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"HIT AND RUN" POLICE- MAN KILLS YOUTH!

A CID OFFICER, DETECTIVE RAYMOND STORER, WHO DROVE ON AFTER RUNNING OVER AND KILLING A YOUNG MAN, WAS FINED £160 BY SOUTHWELL MAGISTRATES, AND ORDERED TO PAY £200 "COSTS", FOR "DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION".

Grahame Natrass, 20, of New Ollerton, died instantly after being hit by Storer's car, as he was jogging home to join his girl-friend at a New Year's Eve Party. He was discovered by passing motorists as he lay covered in blood surrounded by glass from the shattered windscreen of Storer's car on the A614 road. Storer was drunk at the time of the accident.

magistrate's sentence is tantamount almost to letting Storer off. Clearly the "full weight of the law" was not used against Storer, as it was, for instance, on the 80 or so people arrested during the revolts in Nottingham last July, many of these got prison sentences, merely for "threatening words" or "abusive words".

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FASCISM AND WAR —

GRAVE THREATS TO MANKIND

BRITAIN IS REFERRED TO as the "oldest democracy", but what do we see in Britain today?

The British Nationality Bill violates the principle of "equality before the law" by setting up three categories of citizenship each with different rights. British troops in Ireland and other countries, three million unemployed, US weapons and bases all over the country, 14,000 racist attacks per year (according to police figures), a quarter of the population below the poverty line, trade unionists forbidden to act in solidarity with their brothers in other countries . . . this is

not democracy. The democratic rights that we and our forbears have fought for — with great sacrifice — are being torn up in front of our eyes.

Although it is a tory government which is at present tearing up these rights, it is not an issue of one government or another, but a question of an overall trend in society, regardless of which party is in power, away from democracy towards fascism. It is a matter of urgent necessity that the people get

organised to oppose this serious danger.

The development of fascism and the threat of war — both are an expression of the deepening crisis. The crisis is

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CORNELIUS CARDEW —
GENERAL SECRETARY
OF NOC OF P.D.F.

Local News in Brief.CENTRAL TV, OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE MILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRES.

The new Central Independent Television, which is billed as putting the media firmly into the hands of the people of the Midlands, is very far from being "independent" of the rich. The major shareholders are the Associated Communications Company (51%), which was formerly controlled by Lord Grade, but now because of a boardroom "coup", is controlled by an Australian multi-millionaire. ACC might be forced to shed some small percentage of its shares in Central TV, because of a ruling that says that a British TV company can't be overtly controlled by foreign businessmen. After ACC the next largest shareholder is D.C. Thompson, publishers of various comics with 15%, then the Ladbroke's betting and leisure group with 10% and Rupert Maxwell's Pergamon Press and British Printing Corp. with 8%. Then comes various financial and pension concerns, Prudential Assurance (5%), Legal and General (2%), and British Rail Pension Fund (2%). The rest of the share-capital, 7%, has been divided between 1,000 small shareholders.

Thus over 90% of the share capital is firmly in the hands of the millionaires and billionaires, and the people of the Midlands have absolutely no control of Central TV - or any other TV or radio station. The same is true for the ordinary people throughout the country.

TI RALEIGH FINED FOR POLLUTING RIVER.

The results of an investigation last year into the extensive polluting of the rivers Leen and Trent, was that TI Raleigh was found guilty of dumping 1,600 gallons of oil into the river Trent. The court was told that it was one of the most serious cases ever dealt with by the Severn Trent Water Authority. Almost four miles of the river Trent running through Nottingham had been affected. For this "most serious" incident the company, part of the Tube Investments monopoly, was fined a derisory £700 and ordered to pay £50 costs.

During the recent bad weather so many people fell on the unsalted pavements in Nottingham and damaged limbs that both at the Mansfield General Hospital and Queen's Medical Centre, a shortage of crutches and walking aids were experienced.

The government cuts of 6% in cash to polytechnics and colleges over the next two years will cause redundancies among staff at polytechnics etc. For instance, at Trent Polytechnic twenty seven staff are to be made redundant in September. It is expected that 2,000 full-time lecturers will lose their jobs in each of the next two years.

Extra demand for beds in Nottinghamshire hospitals led to the suspension of routine admissions at both Mansfield General Hospital and King's Mill Hospital, Sutton-in-Ashfield. The problem was caused by the admission of more accident victims because of the bad weather and increased numbers of patients with respiratory complaints.

On January 30, there was a demonstration in Nottingham against the martial law regime in Poland. About 1500 people gathered on the Forest and marched from there to slab square in the city centre. Slogans supporting the struggles of the Polish working class and people for national independence, opposing any foreign interference in Poland and calling on American, British and Russian imperialism to get out of Poland were shouted on the demonstration.

NOTTINGHAM'S COUNCIL TENANTS FACE SAVAGE RENT RISES.

Nottingham's 52,000 council tenants face a rent rise of £2.70 a week from the end of March. The rise will mean some rents rising by 30%. This will be the second rise in little over 12 months. The tenants also face further increases in rates and water charges.

In a head-on collision between two buses on Arkwright Street, Meadows, at the end of last year, sixteen people were injured, many having to be treated in hospital. The driver of one of the buses had to be cut free from the wreckage by firemen. The accident happened because the road had not been salted by the council and the buses skidded on the ice.

ELECTRICIANS STRIKE AT CENTRAL TV TO END.

The electricians strike at Central TV is expected to end by the middle of February. The dispute was about pay and manning levels, and kept the Central TV studios in Nottingham off the air for at least six weeks.

Lincolnshire county council's total staffing of 17,650 in 1981 was a reduction of about 7% on the previous year.

MALPRACTICES BY POLICE DURING TRIALS.

The Law Society's report dealing with the court cases that arose out of the July revolts in Nottingham, states that many unusual and illegal practices took place. For instance, on July 13 all the prosecutions

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The death of Cornelius Cardew is a very great loss to the working class and people. On behalf of the members and supporters of Nottingham Committee of PDF, Nottingham Community News would like to send its condolences and best wishes to his family and all who worked with him, knew him and loved him.

A Nottingham Community News reader.

MILITANT DAY OF ACTION BY NOTTINGHAM COMMITTEE OF PDF AGAINST BRITISH NATIONAL - ITY ACT.

On December 4, several members and supporters of the local committee of PDF took part in a militant action against the British Nationality Act. Hundreds and hundreds of leaflets were given out to people in a part of the city denouncing this latest racist measure of the British government which is at one and the same time an attack on the immigrant communities in the country and the entire working class.

The BNA is a very serious piece of discriminatory legislation that divides the people in the country into three classes of citizens. British citizens proper - almost entirely "whites", "Europeans"; "citizens of the British Dependent Territories" and "Overseas citizens" all made up of "coloureds" and "non-Europeans". In other words this is discrimination on the grounds of colour. Another retrogressive step for the British state. As for relying on the Labour Party to repeal the BNA it was the Labour Party that set up the commission in 1977 that recommended these racist proposals. The BNA must be opposed on the basis of the working and progressive people relying on their own strength and unity and waging resolute struggle against the rich and their governments.

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that took place in the special "riot" courts were conducted by the uniformed police, and not, as is usually the practice, by members of the prosecuting solicitors' department. Police showed "albums of photographs" in the courts, taken in the area of gutted cars, smashed windows etc and general damage not related to any particular case. Defendants were unrepresented, and remanded in custody, or imprisoned, fined etc, with absolutely no legal advice or representation, while facts presented by the police were often found to be inaccurate and so on.

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POLICE PLAN PROPOGANDA SHOW ON ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLTS IN NOTTINGHAM.
Nottinghamshire police plan a special propoganda show, put on along with the armed forces, on the anniversary of last year's revolts in Nottingham. The purpose of this show will be to present the police attacks on the community, on the youth, working people and so on, in a "good" light. And in particular with the "new" nationwide "community policing", the idea is to lull the people into believing that the police are suddenly going to change their nature - laid bare by many recent TV revelations and other facts in the press - and assist the community and so on. However this is nonsense.

The show to be held in July will be organised by the propoganda department of the Nottinghamshire police - the so-called "community relations" department.

FASCISTS ESTABLISH A HEADQUARTERS IN NOTTINGHAM.
According to information reaching Nottingham PDF a shop selling military regalia and so on, on Mansfield Road is being used to promote fascism in the area, and in particular the ideas of the Hitlerite British Movement. One person who went into the shop was told that they keep cheap nazi arm bands "round the back" of the shop to sell to the youth, also on the wall of the shop a notice was pinned advertising a fascist meeting.

The fascist British Movement(which now calls itself the British Nationalist and "Socialist" Movement ie the "National Socialism" first made infamous by Hitler) is led by people who openly profess their support for Nazism, and uphold the ideas of Hitler. They are a racist, anti-working class group, who are financed, promoted etc by the most reactionary sections of the rich - the all-powerful banking bosses, and heads of the biggest industries, such as Barclays Bank, GKN, Tate and Lyle etc. The working people must fight tooth and nail against the fascist movement, oppose any fascist HQs in Nottingham or anywhere else, oppose giving the fascists any right to organise, or quarter in which to do so.

INCREASING BANKRUPTCIES OF SMALL BUSINESSMEN.
Last year 114 businesses were declared bankrupt in the Nottinghamshire area, compared to 80 the previous year, this is an increase of 42.5%. This is due entirely to the economic crisis. As a spokesman for the National Federation of the Self-Employed explained "... some large firms are taking their time paying the small trader for work which makes things more difficult". Also the small businesses are not able to pay for the high cost of borrowing, high energy costs, high rates etc, and so every year an increasing number are being forced to liquidate, are driven to the wall.

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WE WARMLY ENCOURAGE our readers to write to us on any topic, whether to seek advice or assistance in the democratic struggle, to seek clarification of any aspect of the work of PDF, or to present views or reportage for possible inclusion in "Nottinhham Community News".

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACRE OF IRISH PEOPLE ON "BLOODY SUNDAY"

JANUARY 30 MARKS the tenth anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when in 1972 14 unarmed Irish people were shot to death by British troops in Derry. Another 30 or so were wounded. On December 25, 1971, the people had marched from Belfast to the Long Kesh concentration camp where the internees were held defying a ban on demonstrations by the British occupying army. A further demonstration was called for January 30, 1972. The 1st Battalion of the Parachute regiment was flown in. The army publicly announced that it would halt the march "by force if necessary". As the march was being dispersed with gas and water cannon, the paratroopers arrived in armoured cars, immediately adopted firing positions and opened fire without warning on the unarmed demonstrators.

Not one independent witness has corroborated the army contention that the army "came under fire" or that "nail bombs were thrown". Many of the dead and wounded were shot in the back, others died going to the rescue of those already fallen; two were in fact shot fifteen minutes before the main attack. At least one was shot after being taken into custody. All the facts prove that the action was a cold-blooded massacre of unarmed civilian demonstrators, carried out on the orders of the government of the day with the hope of suppressing the mounting struggle of the people. However, these hopes were unfounded, and the struggle of the Irish people for the freedom of their country from foreign occupation and domination continues to mount higher and higher. Today it is the common demand of the Irish people, British workers and progressive and democratic people the world over, that BRITISH IMPERIALISM GET OUT OF IRELAND.

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THE SO-CALLED "CIVIL DEFENCE" PLANS ARE NOT FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE PEOPLE,
BUT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE RICH.

OVER THE LAST 20 years a network of over 36 underground bunkers has been built to house up to 20,000 civil servants and administrators in time of war. In the early 1950s Regional War Rooms were built at government regional offices (nine in England, one each in Scotland, Wales and the north of Ireland). By 1963, a series of underground bunkers housing Regional Seats of Government (RSGs) was constructed, including one in Nottingham. Since these were built the network has been considerably expanded with a series of Armed Forces Headquarters (AFHQs) and Sub-Regional Headquarters (SRHQs).

The AFHQs are mainly situated in large underground centres previously built by the RAF, their locations are kept secret. At least six of these are completely equipped military control centres, located deep underground. Apart from these there are bunkers for the BBC at Evesham; for British Telecom at Oswestry, for Ports and Shipping, for British Gas and Electricity, for the Arts and so on. The Central Government War HQ, though secret, are thought to be stationed in the Bath stone quarries at Corsham. The state also has a "command structure" for use in inter-imperialist war and for use against the people in any outbreak in Britain either prior to a war or during it. As early as January 1950, the Chiefs of Staff began planning to make Britain remain, in the event of war "a main offensive base for as long as possible, and an advanced air base (for the US) in all circumstances".

What conclusion should the workers and people draw from the elaborate "Civil Defence" programme? It is that the monopoly bourgeoisie's "defence" is not aimed at defending the population, but only at defending themselves. The people must fight not only against the growing danger of inter-imperialist war, but to oppose and obstruct the war preparations of the bourgeoisie.

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MILITANT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST STATE ATTACK ON 12 YOUTH IN BRADFORD.

ON DECEMBER 12 two thousand people took part in a militant demonstration in Bradford demanding the release of twelve Asian youth who have been arrested by the police and charged with "conspiracy" to cause "fire and explosions" and "grievous bodily harm". The demonstration marched through the local communities and Bradford City centre, ending the rally at the University. Many youth and other people joined the ranks of the demonstrators as they marched through the city. "No to Racism! No to Fascism!", "Self Defence is the only Way!", "An Injury to One is an Injury to all!", "All for One and One for all!", "For the Unity of the workers, for the Unity of the People!", "Down with the racist and fascist attacks!", "Drop the charges!" etc were among the many slogans shouted on the demonstration.

The demonstration shows that the attacks on the twelve youth in Bradford are being resolutely opposed as part of the struggle of the working class and people in defence of their democratic rights and freedoms and against the reactionary and racist violence of the state.

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Scarman Report:

AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE POWERFUL OPPOSITION OF THE PEOPLE TO THE ATTACKS OF THE STATE.

With the recent publication of the Scarman Report, the state admitted for the first time that the police are also responsible for racist attacks (along with the nazis) ie that the state itself carries these attacks out. The Report on the "riots" in Brixton and elsewhere, was very widely quoted in the Press.

Scarman is the special "riot expert" of the British state, called in for such major events as the Belfast "riots" of 1968, the Red Lion Square anti-fascist demonstration in 1974, Grunwicks, and now the nationwide revolts up and down the country in 1981.

Scarman's task was 1) to dampen down the public outcry against the vicious attacks on the people, and 2) his task was to give an appearance of "objectivity" by issuing a certain amount of criticism against some of the most blatant enormities committed by the state, with the aim that by this "hard-hitting" criticism, especially of some lower functionaries of the state, confidence could be restored in the possibility of receiving justice at the hands of the rich.

However, the events in question, the massive rebellion of the people and youth in the cities up and down Britain were an expression of the revolt of the working people and especially the youth and national minority people against vicious exploitation and oppression, against the attacks of the rich and their state. Contrary to the Scarman Report the people have no alternative but to further increase their struggles, to make them ever more mature, conscious and organised, opposing both attempts to channel them into anarchic actions and the attempts to dampen them down, subvert them and render them impotent by preaching faith in the state.

SIX MONTH STRIKE BY WOMEN WORKERS IN LIVERPOOL ENDS.

The 350 women workers employed by Liverpool City Council recently completed a strike lasting six months. The women workers, who are employed as typists, secretaries and machine operators, waged their struggle in defiance of the council's threats and the trade union chiefs, who finally threatened to withdraw strike pay if the workers would not go to "arbitration".

Women workers are increasingly taking up struggle in defence of their rights.

BRITISH IMPERIALISM - SECOND ONLY TO U.S. IN MILITARY SPENDING.

A comparison of military spending of various western imperialists government's shows that Britain is second only to the US in the proportion of its war budget to the Gross Domestic Product. The current annual budget for war preparations stands in Britain at £12.25bn., more than double

what it was 4 years ago - £5.6bn. This works out at 30% per annum increase.

Military budget
as % of GDP.

USA	5.5
BRITAIN	5.2
FRANCE	4.0
WEST GERMANY	3.4
BELGIUM	3.3
NETHERLANDS	3.3
DENMARK	2.4
ITALY	2.3
CANADA	1.8

These figures show the intensified drive of British imperialism towards war as an eager member of the aggressive US-led NATO alliance.

OPPOSE THE RACIST "PASSPORT CHECKS" IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE.

At the end of 1981 nationality and residence checks were carried out over a six week period in ten pilot hospitals round the country. Allegedly the aim of these checks was to detect "overseas persons" attempting to defraud the NHS by obtaining treatment to which they were not entitled. However, they were really to pave the way for the introduction this year of the racially discriminatory fees for "overseas" persons and are part of the increasing wide-scale surveillance and harassment of national minority people.

The results of a government survey published in December, admit that over 99% of the people using the NHS are legally entitled to, because they have been resident in Britain for more than three years, are permanently settled here, or are working here. As for the remaining 1% (81 out of 8,152) who were subjected to further questioning by the administrators, more than $\frac{3}{4}$ were found eligible due to reciprocal health agreements, or the emergency nature of their illness, or their status as non-resident UK citizens. This means that less than 0.27% were found to be ineligible to use the NHS' facilities. Hence there can be no economic basis for carrying out this screening as little revenue can be gained. Yet the DHSS has recommended that such checks be carried out on all persons admitted to hospitals this year. Similar screening is being started through GPs, family doctors and so on.

These schemes are in fact to "justify" wide-scale surveillance and information-gathering on national minorities while the information thus gathered will be used under the new British "Nationality" Act to remove the rights of the so-called "non-nationals" to deport them or conduct other racist actions against them.

The state's attempt to institutionalise apartheid-like racial discrimination through mandatory routine passport checks is part of its increasing development of racism and fascism.

International News.

Special Feature on POLAND:

SUPPORT THE STRUGGLE OF THE POLISH WORKING CLASS AND PEOPLE!

ON DECEMBER 13 the Polish authorities imposed martial law throughout the country in order to save themselves from the complete collapse of their state system, which they declared, was only "hours away". They imposed a savage reign of terror against the Polish working class and people, shooting down workers, killing and wounding many, and arresting and interning large numbers of workers and progressive people. This reign of terror continues to the present time.

The Polish workers and people have waged heroic struggles, strikes and demonstrations against the Polish rulers and their barbaric suppression. In these the workers of the Baltic ports, the miners of Katowice, and others were prominent for their bold and fearless defiance of the armed force of the state. As in the struggles which have been launched against the Polish rulers from 1970 to the present day, the working class has been at the heart of the resistance against the capitalist-revisionist system in force in Poland, against its savage exploitation and oppression, and against the foreign, and especially the Soviet, domination of the country.

In imposing the martial law regime the revisionist generals staged a virtual coup d'etat, unprecedented even in the history of savage repression by East European states, tearing to shreds the pretence that Poland was under the leadership of a "communist" party, proving beyond question that the leadership of affairs is not in the hands of the working people but in those of cliques who vie for power and replace one another by recourse to army and police, under the pretext of "state of emergency", just as is done by the bourgeoisie of the west and the reactionary regimes backed by the western imperialists.

The media in the United States and western Europe, including Britain, have shed streams of crocodile tears at the fate of the Polish people, endeavouring to exploit their tragic situation. Thus Reagan and Thatcher pose as the unlikely champions of "human rights" for the Polish working class. However, the western imperialists, the Catholic church etc have long been striving to wrest Poland from the Soviet Union's orbit and to bring it into their own. They have invested billions of dollars in Poland, creating an ever-growing burden of debt-interest on the Polish working people. They do not stand for the freedom of the Polish people, but their further enslavement to finance capital. Along with the most reactionary forces in Poland, they are striving to introduce a "self-administrative" system along the Yugoslav lines as a milieu most favourable for the increase of western capitalist penetration.

Within the whole situation, and despite the demagogy of all the western imperialists, the call for sanctions by Reagan and so on, there is a certain acquiescence in the "necessity" of the generals imposing martial law to prop up the Polish economy, not least to safeguard the huge western investments in the country. As one banker admitted, "it would be a good thing if Russia invaded, because then they would be obliged to honour Poland's debts".

The Polish working class displayed great bravery and militancy in its struggles against the exploitative and oppressive order. However, the subjective factor, the political force which leads the working class, plays a decisive role. With "Solidarity", the working class has been manipulated and directed by the Catholic church and Polish and world reaction on a course calculated to further the aims of these forces and to lead Poland into their arms, ie the arms of the western imperialists. This is why a nauseating flood of praise has been lavished on "Solidarity" by the forces which are the most rabidly anti-trade union as far as their own country is concerned - Reagan, Thatcher, etc or the Pope calling for "solidarity" with the Polish people and so on. This, together with the actual course of events, shows that the path of "Solidarity" is a path against the interests of the Polish working people and in support of the interests of western imperialism, the Catholic church and Polish reaction. In essence these forces had the aim of using the power of the working class simply as a kind of battering ram to wrest changes from the Polish authorities which would permit an evolution along the lines similar to Yugoslavia. They naturally oppose the working class "going too far", or rushing out of their control. Hence they strove to lead the workers to a path of alternately provoking confrontation and then pulling back, so as to secure various reforms favourable to their aims. The result is the present tragic events in Poland.

DOWN WITH THE MARTIAL LAW REGIME IN POLAND!

DOWN WITH THE REVISIONIST BOURGEOISIE AND SOVIET SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM!

DOWN WITH US AND WESTERN IMPERIALISM AND THE POLISH REACTION!

NO TO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN POLAND!

International News.**Biological Warfare Experiments:
FURTHER EXPOSURE OF BARBARIC NATURE OF
U.S. IMPERIALISM.**

In a report published in the October issue of the "Bulletin of Atomic Scientists" it was revealed that US officials guaranteed immunity from prosecution for war crimes to Japanese officials and "scientists" who conducted experiments in germ warfare on American, Soviet and Chinese prisoners-of-war in Japanese POW camps during World War II, in exchange for information gathered in these "experiments".

According to the report, which was based on documents of the US Defence dept. the Japanese experiments included freezing portions of the prisoners' bodies, exposing them to exploding fragmentation bombs, and giving prisoners massive doses of plague, typhus, dysentery, typhoid and other diseases, including syphilis. Some were injected with horse blood, had their livers destroyed by prolonged exposure to X-rays or were the victims of other medical "experiments".

In pursuit of their interests the US imperialists are able to tolerate and defend any savagery, any monstrous crime against the world's people, including the American people. According to the documents, the Japanese experiments are referred to as "invaluable" as they could not be obtained in the US "because of scruples (!!) attached to human experimentation" (Our italics - Ed). The documents further justified the agreement to grant immunity to the Japanese officials stating that "since any war crimes trial would completely reveal such data to all nations, it is felt that such publicity must be avoided in the interests of defence and national security of the US".

Thus in fighting the German Nazis and militarist Japan, the US imperialists falsely waved the flag of democracy and freedom whilst manoeuvring to pursue their own plans for eventual world domination.

**2nd Anniversary of Invasion of Afghanistan
EQUALLY BARBARIC NATURE OF AGGRESSIVE
SOVIET IMPERIALISM.**

At the end of December 1979, the Soviet imperialists invaded Afghanistan with 85,000 troops armed to the teeth in order to install a puppet regime, favourable to themselves, in power. Since the invasion two years ago, the Soviet occupation forces and the Afghan troops have never ceased carrying out fascist repression, including indiscriminate bombing and artillery attacks against the Afghan people. More recently, the Soviet and Afghan troops launched attacks in and around Kandahar, the second largest city, using air and artillery fire with the aimed of liquidating the armed resistance by the Afghan patriots. South of the city the occupation forces killed more than 100 Afghan people.

By launching fascist aggression against Afghanistan, the soviet imperialists (who call themselves "socialists", but act in the same manner as the (national) "socialist" Hitler) acted in the same way as the US imperialists in Vietnam and other parts of the world. This has further exposed them to the world's people as a savage imperialist superpower which pursues a policy of military occupation to install in power pro-Soviet regimes, as it also did in Czechoslovakia and Angola.

US "AID" INCREASES PLUNDER OF JAMAICA.

The foreign debt of Jamaica, mainly to the US, stands at 1.5bn dollars. Jamaica uses about 55% of its national income for the repayment of the loans which it obtained from the US and other imperialist monopolies. At the same time industrial production has fallen by 35% in the last seven years and unemployment is 33%.

24 HOUR ANTI-GOVERNMENT STRIKE IN INDIA.

Despite the preventive arreasts of more than 6,000 trade union activists and repeated threats not to go on strike from the Indian government, police and armed forces, millions of Indian workers took part in a one-day general strike on January 18 in opposition to the anti-worker laws such as the National Security Act and the Essential Services Maintenance Act which ban strikes.

As a result of the general strike, production in many industrial centres was stopped, banks and many other institutions as well as universities were closed. The general strike was the biggest strike ever to be held by Indian workers. In Calcutta, India's largest city, despite the High Court ruling making the strike illegal, the city was effectively paralysed.

The reactionary Indian state responded to the strike by carrying out the most repressive measures, including the killing of nine workers, and 1000s of arrests.

PEOPLE GO HUNGRY WHILE EEC DESTROYS FOOD.

Under its "Common Agricultural Policy" the EEC spent £60m. in 1980 buying up over one million tonnes of surplus fruit and vegetables. The following proportions of these food items were then destroyed:
cauliflowers: 85%; tomatoes: 80%; mandarines: 80%; oranges: 69%; peaches: 38%; apples: 27%. Much of the remainder was used as cattlefeed.

Under the "Common Agricultural Policy" of the EEC, agricultural prices are set at high minimum levels below which they are not allowed to fall, and any surpluses are bought up and destroyed. The aim of this exercise is to keep prices high and maximise the profits of the monopolies.

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language" etc.

But there are many precedents for policemen being treated leniently by the courts. A year or so ago, a drunken police inspector who ran over a pedestrian - on a pedestrian crossing - was fined. The policemen who murdered Blair Peach, the anti-fascist teacher, or Jimmy Kelly, a labourer from Kirkby, have never been brought to trial, much less imprisoned. Last year, during the disturbances up and down the country, the police ran over two youth, who they allegedly didn't see. Nothing has been done about this. In fact over the last ten years more than 300 people have mysteriously died in the various police stations, throughout the length and breadth of Britain. Perhaps, a dozen policemen have seen the inside of a prison for all these deaths "in police custody". This "favouritism" should not amaze us, it is well known, that there is one law for the rich, politicians, policemen and people of this type and another for the ordinary working person - the poor.

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rooted in the economy, it is an all-round crisis of the capitalist system, and it affects all aspects of life: economics, politics, culture, morality, and so on. The millionaires and billionaires and their parties and governments have no solution to the crisis. They continue their search for maximum profits in rivalry with one another, protect their own interests and force the effects of the crisis onto the backs of the people. But this can never solve the crisis. It simply gives rise to massive opposition from the working people and sharpening contradictions amongst the imperialist powers. These things exacerbate the crisis. In response to this the rich and their governments throughout the imperialist world are developing fascism, strengthening all their measures to suppress the struggles of the working people, and preparing for war.

In this extremely dangerous situation a great responsibility devolves on the working people in their millions. It is up to us to block these developments, to resolutely fight against fascism and paralyse the efforts of the warmongers to cast mankind into a new inferno. We cannot take sides between the two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, both of which represent the greatest danger to the peoples of the world, nor can we take sides between the rival parties of the rich on the basis of one or another being a "lesser evil". All the imperialist powers are heading for war and all the parties of the rich are implicated in the development of fascism.

The one factor against this is the unity of the people, their powerful struggles against the common enemies. We must oppose all chauvinist propaganda and policies which try to arouse the people of different countries against each other, and all racist propaganda and policies which try to set the different nationalities in Britain at loggerheads with one another. We must build and strengthen the unity of the people against racism and fascism, against imperialism and war. We must unite in action to defend our democratic rights, to fight for democracy, progress and freedom, to fight against unemployment, impoverishment and the serious danger to the lives and liberties of ourselves and our sons and daughters, to strengthen the unity and friendship among the nationalities and peoples.

This unity in action is impossible without organisations, and People's Democratic Front has taken up the work to build a fighting organisation of the people, irrespective of race, religion and political affiliation throughout the country.

We are launching this Bulletin to inform people of the work of PDF throughout the country, to take up major and minor questions affecting the rights and interests of the ordinary people, to counter the chauvinist, racist and warmongering propaganda of the media, and above all to unite all the people and advance the struggle against racism and fascism, imperialism and war.

NO TO RACISM! NO TO FASCISM!

NO TO THE WAR PLANS OF THE RICH AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS!

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ON THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESENT MONARCH:

THE MONARCHY - A BASTION OF THE RULE OF FINANCE CAPITAL AND REACTION!

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- 3) For the unity of the workers and people in Britain and throughout the world and against every attempt to create and incite divisions amongst the people.
- 4) In defence of the democratic rights and freedoms of the workers and people.
- 5) Unity in action against the promotion and activities of the nazi gangs and groups and against all racist and fascist politics and ideologies.
- 6) Unity in action against the increasing danger of war being created by the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and other warmongering and aggressive powers.
- 7) To oppose the aggressive, imperialist policies of the British ruling class and its government against the people of other countries and, in particular, their criminal and aggressive rule in the north of Ireland.
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