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THE LATEST MASSIVE attack on asylum seekers from the government means tighter immigration controls and benefit cuts with:

- * The increasing of visa restrictions
- * The ending of the right of appeal for many
- * A whole set of "internal" immigration controls in the form of Big Brother interrogations from employers and public sector workers (read increased harassment of Black, Asian and other groups).
- * A list of "safe" countries which are no more than regimes the British government and bosses do good business with (irrespective of matters like human rights records, etc).
- * Tens of thousands will lose all benefits and may well end up living on the streets as the government wants to cut all

benefits to those on appeal or applying for asylum from within Britain.

Divides our class
The government is trying to gain some sort of support by using the race card to "keep the immigrants out". The lives of the vulnerable and the deaths of people like Joy Gardener mean nothing to government lowlifes in the scramble for the bigot vote. Such racism is intended to divide our class. For us, the working class has no country. The real aliens are the rich and their politicians (of all parties).

Public sector workers should be organising to refuse to implement and co-operate with their proposed immigration officer role. But we need to be organising resistance to the whole system on a wider scale.

Labour Pains

THE LABOUR PARTY has NEVER in its history been on the side of ordinary people - the working class - the majority who grow/produce things, run services such as trains, buses, etc and do essential but unpaid jobs such as housework and childcare.

Labour supported the mass slaughter of European and other workers in two world wars (arguments over which bosses controlled what, not "freedom" or anti-fascism). They then used troops to break strikes in the mythical golden years of the 1945 administration. The Welfare State (NHS, universal benefits, etc) was certainly a gain for us (to buy support after war sacrifice) but it was and is only a band aid for the massive death, injury and ill-health caused by business-as-usual.

Labour were responsible for the first racist immigration laws and for introducing monetarist policies under the 1974-9 government of "gentleman Jim" Callaghan (which closed 276 hospitals). Callaghan told a meeting of striking fire-fighters "gentlemen, we will smash you". Later, Labour happily backed the Falklands War, but couldn't support the historic miners' strike.

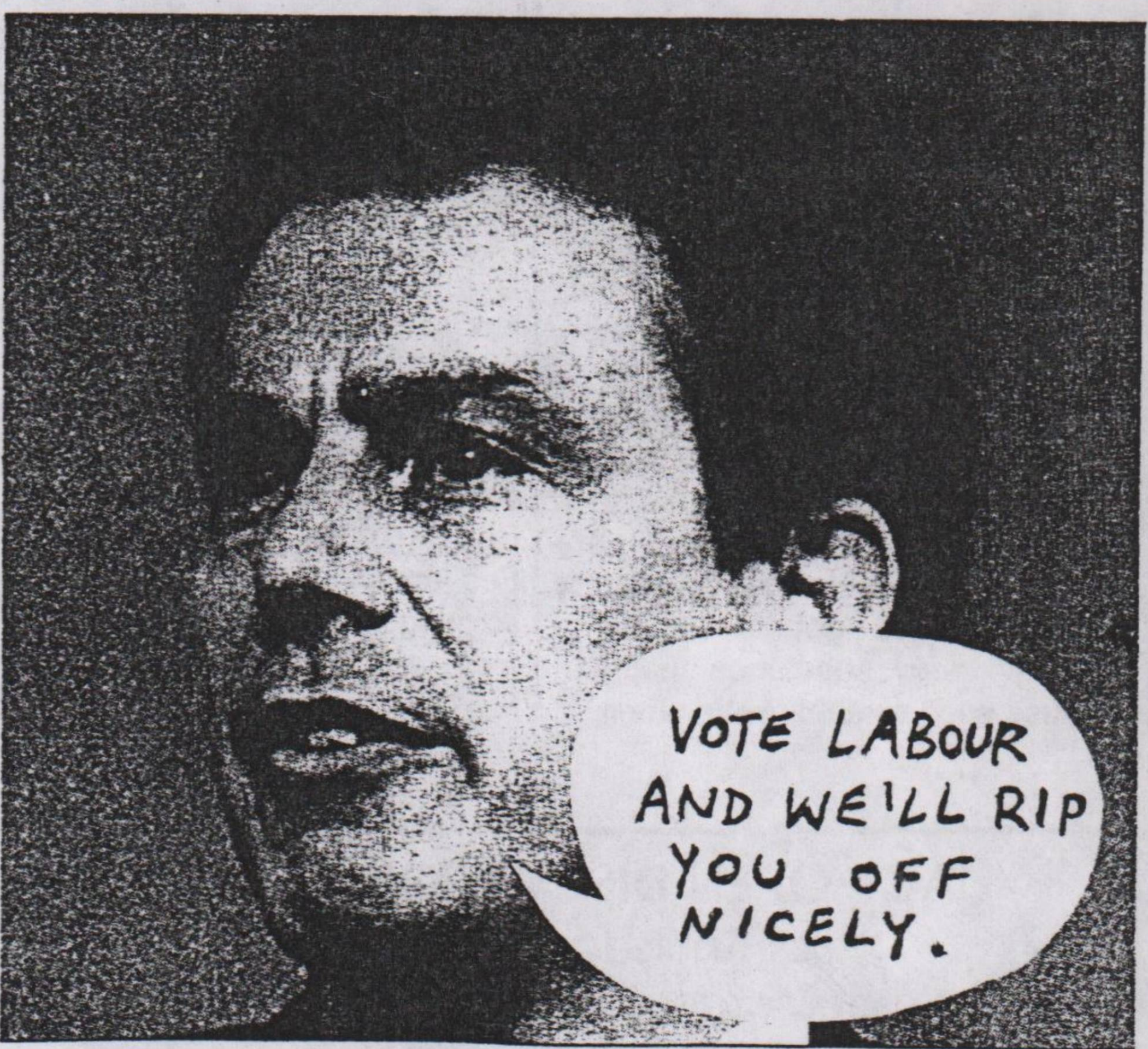
Tailor's Dummy
So Tony "looks and talks like a tailor's dummy". Blair is hardly betraying Labour's history - its more of the same. Labelling squeegee windscreen cleaners and beggars as criminals, supporting the Criminal Justice Bill (restoring stop and search, children's prisons, ending the right to silence, clamping down on squatting, raves, hunt sabotage, etc), refusing to set a minimum wage, grovelling to Rupert

Murdoch and the CBI (the bosses' union) etc. And the toe-rags aren't even in power yet!

HACKNEY

Labour has been in power in Hackney for decades - responsible for running down (and now trying to sell off) estates; for implementing the hated Poll Tax (socialist bailiffs and prison sentences); evicting thousands of rent debtors and squatters - all in one of the poorest boroughs in the U.K. But didn't the nasty Tories force a lot of this on them? Well yes, but mostly NO! This is our point - whichever party runs the government or council, is a boss and a landlord. They want the maximum work or rent for the minimum pay or services. Their power and wealth is the result of our work, poverty and lack of power. They are part of the system - power and wealth for the few. They couldn't run the system any other way (even if they wanted to).

So unlike the left, we don't tell people to vote Labour (critically or not), "Socialist" or "Real" Labour, leftist or "Communist" parties. We say that we, the majority must directly take control of our struggles without leaders or representatives and use direct action (strikes, occupations, squatting, etc) to win our struggles and to create a new moneyless, classless society where work and wealth is shared.



ORGANISE!

Quarterly magazine of the ACF. For a free sample copy write to the address over the page.

The Big Stink

IN SUMMER MANY Londoners woke up one morning to what they thought were gas leaks. Hundreds contacted the Gas Board. Eventually, it was decided that the strange smell had nothing to do with gas, but was an "unknown" smell that "probably" wasn't dangerous.

Unimportant

The smell wasn't only in London, but stretched to some parts of the



Midlands. Anyway, the authorities decided it wasn't important and the bosses media quickly forgot about it.

We can only speculate as to what it really was, but it's doubtful that it was as harmless as our rulers made out. We know it was some form of pollution as smells like that don't just happen on their own. Logic tells us that any pollution that can cause such a stink over hundreds of square miles is unlikely to be totally harmless. It's got to be some pretty dodgy substance that can cause such a widespread smell.

Cutting Corners

We are unlikely to be told what really happened (except maybe in 60 years time). In all probability it was some "accident" due to some capitalists cutting corners in order to save money. It might have been something even more sinister.

Pollution and the destruction of the environment are part and parcel of the bosses' racket - in their mad drive to increase profits, they will take any risks. But it's us ordinary people who have to count the costs with our health, our lives and our quality of life. Let no one doubt, this system truly stinks.

Smog levels in London and the South East soared beyond World Health Organisation "safety" levels on at least 39 days last summer. The government described air quality as "good".

N-TRAIN

The nuclear train carrying radioactive material passes through London every Thursday. Now just occasionally, once in a while, trains have been known to crash, derail, etc. The train (which passes through residential areas) is described as "safe" by the government.



Jobs Seekers Allowance

Means Stealing From The Poor
To Give To The Rich

ONCE AGAIN CLAIMANTS are under attack. With the introduction of the Job Seekers Allowance over the next year:

* Many benefit payments will be cut

* People will be forced to take low paid jobs or else will lose all their benefit.

* Every time you sign on, you will be interrogated to find out what you have done to find work.

Don't Agonise - Organise!

Fed up with being treated like a scrounger while the bosses get more and more for doing less and less?

Fed up with the government stealing from the poor to give to the rich in tax cuts and cheap labour?

Then get involved in the resistance to the JSA!

The ACF is involved in this resistance. Write to us and we'll put you in touch with those organising against the JSA.



If you would like further copies of *London Resistance*, then send us some stamps and we'll send you one for every stamp.

Who we are...

London Resistance is produced by a group of Londoners who are sick and tired of the rip-off dog eat dog society we live in. We refuse to be passive while the boss class robs and exploits us, impoverishes our class and makes loads of money out of our misery. We will not stand by with starvation and poverty across the globe while food mountains rot in Europe.

We will fight against all enforced inequalities between races and sexes.

We won't watch idly while the environment is wrecked in order to make big profits for a gang of wealthy crooks.

We resist being lorded over by government, politicians, bosses, police, priests, the rich and their hangers on.

We refuse to remain silent as the present system drags us all towards increasing barbarism and war.

Things Needn't Be Like This

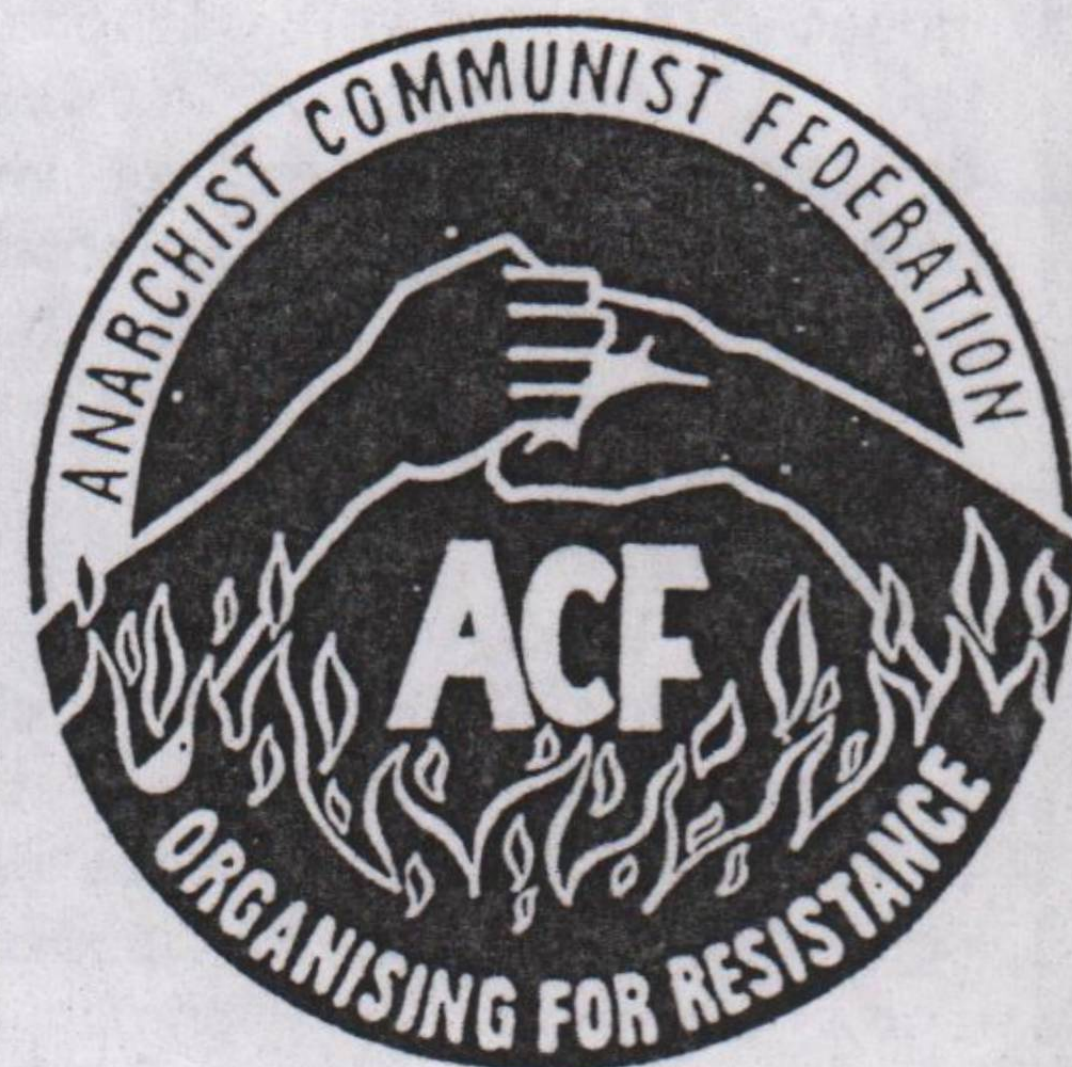
We believe it's high time the working class got organised for resistance to this crooked system.

It's time to give up following leaders and politicians (of whatever party) who all stand for one thing - grinding us down.

Our class has the *potential* power to do away with capitalism and government and can build a society based on freedom, equality and social and economic justice.

We are the London group of the Anarchist Communist Federation - an organisation with members all over the country. We are part of a rapidly growing international movement.

If you want to get involved or simply want more information, then write to the address below.



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ACF OPEN DISCUSSION MEETINGS

First Thursday of every month
8.00pm at Marchmont Street Community Centre
62 Marchmont Street, WC1
Nearest tube Russel Square
7 March: SWP Labour's Little Helpers
4 April: Anarchism and Religion
plus

May Day Public Meeting

Wednesday May 1 at 8.00 at Conway Hall
Red Lion Square WC1
Nearest tube Holborn