda's song about rape, 'The Boiler'.

Men seem to be allowed to sing about violence though with Survivors theme for the thrice revamped Rocky aimed at the 'I wish my prick was as long as Sylvester's' reach market. Very staid US/FM Radio crap - well in line for a post-revolutionary correction unit, we hope. On the other hand there's the very wonderful Junior with 'Too Late' which hits hard at wife-battering husbands. Let's hear more of it!

Then again there are those singles which present little problem, ranging from Steve Miller and David Essex to Trio, which are all total crap, and bought by God knows who. Fame, selling nice images of talented, creative and very beautiful (sic) youth and backed with its regular Thursday TV slot can't fail to make a huge killing, and I should like to ban it. Then there's the crassly patronising 'little girl' stance of Japan and the Stranglers (whose past record of sexism's worse than Middlesbrough's in the FA Cup). Of course, we all realise that Dexy's Eileen makes her own mind up and doesn't like being a sex object, so hopefully Kevin will get his face slapped. I suppose in the end you just have to enjoy it - but don't believe it or else you're in real trouble.

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IF there's one vital ingredient other than our politics that helps to keep our paper running it's money. The trouble is that raising money for the paper (and sometimes even sending us money from sales) usually comes a poor third or fourth to everyday campaigns work.

To redress this situation and try and put the paper on a more sound footing we have decided besides making an urgent appeal to comrades to send us all outstanding paper money and to make prompt payments in future, to launch a fund. This money can easily be raised if only comrades would put in the effort. Here are some ideas about how you can help raise this money for us and for yourselves:

1. Elect someone in your LPYS branch to take responsibility for fundraising, distribution of papers and collecting and sending to us all paper money owed.

2. Organise a Jumble Sale. Get a venue that's cheap. See all your members, contacts and anyone that might be sympathetic to get them to donate some jumble. Arrange collecting it. Make sure you advertise your jumble sale well. Get some posters in local shops at least a fortnight before the event and if you can afford it put out some leaflets. Charge an entrance fee and hold a small raffle on the day. Also see if you can arrange to put on tea and toast, etc. Get someone to pick up the jumble when you've finished. You only need about 8 people to organise a good jumble sale that can raise £50+. Send us half.



3. Write to the Amalgamated Labour Supporters Association (ALSA), c/o T. Mahon, 1-3 Manor St., Bradford 1, Yorks. This is the Labour Party's own fundraising organisation. They run several draws a year and you get 50% commission on the sale of tickets. You can also order scratch off pontoon cards from ALSA to sell. Send us half of what you raise.

4. Alcohol kills your brain cells off. Why not save a few by donating the price of a pint to Class Fighter. Make a collection at every LPYS meeting and send it to us.

5. Organise a social and print some tickets for it. Get everyone in the YS to donate some food and put some home brew on. Make sure that all members, contacts and anyone else who would be interested buys a ticket so that even if they don't turn up you've got some money off them. On the night organise a small raffle or sell pontoon cards. Make sure everyone helps to clean up the morning after. Send us half.

6. Donations. If a spare bit of cash comes your way send it to us. Better still take out a regular standing order.

If you've got any other ideas let us know. Send all money to NLWYM, 214, Sickert Court, Essex Road, London N1.

DON'T REGISTER!

THIS year's Labour Party conference is going to be very important. It will decide whether the left wing in the Party have the right to organise themselves.

If the right wing in the Party win, groups like Class Fighter and Militant will be proscribed. That means anyone who sells these papers will be expelled from the Party.

The YS will also be under attack. Because it has left wing politics, some sections of the right wing want to disband it and set up another youth movement.

This is not the first time that this has been done. Right through the history of the YS, the leaders of the Labour Party have attacked its left wing politics.

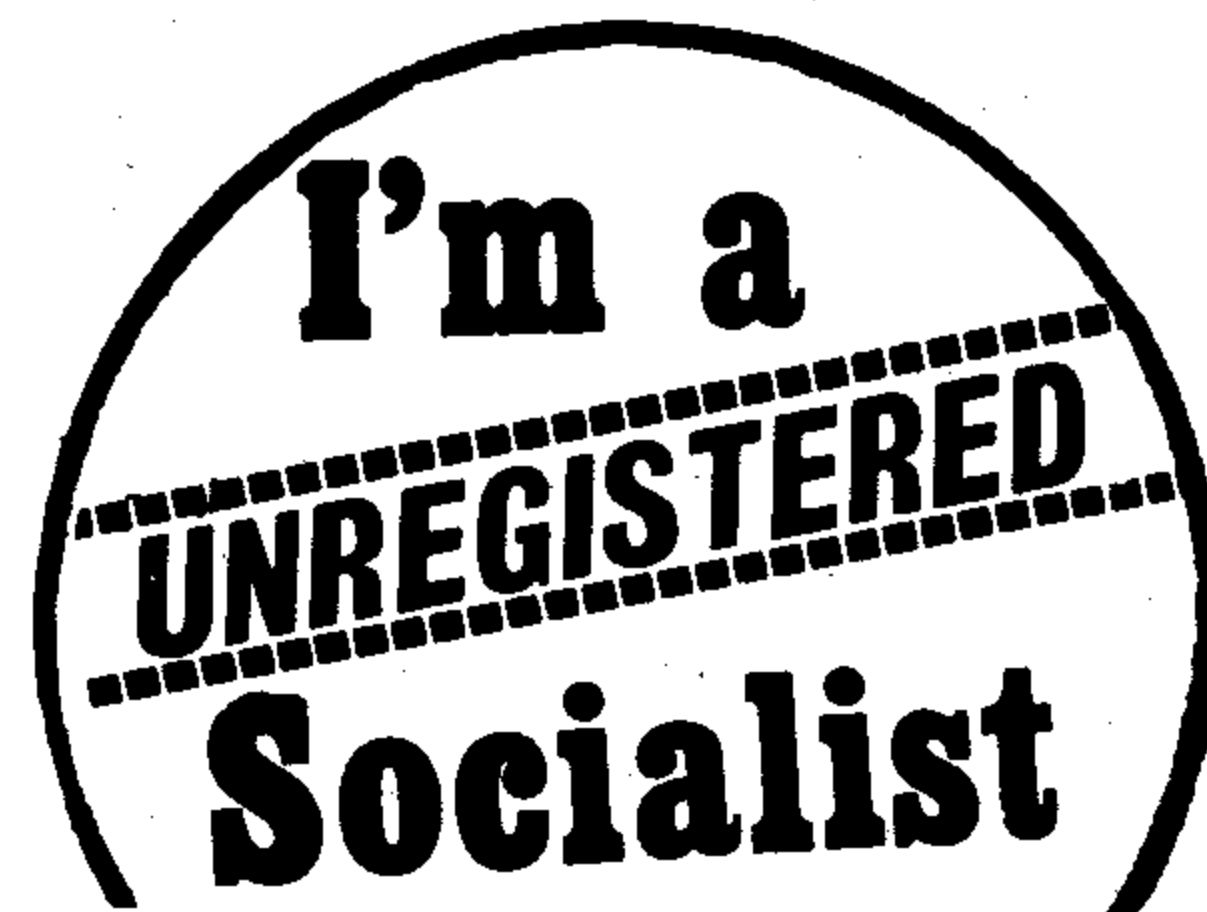
If they closed it down they would try to set up a new youth organisation

that would be barred from discussing politics. Its only 'political' activity would be going round the doors at election time, knocking up. They tried this in 1959 and failed, although they did manage to hound out a tendency called 'Keep Left', who built the YS in a similar way to Class Fighter with an independent paper, and by aiming towards struggle.

We have got to be part of the general fight against the witch-hunt. An organisation has been set up called the 'Unregistered Alliance', which, as the name suggests, is an alliance of those groups in the party who will not register. This includes Socialist Organiser, London Labour Briefing and Class Fighter.

We are appealing to YS branches to affiliate to

The badge all witches are wearing.....



the Alliance and invite a speaker to the YS. We are also appealing to the YS nationally to affiliate, although Militant are not affiliated to it yet.

A new publication is coming out, produced by the Alliance, called 'Briefing against the 'Witch-hunt'. If you want copies and more info on the

Alliance, write to: 28, Middle Lane, London N8.

If you are going to the Labour Party Conference as an observer, there are lots of things to get involved in, like lobbies and fringe meetings. For details ring Nik Barstow from Socialist Organiser on 01-607-5268.

Mick Liggins

Where we stand

1. Build a mass campaigning socialist youth movement.

2. Build the National Union of School Students! We will fight to win support for school students in the unions, YSs, and in the National Union of Students.

3. Turn the Labour Party Young Socialists out to industrial workers' struggles.

4. Fight for democracy in the Labour Party and in the Young Socialists. The National Committee should be elected from the YS Conference. No extended speaking time at YS Conference for National Committee members. Equal speaking time for different viewpoints in the YS. 'Socialist Youth' to carry open debate and discussion.

5. Full union rights for the unemployed. Unionise the YOP cheap labour schemes. For full trade union rates and rights on YOPs. Cut the hours, not the jobs. Build an unemployed workers' movement.

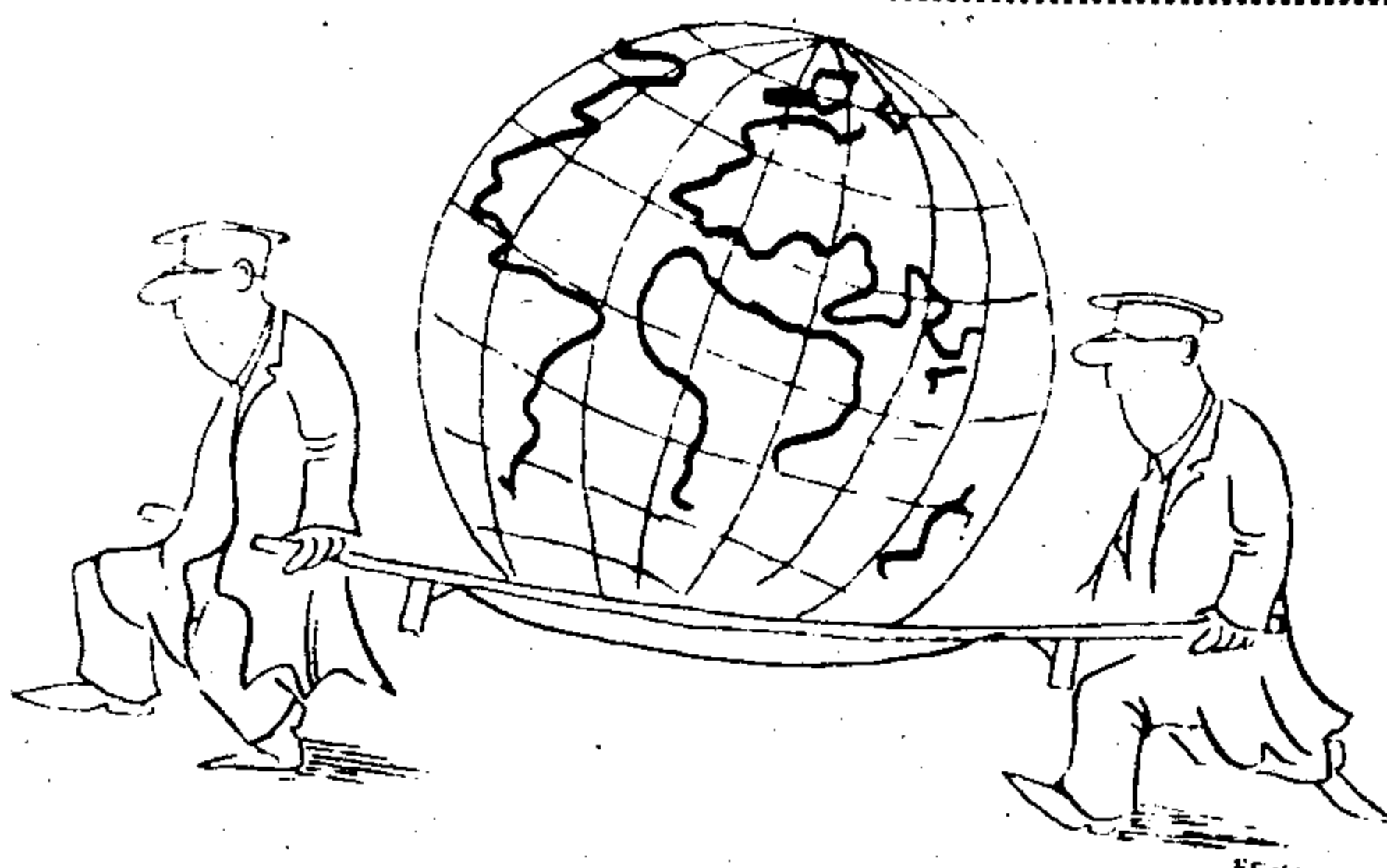
6. Fight for the YS to take a lead in the fight for women's and gay liberation. Campaign against sexism in the labour movement and in the YS to make it possible for women and gays to play a full and equal part in the labour movement. For a woman's right to work. No discrimination on the basis of sex or sexuality.

7. Unilateral nuclear disarmament and withdrawal from NATO. Build CND. Fight to draw youth from CND into the struggle for socialist policies in the labour movement. The war drive comes from imperialism! Defend the Soviet Union.

8. Troops out of Ireland now! Political status for Republican prisoners. Repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Support the Labour Committee on Ireland. Support all actions in solidarity with the anti-imperialist struggle in the North of Ireland.

9. Fight racism. Purge racists from all positions in the labour movement. Organise to drive fascists off the streets. For united black and white labour movement defence squads. Build labour movement support for black self-defence - including against the racism and anti working class brutality of the police.

10. Fight for genuine rank and file control of the whole labour movement - unions, Labour Party, YS. Fight for a workers' government - based on and under the control of the labour movement - to break the economic, military and state power of the ruling class. Never again a Labour Government like the last one!



Health workers pay claim

The only way to win

ALL OUT NOW!

A HEALTH WORKER FROM EDINBURGH REPORTS:

LET'S look at the history of the NHS Pay Dispute so far, and at some of what has happened to win the claim. The pay claim was submitted in November 1981, the review date was April 1 1982, and it is now September and we have not achieved the 12%. Selective action has only forced Norman Fowler to 'improve' the offer; all out action can force him to pay up in full. He has been forced to 'revise' the 'final' offer twice, and he can be forced to 'revise' it again.

Action

But let's look at the action that has been taken so far. The action in fact started 9 days before the settlement date. On Tuesday March 23, 1,000 hospital workers in Manchester went on a half day strike, and held a mass lobby of the Manchester Regional Health Authority. April 1 passed by without so much as a joke from our 'leaders' at Congress House, and it wasn't until April 14 that they called for a ... one hour stoppage. That didn't necessarily mean a one hour strike; what the TUC health committee 'recommended' was for union branches to hold 1 hour mass meetings in work time to discuss the pay campaign. One day strikes and selective actions followed, up and down the country, demonstrating the real mood of health workers, and then the trade union lackeys got up off their plump backsides and called a ... one day strike for May 19. The television news that night was dominated by picket lines, demonstrations, marches, rallies and Albert Spanswick's face. The TUC then called 2 more one day strikes for 4 and 8 June, while the government laughed up their sleeves. These days were relatively well supported, and calls for indefinite strike began to be heard.

June 14 marked the first day of COHSE annual conference. By then NUPE conference had voted for indefinite strike with emergency cover only. I remember standing up in

the visitors gallery at COHSE conference, listening to Spanswick bellowing like a wounded seal, 'We have got the government on the run'. He obviously hadn't read that morning's newspapers (Tuesday 15 June 1982) which described in lurid detail how 'Britain' had just won the decisive battle in a major overseas imperialist adventure, 8,000 miles away from Bridlington. Spanswick's statement only served to demonstrate his unacceptable ignorance and how much out of touch he was, and is.

June 16 saw the whole South Wales coalfield close for the day in solidarity with us. Fowler, seeing the big guns coming out, hastily 'revised' the offer to 7.5% for nurses and 6% for ancillaries.

What the union leaders failed to emphasise was that the 7.5 and 6% would be partly paid for by job losses and cuts in services, with stricter controls being

placed on Health Authority budgets.

Three days of 'intensive nationwide industrial action' were followed by 5 more of the same. Spanswick hastily sent Telex messages to branches, saying the 'intensive' did not mean solid strikes, but was meant to be selective withdrawals and overtime bans. Local stewards in Edinburgh obviously interpreted 'intensive' wrongly, as many of them said, 'What's more intensive than an all-out strike?'. One domestic assistant from an Edinburgh Hospital said of Albert Spanswick, 'He's just saying 'Keep the animals quiet, give them something to play with'; that's what he means by intensive.'

However, it looks like intensive action may be on the way. The STUC today (24th) called for 'widespread 24 hour stoppage throughout industry to show support for the health workers', and

there is an all-Scotland NHS shop stewards conference planned for September 11. The STUC are reportedly 'stopping only just short of calling a one-day general strike'.

We have to take up that call, make it a reality, and mobilise all workers, not just to win our 12% pay claim but also to fight against the proposed steel closures in Sheffield and Ravenscraig, against the Tebbit Bill, against pit closures, against three and a quarter million 'officially' unemployed, and use the massive power of working



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TUC call police instead of all out action

THIS WAS the slogan put up on the inside of the door of the TUC headquarters by a small group of us who had occupied the hallway. I was with other Class Fighter supporters who had joined the lobby of the TUC Health Services Committee, called by Health Workers for the Full Claim on 26 August. The lobby was to put pressure on the TUC bureaucrats to call an all out indefinite strike preceded by a one day general strike. It was when the Committee

Chairperson, Albert Spanswick (COHSE), arrived that militant slogans were replaced by direct action. He was jostled and barracked by angry health workers and we prevented him from entering the building for several minutes. When he finally reached the door a number of us pushed past the doormen into the hallway. In the following minutes we struggled with the TUC henchmen to keep the door open so others could get in. We insisted that we had the right to enter

a building paid for by rank and file trades unionists to put our case. Unfortunately such arguments carried no weight with these thugs. Realising they were fighting a losing battle they called the police. The bureaucrats had used the enemies of the Working Class to keep ordinary Trades Unionists out of their own building. Those of us who got in refused to leave and defiantly occupied the hallway for 2 hours. Andy Chapman Tower Hamlets LPYS

people to unceremoniously boot this government out of office, ditch their policies, and dump them once and for all where they truly belong, - on the scrapheap of history.

Massive support

BARRY, a NALGO rep from Leicester spoke to Class Fighter.

'I want firstly to give my assessment of the dispute and then say where I think the dispute is going. The Sean Geraghty case gave us a great boost. There was a big increase on the picket lines when the case came up. It was a victory for the working class. The Tories backed off. We should be aware, though, of the weakness of the TUC: look at what Spanswick said, 'Don't strike for us.' Where was the talk of general strike from the TUC?

This dispute and all it involves has shown the need to replace the present TUC 'leaders' with a leadership that will fight, a revolutionary leadership. The official leadership has tried to knife the dispute, calling one day strikes, weeks apart. They know very well that an all out strike would win, but they're scared to take on the Tories.

There has been a massive class response to the health workers, you can see that just from the support we get on the picket lines and the solidarity action.

The NHS workers have shown that we can take on the Tories. Not only have they strengthened the working class movement, we have also seen new militant stewards come forward, people who may have been cynical before are standing up and saying, 'I want to take a stewards

card'. They are also fighting the local right wing leaderships.

Even if the TUC manage to knife this dispute we will live to fight again. One of the most positive things is the militant caucus now establishing itself in the NHS, Health Workers for the Full Claim. They have produced bulletins and shown the kind of leadership that is needed nationally.

The RCN rejection has given us a big boost. The nurses should now fight alongside us on strike and join proper trade unions. Their (male) leaders have shown their bankruptcy. The nurses reject and he says stop the action!

Carve-up

The dispute has gone on far too long. Low paid workers are losing a lot of money and may become demoralised. The way to win this dispute is through all out strike action with other workers joining in with us.

This government can tolerate these one day strikes, they have no interest in maintaining a good NHS. There has to be a political confrontation, with other workers joining it, a general strike.

If we lose this one the Tories will carve up the welfare state. It's up to us, the rank and file health workers, to turn the dispute to all out action now.

Health Minister goes hungry

FROM NUPE STRIKE BULLETIN

IT'S QUITE a shame that Kenneth Clarke has now vanished off the scene (he's gone on holiday) as he has a wonderful knack of making our health service members even more determined to step up the action to win the strike.

Wherever he goes, the Minister provokes anger among health workers by his insistence that they are well paid and his dismissal of demonstrators as being politically inspired or else 'idiots larking around'.

He found it difficult to get a meal anywhere on his visits round the country over the last week - as catering staff in hospitals refused to serve him. After demonstra-

tions in Derby last Wednesday and Doncaster on Thursday, Clarke provoked a walkout of 700 staff at the Newcastle General Hospital and a mass picket of 800 at the Freeman Hospital.

With no meal provided at the hospital and an attempt to get packed lunches blocked, he tried to go to a local hotel. But GMWU staff at the Europa and Gosforth Park Hotels also felt that a Minister who will not give a living wage to health staff does not deserve a meal himself.

By the time he got to Liverpool on Monday, private catering contractors had been brought in. But he met a walkout of 1000 staff and a demo which he described as his worst reception yet.



JOHN HARRIS

The Palestinians will not stop fighting for their rights

By Will Adams Tower Hamlets YS

ISRAEL has achieved most of what it set out to do when it invaded the Lebanon. The Palestine Liberation Organisation have been forced to leave Beirut, where they went 34 years ago after being forced out of what is now Israel; and the new Lebanese president is Bashir Gemayel, leader of the virtually fascist Falange, who has been helping the Israelis break the strong links between the PLO and the left-wing Lebanese National Movement.

The methods Israel has used to achieve these ends have horrified even people who normally support its actions. Communities defended only by brave but poorly armed Lebanese and Palestinian militias have faced air and land attacks from the Israeli war machine, one of the best armed in the world.

Phosphorus bombs, which inflict terrible burns, cluster bombs and other barbaric weapons have been ruthlessly used, often against unarmed civilians. The Israelis even at one point during the siege of west Beirut cut off the water supply in an attempt to force a surrender.

The invasion has left about 10,000 dead, 15,000-20,000 injured and over 250,000 homeless.

The invasion has shown the sham of the Camp David 'peace plan' sponsored by the USA and signed by Israel and Egypt. This 'peace plan' couldn't stop this obvious attack on peace in the region.

The Arab regimes in the region, who often verbally support the Palestinian cause, were unwilling to do anything practical to help the PLO. Only under pressure from the USA did Syria, Jordan and other states accept the expelled PLO fighters. The Palestinians can't rely on the Arab regimes to solve their problems any more than they can rely on imperialist-backed 'peace plans'.

The only hope for peace is when the Palestinians win the right to return to their homeland, a right denied by Israel. The PLO will not stop their fight for this right, despite this latest setback.

The most important thing for us in Britain is to raise support for the just cause of the Palestinians and for the PLO as the organisation leading their fight.



Blackpool

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Bolton

Manchester

YOUTH MARCH

jobs not bombs

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Build the YCND march - Get your YS to sponsor a marcher

DURING the late 50's and early 60's, CND had built itself up as a major popular movement drawing on the support of hundreds of thousands of people. Such support was reflected in marches like the Aldermaston march in 1958.

But by 1963 such events had become smaller and virtually insignificant and CND no longer drew on such mass support. To explain this sudden decline we must look at events in the Labour Party at the time.

Michael Foot

Then as now the right wing in the Labour Party were launching a major offensive against the left in the Party. The left of the Labour Party including people like Michael Foot and Stan Orme (who in the 70's presided in secret discussions on the siting of Polaris) were also active members of CND. As CND grew from strength to strength and the left gained in the Labour

Party the CND motion was successfully passed at 1960 Scarborough Labour Party Conference. Angry at this victory and threatened by the left, Gaitskill declared his intention to fight against and reverse the 1960 Conference decision.

He succeeded. In 1961 Labour Party Conference delegates voted down the 1960 Conference decision. Backed by the campaign for democratic socialism, led by Will Rodgers (of latter day SDP fame) Gaitskill used the right wing of the Labour and Trade Union movement to ignore and eventually vote against nuclear disarmament.

Weakness

CND's weakness, its failure to link up with the Labour movement and actively defend its unilateralist position, was reflected by the failure of the lefts in the Party to build on the 1960 Conference decision. CND buried itself

in single issue purity instead of joining with the rest of the Labour Party.

I think there's an important lesson for us here. Firstly, as members of CND, that we cannot distance ourselves from the labour and trade union movement. In order to defend CND policy we need to become not apolitical bystanders criticising on the outside the Labour Party's betrayals, but to be prepared to defend its policy within the labour movement.

For the left comes the lesson that passing policy is not enough. To maintain it, support needs to be built at grass roots level, in the constituencies and Trade Union branches, by turning the Labour Party out to broad movements such as CND.

As members of the LPYS and YCND we have to realise why this is important.

YCND does not see itself as a political

campaign. It may maintain slogans in cases more radical than the LPYS (like 'draw the Fleet!') it nurtures apolitical

YCND stresses importance of changing individual consciousness not by using and winning with the labour movement to win case for CND. We need to change this in YCND.

Within the LPYS there is a complacent attitude to working in CND, seeing it as 'petit bourgeois' or 'full of dents', single issue campaign that can't have much effect. It ignores the need to build CND and turn it towards the Labour movement, defend the left's gain in the Labour Party over the years. It also ignores the fact CND has had in campaigning government options like Opera House, Hard Rock and Hammering those like Opera Square Leg, or getting Labour Councils to become Nuclear Zones.



March to Blackpool

JUST TO THE UR MENT

BY JUDITH BONNER,
YCND NATIONAL
COMMITTEE MEMBER

JOHN HARRIS

Our task is to build CND, draw it towards the Labour Movement, whilst campaigning to turn the Labour Party outwards.

As 1982 Labour Party Conference approaches we must actively campaign that the Labour Party manifesto supports an anti-nuclear weapons policy, withdrawal from Nato and opposition to further military spending.

The fight against the witchhunt is not limited only to the Labour Party. There are many parallels to be made between the right of CND and the Labour Party (Michael Foot: that famous unilateralist!).

Those in CND who support the policy on disarmament of the left in the Labour Party have a commitment to defend the left and ensure that the 1961 defeat does not repeat itself. CND cannot afford such a defeat, neither can the left in the Labour Party.



JOHN HARRIS



TURKEY: 2 YEARS SINCE THE COUP

September 12th is the second anniversary of the military coup in Turkey when General Evren took power. CLASS FIGHTER spoke to Kemal, an activist in the Turkey Solidarity Campaign, to which the LPYS National Committee has recently affiliated.

What was it like in Turkey before the 1980 coup?

The situation was extremely polarised. On the one side the left including the Kurdish people, and the youth, and on the other the fascists. This was a threat to the capitalist class as the working class were growing not only in numbers but in organisational and political strength too. The bosses largely supported the development of a big fascist movement — it's massive compared to the fascist organisations in Britain. And they used the fascists as a physical defence against the growing awareness of the working class. As the economic situation became more acute the fascists grew. As people were driven out of their home villages and towns because of the poverty and mass unemployment, they became potential recruits for the fascists.

Youth who had no jobs, no homes and who saw no way forward were drawn to the Grey Wolves (the fascists) — mainly though, from the non-industrialised towns. There were also some students and others from the middle class. Working class youth were not really represented in the Grey Wolves.

What about the unions?

The main union is DISK. It is an independent union developed out of the struggles of the 60s when unions were legal. DISK stands for Revolutionary Workers' Confederation. It is now banned completely and as a trade union organisation it does not exist though it does operate clandestinely, and the working class still identifies with it. It was the only real union.

The leaders of DISK, 52 of them, are all now on trial for their lives. That's something like the TUC leadership being put on trial!

The largest 'union' now is TURKIS which is controlled by the junta — so its leadership is reactionary. Strikes are outlawed — socialists and trade unionists have been rounded up since the coup, over 100,000 have been detained.

What opposition is there now to the junta in Turkey?

There is no real physical opposition in Turkey today, except from the old leaders of Parliament, a bosses' parliament, and the press.

There is certainly a potential opposition. I would say that all those organisations — massive organisations, youth movements, trade unions, women's organisations, political parties and so on, have been destroyed. But the militancy, though set back by the coup, is still there and it could take this or that organisational form tomorrow. There are still some left organisations in Turkey, but, of course, they're not so active as they were before the coup and they are forced to work underground, often mainly restricted to discussions.

What about women's organisations in Turkey?

There was only one women's organisation — it was organised by the Communist Party. It could draw

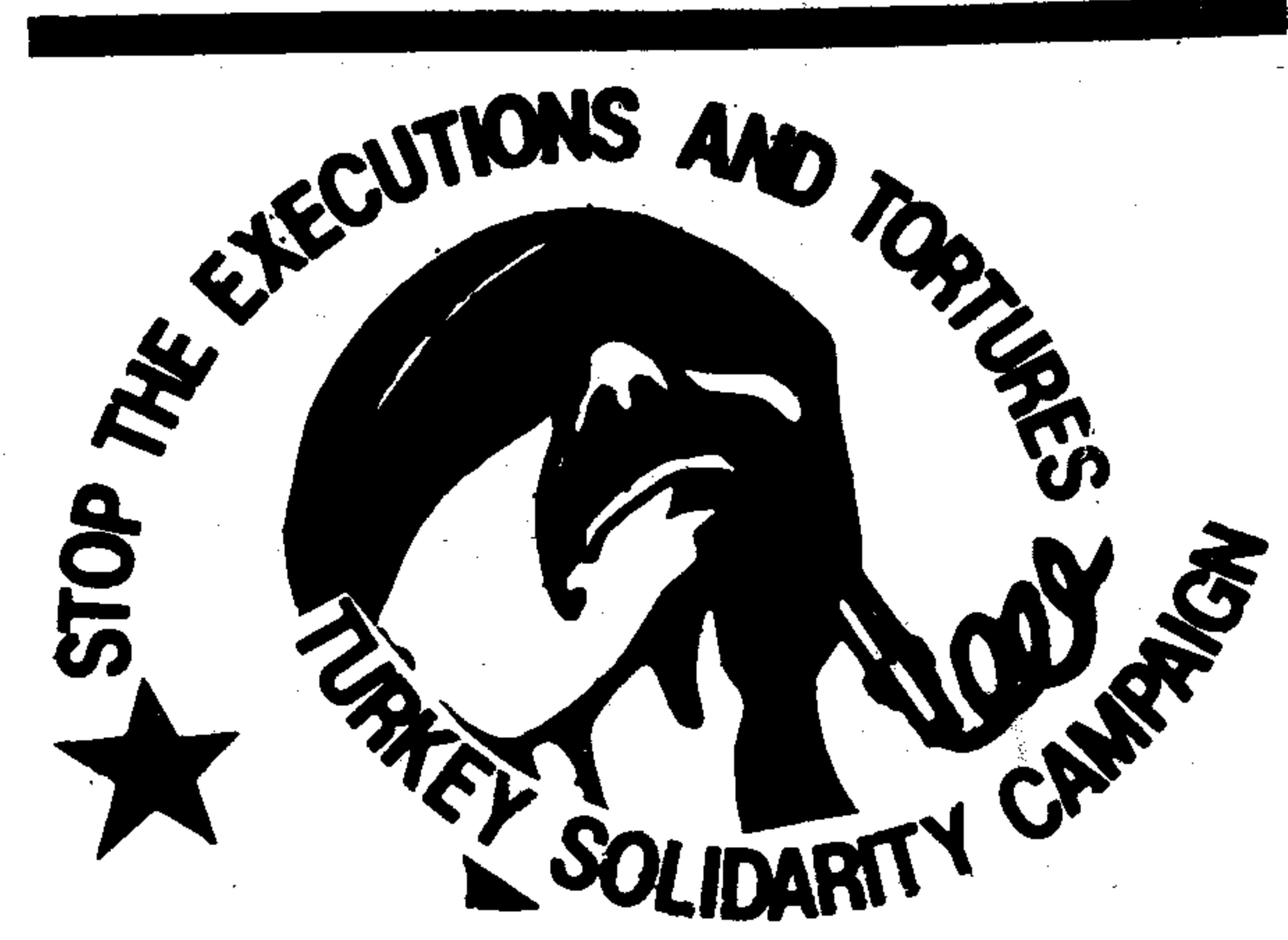
20,000 women on a demonstration, they did this for example, in Ankara. It was not so militant as it was organised by the Communist Party who preach class collaboration.

But that does not mean that women's organisation was restricted only to this movement. Women did express themselves politically through their participation in many struggles and strikes in Istanbul which women led. There were also women leading the physical clashes with the police and military. It was a pity that this was not transformed into a radical women's movement, but women were certainly a radical political force against the state.

What is the TURKEY SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN and what can CLASS FIGHTER supporters do to build it?

The TSC was formed prior to the coup to protest against the repression of political prisoners and the Turkish people which existed even before the junta came to power. The TSC has grown a lot, though, since the coup. We fight to get support within the political organisations of the British labour movement, as part of the struggle for the overthrow of the military regime in Turkey.

Class Fighter supporters can do a lot to help. Firstly by getting speakers to your LPYS branches and affiliating your YS to the TSC. That should also go for your Labour Party branches and trade unions. Secondly you can support and build for the activities of TSC such as the week of action we had earlier this year. And most importantly, I believe that Class Fighter should analyse and understand the situation that existed in Turkey and see that a similar danger exists in Britain today. You should draw the lessons of the weaknesses there were in Turkey and fight to draw youth into revolutionary politics and cripple the fascists.



Affiliate to the Turkish Solidarity Campaign.
Write to: TSC, BM Box 5965, London WC1N 3XX.

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END Solidarity MARTIAL LAW IN POLAND

IAN McLEISH from Rutherglen LPYS outlines events in Poland over the last two years. Solidarity's determination to continue against martial law was shown again on the second anniversary of Solidarity's birth, with demonstrations where several workers were shot dead.

AUGUST 31 1980 is seen as the birth of Solidarnosc. The ruling Stalinist bureaucracy in Poland was forced to the negotiating table as the result of a widespread strike, occupations and the formation of inter-factory committees (NKS). The strikes began in the Lenin shipyards, Gdansk on August 14, involving 1700 workers. 1,000's more joined them daily, so by August 25 the NKS group had 400 factories representing hundreds of thousands of workers. The agreement which Lech Walesa and the Vice Premier signed was the first and only one of its kind, a guarantee of the right of existence to an independent trade union movement. It also included a whole list of other demands from wage rises to maternity leave. From bitter experience the workers knew that any agreements would be clawed back by the State, everything had to be fought for.

By early October, working class militancy had erupted again. This time in a general strike of over six million workers demanding wage rises and access to the media. At the same time the ruling party (the PUWP) insisted on its 'leading role in society'. Solidarnosc's ten million membership, compared to the PUWP's three million, was enough to refute this and the workers claimed another victory.

Dissenters

In November two Solidarnosc members were jailed for daring to publish a state plan on how the police should deal with dissenters. Strikes and demonstrations forced the bureaucracy to release them both.

In January 1981, one of the Gdansk agreements the five day working week was broken. This time the workers had to compromise and make do with working one Saturday in every month.

Activity wasn't confined to industrial areas, by February the poor peasantry had organised themselves into Rural Solidarnosc, and demanded recognition from the government. Support from industrial workers, including the threat of a general strike meant the government had to comply once more. Students were also organising in the NKS and strikes spread throughout the country's universities. It appeared as though the decaying Stalinist

system could be reformed after all. Solidarnosc did not start out to confront the system head on, rather it wanted to organise a trade union which would gradually change things bit by bit. But any such illusions were soon to be confronted themselves. Faced with such a crisis the government, now headed by General Jaruzelski, went on the attack.

In March two leading members of KOR (Social Defence Committee) were detained and placed under close supervision. In early April many Solidarnosc militants were severely beaten and hospitalised. This incident sparked a major split in Solidarnosc's ranks. Resentment from militants to Walesa's moderate stand had grown over the months and some resigned leading positions when he didn't respond firmly to these attacks.

Congress

The PUWP was also cracking though. Hundreds of thousands had left the Party and roughly one in three of its membership had joined Solidarnosc. It was quickly losing

grip of the situation. In September delegates gathered from all over Poland at the Solidarnosc congress. The issue of workers control quickly became critical and the Walesa leadership was challenged by the more radical wing of the movement. They demanded withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact and no moderation of Solidarnosc's aims and struggle. This mood for more open militancy culminating in demands for free elections, legalisation of political parties and a declaration of a general strike for December 17 meant that Solidarnosc had gone far beyond being a trade union. It had become the alternative to the government. Jaruzelski (who by this time was also Party leader!) decided this was the best time to 'Crusade against totalitarianism', i.e., against Solidarnosc!

On December 15 he declared war on the Polish working class - martial law. Poland was cut off from the rest of the world. Solidarnosc leaders were arrested and imprisoned and anyone found ignoring the law would be shot on sight. Even under such vicious repression, even after workers had been shot, thousands were determined to keep fighting. Workers disrupted production in factories, miners occupied pits, demonstrations continued, and Solidarnosc

was still intact, albeit underground with an estimated membership of one million.

More and more workers are now defying martial law, as August 31 approaches. The anniversary of the beginning of the Lenin shipyard strike saw a turnout of at least 10,000 in Gdansk. This demonstration and all the others too were attacked by the police. The next few weeks in Poland could be critical. The government may decide to crack down further by disbanding Solidarnosc totally (officially it is suspended). An exiled Solidarnosc leader in Britain recently said that the fight could continue for years. That they are no longer working for 'some corrections to the system, that is long gone. The system has had more than enough chance to correct itself during Solidarnosc's legal existence.'

Beacon

The Polish workers have lit a beacon for the world's workers and peasants. We cannot stand idly by while bureaucrats attempt to smash them. We have to continue the battle to win active support for Solidarnosc in the British Labour Movement.

End Martial Law! The Labour Movement must break links with the Stalinist bureaucrats!

WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN FOR JOBS

ON June 5th we marched across London to the Labour Party Women's Right to Work Festival. The march had been organised by the Action Committee for a Woman's Right to Work - not by the Labour Party and TUC as we had hoped and campaigned for.

It is clear that some ground has been covered since we started the campaign. Local groups have been set up to take the questions of women work and unemployment right into their areas and to campaign around local issues. And the Labour Movement has begun to discuss and campaign for a woman's right to an independent income.

What is also clear is that we have a long way to go. After the march and the festival we need a new focus for our campaign. So what should we do now?

On September 18 the Women's Campaign for Jobs are holding a

mobilising conference at County Hall in London. So far two separate proposals are due to be brought to the conference.

The first is a tribunal. The idea is that women's work and unemployment be put 'on Trial'. Evidence would be given from each area and 'Judgement' passed. Out of this would come demands that the Labour Party and TUC should pledge themselves to.

To me this is covering old ground. The demands have been made. We want action from the Labour Party and TUC, not promises.

The second proposal is to have a Women's 'March for Jobs'. This would be a march of

women accompanied by an agitation bus, women's music, theatre and films. At each stopping off point loads of people would meet the demo at locally organised rallies and other such events.

A march like this would give a focus for local groups to organise around. No doubt other proposals will be brought to this conference.

The YS must continue to support the Campaign for a Woman's Right to Work. I urge all Women in the YS to come to the mobilising conference and to support the Women's March for Jobs.

Rose Chapman
Brent YS

Women's Campaign for Jobs
September 18th 1981
County Hall, London
Creche
Registration £1 on door
Contact Women's Campaign for Jobs
41, Elington St., London N7



Women are circumcised

BY JANE ASHWORTH.

In some parts of the Arab world, Egypt, Sudan and Syria, for example, girls are circumcised. In an operation conducted in the girl's home before she reaches puberty, her clitoris is amputated with a deep razor cut.

Apart from the occasional loss of life and the psychological terror of the mutilation itself, sexual frigidity is an after-effect which is reinforced by the dominant attitudes to women's sexuality of the women themselves.

Women are to retain their virginity until marriage, the sexually sensitive organ, the clitoris is removed in the hope of discouraging sexual desire. After circumcision, the girl is considered 'pure and clean'.

The 'honour' of the family is lost by a woman 'losing' her virginity before marriage.

As you would expect the family's honour isn't jeopardised by men working out their sexual desires before marriage.

And it's not just speculation about whether the girl has or hasn't 'done it' - ritualistic blood letting on the wedding night is necessary. In some parts of rural Egypt the breaking of

the hymen is performed by the daya ('midwife') while the family wait outside for the blood-stained sheet which 'proves' the girl was a virgin. The 30% of women who have no bleeding at all during their first sexual act, the girls who have broken their hymen accidentally, stand in great danger. A sympathetic daya may choose to rip the vaginal wall and produce blood, resulting in infection and haemorrhage but a husband may divorce the woman.

'Proof' of the woman not being a virgin can be enough to send her to her death. Death is the only way for the family to regain their lost honour.

Women take this sort of treatment because they have been taught to expect it. From the moment a girl child is born, she is taught to defer. 'He is a boy, you are a girl, and it is so,' is the reply given to the girl who asks why she must drop her eyes when confronted with someone, laugh only quietly (or better still smile timidly) and spend her time learning to cook. Her games must never be rough, her skirt must never rise a centimetre above the proscribed length. The girl who asks why she cannot join in with

boys and why she must put up with her brothers dominance over her is silenced; 'I wish you had been born a boy like them.' Teaching girls to be ashamed of themselves, convincing them they have no place but behind a man, is commonplace throughout the world.

In some Islamic societies the story goes further. Women can redeem themselves and save the family by denying themselves their sexuality. Women put up with circumcision because it cleanses them.

The self-hatred they are taught and the fear they learn of their own body, desires and assertion, is eased by the removal of the clitoris; once gone the burden of disgrace is lifted.

Adult women talk of their circumcision with horror, but remain thankful they are now 'pure'.

Denying women's sexual freedom is not restricted to so-called 'backward' countries. The struggles of western women may not be against circumcision or the veil, but the theme is the same. Women the world over are fighting for control of our own bodies; women are not putting up with being kept out any more.

Judith Williams, who was sacked because she's a lesbian, still hasn't got her job back. Contact the Defend Judith Williams Campaign at 123 Greencroft Gardens, London NW6 3PE, for more information, petition forms, etc.

LETTERS

Agree? Disagree? Just want to write a letter? Write to Class Fighter, at 214 Sickert Court, Essex Road, London N1.

Too young for sex?

THE law says that only over 16 year olds are mature enough to decide if they are mature enough to enter into a sexual relationship. That's only if you are heterosexual. If you're a gay man you aren't mature until you're 21 (and then only behind locked doors). Lesbians presumably never mature because there is no consent age for them (Oh, sorry, I forgot, there aren't any. They don't exist.).

I think the age of consent

is just another way to restrict the lives of young people. It's an insult to young women that the law under the guise 'of protecting young women' can more or less say they can't decide for themselves. What judge or policeman can decide for you?

Contraceptives

If you are under 16 and want to use contraceptives (which I think would show a pretty mature attitude), it's difficult to get them.

A girl in my year at school who was 15 got pregnant because she was scared to get any contraceptives. Also because she was scared to tell anyone, she left it too late to get an abortion (assuming she would have been allowed to have one by the male doctors). She had to go through with the pregnancy and in the end had her child adopted. That is the kind of tragedy and misery the age of consent can bring.

People say you've got to have an age of consent because it will encourage young women to sleep with whoever they want to (and however many).

Babysitting

Sex for young people is hard enough as they never have anywhere to do it, except over the fields, in the back of cars, babysitting, etc., (remembering?). So why make it harder for them by adding the risk of pregnancy?

On the age of consent for gay men... it's blatant discrimination. It says gays are abnormal and that young men may be corrupted. Heterosexual sex isn't seen as corrupt and neither should gay and lesbian sex be seen as corrupt either.

We should support all lowerings of the age of consent, but with the eventual aim of abolishing it altogether.

Kate Williams
Wolverhampton

LEGALIZE IT!

IN 1980 a record 14,910 people were convicted for cannabis offences, nevertheless it has been estimated that 8 million people have broken the law by trying it. The penalties for possession of drugs plainly should not be more harmful than use of the drug itself, but this clearly is the case with cannabis, maximum penalty being five years and an unlimited fine (the penalty for cultivation is up to 14 years and/or an unlimited fine).

100 years of research into cannabis have failed to prove that it can be injurious to health. Despite this the anti-cannabis lobby has

argued that it can cause: dependence; chromosome breaks; foetal damage; immune system damage; brain damage.

But the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare concluded, in its latest report to congress that:

1) Cannabis does not lead to physical dependency;

2) There is no reliable evidence of brain damage, inherited abnormalities, or increased susceptibility to disease;

3) Aggression is reduced, there is no connection between cannabis use and criminality;

4) There are no perman-

ent effects on intellectual performance or attainment or loss of motivation unequivocally attributed to cannabis use;

5) Studies in cultures where long term use is common have shown no significant or lasting psychological or physiological effects.

Experiments inducing birth defects, etc., have used unrealistically large doses that even a very heavy user would be unlikely to approach. This sort of experiment has been condemned, for this reason, as useless by several notable scientists and organisations including

Julius Axelrod, Nobel prize winner for his work on the effects of drugs on the brain.

Cannabis also stands up well in tests of acute toxicity, compared to other common drugs, such as aspirin, barbiturates, alcohol and tobacco, it is virtually non-toxic, making cannabis poisoning totally unknown.

Cannabis is now widely accepted not to be a health hazard in reasonable quantities (this includes by our own Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs).

Health reasons are not the only ones put forward against cannabis though. It is often suggested that it could cause social problems, but in fact it could ease several serious social problems. The link between cannabis and other controlled drugs (e.g. heroin and amphetamines) would be broken and so their consumption would decrease, and if cannabis use increased then alcohol use would decrease, easing the serious problems of alcoholism and alcohol-induced violence against people and property.

The financial effects of legalisation would be equally beneficial. In 1980 87% of all drug offences involved cannabis, and so the saving in law enforcement resources could be considerable (in California, after the first year of decriminalisation of possession of cannabis, an estimated 25 million dollars was saved).

Medicine too could benefit from legalisation. Cannabis can be very useful in the treatment of glaucoma (excess pressure in the eye), spasticity, asthma and the extreme nausea caused by chemotherapy (a form of cancer treatment).

The anti-cannabis laws are outdated, repressive and counter-productive and the use of cannabis should be a matter of personal choice. These laws are unlikely to be changed without more pressure from the public so join the Legalise Cannabis Campaign and fight them.

For information about the Legalise Cannabis Campaign and its activities write to:

1, Elgin Avenue, London W3 3PR.

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Impressed

Dear Comrades,

I was really impressed by Class Fighter at the YS Summer camp. We were the only organised opposition and the positions we took on such things as Ireland, women, gays and racism were much stronger and more positive than those of the leadership. The leadership felt the strength (?) of their pro-

gramme would draw people into the YS, ignoring completely the specific needs of oppressed groups within our society, who could be won over to socialism if we were more sympathetic and supportive.

I enjoyed our meetings much more than the official ones. Ours were more open with both sides being given plenty of time to voice their

opinions unlike the restricted time given to Class Fighter as a group in many of the official meetings. I felt the amount of people that came to our meetings showed the interest that there was in our policies, especially as most of our meetings ran at the same time as official workshops.

I have only just recently become a supporter and

seller of Class Fighter and this was the first time I have seen them in action nationally and I say I was impressed so I am sending you a donation to help continue the good work.

Yours in support,

David Amos
Chichester YS



The Class Fighter meeting on black youth

!!!!!!! OPINION

Black youth and the LPYS

DAVE AYRTON from Rotherham
LPYS contributes this month's Opinion.

I AM writing this article chiefly to argue that it is essential to organise black youth into the YS. For some people reading Class Fighter this may go without saying, however, to many leaders of the Asian youth in particular and black youth in general this is undesirable for progressive reasons.

A couple of weeks ago I attended a march and rally in Sheffield against the arrest of Asian restaurant owner Ahmed Khan, who had been victimised by the South Yorkshire police for daring to defend himself.

Revolutionaries

The speakers from the Asian community in the main already understood the need to defend themselves, against both organised racists and fascists as well as the State. They realise they have to link with the white workers in Britain if their defence is to be effective. In short they realised the need for a revolutionary movement in the working class against capitalism. But the majority of these comrades think that the Labour Party is something that revolutionaries shouldn't be part of.

First of all, I think the attitude of these comrades is both progressive and based on their real experience of racist and pro-capitalist labour governments of Wilson and Callaghan. Nevertheless, I think that their attitude is mistaken.

The rank and file white militants in the Labour movement have a tremendous amount to learn from these revolutionary comrades' experience and attitude, which they have developed in struggle against state discrimination and violence.

In my view the role of a paper like Class Fighter is to persuade these comrades to fight with us in the LPYS to expose the

a peaceful road to socialism. The militant tendency have actually convinced a handful of black youth in the YS that all workers oppression is the same. Revolutionaries in the YS will be able to show that this argument is merely the semi-reformism of the militant tendency who don't combat white workers racism by fighting for a realisation of the special oppression of black youth.

Orientate

If Class Fighter fails to fight to make the Labour Movement orientate itself towards black and Asian youth, it is failing in its responsibilities. At first some comrades will think we are reformist because we are part of the Labour Party, but I believe that with consistent and real solidarity the comrades in the black and Asian Youth movements will realise this not to be the case and will respect us for arguing our point of view.

Insult

However, if we take the attitude that these comrades are incapable of understanding the history of the British Labour Movement and its relationship with the working class, in my view, this is an insult to them, and may even have an element of racism in it. We have much to learn from the black militants in this country, but I believe we also have something to offer them: chiefly a rounded-out Trotskyist revolutionary strategy uniting all the oppressed groups under capitalism. We must take responsibility and fight to recruit black militants to the YS and to the Labour Party.

And when they come in we will learn a hell of a lot from them along with other white militants.



White activists in the labour movement have a lot to learn from the struggles of black youth

Fascists are back in Brick Lane

by Ian Nichol

FOR the past few months the National Front have had a bookstall in Brick Lane Market (East London). The licence for the stall was granted to a Mr. Young without the council officers checking into the type of literature to be sold. Since the stall has been set up, various groups within Tower Hamlets have called on the right wing Labour controlled Council to revoke the licence. But the council have dragged their heels, refusing to revoke the licence for fear (they say) of setting a legal precedent if the NF take the issue to court and win. It is hard to understand why the council think the NF could win; the literature on sale is in clear breach of the Race Relations Act, being an obvious incitement to racial hatred. Individuals have complained to the police, but they have been ignored: the police say they are unlikely to prosecute. Leaflets and papers from the stall have been sent to the DPP but as yet no prosecution seems to be forthcoming.

Base

The stall is important to the NF not only because it gives them a permanent pitch from which to promote their poisonous ideology, but because it gives them a base within a large Bengali and Jewish community from which to organise. The form their organisation takes has been felt throughout

the local area. They use the stall as a meeting place and from there their thugs go out to terrorise the local community. Sometimes children at play are attacked, but more usually the BM and NF both attack at night under the cover of darkness. In these attacks, local people are kicked and battered until nearly dead (and in some cases until death), houses are petrol bombed and shops attacked. The local area of Spitalfields is more or less under seige, people are even too frightened to go out and do their shopping. The police are, as usual, no use in protecting the community, they spend more time harassing the Bengalis and issuing parking tickets than investigating the obviously racially motivated attacks.

March

It is due to the lack of the local authority and the police in taking any initiative to stem these attacks or remove the stall that THARJ (along with the support of the Labour Party, ELWAR, and the Bengali Youth Movement and many others) called a march on August 29 in order to show the Council and to state the feelings of the local community to the presence of the NF in East London. The march itself is no answer, the community must be defended. It is obvious the police are not going to do anything about it, so

the only option left is the setting up of self-defence groups. These groups must be under the control of the local community, not outside groups who may chose to vanish at any time. However, there must be a commitment from the left to maintain a

presence in the area every day, not just on Sundays, as at present. The area is not exempt from attack from Monday to Saturday. The left must help defend the community until the local residents organise their own defence.



400 marched in Spitalfields on August 29th protesting against the fascists stall in Brick Lane.

CLASS FIGHTER

YOUTH MARCH

By Judith Bonner



JOBS NOT BOMBS!

NEXT year the British government will be installing 160 cruise missiles, purchased at the expense of our health and welfare services as well as jobs. On top of this 'our' government in the interest of 'our' defence is finalising the purchase of TridentII missiles. The minimum cost of such luxury is estimated at £10 billion. Whilst spending on arms increases, spending on essential services decreases. One cruise missile is worth more than the entire health service and its workers, and more than the hundreds of people dying because there are insufficient kidney machines.

Each UK household pays over £16 a week towards the government's military Budget, each Trident submarine to be bought would buy 40 general hospitals.

In 1981, Labour Party Conference upheld its policy on unilateral nuclear disarmament, an end to defence policies based on nuclear arms and opposition to the siting of cruise missile bases in the UK.

Despite such policy, there has been no lead or concerted effort from the

Labour Party to oppose cruise or trident.

If we are to oppose the sitings of cruise and trident then mass action is needed now.

And that's the major theme of the Youth March for Jobs not Bombs which plans to lobby Labour Party Conference in Blackpool on September 27.

The march organised by North West YCND and LPYS branches has already received a lot of sponsors including: Tony Benn and 20 other Labour MP's, North West CND, Labour CND, Manchester City Labour Party, North West TUC, and the National Committees of both YCND and most importantly the LPYS.

Mass Action

The major emphasis is mass action against Cruise and Trident.

By lobbying the Labour Party Conference we want also to emphasise the need to build links between CND and the labour and trade union movement and to ensure a labour party manifesto committed to unilateralism and Britain out of NATO.

The lobby itself is one part of a series of events on the 4 day march from Manchester to Blackpool. After a (hopefully) noisy launch at a gig on Wednesday 23 at UMIST, the March will be going from Manchester through Bolton Chorley, and Preston to Blackpool. In Preston it's hoped the rally will assemble at the British nuclear fuel plant where a Namibian ex-Uranium miner will speak. On the Sunday in Blackpool we'll be linking up with a Labour CND march to lobby the Labour Party NEC and then conference on Monday.

En route there'll be film shows, gigs and lots more besides to publicise the event. And Saturday will be women's day.

At the moment help is desperately needed to raise £2,000 for September 23. (That means all you school leavers giving the March your first dole cheque!!)

If you want to help give money, receive leaflets or more information, then write or phone the Youth March at: Barnes Wallis Buildings, UMIST, Sackville, Manchester. tel: 061-236 9114/4905.

HERE'S what else you can do:

1. Pass the model resolution in support of the March at your LPYS, Trade Union or CND branch.
2. Send a delegation on the March.
3. Get yourself sponsored for the March.
4. Organise a public meeting to advertise it.
5. Join in the events of the March on the way.
6. Distribute leaflets on the March.
7. SAY NO TO CRUISE AND TRIDENT: JOIN YCND AND THE LPYS; BUILD A MASS CAMPAIGN NOW!

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