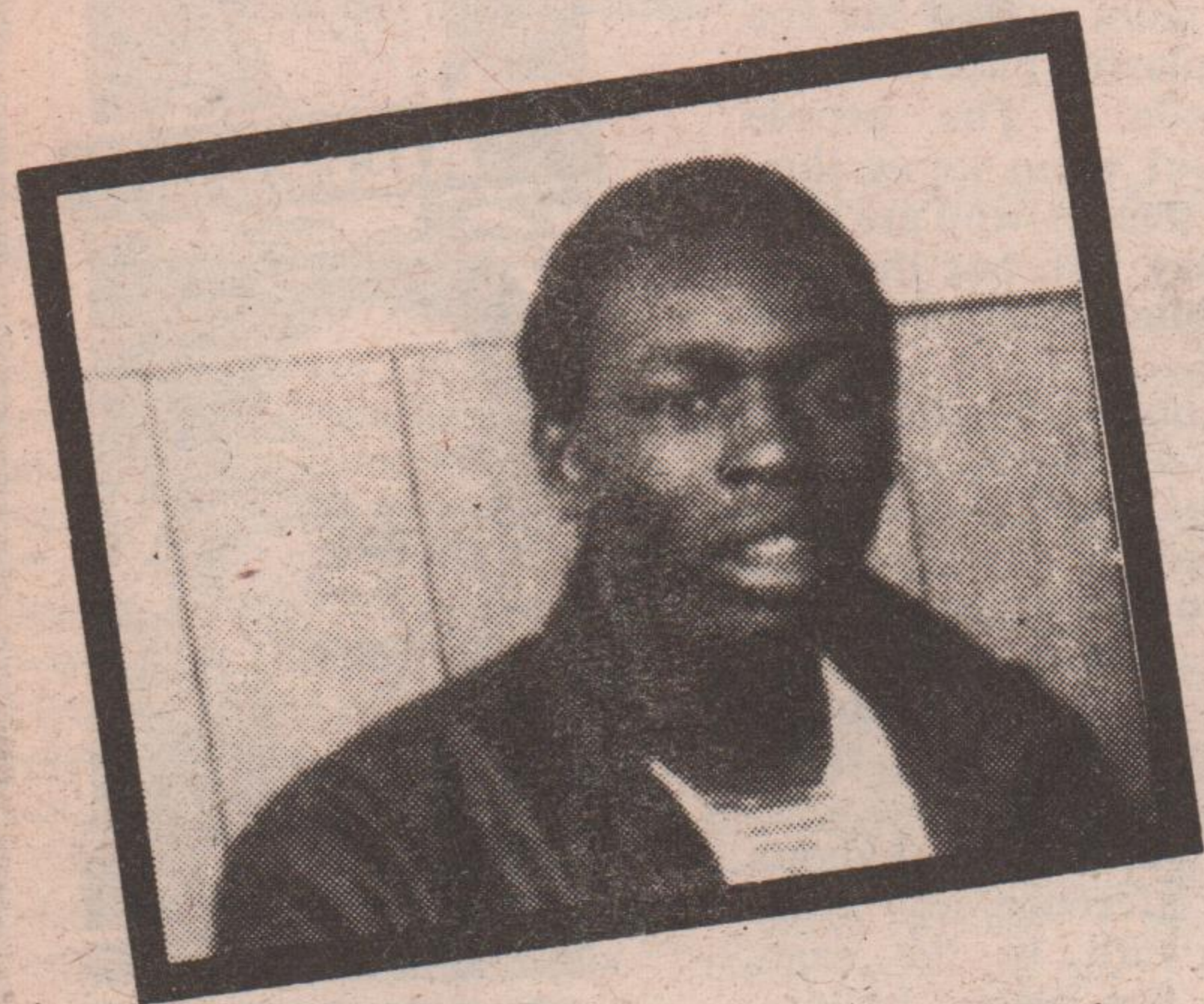


CLASS FIGHTER

PAPER OF THE NATIONAL LEFT-WING YOUTH MOVEMENT
JOIN THE LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS!

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How and why did Colin Roach die?

WE WANT THE TRUTH!

SINCE this Tory government came to power in 1979, they have pushed hard and fast to make the country almost unliveable for black and Asian people.

In the 1950s when there was a shortage of cheap labour, Enoch Powell, as a member of the government, invited black and Asian people to Britain. Now, when the bosses' crisis means there are no jobs, they are being hounded out.

Class Fighter says that working class people — black and white — must stand up and fight against this blatant state racism.

Mick Liggins of Hackney Central LPYS writes:

On January 12 this year, 21 year old Colin Roach, a black youth, was driving around Hackney with his friend. He got out of the car and walked towards Stoke Newington Police Station. His friend drove off. Minutes later Colin was found in a pool of blood with a shot gun by his side. Two barrels had been blown through Colin's mouth, killing him instantly.

Colin's father was called to the station. He was interrogated for three hours before being told of his son's death. Other members of Colin's family were harassed by the police and his house was searched.

Colin's friend said "The policeman came in [after the interrogation] and said he had some good news and some bad news.

He said the bad news was that Colin was dead. I was stunned, and had to sit down for a time. Then he said the good news was that I wasn't going to be charged with anything."

The black and Asian community of Stoke Newington and Hackney are rightly disgusted by this police racism. They are determined to fight.

The police say that Colin killed himself, that he was mad. They say this after no real investigation. The people aren't prepared to accept what the police say. There have been three police station deaths of civilians in Stoke Newington in recent years. The local community say that Colin Roach was murdered.

Following the death a demonstration took place outside the police station. Eight black youth were nicked and face serious charges.

Over 150 labour movement and community groups support the Roach Family Support Committee which organised a demonstration of 1,000 mainly black people that faced constant provocation from the police and resulted in 22 more arrests.

Demands are being raised for Stoke Newington police station to be closed. The Support Committee is calling for an independent

public inquiry. Trade union bodies have already demanded a labour movement investigation into Colin's death, which should proceed at once to assemble evidence on the racist history of the Stoke Newington cops.

YS branches should back the demand for such inquiries and send letters of support to the Support Committee.

WARNING TO GOVERNMENT MINISTER TEBBIT

THE UNEMPLOYED CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH!

Judy Goss
Leicester S. YS

TWO weeks ago, Norman Tebbit visited the Information Technology Project in Leicester, where YOPsters are taught to use computers.

INSIDE: The trainees made his visit extremely unenjoyable. Many of them refused to talk to him, many of them wanted to know what he was going to do about getting jobs for the unemployed, and together they put posters in the lifts, corridors, and rooms, bearing such slogans as 'I think I love you, Nor' — signed Chairman of Raleigh Bike Company; 'Get off your bike, Norman, and help the 3 million unemployed off theirs.'; 'Government Minister Warning: The unemployed can seriously damage your



health.' OUTSIDE: The Leicester Unemployed Workers Union had helped organise a picket of 70 people who gave Tebbit a real shock when he came out and had his way to his car blocked by angry hecklers — one of whom nearly knocked him over. Unfortunately, Tebbit got away.

Yet the Government adamantly fight on with their attack on the young unemployed. Most recently they have committed

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ROACH FAMILY SUPPORT COMMITTEE
50 RECTORY ROAD
LONDON N16

Get ready for Conference

by Mick Liggins

AT last year's YS conference there was a good show of Class Fighter supporters, and we were able to run a series of very successful fringe meetings.

In particular this year we must fight to get the maximum number of delegates and observers there. The best answer to the attacks on the YS by the right wing would be a very big and successful conference, that pledges itself to a determined and principled fight against the right wing witch-hunters.

The resolution book has already come out, and we have a poor showing in it in terms of our resolutions. We can certainly do a lot better. Let's make sure we have a big push for amendments, and also delegates.

The Class Fighter Steering Committee decided to hold meetings on women, gay rights, YCND, on 'Fighting the Witch-hunts', and the Class Fighter 'What We Stand For' meeting, as well as supporting and building for a meeting organised by the Turkey Solidarity Campaign

and the Labour Committee on Ireland meeting.

This will mean an organised intervention to make sure that the meetings are built for, as well as doing contact work, etc.

Comrades should be raising the trade union forms in their unions. They are available from Walworth Road, and ask for sponsorship to the conference from trade union branches.

There are also leaflets on Socialist Youth, calling for unions to take copies in response to the recent attacks.

Whilst we reserve the right not to sell Socialist Youth, and sell the paper of our tendency, we must defend the right of the YS to produce a paper 100%, and this is one way of doing it — and at the same time, raising the YS in the union branches.

For comrades who have difficulty with accommodation, we will be organising some accommodation in Bridlington, but we must

have bookings well in advance, and, of course, deposits to pay for the bookings. Where possible, comrades should take up accommodation with their own YSs, and discuss throughout the conference with the other comrades in your branch.

Class Fighter supporters will be meeting on Friday night to distribute literature, and organise final details. We must make sure our delegates get there early on Friday to attend composite meetings. In particular, there are two resolutions on gay rights — and we must fight to get that issue discussed at the conference, and not let it be pushed out in favour of some jamboree discussion on the monarchy.

YS Conference is in Bridlington from Friday April 1 to Monday 4. Contact Class Fighter, 214, Sickert Court, London N1 soon for accommodation details.

WANTED



PETE CASHMAN is the Class Fighter candidate for the YS place on the NEC. Active in the Labour Committee on Ireland (he's the youth officer) and organising the unemployed on Merseyside, he is committed to involving the YS in the day to day struggles of young working class people, for jobs, housing, sexual liberation.

Get your YS to nominate him (into Walworth Rd. by Feb 17) and if you want to discuss with him, invite him to a meeting.

YS gay group

A group of YS members have formed a YS gay group. They can be contacted via the Labour Campaign for Gay Rights at The Gav Centre, 61A Bloom St., Manchester.

First meeting: Feb 27, 6 pm., Gays The Word Bookshop, 66, Marchmont St., London WC1.

YOUNG gays in the YS are determined to make Gay Rights an issue in 1983. For too long the Militant dominated leadership has ignored us and our struggle.

The YS must realise that Gay Rights are a working class issue, affecting the lives of young men and women — many in the Labour Party and Trade unions.

One excuse used for not supporting us is the 'No Gay Liberation without Socialism' argument, which is a fact, but provides no reason for not confronting the everyday oppression facing young gays at school, at home, or at work.

Discrimination and victimisation at work is very common as is police harassment of gay pubs and clubs. There is also the reactionary age of consent law to contend with, which makes gay sex for males illegal under 21 years of age. For heterosexuals, the age limit is 16.

Although socialists in general for many years have neglected the gay issue, there is a tradition within socialist parties to strongly support sexual freedom and the rights of gays. Two notable examples are the German Social Democratic Party of the early part of this century, and the Russian Bolshevik Party before the rise of Stalinism. In 1917, the Soviet Government abolished the Tsarist anti-homosexual Act.

This year's YS Conference has three resolutions on gay rights: these should be strongly supported.

WOMEN

Fed up with being in a male-dominated, macho YS? Do you think the YS should take women's issues more seriously?

Class Fighter is holding a one day conference for women: we'll be discussing the subjects other meetings ignore, and there won't be any men there to tell us how to think or what the right attitude is towards our own sexuality.

We'll be having workshops about women's unemployment and how to fight it; images of women we are given to live up to — perfect wives, and so on —; organising women in the YS; a practical session on self-defence; black women's oppression; and a discussion about gay and straight sexuality, and, of course, what Class Fighter is going to do about it.

The Conference will be in Coventry on March 12, and is open to all women.

Contact: Miranda Stead, Class Fighter Women's Conference Organiser, 36, Raleigh Rd., Feltham, London. (Or ring 01-609 3071)

Defend Militant

MILITANT must be defended against the witch-hunt. Every expulsion must be resisted all the way.

Fight

While doing this it is necessary for socialists to distance themselves from the way Militant has chosen to fight the witch-hunt.

Against the register Militant has refused to concentrate on a political fight and on building the widest left unity to win it.

Instead it has gone to court! This is tactically stupid given that the right wing has an NEC majority. It was predictable that they would change the rules to make them legally watertight. Militant has, by its tactics, helped a right wing to go for a deeper and probably more sweeping purge than they could have done under the proposed register.

It is also unprincipled. There are occasions when it is perfectly reasonable for socialists to use the courts.

It is contrary to all basic principles of Marxism and working class socialism to go to the bosses courts and set them up as the arbiter of the internal affairs of the labour movement. That's what Tebbit and the Tories are doing with their anti-union laws.

Against this background, Militant's going to the courts and, in effect, asking them to decree a larger measure of democracy than they can get from the NEC is to spread a great deal of confusion.

We must resist not invite every and any attempt of the courts to set themselves up as impartial adjudicators available to all including the labour movement.

Labour Party and Trade Union democracy can only be won and secured by educating the rank and file. Militant's action will hinder this not help it.

Nevertheless, the defence of Militant is now the front line against the right wing backlash.

Jane Ashworth
Islington YS

BAN PLASTIC BULLETS!



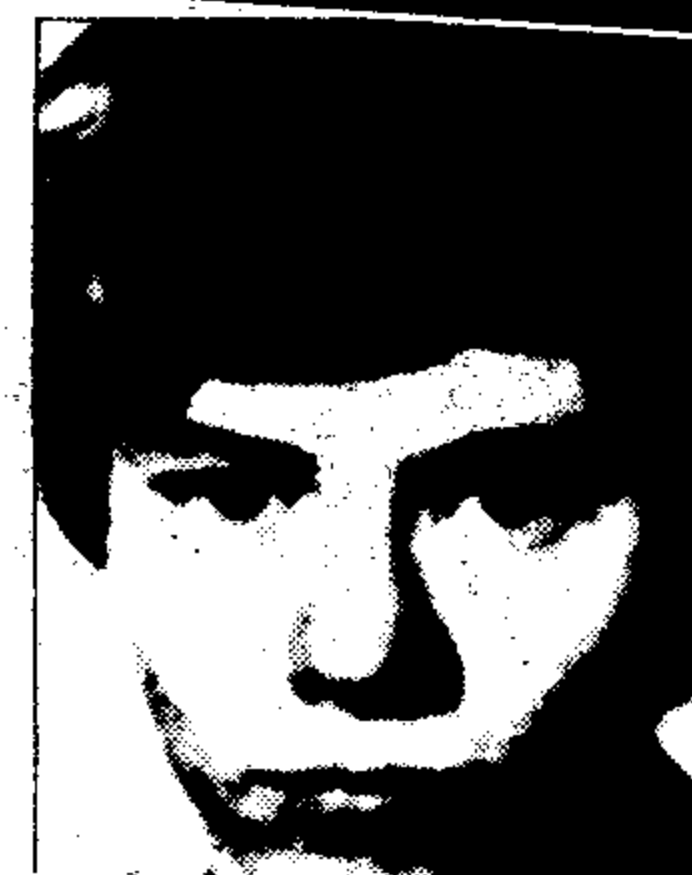
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PLASTIC bullets have caused the death of 14 people in Northern Ireland, including 7 children, and also caused serious injury to many more people.

The European Parliament has condemned their use, but the British Army still use them, like peas from a pea shooter.

The main reason for the use of plastic bullets is for propaganda. The people who shoot them know they kill; the people who are shot know they kill, but the general public think they are harmless.

The police on the mainland also use them.

At the last Labour Party Conference a motion was passed to ban plastic bullets — since then a number of Labour County Councils have stopped buying them for their police force.

The motion to Labour Party Conference was a big step forward in the campaign to ban plastic bullets, but like so many motions the right wing of the Parliamentary Labour Party came out against it.

To make sure the Labour Party keeps its promise there must be an organised campaign to get them banned.

The Labour Movement Conference to ban Plastic Bullets in Manchester on February 26 is the first step in the campaign. It has widespread support from the Trade Unions and Labour Party and everyone who can should urge their organisations to send a delegate, to make sure the conference is successful, and the campaign to ban plastic bullets is effective.



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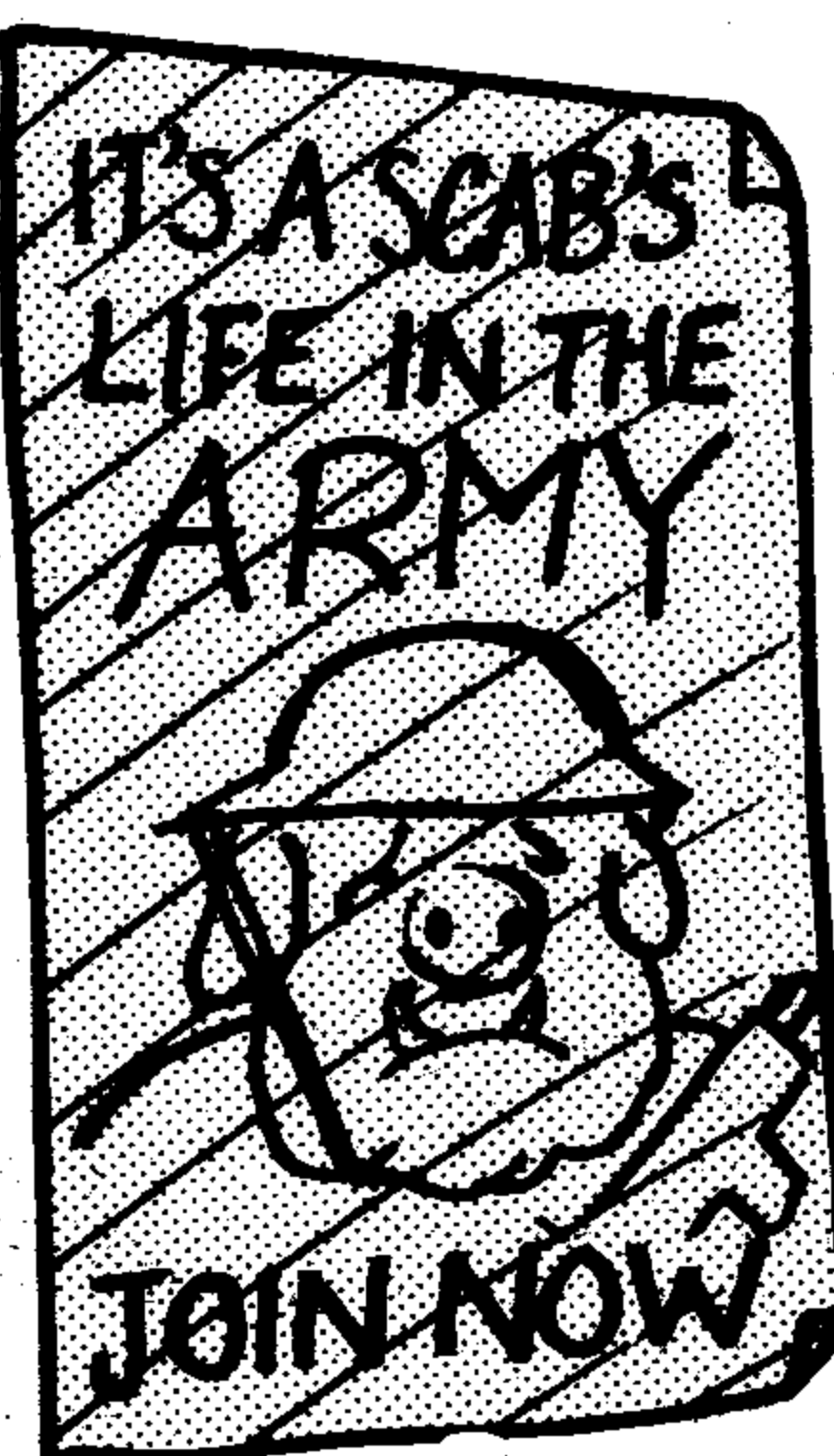


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Pete Cashman, Wallasey YS, Labour Committee on Ireland Youth Officer
Contact the Plastic Bullets Conference, Box 15, 164/6 Hanging Ditch, Manchester M3 4BN.



Wrong camp

From the Class Fighter leaflet at London Region YS Conference.

THE British Army is the steel edge of the instruments of oppression in Britain. Its officer elite are the trained bodyguards of the upper class in this country.

The 'working class sold-

iers' — the squaddies conscripted by unemployment — are trained and brutalised into scabbing on their class, they have been used in strike after strike as government-paid blacklegs.

In Ireland these 'workers in uniform' simply act as thugs, with orders to 'shoot on suspicion'. In November and December of last year the British Army and the Royal Ulster Constabulary between them shot dead seven unarmed civilians. 19-year-old Patrick Elliot was shot dead, for example, for stealing £20 from a chip shop.

Pressure

Wherever the 'ordinary soldier' may come from, and whatever the pressures that drove them into the army, the simple fact is that they are trained to simply follow their orders — orders which come directly from the most open agents of ruling class repression. And in the last fourteen years of the war in Ireland has there been even one sign of opposition to Army terror from within its ranks!

The place of those who are used as the armed forces of the ruling class is not inside our movement, their 'job' puts them clearly and unmistakably in the camp of our enemies.



Watch out! The "workers" are coming! (?)

Fighting the Bombs Greenham women do it their way

Judith Bonner of YCND National Committee and Coventry South East YS writes about the fight against Cruise and what YCND is doing.

WOMEN — over 30,000 — surrounded Greenham airbase on December 12 last year. This overwhelming event marked the third anniversary of NATO's decision to deploy Cruise in Europe. It was an act of solidarity between women, building action against the bomb.

There were things we didn't like: the 'Go Home Yanks' slogan (which we took down), and the overt approval of the family unit. But we wouldn't have missed this biggest political protest by women in this country this century for anything.

December 12 and 13, 1982, should be heralded as a successful show of direct action against the missile. On the day, bourgeois TV and radio, try as they may, could not but show that the 'so-called Greenham Womens Peace Camp' had gained mass support. In the street, at work, at school, everyone thought of the courage and applauded the women demonstrators. Many participants demonstrating for the first time, asked 'Is this enough?' — and joined the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Elsewhere, arguments raged, as indignant men denounced the action as sexist and divisive. The Daily Mail wrote about those there as being lesbians, single mothers, the unemployed, and other such social outcasts. Letters flooded into the press taking issue with the day's deviousness, not its successful opposition to Cruise. Even the left pointed first to its 'class blind' deficiencies, before uttering any support.

'We want socialism, not pacifism' retorted one male SWPer, when asked why he

was here — obviously blind to the subtleties of gender.

Yes, there were a lot of women there 'wanting' socialism, — and an end to patriarchy. At the same time, we were a teeny bit worried that the bomb would get us before we dug our heels in to organising soviets and councils of action.

Men got very concerned: Golly gosh — thirty thousand women demonstrating on a political issue — without men — whatever next? (fears of castration loom).

So why should it have been women only? One

good reason is that's what the women at the camp wanted. Now, if you've been living under a plastic sheet for 16 months as a protest against Cruise, then the least you expect is that people respect the way you define solidarity protest action. All CND groups who encourage men, and all the men who turned up, ensured of course that we couldn't make that definition of how we organised: a reflection of the male dominated society? What's so bad about organising separately anyway?

Look at other demonstrations, led, stewarded and addressed predominantly by men.

Do we aw women cease to be a potential revolutionary force, if we organise apart from men? Autonomy should be seen not as a concession but as a necessity.

For women to be equal to men — indeed, overthrow men as oppressors — then central to the struggle against patriarchy and capital-

ism is women's autonomy.

Our own experience shows that organising with men is not done on an equal level. The machoness and aggressive speaking manners don't help women attempting to overcome lack of confidence and intimidation. We need our own space to move where we want.

Other people criticise the emphasis on peace, yet this to a degree proves very successful. On the Monday the police were forced to walk the long nine mile base perimeter, taking over 3 hours on each gate to remove pickets, because the women had peacefully surrounded their vans!

Whilst we should be fully aware of the repressive powers of the state and its armed forces, it is they, and not us, who determine the level of violence.

If men and their egos were so upset that there was no stopping them taking the initiative to organise solidarity. For example, they could have organised local demonstrations in support, and even taken along those kids they should have been looking after.

Greenham Common proved yet again the organising capability of women. It reflected our strength and solidarity as women. This is the year of Cruise. We need to build mass action against missiles. I think 30,000 women makes a very good start — don't you?



Women surround Greenham airbase

YCND IN BRIEF

Rock the Bomb

1983 is a critical year for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and, not least, its youth section Youth CND. We have one major task: to stop the bomb, and, at the moment, that means preventing the siting of 160 US Cruise missiles.

That's why May 7 is going to be an important date in youth's diary. No, — not the Cup Final, but YCND's

first major National event. Rock The Bomb.

A festival against Cruise is to be held in Brockwell Park, and we've received financial help from the GLC, as part of their Peace Year.

Roughly, the day should go like this. We start by marching from Embankment to Brockwell (which is about four miles) — hopefully, a political demonstration, but

also a carnival manner where the local community, who will be organising events, will welcome us.

On stage, our compere will be John Peel, who should take an anti-Cruise style for the next few hours through some of the following bands: Madness, The Funboy Three, maybe the Belle Stars, Soft Cell, a reggae band, a jazz/folk band, and others. Intermittently comedians, like Rik Mayall, Neil Innes and political poet Linton Kwesi-Johnston will step in, perhaps to introduce one of the following speakers: Keh Livingstone, a woman from Greenham, a Youth CND speaker, and somebody from the local community.

Sponsor

To date, none of the above has definitely confirmed that they're playing, although Paul Weller is definitely sponsoring the event, as is Two Tone Record Company.

Apart from the very important cultural aspect of the festival, don't let us forget what it's all about — stopping the bomb.

What's YCND doing?

YOUTH CND, besides launching a Festival Appeal Fund and the Festival itself, have two other projects in action at the moment.

We've launched a national 'Refuse the Cruise' petition, and during the week Feb 7-11 there's a national Week of Action Against Unemployment and Trident.

The leaflet produced for the Week of Action is designed to make direct links between unemployment and spending on arms. Different Youth CND groups in the areas have taken on various activities in the Week of Action. In Coventry, for example, we are leafletting schools, FE Colleges, YOPs centres, the dole queues, and Careers and Job Centres. We start the Week by launching the National Petition in the town centre — hopefully, with local councillors,

MPs, and celebrities — and we'll be finishing the Week off with a Day of Events Against the Bomb on Saturday, 12th, where we'll be launching our next venture: mobilisation for the May 7 Festival.

Leaflet

If you are not in a YCND group, then why not start one by ordering copies of the leaflet (£1/hundred) from the Youth CND address, and go from there. It's very easy to set up a group. Or, if you're in a LPYS branch, get your Secretary to order a load, and get the YS to give them out.

Whatever, make sure you get the national petition (also from the YCND address).

YS for YCND

Greenham Common, year of Cruise, 7,000 YCND members, Unilateralist motion passed in the Labour Party, Tories willing to spend a million to combat CND's influence — and where's the YS? On the sidelines, telling people to join it instead.

Class Fighter has received two contributions from YSs calling for a pro-YCND campaign in the YS...

PECKHAM

WHY doesn't the YS organise support for YCND? There's policy in favour but time and time again YS members dismiss YCNDers and YCND as middle class, and lecture about the need for socialist solutions.

We think that YCND should be built and the YS should be the best builders of it. Winning the respect of YCNDers, by showing them socialists want to build a massive anti-war movement, have good ideas for activity, and can offer the political answers too is the way to influence YCND and recruit to the YS. Giving out leaflets from the sidelines won't win us a hearing or build YCND, or stop Trident and Cruise.

Our YS moved the motion at London YS Regional Conference calling for a mass mobilisation for the YCND festival in Brockwell Park. The motion was defeated, but we have decided to go ahead and organise YS support anyway.

There will be a meeting on March 14 in the Labour Party Rooms, Lansbury House, 41, Camberwell Grove, London SE5, for any YS member who wants to get involved. We hope to have a contingent on the demo, produce unofficial YS YCND leaflets, arrange discos to raise money and build up currents within YCND of YS members and in the YS of YCND members.

If your YS wants a speaker, or you want to know what we'll be doing but can't get to the meeting, Peckham YS can be contacted at the above address.

Geoff Slee, Chairperson, Peckham YS

WALLASEY

OUR delegates at the CLPD AGM met up with Peckham YS. We heard about their plans to organise support in the London YSs for the YCND festival and decided that we should go one step further. We think there is a need for a national campaign in the YS to force it to carry out its paper support for YCND.

Will Class Fighter join us in launching the "YSs for YCND"? We think the campaign will improve the YS's dreadful reputation in YCND, turn YS branches to the thousands of youth interested in staying alive, help win YCND to socialist policies and YCNDers to the YS.

Wallasey YS sees YS for YCND as a broad campaign involving members and branches who are interested to take up this type of approach to YCND nationally. We want Class Fighter readers to come to our meeting at YS national conference and discuss with us what demands the campaign should be organised around.

Pete Cashman for Wallasey YS

Class Fighter says:

LIKE Wallasey, YSs all over the country are dismayed at the way the NC hasn't organised to build YCND nor its activities like the Youth March for Jobs Not Bombs to the Labour Party Conference.

There it is, the largest growing youth movement in Britain, and what does the YS do? — instead of getting involved building it we stand on the sidelines leafletting, telling YCND about socialism and the need to nationalise the armaments industry. Implication? We won't participate until YCND has a bold socialist programme.

Class Fighter will take up the call from Wallasey: we want to see the YS nation-

ally building the May Festival, with every branch working with local YCND (or setting up one).

Class Fighter wants a large and open YCND — inside it we fight for the Labour Movement orientation which will drive out the liberals and pacifist influences which weaken CND and take youth away from socialist ideas.

If we are going to convince YCND activists that socialists are right — only the labour movement can bring about total nuclear disarmament and so win activists to the YS, we have to be the best builders — we have to earn a hearing.

Join the YSs for YCND!

Contact: Youth CND
11, Goodwin Street,
London N4
(Send £1 to join)

CLASS FIGHTER

SUPPORT THE WATER WORKERS!

THE water workers' strike could pose the biggest threat to this government since the steel strike in 1979. It is also the most solid strike.

Norman Tebbit made a speech claiming that the strike was illegitimate because there was no mandate from the membership. He based this claim on the fact that 'only' 63% of those water workers eligible to vote actually voted in favour of a strike.

At the last election, only 30% of those able to vote actually voted for the Tories! Was that a mandate to throw 4-5 million on the dole, to set up cheap labour schemes for hundreds of thousands of young people and launch all the attacks they have on the working class and their trade unions?

Tebbit's speech served a purpose. He made it perfectly clear to the water workers that their battle was first and foremost with the Tory government.

The water workers won't win alone. The power workers have their own pay claim outstanding. We say they should come out on strike now in support of their claim alongside the water workers.

But we, too, must give them all the help we can. Get your YS branch, YCND group, or unemployed workers' organisation to go down to the picket lines and show whose side you are on.

Get fund raising sheets and raise money for the water workers in your YS, YCND, Labour Party or trade union branch.

*Victory to the water workers.
*Bring down the Tory government.



What's all this about water workers getting £130 a week? In fact, they get less than half that. This is the average pay slip of a water worker from Stratford.

THE UNEMPLOYED CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH!

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themselves to having every school leaver either in full-time education or on a Youth Training Scheme by September 1985.

Initially YTS was to be compulsory, and supplementary benefit for all 16 to 17 year olds stopped. Although this was rejected after pressure from the Manpower Services Commission, Labour Party and Trade Unions, there is no doubt that the Tories will implement it the first chance they get. This will mean £25 a week youth training allowance or nothing. It will mean a total denial of freedom for these youth due to lack of money. So under the guise of training, the government is going to reduce the supplementary benefits bill — leaving the money for arms spending — slash the unemployment figures — vital propaganda for them at the moment.

Youth Training Schemes and YOPs are not just an issue for youth. The £25 allowance is being used to drive down wages of those in 'proper' jobs. Employers can get away with paying a rate just above £25 a week which youth have to accept as its more than the YOPs and YTS rate, and the supplementary benefit level.

So who really gains? The bosses gain by having free labour to replace all young workers — especially apprentices.

The government gain by reducing unemployment figures and taking another step towards their aim of getting all under 19s out of the job market and on to training schemes.

The Trainees lose out and they know it: there's no chance of jobs after training, and the schemes are obviously futile as an answer to unemployment.

The present trainees are voluntary and the reaction against the schemes can only increase when all

youth are forced onto it. But this reaction won't lead anywhere unless the youth are organised in trade unions where possible, and unemployed groups, to campaign against unemployment and its effects.

Hackney College, at the moment being 'commanded' for the NTI, has problems with their switchboard. Bosses from firms all over Hackney jammed the phones recently with complaints that their 'slaves' hadn't turned up! Too bad... what do they expect for £25 a week?

MONEY FOR THE PAPER!

We decided to go ahead with this paper, reduced to 4 pages. This is because we're broke. We wouldn't be if you paid your debts.

Please send money to 13, Buxton Rd., London N 19 - Now!

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Dear Sickert Court Starving Dog,

Here is the £2 owed by Accrington LPYS for C.F. Papers. It's probably not enough to get your rabid gnashers into, but at least you've got some teeth: mine were kicked out by another rabid animal — my bank manager — who discovered that I was x (10xn) over-drawn!

Anyway, I've still got the strength to sell C.F. at home and at Preston Poly, so keep sending the papers,

See you,

Richard Emmett

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- ☐ I want a subscription to Class Fighter, and enclose £3 for 12 issues.
- ☐ I would like more information on the National Left-Wing Youth Movement.
- ☐ I would like a National Left-Wing Youth Movement speaker for my LPYS, YCND or other meeting. I enclose details.
- ☐ I want to become a Class Fighter supporter and enclose £5 (waged), or £1 (unwaged). This entitles you to NLWYM Newsletters, mailings, a supporters card etc.

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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 Labour Government like the last one!