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DOWN WITH THE US\$ EMPIRE



Since the end of the Gulf War eleven years ago the Iraqi people's suffering has intensified beyond endurance. It is enforced by economic sanctions which deny them access to food, medicines and other vital supplies and a continuation of the bombing programme. Now the US wants to add military obliteration to this suffering. According to the United Nations, Iraq has shifted "from relative affluence to massive poverty" with infant mortality rates among the world's highest, at least a fifth of the population starving, and 5,000 children under 5 dying each month from disease and hunger.

Suzanne Muna

Now the United States and Britain are moving their vast military machine to the Middle East for another war with Iraq to impose 'regime change' by forcibly removing Saddam. A belated attempt has been made to find allies from other members of the UN Security Council through bribery and coercion. But Bush still issued an ultimatum to go it alone if the UN could not "show its relevance". The US has refused to rule out pre-emptive nuclear strikes.

The US's tactics would be disastrous, not just in Iraq but for all the region's peoples. At best, this war would result in rule through a more 'America-friendly' despot - a change of leader not regime. In almost every other Arab nation, leaderships already struggling to suppress internal dissent, openly fear US military action will ignite more significant uprisings.

All that has been done in the name of War Against Terrorism has increased conflict and uncertainty. The recent assassination attempt on Afghan leader Mohammed Karzai, and continued in-fighting amongst the warlords, reveal how little Afghanistan has really stabilised since 'liberation'.

Across the world, Muslims are held accountable for the actions of a few right wing Islamic groups. The words 'Muslim' and 'extremist' have become almost synonymous. Civil liberties and the Geneva Convention have been flouted with Asians in particular suffering a rise in racial harassment. A swathe of nations have increased surveillance and legislation specifically

targeting Arabs and Muslims, and many Governments now believe they have a green light to imprison without trial or legal representation.

We are told 'failure to support the US is to ally with Saddam'. This argument must be rejected. Saddam is a brutal dictator with much blood on his hands and the Iraqi people are desperate for an end to his rule. Saddam has used 12 years of allied bombing and sanctions to increase his stranglehold on Iraq. But American and Western leaders offer no solution to the problem; they were quite happy to support Saddam when he was at war with Iran.

The US attacked the Afghan people for harbouring Al-Qaida, yet took no responsibility for their own arming, training and resourcing of Al-Qaida. Bush stands on American democracy for his moral authority yet secured his presidency by disenfranchising thousands of poor, black voters. But both Bush and Blair now aid military dictators such as Pakistan's General Musharaf, who has weapons of mass destruction.

Western leaders cannot resolve global conflict because they will never give up power to ordinary people. Military action will only further impoverish the Iraqi people and lead to the loss of thousands of lives. It took a mass uprising in Serbia to remove Milosevic from power, so any solution to the problems of the Iraqi people must come from within.

A mass protest movement against US military action involving Black and Asian communities, young people, trade union members and others is developing in Britain, Europe, the US and worldwide. Left trade union leaders in the UK have spoken out against the war, but now must call action to stop Bush and Blair's war machine.

But the future of the Iraqi people lies in them securing the wealth of the country, both mineral and human, for the benefit of all the people not just the powerful and privileged minority.

A socialist programme could mobilise those who produce Iraq's wealth, the working people, to overthrow Saddam and to struggle for a democratic and socialist plan of production which could use the resources of Iraq to end poverty and suffering of its people. This would be a powerful weapon for the Arab masses to overthrow the other despotic rulers in the Middle East and establish a socialist confederation of the region.

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■ All welcome

■ Palestine ■ Who can live like ■ this? Who can die ■ like this?

Sharon's reactionary right wing government continues to rampage through the occupied territories. The Palestinians are facing daily slaughter and brutality. Unemployment in the occupied territories is reaching 50%. Fundamental human rights are being denied. There is no freedom of movement. The most basic services and facilities, such as sanitation, are in short supply.

Zena Awad

How can the Palestinians win national liberation? Imperialism cannot deliver national liberation for the Palestinians, as the failure of the Oslo Accord so graphically demonstrated. On the contrary imperialism, both in the past and today, bears the main responsibility for instability and the oppression of national rights in the Middle East.

Because the region is so strategically and economically important to the imperialist powers they have always been particularly quick to defend their interests by deploying the tactic of divide and rule and by backing dictatorial regimes. US imperialism has seen Israel as its client state in the region for much of Israel's existence, when it was an imperialist wedge against the threat of socialism and the Arab revolution.

More recently, US imperialism, in the form of the reactionary Bush administration, in reality gave Sharon an excuse for the Jenin massacre, hoping it would be possible to break the Palestinians resistance, leaving US imperialism 'free' to concentrate on attacking Iraq. Unsurprisingly this strategy was unsuccessful. The plight of the Palestinians is leading to increasing outrage amongst the rest of the Arab populations.

The right-wing, imperialist-supporting, Arab regimes are feeling the ground shaking beneath them and, despite their own inclinations, are under enormous pressure to reject a war on Iraq, more than in the past when most of them unequivocally supported the US in the Gulf war in 1991.

To take the Palestinian struggle forward a democratically run mass armed struggle of defence against the IDF onslaught is needed. But mainly down to the desperation felt by Palestinian workers, poor peasants and youth, who have been driven to the edge of despair, and due to the lack of democratic involvement of the masses, the struggle has adopted tactics such as suicide bombings.

But these methods of struggle have shown to be destructive for the development of the second Intifada. It is the Israeli ruling class not ordinary Israelis who are responsible for the nightmare situation faced by ordinary Palestinians.

Attacks on ordinary Jewish workers, who are not responsible for the crimes of the Israeli state, only drive Israeli Jewish people into the hands of the real oppressor, the Israeli government. The situation is becoming more polarized. Every day individual suicide bombing attacks from one



PALESTINIANS FACE DAILY SLAUGHTER AND BRUTALITY.

side and military bombings and invasions from the other result in killings, often of working class and poor peasant civilians, many of whom are women and children.

Socialists opposed the foundation of the Israeli state, recognising that it would be built on the enormous suffering of the Palestinian people, including their forcible dispersal and removal, and moreover would become a bloody trap for the Israeli Jews. Nonetheless, 54 years later, the national question is different because the Jewish Israeli population has an established national consciousness.

Given this, to deny the Israeli Jews the right to their own nation, would violate the right to self determination. Moreover, it is unachievable given the military backing of US imperialism from the Israeli state. There is an historical logjam. Just as the military might of Israel cannot crush the Palestinians' unquenchable desire for a state, the Israeli Jews' national consciousness could not be destroyed.

On the contrary many would be prepared to fight to the death to protect their homeland. However, this does not mean that the Israeli population is one undifferentiated mass or that large sections of Israeli society, particularly the working class, cannot be won to supporting genuine national self-determination for the Palestinians.

Some very progressive developments are taking place amongst the Israeli Jewish working class, often jointly with Israeli Arab workers and youth. There has been widespread industrial action against Sharon's policies and cuts, which he often justifies as 'the cost of war'.

During the massacre in the Jenin camp, over 1000 'Refuseniks', who are Israeli soldiers refusing to serve in the occupied territories, showed their protest against Sharon's oppression of the Palestinians. This is despite the fear felt by Jewish people of an Arab invasion to destroy Israel, despite the nationalist propaganda of the capitalist press on both sides of the region, and finally despite the fear of suicide bombers.

The establishment of a genuine

Palestinian state is only viable on the basis of the abolition of the capitalist social system and the establishment of a socialist Palestine alongside a socialist Israel as part of a socialist confederation of the whole of the Middle East. Under capitalism any so-called Palestinian state would be at best a new version of the Palestinian Authority.

That's why the so-called 'two state solution' is unachievable within the framework of capitalism. However, the overthrow of the rotten capitalism regimes and the coming to power of democratic socialist governments would create the basis for genuine negotiations between the two peoples.

It would be possible to begin to negotiate a solution to even the most intractable problems. For example, the right of return is ruled out on a capitalist basis, it would mean a bloody mirror image of what the Jews did to the Palestinians in 1948.

However, a socialist Middle East could provide the full economic and social resources to absorb the millions of Palestinians who would be given the right of return and guarantee increased living standards and democratic rights for the whole population, including minorities.

This is the position put forward by Nidal Eshteraki campaign, the solidarity campaign of the Black and Asian section of the Socialist Party in England, which is affiliated to the Committee for a Workers' International with 35 sections around the world and one of which is in Palestine/Israel called in Arabic Nidal Ommali Eshteraki:

Our demands are:
★Immediate withdrawal of all IDF troops from the occupied territories and the independence of a democratic socialist Palestinian state within the 1967 borders.

★For a mass struggle of the Palestinians under their democratic control to fight for genuine national and social liberation.

★For the establishment of popular, grass-roots committees, that will provide the basis for a genuine workers' leadership. The right of these committees to be armed for the purposes

of defence organised under the democratic control of the masses.

★The link up of struggles by workers and youth internationally in solidarity with the working class in the Middle East, starting with the building of a mass anti-war movement against imperialism's intervention in the region.

★For a socialist Palestine alongside a socialist Israel as part of a socialist confederation of the whole of the Middle East, based on workers' democracy and guaranteed rights for all minorities.

Stop B

The tragic events of 11th September had a harrowing and profound effect on the whole world. Not only did it knock the already crisis-ridden US economy for six, it also gave Bush an excuse for the war against terrorism.

Ese Umukoro

The war against terrorism or T.W.A.T. for those familiar with the expression, was a tactless and ham-fisted attempt to use the horror of September 11 as an excuse by the US ruling class to deter individuals or nations from standing up to the capitalist system and US imperialism.

This included and continues to include anti-capitalist protesters and

Asylum

The right-wing tabloid papers regularly carry articles about how asylum seekers are 'scroungers'. New Labour ministers have also whipped up anti-asylum seeker prejudice by talking about how our schools and hospitals are supposedly in danger of being 'swamped'.

The reality is that it is the government's policies of under-funding, cuts and privatisation that are responsible for the terrible state of our public services. Public spending under New Labour is still lower than it was in 14 of the 17 years of Tory government.

And the existence of asylum seekers in Britain is far from being the 'life of luxury' described by the tabloids. New rules introduced by New Labour mean that asylum seekers are not allowed to work. Many asylum seekers are qualified for skilled work and yet are forced to survive on benefits that are a pittance.

The quotes below are by an asylum seeker, C, from the Cameroon. C and his partner, M, both fled from Cameroon in fear of their safety. C arrived first in 1999 and then M followed. In Cameroon M worked as a

Kashmir - For work

The ruling classes of both India and Pakistan persecute the Kashmiri masses and deny them the right of self-determination, to an independent Kashmir. At independence from Britain in 1947, both India and Pakistan fought for control of Kashmir, and the territory was divided between the two rival states who have fought three wars involving Kashmir.

Vaseem Khan

Democratic rights are suppressed either side of the Line of Control, and unemployment and poverty dominate. Governments in India and Pakistan have always used Kashmir to divert attention from crisis at home, and to try to increase their power.

The Indian government seized on Bush's "war against terrorism" to launch an attack on opposition groups in Indian-occupied Kashmir. They unleashed state terror on Kashmiris. Now they have called elections in Indian Occupied Kashmir attempting to legitimise their occupation.

General Pervez Musharaff military dictator of Pakistan has dismissed

the elections as a rigged farce. Right wing Islamist groups have unleashed a terror campaign against the vote that has claimed the lives of more than 440 people since they were announced in August this year. This has included candidates and party workers. The Indian Army has stepped up its repressive measures to ensure the elections are successful.

Both sides at present have placed millions of troops on the line of control between India and Pakistan.

There is a potential for a nuclear conflict between both countries as they are now nuclear powers. They are determined to cling on to their part of Kashmir by any military means because of other separatist struggles in their own countries. They continue the old colonial methods of divide and rule.

But Kashmir has different traditions. The Kashmiriyat for hundreds of years promoted coexistence between Muslims and Hindus and was only abolished with partition in 1947. The 1924 strike of mainly Muslim silk workers was supported by Hindus and Sikhs. This shows the potential for unity on a class basis.

In August 2002, 10,000 Kashmiris protested against the extension of the Mangla dam in Pakistan Occu-

Bush's war machine

the Muslim community, both of whom are overwhelmingly opposed to any kind of 'terrorism', but are persistently harassed and even labelled as "terrorists".

US foreign policy includes bombing innocent people's weddings, planning war against countries they "suspect" of harbouring weapons of mass destruction and enforcing so-called "regime-changes" or "policy reformation".

The "policy reformation" means removing leaders of the countries that are a threat to US imperialism's plan to take over the world unchallenged and uninterrupted (whether it be a military threat or just having control over precious resources).

George Bush Jnr., being the hypocritical and pathological warmonger he is, is taking steps to remove Saddam Hussein from power, by any means necessary.

There is no doubt that Saddam Hussein is a dictator, but this didn't stop the US government supporting him when it suited them. It's also painfully obvious that the US government's motives to discharge Saddam, far from being altruistic, are to further the interests of US power and profit.

If these plans go ahead it will not only affect Iraq and the surrounding nations, but the world including Britain. Bush has refused to rule out nuclear warfare from his arsenal of mayhem.

In the year 2000, the US arms spending totalled a whopping \$804 billion, that's \$130 per person. This money could have been better spent on feeding the 6.6 million who die of malnutrition each year.

Considering the US is the wealthiest country on earth, 45 million Americans live below the poverty

line and 40% have no medical cover. This alone is a reflection of the adverse effects that capitalism has on the majority of the world's population.

The US government can turn their backs on their own people, they have no interest in standing up for ordinary people or for democracy, either in the US or worldwide.

Why should we support a government that changes its policies to support its own needs? Why should we live under an inhumane system that exploits people; causes war, lets children suffer and leaves millions starving? This is the reality of capitalism and it must be changed.

This change can only be achieved if a humane and progressive system is adopted. Socialism is the progressive system. It is the fair and rational alternative to capitalism. It is the future and the way forward.

- the real deal

cashier and also ran her own business. C worked for an Insurance company. The experiences he describes are 'normal' life for asylum seekers in Britain.

"I had to leave because of my political activities with the main opposition party. Cameroon is a country ruled by a despot. I got in the way because I expressed my right to freedom and they didn't like it. I had to flee for my own safety.

"When I left my country I wanted to go somewhere safe. I wasn't prepared for anything that I found here. When I arrived at Dover immigration put me in a Bed and Breakfast. They gave us £15 for four days and we had to buy food each day from this.

"When I arrived in London I was living rough. I was received by the president of the Cameroonian association who arranged somewhere for me to stay. I was sleeping on their floor. I had to rely on these people for everything, food, clothes for two months until my solicitor was able to sort out my benefit.

"To live we have to use vouchers. Previously we had to take the vouchers into the shops. It was terrible. Everyone looked at us like we were dirty. Now we exchange the vouchers at the Post Office for cash. We saved

some money just in case because we weren't sure about when they would stop our money which is what happened for about two months. When we got money with our vouchers it was about £50 for the two of us for three weeks. It's not easy. Some times I thought that I was losing it.

"The home office tried to send us to Middlesbrough. We were shocked because we don't know any one there. We have made some friends in London and all the organisations for helping asylum seekers are here, like the medical foundation for the victims of torture.

"The government don't care about us. They treat us like objects they can move from one place to another. We have left families behind in Cameroon. It is very difficult. We don't know how they are. We can't speak to them. The government here should treat us like human beings. The media also treats us badly. Some of the newspapers are very mean to us.

"We are not coming here for charity. We thought that this is a democratic country and should treat people fairly whatever their race or religion. One of my friends they locked up in prison with criminals for seven months closely guarded by dogs and everything. I can't imagine how



FORCED TO SURVIVE ON A PITTANCE.

something like that can happen. You are running away from people who are torturing, locking you up and coming to some place you think is safe and this government is locking you up again.

"To say it is traumatising is an understatement. My standard of living is a lot worse here. I can't work here because they won't give me a work permit."

Workers' unity

in occupied Kashmir. The extension of the Mangla dam will cause the eviction of 100,000 people from their homes. Musharaff's dictatorship is exploiting Kashmir's economic wealth to the detriment of ordinary Kashmiris. Islamic reactionary groups such as Hizbul Mujahadeen have played a divisive role by splitting up mass protests against the war on Afghanistan.

Both India and Pakistan have no real solution for Kashmiris. Their solution is based on the exploitation of Kashmiris to suit their own interests. Their interests are their own profit system - this system is capitalism!

Capitalism creates profits that allow feudal landlords, politicians, and generals of both Pakistan and India to create hunger, war, and famine.

The wealth that has been created by the masses of the subcontinent belongs to the masses and not to the minority who exploit the masses. In order to control this wealth and the power that comes from this wealth a mass movement of workers and peasants is urgently required not only in Kashmir but in the subcontinent.

A mass movement of this nature should call for the withdrawal of both Indian and Pakistani troops and for a free and independent socialist



CWI MEMBERS IN KASHMIR.

Kashmir. Socialism is the only form of genuine democracy that allows the exploited people of Kashmir and the subcontinent to overthrow capi-

talism and to put in place a system that represents the interests of the majority and the not the minority. This system is Socialism!



THE CWI ON AN ANTI-CAPITALIST DEMO IN BRUSSELS, 2001.

George Bush announced to the world 'You're either with us or against us' after September 11th, intensifying the isolation of black, Asian and immigrant communities in the US, UK and many other western countries. This has resulted in attacks on civil rights which have gone hand in hand with statements attacking the way we live.

Blunkett blames Asian families for not integrating when it is unemployment that prevents us from working, low pay that keeps our families in poverty, and racism and discrimination that keeps us segregated.

We are Black and Asian members of the Socialist Party. The Socialist Party has a proud record of fighting racism in Britain. In the last year alone we have campaigned against police harassment, against the rise of neo-nazi parties in North West England, for Socialist Party candidates in the council elections and against the war on the peoples of Afghanistan, Palestine and Iraq.

We believe our fight against racism must be linked to the fight of ordinary workers to change

society at home and internationally. Around the globe working people are once again regaining their confidence and determination to struggle. Here in Britain July saw a strike of one million mainly low paid council workers to raise themselves from poverty. Workers' struggles in Europe have inspired immigrant workers.

In France a mass movement of workers, young people, Arabs and Blacks defeated the Far-Right threat of Jean-Marie Le Pen in the presidential elections. In Italy immigrant workers demonstrated along with millions of workers to stop attacks on their conditions.

We work in partnership with like-minded organisations in many parts of the world, including France, Nigeria, Palestine/Israel, India, Sri Lanka and the US, as an international party for socialism: the Committee for a Workers International (CWI).

In supporting workers' struggles we also raise the demand for workers to democratically control the wealth created in society for the benefit of the billions not the billionaires.

● See the CWI website: www.worldsocialist-cwi.org

Smash the BNP



YOUTH AGAINST RACISM IN EUROPE FIGHTING THE BNP.

Where the Nazi-British National Party (BNP) gains a foothold, racist attacks increase. This report is from Socialist Party members in Stoke-on-Trent, where the BNP is standing in the Mayoral elections.

In the last year Stoke-on-Trent has seen a massive 600% increase in reported racist attacks and the Nazi BNP have threatened to march through Cobridge, an area in the north of the city which has a significant Black and Asian population.

On the anniversary of September 11 thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused when the Cobridge Mosque was attacked and cars were vandalized in nearby streets. This has led to a big increase in the police presence in the area.

The BNP have announced they are standing in the Mayoral elections. Whilst some of the other candidates have moralised about

how nasty the BNP are they have done nothing to actively fight against them. It is the Socialist Party (SP), Youth Against Racism in Europe (YRE) and the North Staffs Campaign against Racism and Facism (NorSCARF) who are leading the fight back against the Nazi BNP.

Hundreds have signed petitions which call for 'Jobs and Homes not Racism' and we will be taking our campaign to three local universities in the weeks ahead.

By answering the arguments (mainly that asylum seekers are responsible for all of the city's problems) of the BNP we are hoping to cut across their potential support amongst disgruntled voters. What is certain however, is that the anti-racist movement in Stoke has already been strengthened and will develop even further as a result of the opposition to the BNP standing a candidate in the other mayoral election.

FOR A NEW PARTY TO END RACISM

Most Black and Asian voters are asking 'why bother if I can't vote for a real change?' - 25% haven't registered to vote and it is estimated that 55% didn't bother to vote at the last general election. Many are saying, "the government always promises to do something but they never do it", "there was nothing that encouraged me to vote and the politicians that I saw were of no interest to me", but most tellingly "I think all the parties are the same - in it for themselves".

Hugo Pierre

The majority of us believe New Labour is not representing our interests. They have abandoned all talk of changing society and instead talk about gradually creating 'equality of opportunity'. Well how does that work? A recent report shows the rich are getting richer - the top 1% now have 23% of all personal wealth (up 5% in 11 years).

At the same time the poor are getting poorer. You can bet people from minority ethnic communities feature heavily amongst the 10% who have no assets at all. And New Labour are making the situation worse by carrying out Tory policies: cuts in welfare, privatisation, school closures, NHS shortages, housing sell-offs and cutting back our civil rights.

New Labour's anti-asylum seeker propaganda has raised the level of racism on our streets. When Blunkett talks about the danger of our schools being "swamped" by asylum seekers the inevitable result is increased racism in our schools, which affects all Black and Asian children, asylum seekers or not. But the black New Labour MPs are acting as if they've been gagged.

When did we hear Paul Boateng, 'our' first black Cabinet minister, speak out against Labour's racist Asylum policies? As Home Office minister, he backed decisions to deport 'bogus' asylum seekers when black campaigners and trade unionists were on the streets campaigning to defend those fleeing torture and persecution.

Oona King, MP is campaigning to increase the number of Black and Asian people who vote. She claims she's in favour of "Anything that gets black people off the sofa and onto the streets."

She is supporting the call from Simon Woolley, head of Operation Black Vote (OBV), and Lee Jasper, senior advisor to the Mayor of London, for a national demonstration through London for greater parliamentary representation in August.

But it is Oona's party, New Labour, that is responsible for so few of us voting. Oona herself voted for the introduction of £1,000 a year tuition fees. She ignored the hundreds of young Asian students in her constituency who were campaigning to save free education when they presented her with a petition.

Tuition fees have increased the financial hardship amongst the poorest families in Britain. The average family income if you're black or Asian can be anything from 25% to 50% below the national average.

If Oona wants us to vote maybe she should join her constituents in their fight for free education for all. What does she want - to encourage Black and Asian youth to get up and fight for their rights or a few more black faces in parliament to keep her conscience company whilst they draw their huge MP's salary?

She complains that politics is suffering from "black disengagement and disillusionment". The march organisers claim that, at current rates, it would take 100 years for the House of Commons to reflect the proportion of blacks in society. If



WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR A NEW MASS PARTY.

we leave it up to New Labour, it would take 1,000 years to eradicate racism and discrimination.

Having relied on the minority ethnic vote in working class areas, New Labour has ignored our demands in favour of their big business and multimillionaire friends. The Hinduja brothers' money wins more influence in the Labour Party than hundreds of thousands of our votes.

These big business backers want an inside advantage to the easy profits available through privatisation of the public services we depend on. Look at the cleaners in any public sector workplace and ask the mainly black women working there if they can survive on a minimum wage that institutionalises low pay?

We want political representatives who have a plan to eradicate racism root and branch from our society and the determination to do it.

The Voice newspaper put Malcolm X on the front cover to announce the national demonstration to 'Stand Up For Your Rights.'

If that's the aim then playing through New Labour's not our game. OBV and the other demo organisers just want to increase the opportunity for blacks to stand as New Labour MPs. No wonder

they've now scaled down their national demo plans to organising local rallies instead. If young blacks, in particular, are going to march, demands that affect our daily life linked to our aspiration to change society must be the focus.

Malcolm X said 'you can't have capitalism without racism'. He understood that this profit-driven system has racism ingrained in its bones. In the council elections 2002, Socialist Party candidates linked our daily fight against all the social problems we suffer in racist Britain to the fight for a socialist alternative to capitalism. Our candidates were able to mobilise and enthuse large numbers of Black and Asian voters.

New Labour doesn't want a new society free from racism anymore. We do though. So we'll have to fight for a new mass party that really represents us. A party linking our struggles with others; trade unionists, community campaigners fighting privatisation and anti-racist campaigners.

Such a party should be socialist, in other words it should have a vision of a future where we collectively own the wealth in our society and decide democratically how we use it in the interests of all.

We demand the right to live without racism, racist violence and discrimination.

- An end to racial violence.
- Anti-racist defence of our communities to be organised democratically by trade unions, and Black, Asian and other immigrant working-class people.
- For religious freedom. The right for all to follow whichever religion they choose, or to follow no religion, without harassment or repression.
- Drive out Fascists like the British National Party and the National Front.

We demand jobs for all.

- No more racism in hiring, training and promotion. Immediate re-instatement for all victims of racist dismissal.
- End cheap labour. For a minimum wage of £8 per hour (based on the European Decency Threshold.) No exemptions.
- End unemployment. For a 35 hour week with no loss of pay.
- For the right to decent benefits, training or a job without compulsion.

We demand decent homes and equal education.

- Reverse spending cuts in local government.
- A massive public spending programme to create more houses, schools, hospitals and all the facilities we need.
- For free, good quality education for all from nursery to university. A living grant for all students. Abolish the tuition fees now!
- For anti-racist education in all schools, to include the history of Blacks, Asians and the oppressed.

We demand no more police harassment.

- An end to repressive laws.
- Scrap the Criminal Justice Act and the so-called 'Terrorism' Act.
- A completely independent police complaints procedure.
- Democratic control of the police. Elected local authority police bodies to control resources, discipline, training and day-to-day policing policy.

Justice for Asylum seekers

- End the scapegoating of asylum seekers.
- No more deportations. No detention without trial.
- For the right of asylum seekers to work.
- End the dispersal scheme.
- The scrapping of the Asylum and Immigration Act and all other racist laws.

Against imperialism

- No to Bush's New World Order.
- No to Bush and Blair's brutal war on Iraq. Organise and build international mass protests against the war.
- Support the struggle of the oppressed peoples to overthrow all the dictatorships and the puppets of imperialism throughout the world.
- Abolish third world debt. For the neo-colonial countries to refuse to pay.
- Abolish the IMF and the World Bank.

For system change

- Take into public ownership the top 150 companies, banks and building societies that dominate the economy, under democratic working-class control and management. Compensation to be paid on the basis of proven need.
- Campaign to form a new mass party of the working class and the oppressed.
- An end to the rule of profit and exploitation. For a socialist society and economy run to meet the needs of all humanity, instead of the profits of a few.

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