“May hanging by a thread”

TORIES OUT

GENERAL ELECTION NOW
**Editorial**

On 30 October hundreds of thousands marched through the streets of London demanding a ‘people’s vote’ on Brexit. The motivations of those who were marched were diverse. Some were marching to show their opposition and opposition to the ‘Elitist’ Tory hard Brexiteers, others because of worries about jobs and wages conditions. The central mobilising factor - which made for huge or previous similar demonstrations - was the growing fear that the government’s negotiations are going to end in a chaotic ‘no deal’ Brexit. A YouGov poll last week found only 13% of people think the Brexit negotiations are going well and 71% believe they are ‘going badly’.

No wonder. Despite May’s claim that a Brexit deal is ‘95% complete, nothing was achieved in last week’s negotiations. Crash out

It is not in the interests of the European capitalist class, nor Britain - the second largest economy in the EU, to accept a chaotic ‘no deal’ Brexit. The fundamental reason for the crisis of the major political parties in Britain is the crisis of capitalism which is very uncertain whether it will pass or whether it will survive as prime minister. The only achievement of the latest round of negotiations was to frustrate both sides of the Tory Party by failing to tackle the issues of ending the transition period beyond December 2020. The weakness of May’s situation was summed up when the Brexit minister, Dominic Raab, agreed that she was no longer able to deliver her promise to deliver a brexit deal to avoid a chaotic ‘no deal’ Brexit. No wonder.

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UNIVERSAL CREDIT COULD TRAP WOMEN IN VIOLENT RELATIONSHIPS

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London Socialist Party

The introduction of Universal Credit has left millions of women to work, whether they choose to or not, because earning less would mean that they would be worse off financially. That means, if only that the claim is made by a couple, only one partner will ever receive any benefit. This also applies to Child Tax Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance, Income-based Employment Support Allowance and Working Tax Credit. This can be dangerous.

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Mary and Martha

Trade unions can also lead to the creation of workers’ councils. That gave Mary and Martha power to take control of their workplace, turn a blind eye, without any assistance, to the horrific crimes carried out by the state, and create economic power, winning long overdue working-class workplaces on an international scale.

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The Children Act 2004 is intended to foster the academisation process. Academisation is the process of converting state schools into ‘free’ academies. When the government is at war with the parents of Universal Credit, they are also at war with the citizens of the future. For the poor, and those without, the state has a duty to provide some essential types of support that are too expensive for a small number of people.

What we say

We demand council house build-

M&S

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Rail safety - people before corporate profit
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For over two years private rail franchise companies across the country have undermined the safety of passengers through a failure to invest and provide a safe service. In addition, the RMT transport union, has made clear the need to put safety before profit and oppose this destructive policy.

Passengers agree. They want safe travel with guards who are trained to deal with critical situations.

Speaking on Sunday Politics Show, RMT national executive members expressed their concern about the recent incident where passengers on a Virgin train were locked in the dark. They said: “These incidents have undermined the trust of passengers.”

This dispute is a battle between the public interest and the forces of privatisation fostered by the Tory and Blair governments over the past. With rising fares and cuts to the public sector, we need public ownership and control over the railways. That is why RMT members have been fighting for the safe return of guards to the trains.

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The unprecedented reference crisis continues to affect millions of people across the globe. On average, one person is displaced every two seconds. As of the end of 2017, there were over 65.3 million people around the world who were displaced from their homes. Of these, 50.9 million people were internally displaced, 40.8 million were refugees, and 10.5 million were asylum seekers. The number of refugees in the world has been on the rise for the past decade, with a record number of 25.4 million refugees in 2018.

People become refugees as a result of the effects of the capricious, cruel and callous government policies on exploitation and inequality brought about by governing institutions. Indigenous foreign policies continue to set us and another which fuel the refugee crisis. The same governments that treat refugees as criminals, put them in detention centers, and are responsible for the lack of democracy, freedom or speech – which really should belong to the people.

The question of how to solve this issue is a complex one, and as a result of these measures, including the creation of a special force of Israeli soldiers known as the Shin Bet, which was established in 1988, these armed border forces would have to maintain powers to deport migrants and apprehend asylum seekers.

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In addition to the effects of the capricious and cruel government policies, people are also forced to live in detention centers due to the policies of multinational corporations and private companies like G4S, Mitie, Serco, and others who are contracted out to private companies to run the detention centers. The Home Office is paying handsomely millions of pounds so these private companies, which make a profit from detaining innocent people, are encouraged to work in detention centers. A recent report by the Home Office indicated that 2,800 individuals were held in detention centers, out of which 12,086 were forcibly deported.

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### MYSTERY FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS...

Golden visas for the rich!

Refugees, including those born in countries in Africa and the Middle East, have had to endure years of trauma and violence in their home countries. Without proper support, they are at a high risk of being trafficked and raised in detention centers. In doing so, they risk imprisonment, enslavement and even death.

Asylum seekers have struggled to find stability in their lives due to the capricious and cruel government policies. Once they have been turned down due to their residency status, they are often left with no options but to find work as asylum seekers.

The immigration system isolates asylum-seekers for years and destitutes them of their dignity and basic human rights. This is why the Refugee Rights campaign and Tamil Solidarity are proud to be part of the fight for an end to these inhumane policies.

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### SOCIALIST 2018 TORIES’ HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT – HOW DO WE FIGHT FOR MIGRANT RIGHTS?

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We are asking all of our branches and supporters to donate to the Socialist Party's 2018 finance appeal. We are targeting a larger capital campaign with a revised record collection of letters. We have to ensure that we can maintain or improve our financial position going forward and this appeal is crucial to that.

The Tories are tearing themselves apart over Brexit but their programme attacks on the NHS and working class living standards, jobs and services continue. They are keen to ram through further cuts to the NHS, outside of a National Health Service guarantee. 

It is our hope that the NHS would be recognised by the socialists as a workforce under threat of the worst cuts in the world. 

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The volatility of the political situation in Wales is reflected by the recent by-elections, which saw Labour suffer losses in Conwy and Ynys Môn, while the Scottish Greens achieved a surprise victory in East Kilbride. Under the leadership of Mark Drakeford, Labour has shown some limited improvements in social care tax that all Welsh people support, but it is clear that the party is facing challenges. The Frontrunner for the leadership election is Ross Saunders, a right-wing candidate, who has been a leading voice in pushing for austerity policies.

The recent by-elections have shown that Labour's struggle to win back seats is ongoing, and that the party needs to re-evaluate its strategy. The by-elections in Conwy and Ynys Môn were characterized by low turnout, and the Scottish Greens' victory in East Kilbride was unexpected.

Labour's leadership election is set to be a defining moment for the party, as it seeks to determine its future direction. The party needs to demonstrate that it is capable of delivering on its promises and that it is a force for social justice. The outcome of the leadership election will be watched closely, as it could determine the fate of the party in the years to come.

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Germany: Bavarian elections and huge anti-racist demonstration mark an weekend

250,000-strong Unite for Europe protest in Berlin against racism 13 October photo SA

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When you have the Linke and the Green Party, who were on the Unitebar protest (against racism) and Le Monde, this approach is a little different, but in political orientation. Wagenknecht said she would not attend, falsely claiming that one of the demonstration’s slogans was ‘open borders for everyone’ and that this could not be right.

But ‘Aufstehen’ (Standing Up), the right-wing shift initiated by the party’s two founding leaders, represents a very strong direction in the Linke. The Linke publishes the Wahlwissensblatt (Wissenblatt) and the Linke and Greens) national governments. But potential has been wasted because the party did not present itself as an option for a left and anti-capitalist option. The CDU has not presented its own program on a necessary movement.

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In the last two years, infant mortality rates in England and Wales have risen for the first time in over a century. Shocking research by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has predicted that infant mortality rates will be 140% higher than those of similar countries in 12 years if this disturbing trend continues.

Unfortunately these new predictions, although shocking, are not a surprise. Years of austerity under Coalition and Tory governments has resulted in cuts to vital public services, leading to a rise in poverty and decline in living conditions for ordinary people. The NHS has been one of the hardest hit, with dozens of A&Es closed or downgraded since 2010. Shockingly, almost half of all maternity units were forced to shut temporarily during 2017, turning pregnant women away.

As an NHS doctor I see first-hand the impact that vicious Tory cuts have had on our health service. Every single day our beds are full. We’re short on staff and patients are constantly being shuffled around the hospital (often onto wards not specialised in patients’ conditions) in order to make room for the many sick people waiting in A&E.

NHS staff are working hours of overtime and missing their breaks to plug these gaps. But morale is low, staff are tired.

The fact that infant mortality is increasing in 2018, in one of the richest countries in the world, due to conscious decisions made by this government, is deplorable. Ordinary people are rightly furious and willing to fight back.

Coordinated action

Earlier this year, staff at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust won a major victory against privatisation through a series of strikes. Likewise, health workers at Mid Yorkshire Health NHS Trust also defeated the outsourcing of their jobs by threatening strike action. Coordinated action between patients and staff at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary has also seen major gains in halting the closure of large parts of the hospital.

This kind of coordinated action between staff, patients and the wider public plays an incredibly important role in the fight to save our NHS. However, to really reverse the damage that Tory cuts have done to our health service, we need to see mass action across the country. Demonstrations are important - but ultimately we must bring together staff across the public sector for coordinated strike action.

United action such as this could bring this weak and wobbly government to its knees and put an end to the cuts and privatisation that are crippling our NHS.