

ONLY HE IS A MARXIST who extends the recognition of the class struggle to the recognition of the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is touchstone on which the real understanding and recognition of Marxism is to be tested.
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Thirty years from the Great Miners Strike, the revolutionary lessons are still not put before the working class – even though the catastrophic irreversible collapse of monopoly capitalism is now sharply confirmed. Only overturn of bourgeois rule for proletarian dictatorship can fight austerity

Thirty years after the great miners' strike demonstrated the failure and complacency of reformist politics the same old "left pressure" flannel is being pumped out by the "Coalition of Resistance" for its once-a-year "anti-austerity" march.

If the unprecedented sacrifice, heroism and determination of the vanguard of the British working class were unable to win through in 1984 at just the **beginning** of the greatest ever crisis collapse of world capitalism, why should half-hearted and sporadic "protest" and demonstrations "against austerity" do any better now?

Or even major strikes limited to "winning" or "defending" reformist gains?

The answer is that while every kind of fight and struggle to challenge this venal, arrogant, lying ruling class and its foul poverty impositions can and should be mounted, without a **perspective** of exactly what historic revolutionary challenge now faces the working class, it is either going to achieve little or worse, will discourage and demoralise.

Reformist notions of "defending working class gains" or "stopping war" are not only useless as such, but part of the problem, deliberately heading the working class away from the only possible answer to the Slump **catastrophe** now engulfing the planet, the total **revolutionary overturn** of the bankrupt and increasingly destructive capitalist system.

The world is already being torn to shreds by capitalist warmongering, torture, non-stop spying surveillance, drone assassinations, deliberate fascist coups, civil wars and sectarian conflict, all driven by the greatest ever breakdown and failure of the rapacious, exploitative monopoly capitalist order.

It is all about to get a thousand times worse once the Quantitative Easing confidence trick runs its course, and the temporarily suspended 2008 "global financial meltdown" resumes again (made even worse by the QE stunt itself).

"Democracy" delusions and philistine hostility to theory have never been more useless and disarming.

Marxist politics and Leninist struggle for revolutionary understanding have never been more crucially needed.

The CoR heads workers away from that and back to the status quo of hoodwinking parliamentary politics and trade union "deals" – offering the same useless "left pressure" notions, just requiring a "bit more principle and 'left' militant determination" that have completely disarmed and misled workers for 150+ years.

The class collaboration of the official TUC and Labourite bureaucracy betrayed the entire working class in the miners' great conflict, giving a cover to the ruling class as it imposed civil war police brutality and MI5 state surveillance to defeat the NUM Strike.

It has degenerated far further

since, culminating in the reactionary emptiness and "spin" of the New Labourites, and the supine inactivity and compliance of the TUC, which has dragged the working class behind the chauvinism and warmongering that is capitalism's only answer to its most desperate systemic failure ever, and laid the ground for the now overt class war suppression of all workers conditions by the "back-to-Dickensian times" workhouse Tories.

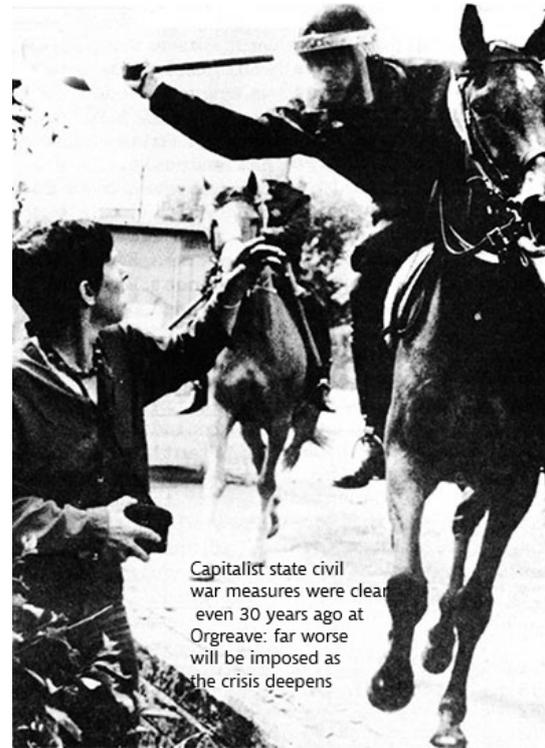
But the foul opportunism of the TUC-Labour axis was not the only problem.

So too were the illusions fed to the miners that "left militancy" to force reforms could provide a solution.

Despite dogged militancy against Thatcherite viciousness it was the prospect of a new reformist "Plan for Coal" held out by the Arthur Scargill's NUM leadership which ultimately hampered the struggle too – feeding miners's the false hope that they could be saved by a new Labour Government coming in to rescue the industry with new investment.

It was never going to happen.

Deadly cutthroat trade and financial war pressure was **already** being felt by the moribund British ruling class by the 1980s, less and less able to compete against the more ruthless and efficient monopoly



Capitalist state civil war measures were clear even 30 years ago at Orgreave: far worse will be imposed as the crisis deepens

powers, from the US to Japan and Germany and others in Europe, forcing it to escalate the class war.

And as the previously stated by the EPSR:

"The self-destruction by the vanguard of the working class through being misled into an UNWINNABLE reformist-pressure strike, — has not yet registered...The need to draw REVOLUTIONARY conclusions about a dying imperialist economic system like Britain's which would rather destroy its own coal industry rather than be put under any further reformist pressure by militant trade-unionism, — is a non-subject." [EPSR 1238 22-06-04]

Revival of "left" pressure by the "Coalition of Resistance" not only **cannot** turn around a crisis which is now three decades further on and far, far deeper towards Slump collapse and escalating international war chaos but is a real obstacle to the crucial understanding needed.

Even three decades ago there was no other answer to the savagery being imposed on the working class except to take on the entire logic of the capitalist crisis, ending the profit system for good to build planned socialism.

Even less is it possible now. Not only have the trade union and other working class organisations been completely neutered by the ruling class with the active participation or compliant supine opportunism of the whole Labourite-TUC tradition but even revival of the heroism and militant organisation of the vanguard miners cannot make water run uphill.

The catastrophic failure of the monopoly capitalist order is no longer something to dismiss as "the dogmatic ravings of old-style Marxists" (as all Labourites and the entire spectrum of fake-"left" pseudo-revolutionaries have done), but the reality of a **worldwide financial meltdown** which broke surface in the shattering 2008 Credit Crunch and which has not remotely gone away, despite all the Tory (and Labour) flannel about "recovery" (including from the "left" Labourites all pretending it is just a question of "Sharing it out properly").

Complacent minds, petty bourgeois opportunism and deeply embedded anti-communist fears, built on nearly a century of cradle-to-grave brainwashing lies and Goebbels propaganda need to be challenged constantly to explain that the crisis is not some temporary bit of extra nastiness being imposed by a particularly toffee-nosed and arrogant Tory establishment through extra "greed" that could be reversed tomorrow if only its "ideological nastiness" was "exposed" or "sensible measures" were forced on the

establishment. The ruling class has no room to manoeuvre (if it is to stay as the ruling class and keep its luxury, wealth and power) because the entire system is collapsing – it has to drive up exploitation in order to survive the ever more cutthroat world trade war pressures (direct and through currency competition) from all the major capitalist powers.

As even many parts of the bourgeois press will spell out, there is first of all no "recovery" at all for the great majority, in even a rich country like Britain, with living standards hammered and work uncertain, insecure or just harder if they are lucky enough to get some, and life a desperate round of usurious debt, dole sanction and welfare bullying, soup-kitchen hunger, despair and fear, if they are not.

The stealthy dismantling and selling off of the welfare state, education, nationalised industries and state resources is now far gone, universal surveillance and police infiltration is commonplace, blitzkrieg is imposed worldwide to step up jingoism and warmongering and the foulest racism and chauvinist scapegoating is deliberately fostered.

When the confidence trick of money-printing QE runs its course, which cannot be far off, the "global financial crash" will return with **hurricane force**, in one form or another, perhaps in a huge acceleration of already apparent inflation, more bank failure or currency

failures, but even more pants-wettingly than in August 2008 when the banks were just one day away from shutting down every cash machine in Europe and America with all the unthinkable chaos and social breakdown that implies as giant cities everywhere ground to a halt.

The only answer the ruling class has to this onrushing escalation of the unfolding inbuilt contradictions in the capitalist production for private profit system, is the one it has imposed twice before – all out world war destruction to divert attention from its failures, deal with the competition and destroy the surplus capital clogging the system.

WW3 has already begun as seen in the destruction of Serbia firstly, Afghanistan and much of the Middle East through NATO Nazi blitzkrieging, deliberately fostered civil war and sectarian hatreds inflamed by capitalism's antagonisms and interventions. And this is not something happening "over there" which is "terrible" and, though it might "spill over" otherwise not really connected to lives here, but **a direct warning** of the all-out turmoil and deadly chaos which is coming.

Boris Johnson's water cannon are just a tiny hint of what the ruling class is preparing against the spontaneous upheavals it knows will explode (as they did in early 2011 Cairo for a brief while eg); the revived and **Western supported** open fascism in Kiev and

increasingly across Europe, more clues.

War abroad and class war repression domestically are both facets of the same crisis.

From Orgreave onwards, instead of warning that open civil war by the ruling class was now the defining characteristic of continuing class struggle in Britain, demanding a revolutionary answer, the entire fake-"left" has continued to evade the need to be building this understanding.

Instead, even where they claim to be revolutionary socialists (Trotskyists or museum-Stalinist revisionist) they continue to talk about protest and "steady development" of resistance "in the meantime" within the bounds of "what can be done". In other words, putting off building the understanding that only revolution can now change anything, by establishing the firm power of a workers state (dictatorship of the proletariat) to seize and hold in public ownership the resources and wealth of society, its industry, banks, land and infrastructure.

That does not mean making a glib call "to the barricades" now as the complacent "left" likes to mock but it does mean understanding that the fight for revolutionary theory needs building now; that whatever minor reverses, or hold-ups demonstrations or strike might achieve, the relentless slump is not reversible. Only getting rid of capitalism can get rid of the disastrous future that it is imposing.

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Leaving the world to be run by the greed of the capitalist monopolies can never stop resulting in periodic crises where trade-war destruction must rule, and to which the only antidote is Revolution and a strong workers state, --- as these essentials of Marxist-Leninist science explain.

Only the crisis events of collapsing imperialist rule interpreted in this Marxist-Leninist light will educate a mass workers party of leadership to do the necessary tasks.

The Revisionist retreat from the Soviet workers state because of crawling to shallow Western glitz and shame at their own past bureaucratic mistakes has only proved the soundness of Lenin's 'State & Revolution' science about a very long period of proletarian dictatorship being the only way for the world to see-off monopoly imperialist warmongering, now back with a vengeance.

It is often said and written that the main point in Marx's teachings is the class struggle; but this is not true. And from this untruth very often springs the opportunist distortion of Marxism, its falsification in such a way as to make it acceptable to the bourgeoisie. For the doctrine of the class struggle was created not by Marx, but by the bourgeoisie before Marx, and generally speaking it is acceptable to the bourgeoisie. Those who recognise only the class struggle are not yet Marxists; they may be found to be still within the boundaries of bourgeois thinking and bourgeois politics. To confine Marxism to the doctrine of the class struggle means curtailing Marxism, distorting it, reducing it to something which is acceptable to the bourgeoisie. Only he is a Marxist who extends the recognition of the class struggle to the recognition of the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is what constitutes the most profound difference between the Marxist and the ordinary petty (as well as big) bourgeois. This is the touchstone on which the real understanding and recognition of Marxism is to be tested. And it is not surprising that when the history of Europe brought the working class face to face with this question as a practical issue, not only all the opportunists and reformists, but all the "Kautskyites" (people who vacillate between reformism and Marxism) proved to be miserable philistines and petty-bourgeois democrats who repudiate the dictatorship of the proletariat.

"The last cause of all real crises always remains the poverty and restricted consumption of the masses as compared to the tendency of capitalist production to develop the productive forces as if only the absolute power of consumption of the entire society would be their limit." (Capital. Vol III. P568.)

"For many a decade past", wrote Marx and Engels in the *Communist Manifesto* of 1848, "the history of industry and commerce is but the history of the revolt of modern productive forces against modern conditions of production, against the property relations that are the conditions for the existence of the bourgeoisie and of its rule. It is enough to mention the commercial crises that by their periodical return put the existence of the entire bourgeois society on its trial, each time more threateningly. In these crises a great part, not only of the existing products, but also of the previously created productive forces, are periodically destroyed. In these crises there breaks out an epidemic that, in all earlier epochs, would have seemed an absurdity - the epidemic of overproduction. Society suddenly finds itself put back into a state of momentary barbarism; it appears as if a famine, a universal war of devastation had cut off the supply of every means of subsistence; industry and commerce seem to be destroyed. And why? Because there is too much civilisation, too much means of subsistence, too much industry, too much commerce. The productive forces at the disposal of society no longer tend to further the development of the conditions of bourgeois property; on the contrary...they have become too powerful for these conditions, by which they are fettered, and so soon as they overcome these fetters, they bring disorder into the whole of bourgeois society, endanger the existence of bourgeois property. The conditions of bourgeois society are too narrow to comprise the wealth created by them."

The conditions of bourgeois democracy very often compel us to take a certain stand on a multitude of small and petty reforms, but we must be able, or learn, to take such a position on these reforms. (in such a manner) that - to oversimplify the matter for the sake of clarity - five minutes of every half-hour speech are devoted to reforms and twenty-five minutes to the coming revolution.

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