

THE FIGHT IS JUST BEGINNING . . .

The media is trying to convince us that this strike is doomed, but the evidence around us shows this to be a lie! Their portrayal of Lancashire and Nottinghamshire SCABS as heroes should leave us in no doubt as to who's side they are on. In reality throughout the country support for the strike is growing, confrontations with the state (ie. the police) are becoming larger and more ferocious, this is why the media is lying! THE STATE IS SCARED SHITLESS! Not for what the strike is, but for what it may become!

Ultimately the state will use any weapon it can to prevent the strike from spreading, to isolate and defeat it, using as we have seen:-

TACTICS OF FORCE

The police have been used against the miners on an unprecedanted scale, one miner was led to comment; "Police operations while the Yorkshire Ripper was at large were like a vicars tea-party compared to this. Our crime is that we want to save the coal industry." The abuse of the Pass Laws to restrict movement; reports of agent provocateurs; massive phone tapping operations and army personal on picket line duty shows us what we are up against.

TACTICS OF STARVATION

The starvation tactics being implemented through the D.H.S.S. shows us that the whole machinery of the state is being used against the workers and reveals that the Welfare State is not for our welfare, but for the welfare of our rulers. The state exists no matter which party is in power, the laws it makes always reflect the interests of our rulers. The reforms it implements are not out of concern for the working class but only to pacify us, to maintain the stability of the capitalist system. The Welfare State exists because without it the working class would take back the wealth it created in the first place, it would disposses our parasitic rulers. (In Britain, 7% of the population owns 84% of the wealth!).

WARGAMES

Some years ago the D.H.S.S. conducted a 'wargame' where all benefit payments in a certain area were interrupted. The reason for this rather sick little 'game' was to see how long it would take before moneyless people became desperate and ransacked their local supermarkets. The answer was three weeks, a

result which must have worried our rulers but is highly encouraging to us: it shows that they can not control us so easily! The class struggle takes place in many forms, and anything that hits back at our exploiters whilst serving the interests of the working class is a step forward in that struggle!

TACTICS OF DIVISION

Divisions which exist in the working class are exploited and manipulated by CAPITALISM. To some extent the divisions that are used to divide the class (by region and by trade as well as: skilled/unskilled; employed/unemployed; waged/unwaged - e.g. housewives; male/female; black/white; gay/straight; student/non-student, etc.) are overcome by united class action, where the working class recognises their common interest and power in struggling together to defeat capitalism's policy of DIVIDE AND RULE.

Sexism on the picket lines serves only to alienate women from the strike when, in-fact, they have an equal interest in this struggle being won and could be playing an important role in ensuring that it is won, either by striking for themselves if they are employed, or by joining the picket lines. Even now when the media attempted to get Nottinghamshire miners wives involved in anti-strike protests, miner's wives from Kent travelled up to Leicester to counter the demonstration. In Doncaster, Yorkshire women picketed the coal board offices where clerical workers continued to work during the dispute. Women and unemployed should be involved in picketing. Power stations, shipyards, steelworks and local industry should be picketed, since the most effective action they can take is to join the strike not just in sympathy, but by choosing this moment to take up their own demands.

AGAINST THE UNITED FORCES OF THE STATE, ONLY THE UNITED WORKING CLASS CAN WIN!!

NO COMPROMISES!

Trade unions help to keep the working class divided. Workers are constantly being betrayed by their union leaders. This is because the unions are founded on the belief that you can arrive at a compromise between the interests of capitalism and those of the workers. The union leader's job is to sell these compromises to the members and to avoid strikes whenever possible. Compromise has

always benefitted the capitalists rather than the workers, but today the crises in capitalism means that satisfactory compromise is no longer viable, the path of compromise is that of defeat! The overtime ban was called to

'put pressure' on the NCB to negotiate, and Scargill continues to call on the NCB to come to the negotiating table. The bosses do not want to negotiate with the working class, they simply want to smash us! In return we should make it clear that we are not prepared to negotiate or compromise. We should boldly declare that the power of the working class will FORCE the bosses to give in to ALL our demands!

INTERNATIONAL CLASS STRUGGLE

Trade unions help maintain divisions not only in trades and skill but also by nation. Scargill talking about the "industrial Battle of Britain" and calls for import controls only serve to alienate and injure foreign workers who have the same interest in overthrowing capitalism (whether it be the state monopoly capitalism of the East or the mixed economy capitalism of the West) as we do.

Recently in Europe we have seen many examples of mass strikes. In Asturias, Spain there has been a complete shut down of wage labour due to a response to threatened pit closures. Workers went way beyond the unions erecting barricades against the police and continuing the strike beyond the union time limit. Construction workers in Madrid joined the miners and blocked the roads with bricks, cement and plaster. In France steel workers have covered roads with coils of metal whilst in some areas they have pulled up the railway tracks. In Toulon a union controlled job centre was trashed and in Metz a local 'socialist' party headquarters was attacked though not burnt down as the Poles had done to similar establishments in Poland in 1970.

Even as we write we hear that 20000 BMW workers in West Germany have come out on strike in solidarity with German steel workers and against the directives of their unions. THIS IS THE WAY FORWARD! Bypass the union

bureaucracy and forge links directly with other workers. Cross trade boundaries and form joint strike committees to unify demands and coordinate the struggle for

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM

Socialism has nothing to do with the oppressive state capitalist regimes of eastern Europe nor has it anything to do with nationalistic policies of Labour. Nationalization is just another way of organising capitalism, we see no difference between being exploited by private entrepreneurs or by faceless state bureaucrats. Either way we get screwed whilst the unions play the role of pimps negotiating the rates.

Struggles we have outlined and more show us the hatred of the rules of the capitalist system, people are sick and tired of playing pawns in a world wide monopoly game, a game which profits only a small minority and leads to wars, governments, armies, police, poverty, suffering and alienation. Real socialism means an end to all this, an end to the money/market/wages system and the beginning of a world where production is organised to meet peoples needs by the people themselves. No more empty houses and homeless people, no more food mountains and starvation, an end to the so called 'logic' of capitalism! But more than this, SOCIALISM is an end to division, exploitation and oppression where the individual is sold bought or exchanged on the market as a commodity. SOCIALISM means that the full creative potential of every individual is realised and released for the common good of humanity as a whole, where individual fulfilment supercedes the oppressive desire for personal profit and gain. The power to create socialism is in your hands.....it is the power of the INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS!

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