



# Take to the streets

**Workers of all lands, unite!**

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# Unity!

### POLITICS

NICK WRIGHT

**E**XTRA-PARLIAMENTARY struggle is the key to transforming the political situation in Britain.

The Tory government's legislative programme outlined in the Queen's Speech identifies the challenges with which the ruling class will confront the working class and the peoples of Britain.

Economic recession, renewed austerity, 'fire and rehire' attacks on workers' rights and the renewed attack on democratic liberties are at the heart of the ruling class assault.

Capitalism is proving unable and unwilling to tackle climate change while challenges to the coercive state are met with demagogic appeals to racism, militarism and the drive to a new and dangerous Cold War.

What is needed is a renewed alliance of the labour movement

and the mass movements against war and austerity aimed at big business and capitalist state power.

In an analysis of the May 6 election results, the Communist Party identified three main factors behind the Tory gains and Labour defeats. *see page 2*

Firstly, there was the 'feel-good' factor flowing from a successful roll-out of the vaccine, which indicated that the worst of the Covid crisis might be coming to an end.

Secondly, Chancellor Sunak's £352 billion aid package for business had staved off a catastrophic collapse of the British economy.

The party warned that the workers and peoples of Britain will be presented with the bill to pay, probably after an early General Election. The third factor was the fact that Boris Johnson had 'got Brexit done', albeit on the basis of transferring EU neoliberal free-market principles and policies into UK legislation.

Party general secretary Robert Griffiths said: 'In the face of these realities, and with honourable exceptions in Wales and some English cities, the Labour leadership had nothing to offer except a policy vacuum, Boris Johnson's interior decorating extravagances and an internal purge of the Labour left.'

But Britain's communists said the removal of Keir Starmer and Labour general secretary David Evans would not be enough to turn back the forthcoming ruling class and Tory offensive. Democracy needs to be restored in the Labour Party and the labour movement must campaign for policies that challenge big business market forces, including a new system of 'progressive federalism' with powerful parliaments and assemblies in the nations and regions of Britain.

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### FIGHTBACK

ANDY BAIN



**A** THOUSAND trade unionists tuned into the Communist Party's 'Fast and Furious' Unemployment Fightback webinar to

hear Mick Lynch, the new general secretary of the Rail Maritime and Transport union call for the TUC to take the lead in the fight for jobs. He sharply criticised big business shipping companies for predatory practices in super-exploiting low wage East European workers to undermine ferry services crewed by unionised mariners.

The online event featured a host of leading trade union and social movement activists giving accounts of an employers' offensive against workers rights. Speakers spelt out the need for a fightback against a new world of precarious work and poverty pay that is coupled with an ruthless assault on security of employment and gave inspiring examples of resistance to the bosses' diktat.

Moz Greenshields, the Communist Party's lead on trades councils, opened the session to condemn rising unemployment which she said: 'produces anxiety and fear, economic distress, family disruption, debt,

poverty, malnutrition and homelessness. It often results in demoralisation, loss of personal confidence and dignity - and undermines trust and solidarity between workmates and in communities. It threatens pay and working conditions for those in work.'

Mollie Brown, who represents the Communist Party on the Peoples Assembly leadership opened up the discussion to argue that it is the threat and reality of job insecurity and unemployment that makes the construction of a broad popular movement for jobs and job security a central demand for the whole working class movement.

Bill Greenshields, who co-authored the widely circulated *Unemployment Fightback* pamphlet stressed the importance of mobilising the trade union movement as a whole - from the TUC through national leaderships and regional organisations to local and workplace organisations.

And he spelled out how the drive for profits is linked to the assault on pay and job security.

Jonny Butcher from Sheffield Needs a Pay Rise gave examples of how local initiatives to mobilise trade unionists and community activists gave an extra dimension to the fight for better pay and how this movement was meeting a powerful response in many towns and cities.

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## Strengthen boycott, divestment and sanctions

### SOLIDARITY



As 200,000 people took to the streets in London joined by thousands more throughout the country a joint meeting between the communist parties of Palestine, Israel and Britain has called for an independent Palestinian state within the recognised borders as they stood on 4 June 1967"

Aqel Taqas international secretary of the Palestinian People's Party and Ofer Cassif, Communist Party of Israel MK in the Knesset met online with Liz Payne, chair of Britain's Communist Party.

The three communist parties agreed that the British government must impose sanctions on Israel until United Nations resolutions are fulfilled.

Britain's Communist Party strongly condemned what it called the 'ethnic cleansing' of East Jerusalem and Israel's bombardment of Gaza.

'The murderous assault of the Netanyahu regime and what can only be described as the Israeli Offence Force has exposed - yet again - the brutal

character of the Israeli state's illegal occupation and incarceration of Palestinian lands', party leader Robert Griffiths told the party's executive committee.

Britain's Communists also condemned the refusal of the United States, and the British and European Union governments to take any meaningful action against the Israeli state's 'crimes against humanity'.

'This only underlines the need to renew and escalate the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign in order to force Israel to respect United Nations resolutions and international law'.



# POLITICS & NEWS

*Monopolies, oligarchy, the striving for domination and not for freedom, the exploitation of an increasing number of small or weak nations by a handful of the richest or most powerful nations — all these have given birth to those distinctive characteristics of imperialism which compel us to define it as parasitic or decaying capitalism. VI Lenin,*

## Take to the streets with the People's Assembly

### PROTEST

MOLLIE BROWN

WHEN DOMINIC Cummings said that it's completely crackers that someone like him should have been in Number Ten we can all agree. And ditto when he said: "Just the same as it's crackers that Boris Johnson was in there."



Britain has one of the worst Covid-19 death rates in the world while the Legatum Institute found that 700,000 people have been driven into poverty because of the

covid crisis.

According to a recent British Medical Association report: 'the NHS in England has been forced down a route of increased marketisation and privatisation — and the Government has

accelerated its aggressive outsourcing to private firms during the COVID-19 pandemic'.

Billions of pounds of public money handed to companies with direct links to government politicians while our NHS is suffering from decades of underfunding and privatisation.

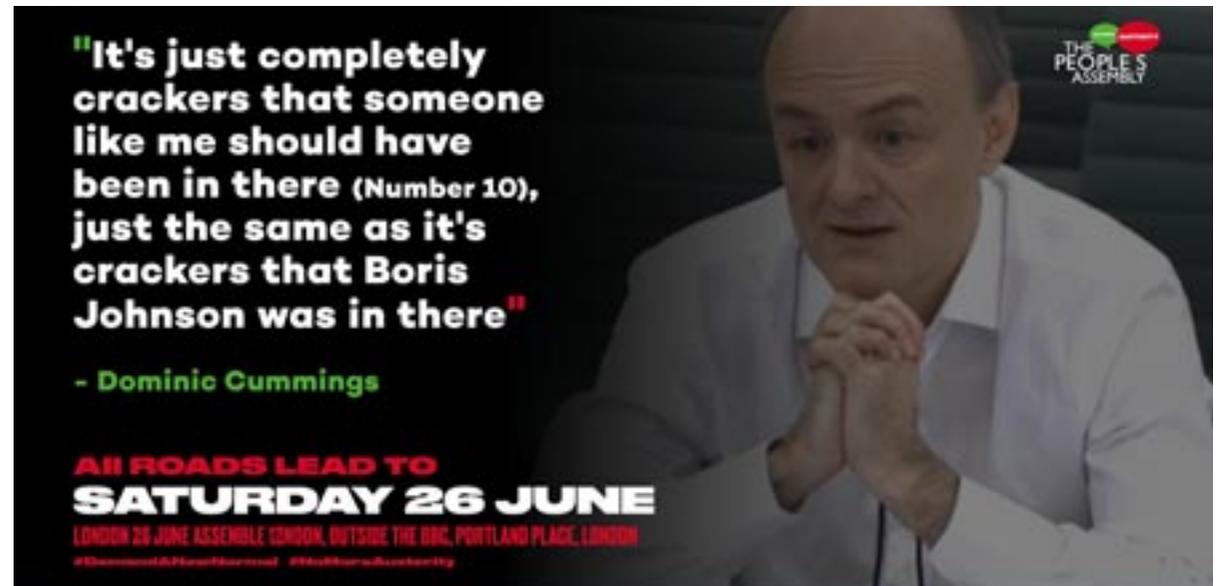
A public sector pay freeze with millions dreading the end of furlough means millions face poverty.

To offer health service workers a one per cent pay rise in the midst of rising inflation is an insult.

While pay is at a standstill profits are through the roof.

During the first three months of this year, the revenue of US giants Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Microsoft and Alphabet, which owns Google, continued to grow by another 41%, climbing to a combined \$322 billion (£264 billion) while they dodge paying tax in Britain and elsewhere.

So far this year British based banks



have made over £10 billion profits. Law firms clocked up £7 billion, IT firms over £6 billion, construction over £5 billion while insurance firms and supermarkets over £3 billion each.

The bosses and bankers, and their government want working people to pay for the coronavirus pandemic but they know that this will meet with resistance.

Their Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill — due to finish its parliamentary passage in June — is a dangerous attack on our fundamental rights and is designed to limit our right to protest.

That is why the People's Assembly 'Demand A New Normal' national day of demonstrations on Saturday 26 June is so important.

Local protests will take place throughout Britain. In London we assemble at 12 noon at Portland Place by the BBC and march to Parliament Square.

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## Tory advance, Labour crisis and the primacy of extra-parliamentary struggle

### POLITICAL REPORT

ROBERT GRIFFITHS

**E**THNIC CLEANSING in East Jerusalem has prompted widespread protests among the Palestinians and progressive people across Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.



The murderous response of the Netanyahu regime has exposed — yet again — the brutal character of the Israeli state's illegal occupation. We witness the refusal of Israel's

US paymasters and its backers in Britain and the EU to take any meaningful action against what are clearly crimes against humanity. This only underlines the need to renew and escalate the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign in order to force Israel to respect United Nations resolutions and international law.

### Election figures and hard facts

The May 6 elections were very much a tale of three countries.

In Scotland, the SNP retained control of the Scottish Parliament in alliance

with the Greens, with very little change in the distribution of seats and voting shares. Support for independence is running at just over 50%, although there is less enthusiasm for a referendum now, before the pandemic is defeated.

But the SNP-Green majority in the Scottish Parliament does have a democratic mandate for holding a second independence referendum. That would be 'independence' SNP-style, with the EU deciding the basis of the Edinburgh government's economic and financial policies, the Treasury dominating monetary policy unless that government adopts the euro or an independent Scottish currency, and NATO setting the parameters of an independent Scotland's military and foreign policy.

New legislation in Holyrood to call a second referendum would place a Scottish government in conflict with existing UK legislation, with the Supreme Court most likely required to adjudicate. Either way, May 6 prepares the way for continued domination of Scottish politics by issues of nationhood and nationality, at the expense of working-class and labour movement unity. The class basis of exploitation, gross inequality and oppression across all three nations of Britain will remain submerged — unless the left and the labour movement campaign for the only progressive solution to the national ques-

tion in Britain.

That solution is progressive federalism, with parliaments in each nation — and regional assemblies in England — with the powers and resources to intervene decisively against capitalist market forces in order to promote economic modernisation, job security, public services, productive industry and environmental sustainability while redistributing wealth from the super-rich to the working class across Britain. The case for it will be strengthened by the publication of a new pamphlet by our international secretary John Foster.

Federalism is the third option which should be on the ballot paper for any second referendum on Scottish independence.

The political situation in Wales is fundamentally different. Labour will remain in office after an increase of five percentage points in its share of the poll. That reflected the popular perception of First Minister Mark Drakeford and the Welsh Labour government as competent in its responses to the Covid crisis, sincere in its desire to address the chronic housing and care crises in Wales, and progressive in its policies such as taking Cardiff-Wales Airport and a major rail franchise into public ownership.

The Tories took many ex-UKIP votes

to increase their Welsh seats and vote-share by five, while support for Plaid Cymru, the LibDems and Greens all fell back slightly.

In England, the electoral arithmetic speaks for itself. In the Hartlepool parliamentary by-election, the Tories won the seat for the first time since 1959. In a much lower turnout than in the 2019 General Election, their vote rose by just three-and-a-half thousand, most of it coming from former Brexit Party supporters.

The Labour vote fell by almost half, from fifteen-and-a-half thousand to eight-and-a-half. Under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, Labour had retained the seat in 2017 with 22,000 votes.

Clearly, many thousands of working-class and former Brexit Party supporters who had voted Labour in 2017 simply did not vote at all on May 6.

In the English local elections, the Tories increased their number of councillors by 235 — mostly at Labour's expense — and the councils under their control by 13. Labour lost 327 seats and control of eight local authorities. The Liberal Democrats stood still, while the Greens almost doubled their number of wins — although their total seats were still little more than one-tenth of Labour's.

UKIP lost all 48 of their council seats. Far-right and fascist candidates were at their lowest number and with their lowest votes for decades.

In terms of total votes cast, the Tories were up by eight percentage points in wards last contested in 2016 — considered a high watermark for them back then — while Labour fell back by three points. In wards last contested in 2017 — another

high watermark — the Tories lost a point and Labour gained a point.

The biggest Tory advances were in the Midlands and North-East of England, followed by the North-West and East Anglia.

In the 13 Mayoral contests, Labour took two posts from the Tories and retained its nine others.

In the Greater London elections, there was little change in the distribution of votes and seats between Labour, the Tories, the Greens and the LibDems, while Sadiq Khan's winning margin in the mayoral election was down a little on last time.

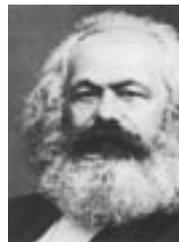
### Why the Tory advance?

All in all, May 6 was bad for Labour and very good for the Johnson government. Why? Three factors appear to have been paramount.

Firstly, there's no doubt that a 'feel-good' factor was in play. People are relieved that the Covid threat is receding. They can see that the vaccine roll-out has been going well and they were bound to draw favourable comparisons between Britain's record and that of other countries, especially those in the EU.

The Tories have been given credit for this improvement — too much credit — and this has pushed their disastrous 'profits-first' response to the pandemic last year into the background. Of course, that deadly failure may not remain there, once the inquest into the Tory government's performance hits the headlines this time next year.

Secondly, Chancellor Rishi Sunak has handed £352 billion in government grants, loans, employment support and



# WORK! WORK!

And this life activity [the worker] sells to another person in order to secure the necessary means of life. ... He works that he may keep alive. He does not count the labor itself as a part of his life; it is rather a sacrifice of his life. It is a commodity that he has auctioned off to another. **Karl Marx** *Wage Labour and Capital* 1847



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Helen O'Connor, the health service lead for GMB in the south of England, showed how outsourcing and privatisation was worsening conditions for health workers.

She gave inspiring examples of NHS workers resisting wage cutting and worsened conditions and urged support for hospital workers in dispute at St George's Hospital in South London.

Johnnie Hunter from the Young Communist League argued that young workers are especially vulnerable and

pointed to the YCL's Charter for Youth which puts forward practical measures for improved training and education, a way out of precarious employment and a programme for guaranteed work, a fulfilling career for new generations and housing security for young people.

A sense of the global nature of the capitalist crisis and the worldwide scale of the assault on workers pay and conditions was laid out by Jackie Simpkins from War on Want who put the case for greater international solidarity between workers.

Harsev Bains from the Association of Indian Communists in Britain made the powerful point that migrant workers are particularly vulnerable from a combination of discrimination and racist immigration laws. And he spelt out the bleak future facing many West London workers whose livelihoods were dependent on the aviation industry presently facing a big crisis.

An assured and compelling presentation from Unite assistant general secretary Steve Turner knitted together the different strands in the discussion with a sharp critique of the capitalist

system and a powerful call for trade unions to find new and more creative ways to connect with social movements like the Peoples Assembly against Austerity. He argued strongly for a shift to a high skill, high wage economy and a Green new deal.

SEAT car workers leader Ricard Juan Escrich who leads for the Communist Party of Spain on employment issues showcased a valuable initiative emanating

from the Communist minister of labour in the Spanish left-wing coalition government which will give greater job security to the many precarious and gig workers in the Spanish economy. His speech was expertly translated by Julio Romero recently a Communist Party candidate for Sunderland council.

ANDY BAIN IS THE COMMUNIST PARTY INDUSTRIAL ORGANISER

## The next step in organising

Andy Bain told participants that the many ideas and initiatives that arose in the discussion would form the basis of an event on 5 June that shape them into a strategy to build the movement needed to win the future that the people of Britain need.

The emphasis, he said, will be on organising – on the web, in workplaces, unions and communities. Eight leading organisers of our movement will introduce their work, and lead an hour of discussions in zoom rooms.

They are Pete Middleman from the

NEU and the NW regional TUC, Henry Fowler from StrikeMap, Jo Rust on community organising and local councils, Tam Kirby on trades councils and the People's Assembly, Rohan Kon of Sheffield Needs a Pay Rise is sending in a video presentation spoken to by young TUC award-winner Daragh O'Neill, CWU executive member Ian Taylor will focus on combatting racism at work, NEU's Gawain Little speaks on developing power in the workplace, and Jordi Lopez-Botey from IWGB will talk on organising "precarious" workers.



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tax relief to business. This has averted economic catastrophe and mass unemployment, but it has also sent government borrowing and the National Debt soaring to 12% and 105% of GDP, respectively, levels not seen since the Second World War in the first case and the 1950s in the second.

These are bills that have to be paid sooner or later. The Chancellor's Spring Budget provided some clues as to who will be paying them. The pretence is that big business will be shouldering much of the burden through higher Corporation Tax. But these increases will not begin until April 2023 – after corporate accountants have had plenty of time to underestimate, conceal and transfer company profits. By then, the increases in indirect taxation, the freezes in social benefits and the cuts in public services buried in the Budget's small print will be underway.

No wonder the Tory Queen's Speech announced plans to abolish the Fixed Term Parliament Act, making it far easier for the government to call a General Election before a new wave of austerity crashed over the peoples of Britain.

The third factor in the Tories' victory and Labour's defeat on May 6 was Brexit. Whatever the outstanding difficulties, Boris Johnson has got it done. After five years of procrastination, delay and downright sabotage, even a section of those who had voted in 2016 to remain in the EU wanted to see the democratic result of that referendum honoured and implemented.

Millions of working-class electors who voted 'Leave' back then are perfectly well aware that Keir Starmer was a leading

advocate of a second, wrecking referendum in an attempt to overturn the result of the first. He more than anyone else in Corbyn's Shadow Cabinet saddled Labour with that vote-losing policy in the 2019 General Election, when Labour lost 52 Leave-supporting constituencies to the Tories.

Labour's candidate in the Hartlepool by-election had been an enthusiastic pilot in that kamikaze campaign. As the MP for Leave-voting Stockton-on-Tees, he had defied Corbyn's Labour whip six times to back a second EU referendum. As the Labour candidate in heavily Leave-voting (and by then marginal) Hartlepool, how was he ever going to do anything except crash and burn, having missed the Tory Brexit battleship by 7,000 nautical miles?

Working-class people are not as stupid as many *Guardian* readers think they are. They know when they are being ignored, insulted and betrayed by the likes of Paul Williams and Keir Starmer.

**Labour in crisis**

In the face of these three factors in the Tories' favour, what did Labour have to offer? At national level in England, next to nothing. Starmer and his Blairite general secretary David Evans have been purging the left in the party from top to bottom, from the Shadow Cabinet down to the local ward and constituency Labour parties. Dissent from the purge has been outlawed. Starmer's pledges to unite the party and carry forward the left and progressive policies developed under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership have been dumped.

Unsure of what Labour stands for, millions of working-class voters who had voted Labour with enthusiasm in 2017

and with dogged loyalty in 2019 abstained in 2021.

Starmer's credibility as a unifier and a vote-winner with a steady, competent hand on the tiller is in tatters. He should go. But the labour movement needs much more than a change of Labour Party leadership. Internal democracy in the party must be restored and all the affiliated unions should demand it. Policies which challenge monopoly power and big business market forces should not only be revived and renewed; they should be campaigned for beyond as well as during elections. Labour must also begin adopting many more parliamentary candidates who live in working-class communities and work in the same kinds of jobs and workplaces as millions of other working people.

**The electoral front**

As for our party, we mounted the biggest Communist Party intervention on the electoral front in at least 40 years. We projected our Left-Wing Programme and socialism as the alternative to crisis-ridden and intrinsically corrupt state-monopoly capitalism, linking our policies to very real campaigning issues that matter more to people than Boris Johnson's overspend on interior decorating; issues such as the NHS, housing and transport.

In the city-wide list section of the Greater London Assembly elections, we polled almost 9,000 votes – two and three times more than in previous contests as the Unity for Peace and Socialism and before that as the Party. In seven other English local election seats, we polled between 1 and 3.1% of the votes.

In the Scottish Parliamentary elections,

we won 1,336 votes, breaking new ground and advancing from where we had stood previously.

In Wales, our five lists of candidates ensured TV and radio broadcasts in English and Welsh and free Royal Mail distribution on 180,000 election addresses. Our candidates won almost three thousand votes, nearly five hundred up on 2016.

As a direct result of the splendid efforts by all our organisers, candidates and election workers, we have raised our party's profile, won new friends and reinforced old alliances – not least with our comrades in the domiciled communist and workers' parties who also campaigned for candidates. We helped inject class politics into these elections and raised high the red banner of socialism. Now we have to follow up the membership enquiries and applications and bring new members into active Party branches which campaign locally all year round and conduct political education.

Most significantly, May 6 has underlined the value of fighting elections as another important front in the political class struggle; one which reflects and reinforces those other vital fronts.

**The primacy of extra-parliamentary struggle**

Comrades, we are not going to turn ourselves into a primarily electoral party. We understand the obstacles and barriers placed in our way by the ruling class, its mass media and, historically, by the role of the Labour Party.

Extra-parliamentary struggle is the key to transforming the political situation in Britain, not only for the Communist Party but also for the Labour party and the

wider labour movement.

The British Tory government's legislative programme outlined in the Queen's Speech identifies many of the challenges with which the ruling class will confront the working class and peoples of Britain over the coming period.

These include economic recession, austerity, 'fire and rehire' attacks on employment rights and terms and conditions, further erosion of democratic liberties at the hands of the coercive state, demagogic appeals to racism, militarism and the drive to a new and dangerous Cold War, and the ongoing failure to address the urgency of the climate crisis.

These challenges will not be overcome by superficial or quack responses, whether they be demonising Boris Johnson, forming dead-end alliances with the LibDems or the SNP, trying to change the voting system or demanding to rejoin the deeply unstable EU.

What we urgently need is not the permanent defeatism of a section of the intelligentsia, but the permanent resistance of the labour and progressive movements in an anti-monopoly alliance aimed at big business and capitalist state power.

We must strengthen and politicise the labour movement at the core of such an alliance.

And for these potentially revolutionary tasks, we need a much bigger readership of the *Morning Star* and a stronger and more influential Communist Party..

This is an edited version of the the Political Report given at the May meeting of the Communist Party's executive committee



# EVENTS&IDEAS

*'My membership of the Communist Party is the logical consequence of my whole life, of my whole work. For, I am proud to say, I have never considered painting as an art of simple amusement, of recreation....And so, I have come to the Communist Party without the least hesitation, since in reality I was with it all along. Pablo Picasso 1944*

## Global communist meet

### SYMPOSIUM

OVER 150 representatives of Communist and workers' parties took part in an online symposium organised by the Communist Party of China in late May.

CPC general secretary Xi Jinping said: 'Marxism sheds light in a scientific way on the laws governing the development of human society, showing the way forward to emancipation and stimulating the advance of civilisation'.

In its centenary year, he reaffirmed the CPC's commitment to the 'tenets of Marxism applied to Chinese realities'. Marxism is full of vigour in China and was the cause of the country's 'great rejuvenation', he said. He urged marxist parties to strengthen dialogue to meet the challenges of the modern world together.

Sessions focused on the 'Eradication of Poverty', 'High-quality Development' and the 'Belt and Road Initiative', and on their implications for Marxist philosophy and theory.

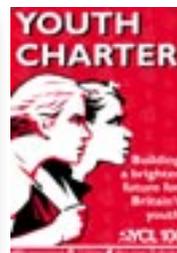
Britain was represented by Communist Party general secretary Rob Griffiths and international secretary John Foster.

Rob Griffiths told the symposium that the domination of Britain's domestic economy by the City of London and by capitalist market forces – together with the absence of cross-border capital controls, central economic planning and a large, modern public sector in industry – results in the gross misallocation of resources, in deep sectoral and regional imbalances, and in low domestic levels of industrial investment and productivity.

State-monopoly capitalism in Britain, as currently structured, appears incapable of the vital transition to high-quality economic, social and cultural development' he said.



▲ redscare is the newsheet of communists working in the civil, public and commercial services and active in the PCS union. The current issue, published for the upcoming annual conference of the union deals with public sector pay, policing protest, workplace safety, palestine and features Strike Map. Available for download at [www.comunistparty.org.uk](http://www.comunistparty.org.uk)



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## Marx Memorial Library and Workers School State power, transitions and eras of social revolution

### Marx Memorial Library's latest series of three lectures

What is revolutionary change and how do we make a transition to a socialist society? This series of lectures examines the Marxist idea of revolution as encompassing the passage of state power from one class to another as part of the transition from one mode of production to a higher one. Three lectures will examine the importance of the Marxist concept of the mode of production, of the idea that history is shaped by eras of social revolution in which one mode of production is replaced by a new, more sophisticated one, and the importance of state power in these revolutionary transitions.

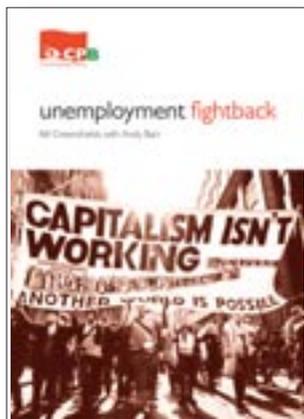
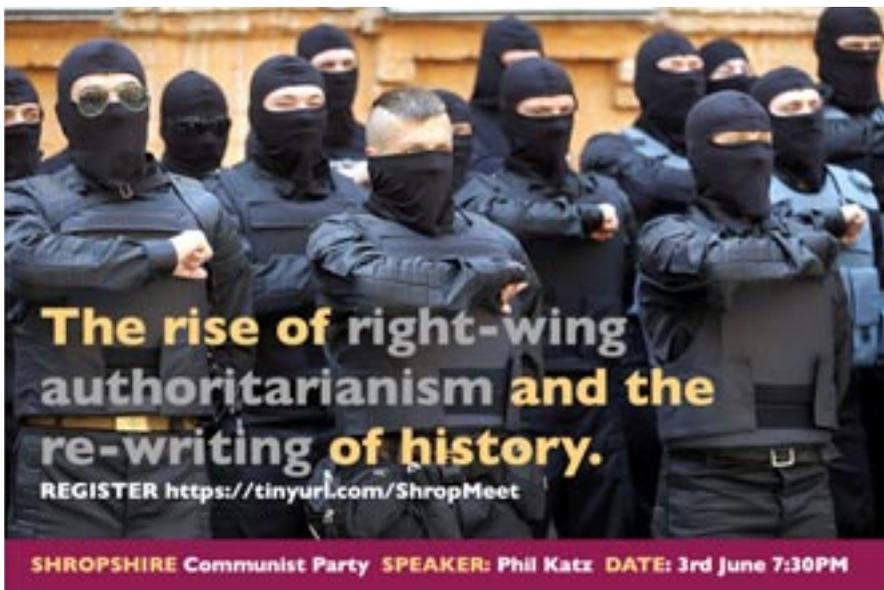
A first lecture examining these themes in Marxist theory and history will be followed by two lectures examining particular revolutionary transitions: the one that unleashed the capitalist mode of production and a final lecture looking at the ongoing struggle to give birth to the socialist mode.

Register at <https://www.marx-memorial-library.org.uk>

**Wednesday 2 June:** The Marxist theory of revolutionary change as transitions between modes of production *Dr Jonathan White*

**Thursday 10 June:** The transition from feudalism to capitalism *Professor James Crossley*

**Thursday 17 June:** The transition to Socialism *Professor Vijay Prashad*



▲ This new pamphlet analyses the uses that capitalism makes of unemployment, considers the class struggle during the pandemic and looks ahead at the building of a movement to change the balance of power. [www.comunistparty.org.uk](http://www.comunistparty.org.uk)



## We stand against the new US cold war and Britain's role in this dangerous threat to peace

Wednesday 16 June at 7.00pm BST/London-time. Join a range of high-profile speakers at the launch meeting of the No Cold War Britain campaign. This event comes as Britain sends its largest ever warship to the South China Sea in a deliberately aggressive and provocative move.

Confirmed speakers include:

- ★ Lowkey, musician and activist
- ★ Jodie Evans, CODEPINK
- ★ Martin Jacques, author of 'When China Rules the World'
- ★ Kate Hudson, CND general secretary
- ★ Vijay Prashad, Tricontinental Institute director
- ★ Li Jingjing, Chinese journalist
- ★ Fiona Edwards, No Cold War
- ★ Andrew Murray, Stop the War Coalition
- ★ Anna Chen, writer, poet and broadcaster
- ★ Ben Chacko, Morning Star editor

## revolutionary books from the Communist Party



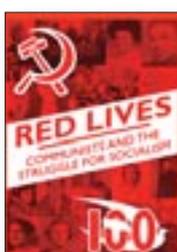
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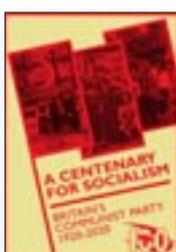
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