Sir Boyle Roche, who was a member of the Protestant Ascendancy, speaking in the Irish House of Commons, in 1796, in mortal terror of the revolution spreading from France:

“Mr Speaker, Here perhaps, sir, the murderous Marshallaw-men (Marseillaise) would break in, cut us to mince-meat and throw our bleeding heads upon that table, to stare us in the face!”

The Tory's *Telegraph* says more than they intend. Their fear is not Momentum, but that Corbyn will inadvertently unleash the pent up anger of the working class against capitalism itself.

Motions of no confidence in 3 right-wing MPs, facing the dog, keep coming despite the opposition of Corbyn and McDonnell, showing growing class confidence. These MPs, who passed a motion of no confidence in Corbyn in 2016 by 172 to 40, now beg him to save them from the anger below.

“Call off the dogs”, begs Chuka Umunna and Joan Ryan is attacked by “Trots, Stalinists and Communists” (below, with Gavin Shuker, hidden). Who can tame the fearsome beast?

And Rouhani is urging it all on (Islamophobia or propaganda against the great potential of the 1979 Iranian revolution, inevitably like all revolutions, gone so horribly wrong?) They all know the real danger is from their own risen working class.
to work within the Labour party as well as within other proto-parties such as Left Unity and RESPECT that seek to present socialist and anti-imperialist politics in opposition to the new direction that is now deeply embedded within the Labour Party. We support all genuine left developments within Labour, such as the Corbyn for leader campaign.

4. We strongly support the campaigns to democratise the trade unions’ traditional link to the Labour Party. We are for funding only those MPs who agree to and have a record of fighting for union policies.

5. We fight for rank-and-file organisations in the trade unions within which we will fight for consciously revolutionaryst socialist leadership in line with Trotsky’s Transitional Programme statement: “Therefore, the sections of the Fourth International should always strive not only to renew the top leadership of the trade unions, boldly and resolutely in critical moments advancing new militant leaders in place of routine functionaries and functionaries, but also to create in all possible instances independent militant organizations corresponding more closely to the tasks of mass struggle against bourgeois society; and, if necessary, not flinching even in the face of a direct break with the conservative apparatus of the trade unions. If it be criminal to turn one’s back on mass organizations for the sake of fostering sectarian factions, it is no less so passively to tolerate subordination of the revolutionary mass movement to the control of openly reactionary or disguised conserva-
tive (“progressive”) bureaucratic cliques. Trade unions are not ends in themselves; they are but means along the road to proletarian revolution.”

6. We totally oppose all economic nationalist campaigns like for ‘British jobs for British workers’ that means capitulation to national chauvinism and so to the political and economic interests of the ruling class itself. We are therefore unreservedly for a Socialist United States of Britain and Ireland.

9. We are completely opposed to man-made climate change and the degradation of the biosphere which is caused by the anarchy of capitalist production for profits of transnational corporations. Ecological catastrophe is not ‘as crucial as imperialism’ but caused by imperialism so to combat this threat we must redouble our efforts to forward the world revolution.

Special Oppression and Racism

10. We recognise that class society, and capitalism as the last form of class society, is by its nature patriarchal. In that sense the oppression of women is different from all other forms of oppression and discrimination. Sexist and the oppression of women is inextricably tied to the ownership of the means of production property. To achieve sexual and individual freedom women need to fight in the class struggle in general to overthrow class society itself. We cannot leave the struggle against wom-
 enforcement of the Irish Republican Prisoners Support Group and in their province was of the Irish Republican Prisoners Support Group and in their defence for the creation of a World Party of Socialist Ireland. We

12. Where we stand: the struggle for a world where the people rule. We

11. We also support the fight of all other specially oppressed including lesbian and gay men, bisexuals and transgender people and the disabled against discrimination in all its forms and their right to organise separately in that fight in society as a whole.

13. We fight racism and fascism. We support the right of people to fight back against racist and fascist attacks by any means necessary. Self-defence is no offence, we support it. Two people might make racist/far right comments but on challenging them one might turn out to be a hardened racist/fascist and the other might be mindlessly repeating the Sun editorial. It is necessary to distinguish. It is a legitimate act of self-defence for the working class to ‘No Platform’ fascists but we never call on the capitalist state to ban fascist marches or parties; these laws would inevitably primarily be used against workers’ organisations, as history has shown.

14. We oppose all immigration controls. International finance capital roams the planet in search of profit and imperialist governments disrupts the lives of workers and cause the collapse of whole nations with their direct intervention in the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan and their proxy wars in Somalia and the Democratic Repub-
lic of the Congo, etc. Workers have the right to sell theirlabour internationally wherever they get the best price.

Revolutionary internationalism

16. We are and are for the immediate withdrawal and/or defeat of imperialist armies in wars like Iraq, Afghan-

18. We are for the overthrow of the Zionist state of Israel and for a Multi-Ethnic workers’ state of Palestine as part of the Socialist Federation of the Middle East.

19. As socialists living in Britain we take our responsibili-
ties to support the struggle against British imperialism’s occupation of the north-eastern counties of Ireland very seriously. For this reason we have assisted in found-
ing the Irish Republican Prisoners Support Group and we will campaign for political status these Irish prisoners of war and for a 32-county united Socialist Ireland. We reject all ‘two nations in Ireland’ the
tories. 21. We are for the re-creation of a World Party of Social-
ist Revolution, a revolutionary international, based on the best traditions of the previous revolutionary interna-
tionals, critically understood, particularly the early Third and Fourth Internationals, with their determination to combat and overcome both reformism and centrist. ▲

Revolutionary socialism

1. We stand with Karl Marx: ‘The emancipation of the working classes must be conquered by the working classes themselves. The struggle for the emancipation of the working class means not a struggle for class privilege and monopolies but for equal rights and duties and the abolition of all class rule’ (The International Workingmen’s Association 1864, General Rules).

2. In the class struggle we shall fight to develop every struggle of the working class and oppressed in the direc-
tion of democratic workers’ councils as the instruments of participatory democracy which must be the basis of the successful struggle for workers’ power.

Revolutionary strategy and tactics

3. We recognise the necessity for serious ideological and political struggle as direct participants in the trade unions (abuya) and in the mass reformist social democratic bourgeoisie workers’ parties despite their pro-capitalist leaderships when conditions are favourable. In fighting the attacks of this Tory government it is now necessary

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Socialist Fight Where We Stand (extracts)
The Socialist Fight Group condemns the adoption of the full International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism and all its examples on 4-9-18 as a shameful capitulation not only to the Zionist lobby led by the Jewish Board of Deputies and the other right-wing Zionist organisations, but also led by the Blairite right-wing of the Labour party and the mass media but to capitalism/imperialism itself. The capitulation of Jeremy Corbyn, the even more grotesque capitulation of John McDonnell and the majority of the Labour NEC is an ominous portent of how they would withstand the far greater pressure a leftist Labour government would come under.

Labour now once again puts the rights of an oppressor people clearly above the rights of the oppressed. There is no corresponding defence of the rights of the Palestinians. It assumes Palestinians are *untermensch* who have and should always have fewer rights than Israeli Jews. “Independence” in a two state solution is a Bantustan hellhole regularly bombed by the IDF warplanes to keep teaching them the lesson via what they call “mowing the lawn”, that their “justice” does not include a right to return and repossess their homes and lands robbed from them by fascistic terror in 1948 and progressively since then and ongoing today with another major act of ethnic cleansing obviously impending in the immediate future.

Those who assign greater rights to Jews than to Palestinians are racists, those who point to historic outrageous injustices like the founding of the white imperialist colonies in the so-called new world in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in order to justify ongoing current outrageous injustice are taking a hypocritical stance. The states like the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Latin America are nation-states and cannot now be returned to their original owners, full justice for the surviving aboriginal natives can only be achieved by a socialist revolution which will liberate all the working class and oppressed. But the racist Zionist state of Israel cannot be saved by a socialist revolution which maintains the supremacist Zionist exclusionary nature of that state, despite the illusions some leftists initially had in the Kibbutzim model, which was itself racist and Arab-exclusionary from the beginning, despite the participation of some ‘Marxists’. This problem can only be solved by the overthrow of the state of Israel and its replacement by a secular democratic multi-ethnic state of Palestine, a revolutionary workers state as part of a socialist federation of the Middle East.

Labour leadership rejects its own left wing

The Labour leadership has been bounced into setting its face against its own left wing, which flooded into the party to elect Corbyn as leader in September 2015 and was reaffirmed in the failure of the right-wing Blairite coup against him in June 2016 where 172 MPs passed a motion of no confidence and only 40 supported him. This result of the 2017 general election confirmed the leftist surge in the working class that moved first via its vanguard. This is the return of class politics and class polarisation to Britain. The statistics show the middle ground is giving way; Conservative (Tory) at 42.4% was its highest share of the vote since 1983. Labour’s 40.2% was its highest since 2001 and the biggest number of votes since 1997.

The contrast between the two party manifestos was very clearly class-based. The Tories promised class warfare against the poor and even on some of its own supporters in the dementia tax for example. Despite is weak reformism Corbyn’s manifesto signalled the beginnings of an abandonment of neo-liberalism and at last overcame the rightist charge against the left from Michael Foot’s 1983 manifesto (27.6% in that election) as “the longest suicide note in history”.

Class polarisation is very evident in the Brexit crisis; there can be no doubt that the Brexit vote on 23 June 2016 caused the sharp rise in racist attacks in Britain; incidents surged by 23 percent – from 40,741 to 49,921 – in the 11 months after the EU referendum, compared with the same period the previous year. This testifies to the essential nationalistic and racist nature of the campaign; Donald Trump infamously said he wanted “Brexit, plus, plus, plus”, testifying to the agenda of the far right. Trump’s election also saw a rise in the far right and racist attacks.

This Brexit vote is the cause of the rapid rise of the far right, neo-fascist Democratic Football Lads Alliance (DFLA) in 2018. Revolutionary Socialists should have voted remain in that referendum and should now expend every effort to frustrate and defeat that Brexit agenda, via a new Labour government and a new peoples’ referendum on the terms of the Brexit. We advocate three options, the Brexit deal on offer, hard Brexit or remain in the EU. Economic nationalism import and immigration controls, trade wars and racist victimisations of Muslims and other minority is the territory of the right, far right and fascism, it is never the territory of the left.

No capitalism, let alone socialism, in a single country

And revolutionary socialists reject capitalism in a single country as strongly that we reject the Stalinist notion of socialism in a single country as Trotsky noted:

“The essence of our epoch lies in this, that the productive forces have definitely outgrown the framework of the national state and have assumed primarily in America and Europe partly continental, partly world proportions … In other words: thanks to the development of the productive forces capitalism has long ago been unable to exist in a single country. Meanwhile, socialism can and will base itself on far more developed productive forces, otherwise socialism would represent not progress but regression with respect to capitalism … The formula Soviet United States of Europe is precisely the political expression of the idea that socialism is impossible in one country. Socialism cannot, of course, attain its full development even in the limits of a single continent. The Socialist United States of Europe represents the historical slogan which is a stage on the road to the world socialist federation.”

[1] It is clear that since 1929 globalisation has enormously developed all the trends mentioned in that extract. And here is
where the IHRA definition, Zionism, British imperialism, the rise DFRA and Donald Trump’s warmongering and racist attacks on immigrants come together to make one complete picture of counterrevolution.

No one missed the alliance between the DFLA and the right neo-fascist Zionists on the 15,000-strong demonstration on the 9th of June, and on the Al Quds march in support of the Palestinian on 10th June, the big Zionist presence on the Robinson demo on 14 July and the dozen Zionist fascist outside lobby of Labour’s NEC on 4 September, where the infamous capitulation took place. Attending that dirty dozen lobby were the former Intelligence Officer for British First Paul Besser, Jonathan Hoffman, Mel Gharra and other known Tommy Robinson supporting fascists. These fascists chanted, “Jeremy Corbyn is a racist, Jeremy Corbyn is an antisemite, Labour is a fascists party” and other obscenities.

Three pro-Israel newspapers, The Jewish Chronicle, the Jewish Telegraph and Jewish News, accused Labour of “political anti-Semitism” because it criticised Israel. They said, “Had the full IHRA definition with examples relating to Israel been approved, hundreds, if not thousands, of Labour & Movement members would need to be expelled.”

IHRA is not universally accepted nationally or internationally as its advocates claim. John Humphrys, early morning Radio 4 presenter claimed, “almost every country in the world has adopted the IHRA definition and examples of anti-Semitism.” But listeners immediately accused the BBC of lying because only 31 of the 195 countries in the world had done so, the Jewish Chronicle tells is, and only six adopted it fully with all the examples.

These 6 include Austria, which intends to make Jews put their names on a state register to get kosher meat, Lithuania, whose government supports commemorations of Nazi wartime events and Israel itself, which has just enacted a constitutional law that makes Palestinian Arabs second-class citizens. De jure and not just de facto as hitherto as in the Jim Crow deep South before the 1960s and in Apartheid South Africa.

Labour Friends of Israel director Jennifer Gerber called the NEC’s capitulation “appalling” because it did not grovel low enough and claimed the “freedom of expression” clause “totally undermines the other examples the party has supposedly just adopted”. One of the Strange Sayings of Sir Boyle Roche, another example of which is the one on the front cover, was: “We should silence anyone who opposes the right to freedom of speech”. In this case MS. Gerber would like to silence anyone who advocates the right of free speech on Israel.

In November 2016 Tommy Robinson visited Israel and was photographed on top of an Israeli tank. The state of Israel afforded a fulsome reception to out-and-proud English fascist man. Liberal Jews objected when reports emerged in July 2017 that members of Manchester’s Jewish community held a secret meeting with Robinson, the former leader of the far-right English Defence League at which he gave a torrid Islamophobic speech. The Times of Israel carried a defence of Robinson’s visit in early December 2017 by one Brian Thomas in which he berated liberal Jews and the Jewish Chronicle (JC) for not celebrating with the fascist: “Your timid Jewish community in Britain, which is so careful not to rock the boat or vigorously defend “settlement activates” may not “desire any links whatsoever with Robinson and his ilk”. But I can assure you that strong and proud Jews in Israel feel much the same about you and the subservient parts of UK Jewry who seem more concerned with their future peerages than the real security of Israel.”

**Margaret Hodge, Boris Johnson, John Lansman and the Fightback**

Meantime Dame Margaret Hodge, who is a Zionist Jew, can say to Corbyn, “You’re a fucking anti-Semite and a racist. You have proved you don’t want people like me in the party.” To which Corbyn meekly replied: “I’m sorry you feel like that”. And he dropped all charges against her when the Zionists and the mass media demanded he does so. Obvious if he won’t even defend himself he will not defend anyone else. Capitulation and expediency rules OK?

Boris Johnson is clearly pitching to the far right now. His comment “fuck business” can have no other interpretation. And Boris has continued to pile racist insult on racist insult. Muslim women should not “to go around looking like letter-boxes” or “bank robbers”, and he accused the prime minister of having “wrapped a suicide vest” around Britain. It goes without saying that any similar comments about Jews by a Labour party member would warrant instant expulsion and possibly prosecution for hate speech. Tommy Robinson and the Democratic Football Lads Alliance (DFLA) is the clear target for all this propaganda by Johnson.

However, the fightback is evident. The fighting meeting called by Camden Momentum of 16 Momentum groups in London and its periphery on 20 August was a great inspiration. A clear rejection of the IHRA and a militant determination to fight it and its consequences. That meeting basically organised the 400-strong lobby of the NEC on 4 September. This lobby was wholly a grassroots mobilisation, against the Momentum leadership of John Lansman; it had three local Momentum banners on it, and, whilst not against the Labour party leadership of Corbyn and McDonnell, it took place despite them. Lansman not only did not mobilise for this, he advocated full adoption of the IHRA and all examples and together with Rhea Wolfson he even organised the defeat of Corbyn’s stronger caveat at the meeting.

It is clear that Momentum must democratisie itself byousting Lansman from his unelected dictatorship over Momentum. These rightist and centrist MPs, who passed a motion of no confidence in Corbyn in 2016 by 172 to 40, now beg him to save them from the anger below. “Call off the dogs”, begs Chuka Umunna but can the fearsome beast be tamed?

**Notes**


Defend Sandy McBurney

Following the departure of the unlaudable Iain McNichol there were big hopes that the power of the Blairite right had been broken on the NEC and the reign of his “complaints unit”, which arbitrarily issued “auto-exclusions” without the right to a hearing or to an appeal, was gone. Alas the adoption of the IHRA and the supine acceptance of the main charge of the British Board of Deputies and other Zionists, that anti-Semitism was a major problem in Labour indicated that far from things getting better left are clearly in for a major witch-hunt now.

The letter from Stan Keable LAW secretary in the Weekly Worker 1218, 13 September, indicates that the flavour of the changes: “Iain McNicol’s notorious “complaints unit” appears to have been replaced, under Jennie Formby and legal guru Gordon Nardell, by a “national complaints team” - but the stench of hypocrisy reminds us that a rose, by any other name, would smell as sweet. Healthy discussion of political issues is still being blocked by chilling complaints, which are all too often taken seriously. Instead of debating the content of differences, the right make complaints about the manner of expression. Instead of stating their views openly in the press, on social media and in party meetings, the right make cowardly complaints to party officials.

“The wording of recent pre-disciplinary warning letters... (is) directed particularly against those who forthrightly challenge the racism inherent in Zionist ideology and Israel’s apartheid laws and practices.”

Stan believes that auto-exclusions have ended (what about those already auto-excluded, upwards of 1,000 according to some estimates?) but guilt is already assumed in the way the pre-disciplinary letters are formulat-ed. Stan quotes from a letter: “It has been brought to the attention of the national complaints team that you have posted offensive comments on your social media - copies of these are included in this letter. These comments have caused offence. The Labour Party should be the home of lively debate, of differences, the right make complaints about the manner of expression. Instead of stating their views openly in the press, on social media and in party meetings, the right make cowardly complaints to party officials.

This, in the opinion of Martyn Cook, Chair, CfC, who required no such details and seems to have plenipotentiary power no less than Iain McNichol ever had, constituted anti-Semitism because it was a, “generalisations about peoples’ motivations based on their religion.” Really? “Jews” simply means the Jewish religion, does it? And all are agreed? But the ‘campaigner for socialism’ was not finished there. He, or an employee or outside helper had trawled through comrade Sandy’s social media posts and discovered yet more damning evidence of anti-Semitism. He had discovered a comment that said, “Antisemitism is not a real problem in the labour movement in Britain” and that claims of anti-Semitism in the Labour Party are “totally bogus”. These are opinions he is absolutely barred from holding, because the Board of Deputies had told the ‘socialist campaigner’ what he must believe. However we are relieved to hear that, “we fully accept that recorded instances of anti-Semitism is lower in the Labour Party than in wider society, but it does exist and must be challenged”. But why does the ‘campaigner for socialism’ not ask someone why no one demands expulsions from the Tory party or the UKIP, where these problems are demonstrably far worse? But we know the answer so we will try to help comrade Martyn. You see there is a thing that the Zionist have invented called “left-wing anti-Semitism”. Those stricken with this made-up disease are all fervent supporters of the Palestinians, keep highlighting their terrible oppression at the hands of the state of Israel and keep contrasting the slaughter of defenceless civilians by the Israeli Defence Forces with the claimed hurt feelings of racist Zionist bigots because of “anti-Semitism”.

And then there are right wing anti-Semites mainly in Eastern Europe and Greece. They celebrate the Holocaust and want to do it again. Strangely the Zionist leaders of Israel, Netanyahu et al, are not at all offended by these people. Hungarian Prime Minister, Viktor Orbhan, is a far right anti-Semite who visited Israel on July 19, where he met Netanyahu.

In Germany AfD is also a big supporter of Israel. It is “derided for anti-Semitic, xenophobic views redolent of the Nazis and is also staunchly supportive of Israel,” says the Times of Israel. Matteo Salvini, Italy’s far right, anti-Muslim Interior Minister, visited Tel Aviv in March 2016 and declared his wholehearted support for Israel. In Britain in the months of June, July and August we encountered frequent joint pickets and rallies for Tommy Robinson and against Trump where Zionists and far rightists and fascist freely intermingled with a common anti socialist purpose.

But comrade Sandy has also defended the use of the word “Zio” and this is now anti-Semitic because “it has clearly been appropriated by anti-Semites and is used in a racist manner. We will not tolerate the use of racist language in our organisation” thunders Martyn. The ‘campaigner for socialism’ has spoken and that’s that. “Zio” is only an insult to a Jew if they self-identify as a Zionist.

But Sandy’s one hope is not to attempt any defence but answer this question in the affirmative, “Do you accept that this language has no place in a socialist organisation, let alone in general discourse?”

Then Comrade Martyn delivers the coup de grâce; “You have stated that you have not come across any anti-Semitic views in the Labour Party. However, there have been complaints that your language and approach to this issue is in itself anti-Semitic.” Have you met yourself, is the very clever question here.

More sophisticated and less blatant than McNichol but still intent on the mass expulsion of the “hundreds, if not thousands” demanded by the three Zionist newspapers in joint front page articles. And, whilst McNichol never called himself a socialist, Cook clearly has no better case to do so.
**Call from Iranian Industrial Metal Workers to trade unionists and peace loving people throughout the world**

**Economic Sanctions are War against Iranian workers**

What is happening on the world stage in relation to our country currently has nothing to do with improving the working conditions, resilience and fighting ability, and the welfare of Iranian workers, it is a total war against the Iranian population and workers. US imperialism is leading policies aimed at transforming the geopolitical landscape of the Middle East and Iran.

**Trade Unionist Sisters and Brothers throughout the world**

Beware that the policies of unilateral economic sanctions directed at Iran by great powers, particularly the US and its open and behind the scene allies, are the onset of an unequal war against Iranian workers and population. These sanctions cause factories to close, domestic production to collapse, unemployment to rise, prices of food stuff, medicine and other every day necessities to hike beyond the reaches of ordinary people of Iran. These sanctions are a golden opportunity for middle-men and greedy merchants to prosper at the expense of reducing the share on the tables of Iranian working families. The war-mongers will only benefit from these tightening circumstances for the population, as through hoarding and increasing the prices of necessities. they accumulate easy and unprecedented wealth and beat harder on the drums of war.

**American and European Sisters and Brothers**

To avoid such catastrophe, we ask you to put pressure on your respective governments not to cooperate with and join these destructive sanctions. Do not allow your taxes to be used against the workers and salaried population of Iran through industrial, pharmaceutical, and food sanctions. Demand from your parliamentary representatives to spend your taxes for the prosperity and welfare of your countries, and not to uproot and destroy the foundations of livelihood of Iranian working families.

We ask our metal worker sisters and brothers in countries where trade unions have a degree of influence over the government and parliament, to ask their respective governments and parliaments not to join these sanctions and support Iranian workers’ movement and Iranian working families against these anti-worker policies, wherever they come from.

**Dear US and EU Trade Unionist Comrades**

Join arms with us in building an effective movement against the threat of economic sanctions and war, to stop the disasters in Syria, Iraq and Libya to befall on the people of Iran.

The Syndicate of Iranian industrial Metal Workers 20 August 2018, Mission, www.unionmetalworkersandmechanicsiran.com,

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**THE UNION OF METALWORKERS AND MECHANICS OF IRAN**

The Union of Metalworkers and Mechanics of Iran (‘the Union’) is an independent trade union representing industrial workers in Iran. It was established in 1960 and was registered under Iranian law. It was operating as a fully-fledged syndicate under the labour code from 1960 to 1979 and then after revolution from 1979 to 1983. Its current legal form may best be described as an unincorporated association. The Union is not an Islamic Labour Council, nor is it a guild / trade association. However, since 1983, and particularly since it openly resumed activities in 2005, its form at workplace level could be considered as similar to that of ‘workers representative’ although the Union is not formally accredited as such in any workplaces.

The Union organises workers in vehicle assembly factories in Iran and workers engaged by general and related industries. The Union enjoys the support of one thousand workers in major vehicle manufacturing facilities, in several workshops that produce parts for larger factories, at a large steel plant, and in facilities for the production of detergent and cleaning products. The union is active in all parts of Iran but due to Tehran’s special and important dynamics as a capital city, their presence is concentrated in Tehran and the industrial districts in the Western part of Tehran.

The Union participates actively in efforts to form a coordinated body of independent trade unions in Iran. This body is already comprised of 6 independent trade unions including: Syndicate of Workers of Tehran and Suburbs Bus Company (Sherkat – c- Vahed); Haft Tappeh Sugar Cane Workers’ Syndicate; Project Workers’ Trade Union; Building Painters and decorators Trade Union (Syndicate); and Bricklayers Trade Union (Syndicate). The Union is responsible for production of a Bulletin of news and views on behalf of the six syndicates. It is called ‘Payame Syndicate’ (Trade Union Message) and is published monthly. The Union has published a monthly English language bulletin, Union Messenger, since June 2014.

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Leon Trotsky: I am confident of the victory of the Fourth International; Go Forward!
Open letter: Brian Higgins to Len McClusky re Jerry Swain
21/08/2018

Dear Mr McCluskey

Your silence speaks volumes!

A year has now passed since you said you were setting up an inquiry into the burning issue of the collusion of fulltime union officers with the blacklist in construction. You also appointed a legal counsel from Doughty Chambers to conduct inquiry on your behalf.

Since then there has not been one announcement or statement from you or the union about this inquiry. All there has been is a deafening official silence. Meaning rank and file union members, blacklisted or otherwise, know nothing about what is happening regards inquiry.

There is also the fact not one blacklisted union member has been contacted or interviewed by the legal counsel you appointed to conduct inquiry and neither does any of us know the name of this legal counsel.

What sort of inquiry is it when a year he was appointed the mystery lawyer appointed by you to conduct inquiry hasn’t even started to do this?

In fact this so called inquiry has all the hallmarks of an official cover up of union collusion disguised as an inquiry. And more and more blacklisted union members will feel this is the case until and unless you convince them otherwise by making an official announcement/statement about exactly what stage your inquiry has reached and where you intend to take it from here.

I finish by saying: It is significant that the only thing construction rank and file members know about a matter which is connected directly to the issue of union collusion is that Jerry Swain, who is named in my blacklist file as being responsible for information contained therein, was promoted to the position of National Unite Construction Officer in spite of senior Unite officials knowing he was/is named in my file. He gets promoted, I and other blacklisted union members get treated with absolute contempt!

Yours sincerely Brian Higgins

The campaign against Blacklisting

Brian has been a victim of blacklisting and a fighter against it his entire working life and still now in retirement. This is a Site-worker report on an occupation of a Danish employment agency Atlanco Rimec on 23rd May 2014, when it was occupied by campaigners from the Blacklist Support Group and members of the UCATT and UNITE trade unions (now merged).

A Danish TV programme revealed that it kept a secret blacklist of workers who joined a union and denied them work. This was obviously a widespread practice then and is still ongoing not only in the buildings but throughout industry now.

In early 2009, it emerged that the Consulting Association held files on about 3,213 construction workers, including political activists, environmentalists, shop stewards and health and safety representatives. It is clear that 3,213 was only a tiny proportion, up to 60,000 workers could have been blacklisted.

The Labour MP Ian Davidson, who chaired the parliamentary Select Committee investigation into blacklisting issued a statement saying: “What we have seen shows clearly that the use of agency workers is a weak spot in eradicating blacklisting and we therefore recommended that direct employment and transparent recruitment practices should be standard for all public-sector contracts in the construction industry.”

Among the blacklist protesters was Northampton grandfather and blacklisted bricklayer Brian Higgins who has suffered decades of unemployment after his name appeared on the illegal Consulting Association blacklist. Higgins 49-page blacklist file is the largest file kept on the covert database and records when he stood up for his fellow workers as a UCATT shop steward and elected convener on building sites in London area during the 1980 and 90s.

Higgins, then branch secretary of Northampton UCATT and told the occupation:

“Blacklisting of workers for demanding basic human rights such as safe working conditions or unpaid wages is a national disgrace. For decades my family has suffered because of this evil conspiracy and for decades the major construction companies lied about the existence of a blacklist. For from being a thing of the past, we now have evidence from Danish TV that the practice is still going strong among employment agencies. If the government wont do anything to stamp out this disease, then rank and file workers themselves will take direct action to stop it reoccurring.” ▲
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*They have nothing in their whole imperial arsenal that can break the spirit of one Irishman who enacts events and documentary evidence.

**Political Status for all Irish Republican prisoners!**

Free Niall Lehd, Neil Hegarty, Gabriel Mackie, Tony Taylor and Craigavon 2, no extradition for Liam Campbell! Write to the Irish Republican Prisoners

Free Brendan McConville, John Paul Wotton and Tony Taylor

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**Irish Republican Prisoners News**

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Christine Connor
Portaloise Gaol
Dublin Road
Portaloise
Co Laois
Ireland
E1 Portaloise
Dónal Billingsh
Sharif Kelly
Michael Connolly
Vincent Banks
Paddy Kennedy
E2
Charles Anthony
Deery
Garret Mulley
Seamus McGrane
Ryan Glennon
E3 & E4
Philip Barney
McKevitt
Patrick Brennan
Stephen Hendrick
Pierce Moran
Tony Carroll
Dean Byrne
John McGreal
Dónal Ó Coisdealbha
Edward McGrath
Connor Hughes
Darren Fox
Owen McCann
Conan Murphy
James Smithers
Joe Walsh
Seán Walsh
Mick Gilmartin
Martin McHale
David Murray
Brian Kenna
Dylan Cahill
Jim Smyth
Colm Mannion
Brian Mannion
Kevin Brany
Ciarán Maguire
Dean Evans
Dochas Centre
Mountjoy Prison
North Circular Road
Dublin 7
Ireland
Ursula Ni Shionnáin
Maghaberry Prison, Old Road
Ballinderry Upper
Lisburn, BT28 2PT
Ireland
Roe House
S.S.U
Barry Petticrew
Roe 3
Tony Taylor
Conor Hughes
Giarán McLaughlin
Seamus McLaughlin
Roe 4
Brendan McConville
Vincent Kelly
Darren Poleon
Seán McVeigh
Joseph Hughes
Gavin Coyle
Ta McWilliams
Patrick O’Neill
Matt Johnston
Damien McLaughlin
Quoile House
JP Wootton
Bann House
Brian Walsh
Niall Lehd
Limerick Prison Mulgrave Street, Limerick, Ireland
Rose Lynch

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**Review: Massacre at Ballymurphy**

(Channel 4) Socialist Democracy, Ireland: A hidden history of British military repression against civilians, 10 September 2018

The Ballymurphy massacre has the simplest of all dramatic structures. It is a narrative built around a chronology - a three-day assault by the British Army on a Belfast housing estate following the introduction of internment that left ten unarmed civilians dead and many others badly injured. This story is told through a mixture of stock footage, interviews, re-

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no doubt that they were shooting at unarmed civilians, that they shot anyone who tried to rescue the injured, and as a number of the victims were not fatally injured but bled to death as they lay for hours under a hail of fire. In one case there is a witness and forensic evidence of an injured civilian having the coup de grace delivered by having a pistol fired twice into the back of his head at short range.

Yet Ballymurphy is the hidden massacre, forgotten while the same groups of soldiers, using the same methods at the civil rights march in Derry, provoked mass protests across the world.

What we find is that there was more to Ballymurphy than simply the killing fields. Michael Jackson, later to become head of the British Army, was operating as press officer in the area and disseminated a story of a ferocious gun battle between the provisional IRA and the paratroopers. The local Unionist press took up the story. The tale was followed by a perfunctory inquests that simply recorded the cause of death of the victims. These were accompanied by statements by the soldiers of coming under a barrage of fire and firing in self-defence. One soldier spoke of a middle-aged grandmother moving about a field and attacking him with a machine gun. In fact there was no evidence of a gun battle. No weapons, no rounds, not even empty shell cases were recovered from this battle. The army may well have expected that the IRA would return fire but details of interment raids were well known and the IRA had dispersed to safe houses.

What we find is that the same soldiers using the same methods, and with the same stories of imaginary gun battles, only months later were to carry out the slaughter at the Derry civil rights march, this time with a large amount of British whitewash absolving the troops in the form of the Widgery Report.

How did this happen? To a certain extent the issue is left open. Former soldiers report how welcoming Catholic residents were demonised and defined as the enemy and of the role of the paratroops in terrorising areas. There is some discussion of the involvement of Brigadier Frank Kitson and his use of the paratroopers and Greenjackets as an instrument of pacification. There is also reporting of rivalry inside the British Army, with the Belfast regiments declaring a policy of no barricades and no no-go areas and looking down on the Derry troops who were unable to enter the Bogside.

Kitson is famous for his book “low intensity operations” but it is important to realise that this simply translates into methods for suppressing largely unarmed civilians and that he was one of a number of officers who had used methods of mass repression in Kenya and Aden. The British government had consciously decided that they were facing a mass upsurge and to preserve partition and the Stormont government they would have to use the methods that they had used previously other colonial situations. The problem with this conclusion is that the only possible political resolution to the massacres of Ballymurphy and Derry is the expulsion of Britain from Ireland. These have been a constant feature of the British presence in Ireland and they will be so in the future if further resistance arises.

The film gives us unwavering admiration for the relatives of the dead who have struggled over decades to find justice. How ever we have become used to relatives leading these campaigns. Where are the political parties?

The initial group to gain world attention was the mothers of the plaza de Mayo, an Argentinian group protested their disappeared children because all political groups and political activity were repressed by the Argentinian generals. The prominent place of relatives of today is because Sinn Fein is shy. They accepted the Saville Report, which ruled out any government policy of repression in favour of indiscriminate by soldiers A to F. The fact is that Sinn Fein now support a political settlement based on the idea that the British are humanitarians interested in supporting democracy and eventually promoting a United Ireland. In those circumstances they have no problem in lining up to shake the hand of Prince Charles, Colonel in chief of the Paratroop Regiment.

The narrative of the Ballymurphy massacre proves this is rubb ish and that we are living in a dreamland. As a result of the decades of ferocious violence deployed by the British we are living in a dreary corrupt and sectarian failed state and the threat of violence will remain as long as the British do.
The Prisoners’ Diaries: Palestinian Voices from the Israeli Gulag
by Norma Hashim (Editor)
This is a compilation of 22 Palestinian prisoners’ experiences in Israeli jails. 1,027 prisoners were released in 2011 as part of the exchange with Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit and 22 of them were interviewed by journalists. Their commentaries were translated by CPDS and edited. The book is dedicated to Samer Issawi and all Palestinian prisoners, past, present and future, and was released on 17 April 2013, in conjunction with Palestinian Prisoners’ Day.

“This book is so valuable as it combines the witnessing by prisoners with just enough information about the magnitude of the Israeli prison system to give readers a true understanding of this most agonizing dimension of the Palestinian ordeal.”

− Richard Falk, Albert G. Milbank Professor of International Law Emeritus, Princeton University and UN Special Rapporteur for occupied Palestinian Territories

“A humane, beautiful, valuable yet painful book. I ask all people of conscience to read it to learn more about the suffering of the Palestinian detainees in Israeli Occupation prisons.”

− Hana Shalabi, former hunger striker,

Dreaming of Freedom places Israel’s military detention of Palestinian children in its full context, shedding insight onto the Israel occupation and the Palestinian resistance to it - as well as the lives of children who grow up in an environment filled with heavily-armed soldiers, walls and tanks. It contains first-hand testimonies by Palestinian children enduring the horrors of Israeli prison cells - beatings, torture, humiliation and violations, with no accountability whatsoever. By Noor Abuisha

“A detention room, a big stick, the beating and the kicking” The violence that Ahmed Khalaf, (13 years), used to avoid seeing while watching action movies, was experienced for real with every single horrible detail when the Israeli forces arrested him while he was celebrating the end of school exams with his friend at a park in the West Bank. The Israeli court sentenced Khalaf to 6 months in prison with the charge of throwing stones at the IDF. Thus began a harsh life in prison. Ahmed’s story was one of many stories gathered by the Malaysian activist “Norma Hashim” in the book “Dreaming of Freedom” which was recently published by the Saba Islamic Media, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Throughout the book, Hashim tries to focus on the suffering of Palestinian children detained in Israeli jails. The book includes 24 first hand interviews with previously arrested children covered in 178 pages.

According to official Palestinian statistics, Israel detains 440 Palestinian children in its jails. ▲

Irish and Malaysians in solidarity with Palestine at Albertini’s Italian Restaurant: Roland Loh, Charlie Walsh, Norma Hashim and Gerry Downing.

The Irish Uprising of 1916 had a major impact on Lenin’s thinking about the Russian Revolution. It is the reason why Irish people have always been particularly sensitive to the oppression of Palestinians.

The Troubles in Northern Ireland were often compared to the conflict in Palestine, with Irish republicans North and South of the border identifying with the Palestinian cause, while loyalists identified with Israel.” ▲

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Gearoid O’Colmain, journalist and political analyst, based in Paris

“One must remember that Ireland is the only post-colonial country in Western Europe. The Irish people have a unique historical experience of dispossession and struggle for national self-determination. Marx said Ireland would be the Achilles Heel of the British Empire.
The British Army and ‘counter-insurgency’ (counter-revolution)

These are extracts from a paper by Colonel I. A. Rigden O.B.E. They make chilling reading for those who can read between the lines. This is what the British working class can expect if Brexit goes badly wrong. It is titled, The British Approach to Counter-Insurgency: Myths, Realities and Strategic Challenges, 25 March 2008.

Since 1945 the British armed forces have taken part in 72 military campaigns. Of these campaigns, 17 can be classified as counter-insurgency campaigns.

- Aden campaign, there was very little media coverage this got only increased the appetite of the Zionist/Witchhunt (!!!) on 6 December 2018. The widespread national press coverage this got only increased the appetite of the Zionists to expel me for antisemitism on the urging of John Lansman from Labour as were several others not at the meeting like Tommy Robinson spewing his fascist hate. A counter-witchhunt against me and Socialist Fawkes. I was expelled within two hours, auto-excluded without a hearing or a right to appeal. We will see if this Labour party conference repeals this privilege against being sued for defamation.

- Myths, Realities and Strategic Challenges.

- The British Army and ‘counter-insurgency’ (counter-revolution)

- Breaking these 17 down even further, seven can claim to be successes, one is generally regarded as a draw, five are acknowledged failures, three are limited campaigns and difficult to quantify, and two are still in progress.

- Insurgency: Myths, Realities and Strategic Challenges.


- It should also be remembered that, until the Aden campaign, there was very little media coverage of British operations and this allowed a degree of operational freedom (to murder – SF) that does not exist today. Thus Malaya was a unique set of circumstances which will not be likely repeated again (bounties for communists heads – SF).

- A counter-insurgency campaign must win the battle for information. This is a key element in Sir Frank Kitson’s theory (informers – SF).

- This closer examination of the whole of the British experience constitute a theory that outlines how success can be pursued and when success may no longer be possible. The key to the utility of these premises is understanding that counter-insurgency is, in fact, war.

Opportunist witchhunters only prepared their own victimisation

Comment by Gerry Downing

Gerry Downing was the subject of one of the first witchhunts from David Cameron’s Prime minister’s questions in the HoC on 9 March 2016 on the urgings of right-wing Irishman Guido Fawkes. I was expelled within two hours, auto-excluded without a hearing or a right to appeal. We will see if this Labour party conference repeals this draconian undemocratic rule.

Many, with a few honourable exceptions, abandoned their claimed principles back then in April 2016 and January 2018, thinking if we throw Downing under the bus it will all end there. This was the attitude of many in the Labour Representation Committee when they voted unanimously on 2 April 2016 to expel me for antisemitism on the urging of John Lansman and 4 others who persuaded objectors to give in.

Until barrister Gordon Nardell told them they had to give me a hearing according to the constitution. In response to my 3 questions he could not tell me, 1. Who brought the initial charge? (Lansman, I now know). 2. What the initial charge said (I still don’t know). And 3. No, he could not give me a definition of antisemitism (so on what basis was I expelled?)

- The unknown charge against me was then withdrawn and I retained my membership. The minutes of the meeting were suitably doctored to conceal the details I sought as some were then ashamed of what they had tried to do. I won’t name the rest of the names involved but my snout has given me all the hidden details.

- At least one of these 4 witchhunters was quickly suspended from Labour as were several others not at the meeting like Tony Greenstein who continued the witchhunt at the disgraceful expulsion of SocialistFight from Labour Against the Witchhunt (!!!) on 6 December 2018. The widespread national press coverage this got only increased the appetite of the Zionist/Blairite/Tories who recognised unprincipled opponents when they made their stance so clear.

- Now that they are charging Jeremy Corbyn with racism and antisemitism some who participated in that witchhunt against me and Socialist Fight now denounce the cowardice of those who could not defend Ken Livingstone and Jackie Walker and Tony Greenstein and Marc Wadsworth but want me to forget about their own cowardice in openly attacking the rights of revolutionary Trotskyism.

- Dave Rich of the far right Zionist Community Security Trust identified that target in his blog on 10 March 2016. “The Jewish Question” was not a reference to the Nazis but to the Marxist tradition. Gerry Downing and Ian Donovan and Socialist Fight were as bad as Marx and Abram Leon and the SWP and Shlomo Sands and that was the real enemy. Our invertebrate friends could not recognise what our bitterest enemies recognised immediately.

- The AWL denial of the Palestinian right to return from ethnic cleansing crimes that began with the 750,000 Naqba in 1948 whilst endorsing the right of return of Jews whose ancestors may have left 1,800 years ago is racist. Those who oppose this dreadful position, now so obviously wielded against Corbyn, the entire Labour left and the global working class, are entirely correct.

- But this is not enough for the Zionists, the Blairites and their Tory backers. This conciliation has not helped Corbyn. There is an obvious and virulent campaign in the media, led by the odious millionaire Blairite Margaret Hodge, who abused Corbyn as a ‘fucking racist anti-Semite’ in a calculated provocation within the House of Commons, and hence covered by parliamentary privilege against being sued for defamation.
**CPGB Cowardice and Complacency**

By Comrade T

**C**ommunism University 2018 held a series of speakers followed by discussions with the audience held at Goldsmiths University of London during 18th August to 25th August.

Of particular interest were the talks on Israel, antisemitism and populism and the rise of the far right. Tony Greenstein and Moshé Machover presented talks titled ‘The slow coup against Jeremy Corbyn’ and ‘The new Israeli basic law, ‘Nation-state of the Jewish people’, and its unintended effects on the US Jewish community’ respectively.

One consistent theme running through both of these talks was an attack aimed at Socialist Fight, in particular aimed at Ian Donovan and Gerry Downing for the stance taken on their position of Israeli influence and the expulsion of Socialist Fight from LAW in January. The fact that this is still being discussed with some insults thrown in from Jack Conrad for good measure shows that this is still a sore wound and a discussion that no matter how hard one tries will not go away.

Tony Greenstein to his credit was much more composed and amicable during Communist University than in January and seemed to want to debate civilly. However, inconsistencies remain which need addressing. The talk centred on the false antisemitism claims that are being directed towards the Labour Party, its supporters and in particular Jeremy Corbyn, showing how this was an orchestrated attack.

**Geoffrey Alderman and Andrew Gimson**

During the talk Tony included a reference to a book ‘The Jewish Community in British Politics’ by Geoffrey Alderman, whereby he stated that the Jewish community have disproportionately become affluent than British working class and therefore more likely to vote Conservative. There are obviously many historical reasons for this which go beyond this post but facts remain that many from the Jewish community do vote for the Conservatives, with the issue of Palestine being a huge factor. This is also corroborated by Andrew Gimson on the Conservative Home website, writing,

“But a later Labour leader, Ed Miliband, ran into severe difficulties by seeming too inclined to support the Palestinians against Israel, and by simply not understanding what note to strike when addressing Jewish audiences.”

He then goes on to write….

“And yet it is arguable that not only Cameron’s narrow victory in 2015, but her (Theresa May) ability to carry on in 2017, were attributable to Jewish votes. For Britain’s Jews are geographically concentrated, with about two-thirds of them either in London or in the parts of Essex and Hertfordshire next to London, while there are other sizeable communities in Manchester, Leeds, Gateshead, Glasgow and Liverpool.

Some Conservatives believe that in 2017 the party only held (with the majority given in brackets) Finchley and Golders

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An increase in voting Democrat was seen as an indicator to support this argument, it could be argued that the Democrats have been no different in exercising US foreign policy interests than the Republicans, on many occasions even worse. It was the Democrats that took the US into Vietnam, threatened Cuba in the Missile Crisis, still kept open Guantanamo, still provided weapons and support during assaults on Gaza and carried out record numbers of drone strikes to the tune of 10 times more than G W Bush. While the language and methods may be different, the results of US policy have the same desired results. The current evidence of pro-Israeli influence also seems to be contrary to the argument put forward. [1]

So here we are. According to Moshé Machover Socialist Fight are at least half right, and not entirely wrong as he still claims despite the evidence that does support Ian’s thesis. We now get onto Norman Finkenstein, who has recently come out with the same arguments as those provided by Socialist Fight. Both Tony Greenstein and Moshé Machover were challenged by members from Socialist Fight on this, requesting either an apology or a denunciation of Norman Finkenstein as an antisemite, which was levelled at members of Socialist Fight for adopting the same political position.

**Norman Finkenstein and Socialist Fight**

Both Tony Greenstein and Moshé Machover stated that he was not anti-Semitic but was wrong, with the latter then claiming that while Norman Finkenstein made “a lot of good points but needs to change his language instead of generalisation” that “he was in fact undermining the Palestinian cause with antisemitic tropes”…… hang on a minute Moshé but we thought it was said that he was not antisemitic? This is at the heart of the matter and is where cowardice comes into play, the individuals concerned are not antisemitic (a description also given of our comrade Gerry Downing in January when being expelled) but that the individual’s politics are. A person’s politics may be right or wrong but either way they are an extension of their belief system and at that point in time (unless the individual changes his or her views) are therefore a projection of themselves. They are not separate.

Tony Greenstein during the discussion after his talk the previous day had to say that having members of Socialist Fight within the group (LAW) would have been a distraction, finding itself with a difficult situation of fighting various charges against the Labour Party and the Zionist lobby, having members of Socialist Fight on board would have only added to that distraction. In other words it was a tactical decision to expel members.

This is disingenuous, cowardly and shows that individuals are not prepared to defend themselves on a matter of political principle. This policy of appeasement is exactly why individuals in LAW find themselves expelled and Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party find themselves in a corner with attacks by Zionists arriving on their lap on a daily basis. For Jack Conrad to then elaborate that overrepresentation does not imply anything, while providing an analogy of too many men in high places “means what?”…… Well too many men usually mean sexism, we see this overrepresentation in the workplace, in the boardroom and in politics. Cowards cannot even get their analogies right.

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**Note**

Hurricane Lane and its devastation effects in Hawaii is a good indicator of the activity of Climate Change. Hurricanes are pretty rare in Hawaii. Only once in 1992, a Hurricane of this magnitude plummeted Kauai. Climate Change has a lot to do with Hurricane Lane. The South Pacific Ocean is about 10 degrees higher than the average normal due to the developing El Niño. This can fuel a monstrous Hurricane. Higher Temperature also fuel more frequent El Niño with devastating effects in different parts of the world. Climate experts predict more El Niño.

El Niño is an irregularly recurring flow of unusually warm surface waters from the Pacific Ocean toward and along the western coast of South America that prevents upwelling of nutrient-rich cold deep water and that disrupts typical regional and global weather patterns. La Niña is the positive phase of the El Niño and is associated with cooler-than-average sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

The only reason why the human race is still around is because most of the energy from Climate Change goes to the oceans. This will change in the future whereby the oceans will not be able to absorb the CO2 and accelerating temperature will develop on land. But for now, warmer oceans mean more devastations to coastal areas that host millions of people. We begin to see serious damage to homes from storms and rising sea levels. Many suffered from rising ocean water that reached their houses in Florida and Texas. The rising oceans already swallowed small islands and forced the people to move out of these islands.

Because the mass media serves the capitalist class, most of the media minimize the grave dangers from climate change. But the best scientists who do not cave to the pressure of the ruling class say that “it’s already 1.73°C (or 3.11°F) warmer than preindustrial”. [1]

Without a mass movement to fight climate change and its capitalist source, climate change is beginning to explode via temperature rise with devastating effects. The number of people who die from heat waves around the world is rising sharply. Let us be clear about the fundamental reason for this: the source of climate change is the greed of capitalism for maximum profit. Fossil fuel is just a means for maximising profit.

This is so, because the use of renewable energy for the world economy, such as solar energy, will require significant overall changes in the mean of productions and factories that the capitalists do not want to pay for.

We are crossing the path of no return by which climate change fuelled by positive feedbacks can cause mass extinction of most life, including human life. We already entered the era of mass extinction that could be as massive as the previous mass extinctions, including the Permian mass extinction by which 90% of all life vanished 250 million years ago. The fastest decline among the animal populations were found in freshwater ecosystems, where numbers have plummeted by 75% since 1970. [2] Land animals and marine life declined by 40% [3] in the same period. [4]

Capitalism can’t halt climate change

Capitalism is totally incapable to seriously slow and halt the mass extinction process. International competition between the main imperialist countries is intensifying. Thus, to beat the competition none of the imperialist countries want to spend billions of extra dollars to overhaul the means of productions, stop the productions of cars run by fossil fuel in favour of electric cars, etc. By doing that, the competition will win and could bankrupt the losing imperialist country.

Since the early 1980s, when scientists first raised the problems of climate change, world capitalism has done very little to seriously combat climate change. Even if
some countries in Europe has taken small steps against Climate Change, they have changed nothing, as the vast majority of countries, led and encouraged by the US, keep on increasing the CO2 in the atmosphere. Only a collective economy – a world socialist planned economy that does not run for profit but for the needs of the working class and its allies - can stop the reliance on fossil fuel. But what we do not know for sure is whether it is too late for socialism to stop the destruction of the planet and halt climate change. This depends on whether positive feedback loops develop runaway climate change to the point that we cannot reverse the process. For example, as the ice in the Arctic is diminishing, the exposed ground absorbs heat. The increasing heat warms the Arctic. This causes more ice melting. If these kinds of positive feedbacks cannot be stopped and reversed, civilization will decline rapidly.

What we are experiencing is a leap in warming that the planet and certainly humans never experienced before in such a short time. The short time span is the most critical part of the warming. In the past the planet went through a number of dramatic warming. But with few exceptions, the warming took place over a period of thousands of years. But under decaying capitalism, rapid warming takes place within years, not even decades. This is unprecedented in the entire earth history. It creates a significant imbalance between the planet and its atmosphere as the atmosphere collect the rapidly released green gases, such as CO2 and Methane.

**Unprecedented and abrupt climate change**

Such unprecedented and abrupt climate change is forcing the planet to react violently, so to speak. This is why the honest climate scientists are warning us about extinction. It is not clear when such extinction take place. Nobody knows for sure whether rapid extinction will start taking place in 10 years (too short of time in my opinion), 30 years or 50 years. The truth is, as I pointed earlier, that extinction of species is already accelerating. Even if it takes 50 years before we see dramatic warming, 50 years is a tiniest fraction of the earth history as well as humans’ history. It means that escalating extinction may happen within your life or your children’s life. It will certainly could happen within your grand-children’s life. As the extinction crisis intensified, civilization could decent into barbarism. The scarcity of resources, food and water (crop’s areas suffer from increasing droughts), will intensified the competition between the main imperialist countries to the point of warfare that we have not seen since Second World War. If the crisis will be extremely severe, a nuclear war could destroy the planet and human civilization. But we could also see a dramatic rise in the class struggle throughout the world that we have not seen for decades. Yet, even if the intensified class struggle will bring the prospect of the socialist revolution into life, the human race will not be out of troubles. The big unknown is whether we have passed the point of no return regardless of what we do. In other words, we may have loops of runaway climate change and warming spiralling out of control, even if we stop spewing green gases into the atmosphere.

It is hard for most of us to grasp the speed of climate change, because of our short life. Earth NEVER experienced Climate Change at such a dramatic speed. Two massive hurricanes hit the Florida and Texas last fall. Many thousands of workers lost their homes. It was only the indifference of the unions bureaucracy, and the low level of militancy in the last period that kept the struggle at bay. It is not easy to link the class struggle to massive disasters. Yet, as the situation gets worse and workers lose their home and their jobs, the link will have to be made.

One thing is clear. The revolutionary Trotskyist movement must make a connection to Climate Change in its activities. Transitional demands that connect Climate Change to the class struggle have be written and implemented. For example, when a mega storm destroys thousands of workers homes, the workers can demand new homes built by unionized workers at no cost to the workers who lost their home. As hurricanes pounds coastal cities, and sea water expands toward the cities because of Climate Change, a city may have to be rebuild further from the ocean; again, with unionized workers at no cost to those that are forced to move. All these has to be done via massive class struggle such strikes. It ultimately must be linked to the revolutionary struggle against capitalism.

**Notes**


[2] Freshwater rivers are often home a wide variety of species from insects, to amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds and even mammals.

[3] The number of animals living on the land has fallen by 40% since 1970. From forest elephants in central Africa, where poaching rates now exceed birth rates, to the Hoolock gibbon in Bangladesh and European snakes like the meadow and asp vipers, destruction of habitat has seen populations tumble.

Here is the RMT's Eddie Dempsey on Sky News laying into former Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks as a 'far right extremist' for his hysterical attempt to equate Jeremy Corbyn with the racist Tory/Unionist demagogue Enoch Powell.

Dempsey gives no quarter to the Sky News interviewer or his opponent in the exchange, Charlotte Henry, a senior Press Officer for the Charlotte Henry, a senior Press Officer for the Labour’s anti-Semitism by calling Jonathan Sacks a ‘far right extremist’

Eddie Dempsey puts soft-left to shame with staunch defence of fighting left

Linkeded to below this introduction is an extremely courageous article by Norman Finkelstein on the current Labour Party crisis about phoney allegations of anti-Semitism.

What is most notable about this is Norman's points about disproportionate Jewish representation among the very rich and powerful, both in Britain and the United States. Four years ago almost to the day I was being witchhunted in the Communist Platform of Left Unity for making exactly the same points, published the following month in my Left Unity for making exactly the same points, published the following month in my article ‘Draft Thesis on the Jews and Modern Imperialism’, which has certainly stood a time test as it is now being echoed by the world's most prominent and celebrated Jewish anti-Zionist.

At Communist University 2016, after one of Norman Finkelstein’s presentations as a guest speaker, I made these very points in the discussion as a Socialist Fight supporter and was heckled and my contribution cut short: I was talking at some length about the role of Jews in the circles of wealth and power, i.e. in the imperialist ruling classes.

This did not prevent the CPGB and their fellow travellers from witchhunting Socialist Fight out of ‘Labour Against the Witchhunt’ in January 2018.

But as the political confrontation over Zionism in the Labour Party approaches its likely denouement, the intervention of the world’s most prominent Jewish opponent of Zionist racism echoing our Marxist analysis provides a pointer to future struggles, and implicitly condemns Jack Conrad and other capitrators to Zionism, who violated their own supposed principles, of ‘partyism’ and open ideological struggle among Marxists, using smears substantially the same as those used by the likes of Margaret Hodge -- including a ‘holocaust’ graphic accompanying their denunciation of myself, a communist for 40 years, in the article justifying my purge in Sept 2014.

Their motive for doing so was a similar political cowardice to that of Jon Lansman, Owen Jones and other capitrators to Zionism who are trying to coerce Corbyn to capitulate in the Labour Party. History will not look kindly on them over this.

The chimera of British anti-Semitism (extract)

By Norman G. Finkelstein

Burg (Avraham Burg, The Holocaust is Over; We Must Rise from Its Ashes) observes, and extenuates Israeli crimes: “American Jews, like Israelis, are . . . raising the Shoah banner high to the sky and exploiting it politically . . . . All is compared to the Shoah, dwarfed by the Shoah, and therefore all is allowed—be it fences, sieges . . . food and water deprivation. . . . All is permitted because we have been through the Shoah and you will not tell us how to behave.” Is Burg guilty of anti-Semitism? Jews have too much power in Britain. The three richest Brits are Jewish.

Jews comprise only .5 percent of the population but fully 20 percent of the 100 richest. Relative both to the general population and to other ethno-religious groups, British Jews are in the aggregate disproportionately wealthy, educated, and professionally successful.

These data track closely with the picture elsewhere. Jews comprise only 2 percent of the US population but fully 30 percent of the 100 richest Americans; while Jews enjoy the highest household income among religious groups. Jews comprise less than .2 percent of the world’s population, but of the world’s 200 richest people, fully 20 percent are Jewish.

Jews are incomparably organized as they have created a plethora of interlocking, overlapping, and mutually reinforcing communal and defense organizations that operate in both the domestic and international arenas.

In many countries, not least the US and the UK, Jews occupy strategic positions in the entertainment industry, the arts, publishing, journals of opinion, the academy, the legal profession, and government. “Jews are represented in Britain in numbers that are many times their proportion of the population,” British-Israeli journalist Anshel Pfeffer notes, “in both Houses of Parliament, on the Sunday Times Rich List, in media, academia, professions, and just about every walk of public life.”

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