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TAKE OVER MURDOCH'S PRESS

- **Put News International on trial**
- **For democratic ownership and control of the media**

As we go to press the News International (NI) saga continues to develop. Former Labour prime minister Gordon Brown has accused NI of using known criminals to find stories. Rupert Murdoch, his son James and Rebekah Brooks have been asked to appear before the government's culture, media and sport committee on Tuesday 19 July. This is not enough. The media barons should be put on trial.

Labour leader Ed Miliband is calling for a vote which - if passed - would put pressure on Murdoch's News Corp to abandon its BSkyB ambitions. However, this will not satisfy. The resources of the media cannot be left in the hands of Murdoch and his anti-working class ilk. Instead they must be owned and controlled by the majority.

What we think:

'Murdochgate', the News of the World (NoW) scandal, is Britain's Watergate. In politics, as in nature, the 'butterfly effect' operates. A seemingly small event - the famous metaphor of the flutter of a butterfly's wings - can begin a chain of events resulting in massive unforeseen consequences.

In the case of the 1970s Watergate break-in, it led to the discrediting and downfall of Richard Nixon, the president of the most powerful

nation on earth, the US. David Cameron and his corrupt, rotten government deserve the same fate today.

Watergate exposed the rottenness at the heart of the US administration and threatened the social system it was based upon, capitalism.

But Watergate also lifted the lid to expose the web of lies and conspiracies involving capitalist politicians, criminals and the state.

Similar revelations are now taking place here. Cameron, the Murdoch empire and the police have been involved in a corrupt attempt



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It was the exposure of the disgusting hacking of murdered schoolgirl Milly Dowler's mobile phone by the lowlife employed by Murdoch's NI which represented the tipping point.

The mass outrage that this provoked - similar to, but on a much larger scale than the reaction in Liverpool to the Sun newspaper's attack on Liverpool football fans following the 1989 Hillsborough disaster - shattered the plans of Murdoch and others like Cameron and the Coalition government to ride out the storm provoked by the hacking scandal.

Only days before, the so-called culture secretary, Jeremy Hunt, was clearly preparing to agree to Murdoch's bid for majority ownership

of satellite TV station BSkyB which would allow him to control 40% of Britain's media outlets.

It is very doubtful - if not ruled out - that even Cameron could proceed to ratify this deal in the face of mass outrage at the Murdoch empire and its acolytes.

A mass campaign to oppose the deal, largely organised through new media such as social networking, has mobilised 170,000 objections to the takeover of BSkyB!

Further revelations about the hacking of the families of war dead and the relations of the 7/7 London bomb victims in 2005 only reinforced the mood.

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