



Workers of all lands, unite!

September 2021 TUC

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# Unity!

## Tax wealth not work

A new deal for workers can build an economy and a democracy for the many not the privileged few

**WORKERS RIGHTS**

NICK WRIGHT



MILLIONS OF workers living in poverty Britain have barely seen a real pay increase for more than a decade. And just as key groups of workers – like Unite’s delivery drivers last week – win significant pay rises we can survey a scene where five million or more still live on incomes below the Real Living Wage.

Capitalist Britain, where house purchase has become impossible for many workers and millions remain trapped as tenants in a market where rents consume unsustainable amounts of their wages.

Where up to twenty million people live in households officially designated as in poverty.

Where millions more have existed with the crushing uncertainty and untrammelled boss power that zero hours contracts impose.

This is the new normal in 21st century capitalist Britain where deindustrialisation and a radical restructuring of the economy tipped us dangerously in a lop sided financialisation which further empowers and enriches the very rich.

On top of the normal functioning of capitalism we have endured a pandemic which has taken us to so far unexplored frontiers of Tory bungling. Over a hundred thousand have died of Covid with essential workers falling victim in disproportionate numbers.

Workers with insecure employment terms experienced twice the death rate while statutory sick pay at starvation levels meant millions could not afford to take time out.

With workers on the back foot employers played a powerful hand. Nearly one in ten workers were forced to take pay cuts while 'fire and rehire' contracts were imposed on many more.

But this can change and is changing. Tackling the power of the boss class nationally and winning in the workplace are two sides of the same coin and as workers begin to recover confidence and a sense of their class power it is possible to see the outlines of a real fight back combined with a battle to change the law.

Just one quarter of people in work are employed on pay and terms that are collectively determined. Boosting union power is becoming ever more essential.

This year’s TUC can be the launch pad for a New Deal at Work that can change the balance of class power in Britain.

The outlines of such a programme have been hammered out by the Campaign for Trade Union Freedom and the Institute of Employment Rights.

In doing so these two engines of innovative thinking have drawn on the experiences of millions of workers and the combined insights of dozens of trade union leaders to shape a programme that can be a rallying point for new working class offensive.

The Covid crisis exposed the fallacious nonsense that justified a decade of austerity economics.

Confronted with the economic crisis of their system – brought to a head by the 2008 financial meltdown – and compelled to create a tsunami of cash to overcome Covid our capitalist class, and its first choice party, found a temporary measure of popularity.

But Boris Johnson’s Brexit boost and the warm afterglow of the NHS vaccination effort has waned. For the first time in many months – as Labour limped along under lackadaisical leadership – the party is ahead on popularity points.

This is a welcome sign but, for the moment it signifies more that the Tories have blundered in their anticipation that a tax rise to fund social care would be accepted.

In doing so they switched on the powerful instincts workers have developed whenever the ruling class recalibrates its policies.

The rise in national insurance contributions highlights the essential inequalities of our taxation system and millions with an intimate insight into their weekly budgets know this.

Labour must take the lead in a manner to which its present leadership seems both unaccustomed and, so far, unwilling.

To tax wealth at the same rate as work is taxed would bring in £millions.

In making this a clear priority Labour could begin to forge a new approach to politics that draws on the dynamism of the anti austerity, anti war, renters and social movements with the organisational muscle and powerful reach of our trade unions.

NICK WRIGHT IS EDITOR OF UNITY!

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**DEMOCRACY ONLINE is always limited. Some trade unions and union organisations have aimed to replicate online the level of democracy of the physical conference but most have not. In all cases the online conference entails a democratic deficit due to the lack of informal debate and discussion along with the impossibility for delegates to mix and**

**organise. Additionally, some are not able to participate due to poor internet connections, lack of equipment or unfamiliarity with online communications technology and practice.**

**Communist trade union activists meeting in the pre TUC period considered the need to optimise democracy in the return to physical conferences.**

**The Communist Party’s trade union co-ordinating commission thought that the benefits that online communications and social media can bring should not be discounted. Acknowledging the fact that many women find it easier to participate online and that younger people see this as the obvious way to meet and are more confident communists nevertheless warned that the risk of a democratic deficit is increased as it is easier for a right wing or lazy establishment to limit or manipulate democratic processes.**

**The party’s commission called for all trade union conferences to return to being largely physical as soon as it is safe to do so but said that where conferences are already fixed as online the level of democracy should be optimised.**

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## A NEW DEAL FOR WORKERS

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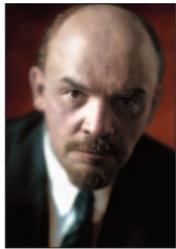
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▲ Two pamphlets for a worker who reads. The first analyses the uses that capitalism makes of unemployment, considers the class struggle during the pandemic and looks ahead at a movement to change the balance of power. *Workers of all lands, unite!* sets out a labour movement policy on migration, labour and refugees. [www.comunistparty.org.uk](http://www.comunistparty.org.uk)



# UNIONS

*The Executive Committee of the Third International must, in my opinion, positively condemn, and call upon the next congress of the Communist International to condemn both the policy of refusing to work in reactionary trade unions in general (explaining in detail why such refusal is unwise, and what extreme harm it does to the cause of the proletarian revolution) VI Lenin Should Revolutionaries Work in Reactionary Trade Unions? 1920*

## Pandemic proof the future for workers They don't care

### TRADES UNION CONGRESS

ANITA HALPIN



CONGRESS THIS month will, for the second year running, be a 'virtual' on-line event. The motions are very much as expected, reflecting the challenges and dangers working women and men face in a post-pandemic, Tory Britain. Areas of debate include responding to Covid19; rebuilding the economy; valuing and rewarding public sector key workers; ending 'fire and rehire'; and demanding respect and a voice in the workplace.

There is strong support for a New Deal for Workers (from the communications workers CWU) and the need to build collectivism as climate change and the fourth industrial revolution accelerate a growing sense of insecurity and anxiety. (The future of work - mobilising for a new deal is the subject of the *Morning Star* fringe on Tuesday 14 September)

The increased number of motions on climate change and green energy reflect the growing concern of the dangers of global warming though, alarmingly, there is a call from the GMB for the construction of new nuclear plants.

The vision of what workers want is best summed up for me by the PCS's demand for 'a pandemic-proofed future in which the interests of workers are protected and where safety comes first'.

There are two international motions on Columbia and one on Palestine which calls for the reaffirmation of the TUC's policy to 'boycott the goods of companies who profit from illegal settlements, the Occupation and the construction of the Wall'.

Congress debates will be available on line and open to all, not only trade unionists, and there are also over 30 fringe meetings. (Go to the TUC's website to register for the open debates and fringe meetings).

One thing we have learned in this Zoom-age is that on-line debates are much more intensive and this is reflected in the length of this year's

Congress; one less day and shorter sessions resulting in just under 10 hours for debates and invited speakers compared to over 20 hours in 2019.

So, how do you fit 'quart into a pint pot'? Congress House's solution to this is to prioritise composite motions, motions from the TUC's equality conferences and emergency motions (most probably on Afghanistan). Unions will be asked to nominate speakers and make the case why they should be given a speaker's slot - so much of the debate will have taken place even before Congress opens.

Traditionally, most TUC policy decisions are achieved by consensus and prioritising composite motions, which always take a lowest common denominator position, will make this even easier than usual to achieve. If there is no clear majority there will be an electronic 'card vote' cast by each delegation leader. There will obviously not be enough time to take all motions, and many of the non-composited motions will be taken formally.

It will differ from last year's Congress in that it looks likely that policy decisions will be made in open sessions rather than in closed sessions of an extended General Council. The intention is to return to a full in-person Congress in 2022.

Undoubtedly, virtual arenas offer exciting opportunities to attract many more attendees than could ever be crammed into an average meeting room. I'm not sure that the TUC has optimised the possibilities that on-line events offer for more interactive meetings as there are only as many fringes as one would expect in a 'normal' year.

It's been interesting over the past 18 months to see how unions have managed their policy-making conferences during lockdown and under social distancing restrictions.

The 2020 TUC Women's Conference was the last 'live' trade union conference before the first lockdown. Delegates tried to act normally, everyone was a bit edgy, but the sisters got on with the business and got the job done.

For the rest of 2020 all unions cancelled their national policy conferences, except for my own union the NUJ which postponed its delegate meeting.

Most unions had some sort of on-line conference last year with themed debates rather than discussion and voting on submitted

motions and used the opportunity to offer extra interactive events open to all members.

The education union NEU also held a special on-line conference in October to consider rule-change motions submitted for its Easter conference, while the CWU held a rule-change conference earlier this year. They are to be congratulated. Maintaining robust union democracy is the duty of the union's leadership at all times.

So far this year, unions have come up with a variety of arrangements for their annual or biennial conferences. So far all have been online but TSSA and Unite have postponed their conferences until later this year in anticipation of being able to hold a 'real live' conference.

The conference I know most about is the NUJ's 2021 delegate meeting. The 2020 Final Agenda was picked up and all motions - other than those overtaken by events or already actioned by the NEC - were debated by the I believe the NUJ conference shows that virtual meetings can be fully democratic though this requires both a committed leadership and an efficient backstage team of 'techies'.

Experiences so far in this conference year would seem to suggest that possibly the best model would be a normal real conference (with electronic voting) complemented by a range of union- and industry-specific on-line workshops and seminars, as well as the usual fringe meetings available on line and open to all members and not just delegates.

The other thing we've learned is that, however well on-line conferences are organised, they lack the spontaneity of live meetings and the cut and thrust of debate is lost as speakers have to be notified well in advance of conference. A key element of any conference which can be lost when time is limited is that the wide range of topics on the agenda do not get aired.

And one final caveat, while new platforms open up new possibilities, the lack of computer expertise or access or proper training must that not become a hidden disadvantage in the 21st century. ★

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### SOCIAL CARE

KEVIN NELSON



**Even by their own standards, the Tories' recently announced 'plan' to fix social care is particularly reactionary. A regressive rise in national insurance represents an ideological attack on low paid workers, including social care workers who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic, as it will further shift wealth and power from the working class to the business class.**

**The £86,000 cap on care costs will also disproportionately benefit the wealthy and high earners, forcing working people to again pay for a crisis they did not create.**

**The trade union and labour movement must immediately mobilise behind a unified demand for a progressive funding solution to the social care crisis - through a tax on wealth, land or financial transactions - which ensures that the capitalist class, not workers, shoulder the burden of financial responsibility.**

**The stand taken by Labour in criticising the Tory proposals has found an immediate effect in the slump in Tory support, and a relative, although still shaky, rise in Labour's ranking. Working people, initially understanding of the need to fund social care, immediately saw through the class significance of the Tory move.**

**Our analysis and demands, however, must move beyond short-termism and recognise that simply increasing funding to a broken social care system is like pouring water into a leaky bucket. The social care sector is dominated by vulture capitalists and private equity firms which leach profit from public contracts by driving down pay and conditions, extracting wealth and capital via complex company structures and diverted to shareholder dividends, and bogus charities and not-for-profits which extract wealth via excessive corporate pay.**

**Our strategy must expose how our current model of social care is predicated on ruthless predatory capitalism.**

**A progressive solution to the social care crisis is therefore only possible with a radical overhaul of how social care is owned and delivered, through publicly delivered and funded contracts, under local democratic control with strong worker organisation through recognised trade unions. Public service trade unions - and labour movement allies - must take up the challenge of organising social care workers to demand fundamental change across the sector through progressive funding and in-house delivery.**

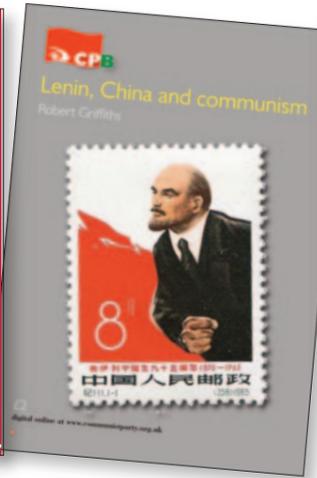
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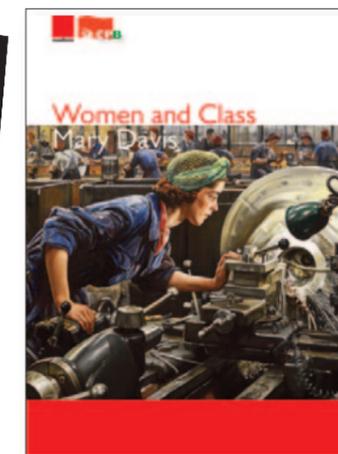
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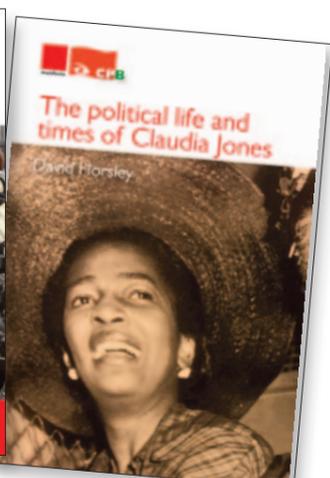
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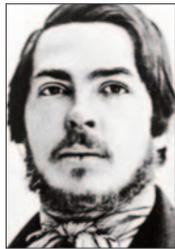


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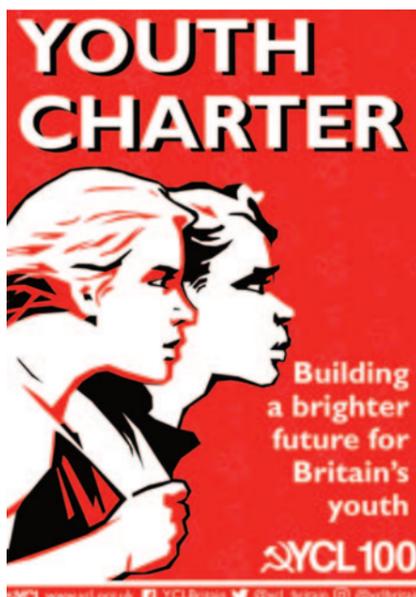
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# YOUTH

*What is genuine is proved in the fire, what is false we shall not miss in our ranks. The opponents must grant us that youth has never before flocked to our colours in such numbers, ... in the end, one will be found among us who will prove that the sword of enthusiasm is just as good as the sword of genius. Engels, Anti-Schelling (1841)*

**CHALLENGE**  
Magazine of the Young Communist League



## YOUNG COMMUNISTS

OVER 100 delegates met in August to mark the centenary of the Young Communist League and celebrate a three-fold growth in its membership. Delegates came from branches and districts across the country, and are involved in work across the movement, working as trade union reps and organisers, in peace campaigns, tenants unions and in youth and community work.

Centre-piece of the YCL's work is its Youth Charter – policies to combat the immediate crisis faced by Britain's youth.

The Charter isn't a recipe for socialism. These policies can't cure the underlying problems of capitalism but these demands and the struggle to achieve them ask the fundamental questions about economic ownership and democratic control in our country. They would make a massive difference to the lives of the millions of young people.

These aren't just policies for the YCL, these are demands for the broad working class and student movements which can be translated into the thousands of struggles taking place every day in our schools, campuses, communities and workplace.

We face a looming economic crisis, ten years in the making, accelerated and made more acute by the economic shock resulting from the pandemic. A climate crisis is unfolding before our eyes that threatens to destroy the world during our lifetimes and leave it unable to sustain human society as we know it.

The lives of young people in Britain are characterised by insecurity, uncertainty and poverty, regardless of the path we choose or are forced into. A decade of austerity has left our public services, the education system and our NHS stripped to the bone. There is no longer even a pretence of providing access to quality public education and cultural and leisure facilities for working class youth.

The options for most in work are low-paid, precarious and unfulfilling jobs with little chance of progression, poverty-pay apprenticeships or uncertainty in the gig economy. Students are forced to place additional financial pressure on their already strained families and jeopardise their studies by working long hours to support themselves. Education has been reduced to a product to be bought and sold for a questionable financial gain.

We are living through an epidemic in mental health problems among young people. Violent crime and anti-social behaviour are escalating across our society, with a disproportionate impact on the youth.

Capitalism in Britain has presented us with two options: accept the system as it is and a life without dignity, or to fight back and live life with a purpose. Britain's young communists are clear on our choice. Where working people are prepared to struggle the youth have always led from the front. ★ [www.ycl.org.uk](http://www.ycl.org.uk)



## Tough times for Afghan women

**'Privileges which women, by right, must have are equal education, job security, health services, and free time to rear a healthy generation for building the future of the country ... Educating and enlightening women is now the subject of close government attention'.**

### WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN

LIZ PAYNE



Four decades ago, the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), was in power. The government was secular not religious and the country a republic. The advances the PDPA government made in the late 1970s and 1980s, for women in particular, were enormous - before the US and its allies, including Britain, NATO, the theocratic dictatorships in Iran and Saudi Arabia, and the Pakistan secret services, together with the most reactionary forces in Afghanistan, brought it down in 1992.

Moves to release women from centuries of feudal subjugation begun in earnest in the 1920s, profoundly influenced by the 1917 Revolution which replaced the Russian Tzar's empire with a socialist republic, with which Afghanistan signed a friendship treaty in 1921. As time progressed, the bid to secure equal rights for women was driven by an influential women's movement. Women were first accepted at Kabul University in the early 1950s. Afghanistan's 1964 constitution introduced, at least on paper, universal suffrage, the right of women to run for public office, enter the professions and appear unveiled in public. However, practice dragged far behind the letter of law, especially, but not exclusively, in rural areas.

The PDPA government was determined to change this. Huge strides were made in embedding women's rights, as well as in

building the infrastructure, developing public services, bringing access to education and healthcare to all and eradicating poverty. This was witnessed in 1988 when the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF) sent a delegation to Afghanistan in which the then president of the National Assembly of Women, Barbara Switzer, participated.

It was destroyed in 1992 to secure geo-political control and access to Afghanistan's valuable resources, for US imperialism.

It was a disaster for the women of Afghanistan and laid open the path for the Taliban, trained in Pakistan, to take power in 1996 and impose Sharia law. This put the struggle of women against violence and for equal rights back by decades.

But the incoming Taliban regime was seen by the West as one which would stifle, albeit brutally, the development of any progressive tendencies in Afghanistan while always leaving imperialism with a pretext to intervene directly should its hegemonistic designs require it. Concern for women's rights, democracy, and progress for the mass of people featured not at all in imperialist thinking.

Five years later, following the Al Qaeda attack on the World Trade Centre in September 2001, the US and allies opted once more for direct intervention in Afghanistan, the so-called 'War on Terror', though Saudi Arabia was the source of the Al Qaeda commanders and combatants and their funding.

Having attacked Al Qaeda bases in the Tora Bora caves close to the border with Pakistan the real purpose of the catastrophic intervention was revealed – to oust the Taliban, which had served their purpose, and put a directly pro-US regime into Kabul

backed by an international imperialist army of occupation. It led to twenty years of war in which Afghanistan was laid waste.

Public opinion worldwide was fed the myth that all this was about following up Al Qaeda's defeat with humanitarian support for the people. The protection of women's rights was frequently referenced.

Across the world, however, those struggling against war in Afghanistan and for the right of the Afghan people to determine their own future, totally rejected that "justification".

That they were right to do so has now been vindicated. John Bolton, former US ambassador to the United Nations in 2005-6 and Trump's national security officer in 2018-19 has categorically stated that the US operation in Afghanistan had nothing to do with supporting its people, nor with bringing democracy nor with charitable assistance. It was only ever about pursuing US interests.

The women of Afghanistan are right to dread the reimposition of Sharia law by the Taliban and to reject their public relations announcements that, provided women live by it, they will be safe.

Many have long memories of former Taliban atrocities and already moves against women, including physical attacks, rape, and sexual assaults, forced marriages, including of children, and exclusion from study, work and the social sphere have, within days, shown what is in store.

The situation of women under Sharia law since 1979 in neighbouring Iran is also a living testimony to the cruelty and hatred of unbridled fundamentalism. In a recent statement of solidarity with the women of Afghanistan the Democratic Organisation of Iranian Women (WIDF member) has said: "We, the people of Iran and Afghanistan... both carry the wounds inflicted on us by political Islam, with backwardness and misogyny as its main characteristic."

The presidency of the WIDF has called on us all to stand with Afghan women in defending their rights. As Sahara Karimi, the famous Afghan filmmaker, put it, we must be their voice outside the borders of Afghanistan. That means showing publicly and repeatedly that the US and British never did and still do not care about women and girls there. It means opposing further intervention of any kind on the part of our government in Afghanistan and putting all pressure possible on Westminster to sever Britain's toxic partnership with the US and involvement in NATO. It also means working in solidarity with the women of Afghanistan and their organisations and with all progressive currents to support the people's struggle against poverty, war, and discrimination and for a democratic and peaceful future. ★

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▲ Anahita Ratebzad deputy head of state of Afghanistan 1980-1986 and founder of the Democratic Organisation of Afghan Women

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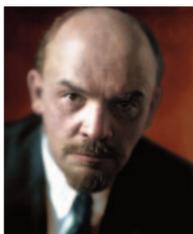
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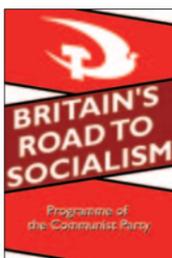


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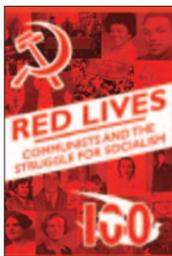
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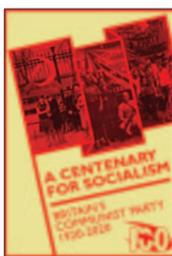
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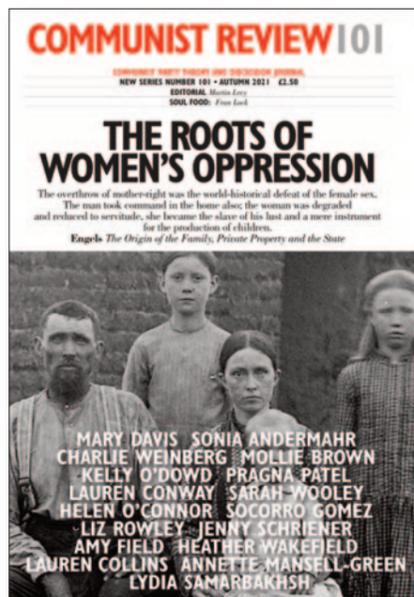
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## COMMUNIST REVIEW

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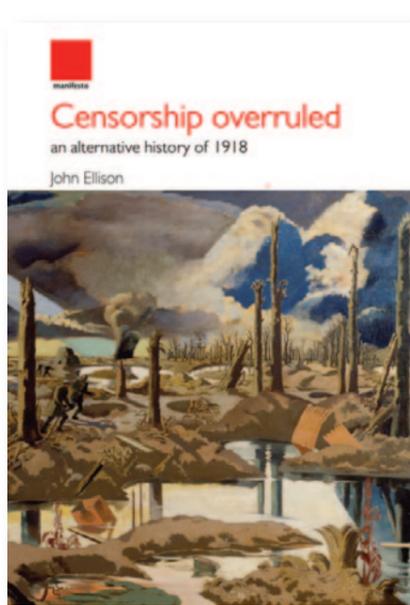
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The third class examines why capitalist economic systems are inherently crisis-prone and the fourth and final class looks at the tendency for the rate of profit to decline and its implications for today's world of monopolies and piratical investment companies. ★

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