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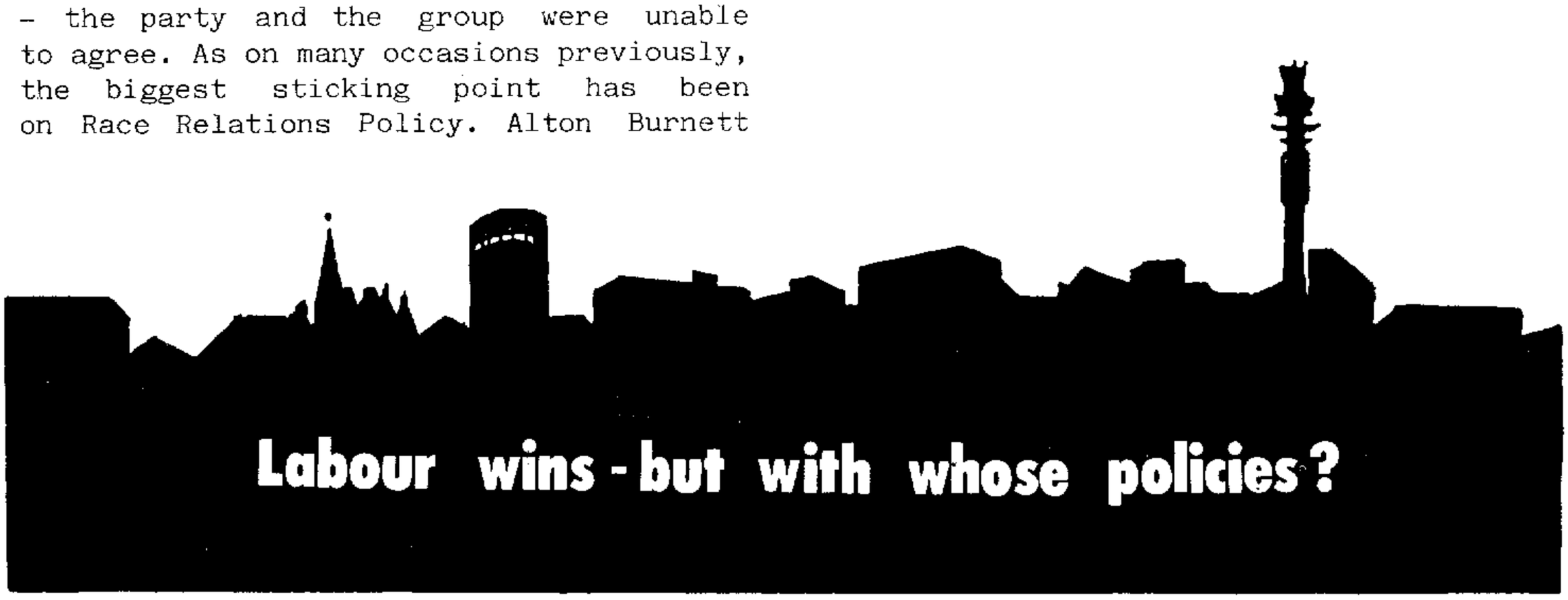
As correctly predicted in 'Briefing' last month, the Labour Party has been left without an agreed manifesto for the May local elections.

In fact, events have taken a major turn for the worse since our last report. At that time, readers will remember, the District Party officers were meeting with representatives of the Councillors to hammer out a press statement, the status of which was itself under question. The party's view was that this document was merely a press release - the manifesto itself being the documents passed at the District Party Policy Conference. The Councillors were arguing that the published statement was itself the manifesto.

Since then, further meetings have been held and it has become apparent that even on the actual content of this statement - forgetting its status - the party and the group were unable to agree. As on many occasions previously, the biggest sticking point has been on Race Relations Policy. Alton Burnett and Councillor Phil Murphy, who in their capacity as representatives of the local party's Ethnic Minorities Liaison Committee have championed the rights of Black people within the party's Council policy, had written a tightly worded statement fully representing the party's policy. In view of past betrayals by the Labour Council, the party felt the need to stick by what had been written. Dick Knowles and the other councillors were having none of it. The quite openly expressed view was that they had no intention of implementing the policy and so would not agree to telling the press anything else.

With no meeti ng of minds, the Party's officers went ahead to complete a statement that fell in line with policy.

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The intention was that this should be published in accordance with the party's constitutional role in determining the electoral policy and programme.

(Throughout this episode it is important to remember that the Rulebook gives the Party the ultimate say what goes into the local electoral policy and programme. This is a stronger position than the party holds nationally.)

However, the party's intentions were exploded by a 'pre-emptive' strike launched without warning from the Council House. The party officers had left a document overnight at the Council House, where it was to be typed and printed. What appeared in the end, however, was a document, in a very pink cover, comprising the Councillor's version of our campaign, not the Party's.

Next morning, it was this document whi8ch was presented to the press by Dick Knowles, aided by Labour front-bencher Jack Cunningham MP. The press had this document even before it had been sent to the party's officers. Alton Burnett and Phil Murphy's carefully crafted text had been expurgated and a version acceptable to the group leadership and out of step with party policy, was in its place. Dick Knowles subsequently mailed copies to Branch and CLP secretaries.

'Briefing' spoke to District Party secretary, Marje Bridle, about these events. She commented: ' We are now in an impossible position. Our powers and duties as democratically elected officers have been stolen from us. The Council leadership has no right or authority to do this. And yet we are unable to publish a proper version of our policy because of the confusion and electorally damaging publicity this would cause. My own view is that our positions as party officers are at stake. We have to fight now in the most determined way possible to condemn the people who have trampled over our party, and to ensure that we never again end up in this powerless position. It is simply not acceptable that we should just wring our hands. We must have the confidence to take the power we already possess and build on it.'

So, after all that, what have we been fighting the elections on? What have we just elected Councillors to carry out? How can we accuse the right-wingers of selling out when we don't even have a manifesto for them to fail to implement? Over the coming months, 'Briefing' will continue to attempt to come up with some answers.

Please note: the deadline for articles for June's meeting is 23 May for publication 30 May.

LEFT COUNCILLORS GET ORGANISED

Our city is renowned for being one of the most powerful and consolidated right-wing Labour strongholds. Nowhere is this strength more evident than on the Labour Group of Councillors. Although the left have organised, for better or for worse, within the Party at City level - where the last ten years have taken us through Tribune, Birmingham Labour Against the Cuts, Birmingham Labour Left, and now 'Briefing' and the Labour Co-ordinating Committee - and also in some CLPs and branches, never has there been a properly organised left in the Council House.

Now all this seems about to change. For the first time, candidates and Councillors on the broad left have been getting together to plan how to vote at the Group AGM. This is held on the Tuesday after polling day. They have also given thought to ways of increasing the left's influence on the Council as a whole. A package of democratic reforms has been drawn up, bringing together the District Party's reform plans and an equivalent programme for the Labour Group. This package has been put on paper and is being used as a building block for determining voting slates for the Group AGM and as the basis for a longer term political campaign bringing together the left in both the Group and the Party as a whole.

The identity of this broad left is, we understand, being kept deliberately loose and depersonalised. 'We don't want to be labelled the property of any one person or group, ' said one participant. 'The right-wing are running scared about this project and will fight tooth and nail to pick off some of our looser connections before we get firmly established.'

So far, to our knowledge, this broad left has not given itself a name. The right-wing, however, have dubbed it the Summerfield Caucus, as the first meetings have been held at the Summerfield Community Centre. Its members are cautious about their own strength and about how solid the group is. But indications are that at least 25 of Labour's Councillors after 8 May (probably 40% of Labour's total strength) will be lining up behind its democratic reform campaign statement.

KNOWLES TO QUIT?

An undercurrent of opinion in the corridors of the Council House suggests that Dick Knowles will soon be standing down as leader. Everything is denied, but a number of sources have led us to believe that a change of power may be imminent. And the likely successor is - no surprises! - Albert Bore.

Some think that Comrade Bore is accelerating the pace of his campaign for the hot seat, and that his timing in, for instance, supporting Dick Knowles line over the Handsworth Ward selection, and in assisting Dick Knowles in undermining the party's manifesto is too fast to be aimed at a 1987 take-over.

He has already become a sufficiently 'safe' figure for the right to feel unwilling to contest him when Knowles goes. Others, on the centre-right of the group, feel that his succession is inevitable. They feel it may as well happen now, in order to give Bore the maximum time to make use of his new status as leader in his subsequent attempt to win the Parliamentary seat of Selly Oak.

Another indication that Tricky Dicky will soon be looking to amuse himself with other pastimes is that he has accepted nomination for a relatively tiresome position within the Co-operative Party, one that would not be an effective way for the Council leader to spend his spare time.

All this has to be 'Briefing's' 'outside bet'. If you want to play safe put your money on the status quo for the coming year. But if you like a bit of a flutter, take 3 - 1 that it's Albert's year.



Dick Knowles - is our vast library of pictures of Dick going to go to waste? Will we soon have to find a cartoon of Albert Bore?

Expulsions - still no decision

THE LABOUR PARTY

Six months after being expelled from Birmingham Sparkbrook CLP, the Labour Party National Executive Committee have still not announced the outcome of either my appeal, or that of Councillor Amir Khan who was expelled at the same time.

At the time, many people believed that other right-wing parties would ust the expulsion fervour to witch-hunt more left wingers. However, the mass purge has not happened, but only because the intended victims have been so successful in appealing to the courts. Cardiff, Penarth, Mansfield, Ipswich and Exeter parties have all been taken to court by members resisting expulsion. Not all of them have any connection with the 'Militant' newspaper. Some of these parties have had costs, amounting to over £5,000, awarded against them. These debts will take years to pay off. These successes in court have been achieved because the parties involved have been found guilty not only of breaching natural justice but also of breaking their own rules.

Plainly, it is scandalous that party members have been forced to use the courts in order to get some element of natural justice. It is now clear that had Amir and I gone to court, we too would have been successful.

At our appeal, held before Ken Cure a right-wing NEC member and offical of the AUEW, the defence concentrated on my allegations of fiddling which had been made on the television programme which prompted my expulsion. There are obvious parallels between Birmingham Sparkbrook and Liverpool.

One of the major allegations against the Liverpool party was that undue powers were vested in the District Party, and that workplace trade union branches had been allowed to illegally send delegates to it. By comparison, the Sparkbrook General Committee, which expelled me, consists of six delegates from the EEPTU, several of whom have no obvious connection with the electrical or engineering industry. One of them, who drives a Mercedes-Benz with a personalised number plate, is a local estate agent. Another is his father; and yet another is an off-licence owner. All these delegates are from the head office of the EEPTU - in Romford, Essex.

Protestations of the 'wickedness' of 'Militant' supporters in Liverpool would carry more weight if all the other Labour parties with similar practices were under investigation as well. The party leadership is turning a blind eye to a variety of extremely autocratic and sometimes even corrupt but impeccably right-wing parties.

It is unfortunate that so much time and energy goes into these expulsions. A tenth of the energy going into them would be better devoted to providing detailed arguments for a radical socialist alternative to a palpably failing Tory government and economic system.

Kevin Scally.



Kevin Scally on left holding the Sparkhill banner, Amir Khan in the middle.

STOP THE EXPULSIONS!

RE-INSTATE AMIR KHAN

& KEVIN SCALLY

Speakers include:

DIANE ABBOTT
KEN LIVINGSTONE

WED 21 MAY, 7·30
DIGBETH CIVIC HALL

Meeting sponsored by:

Campaign Group of MPs.
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Needed - a socialist transport policy

At the moment, the future of the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive is very limited. It will run the travel-card system, bus-stops and the local rail network. From October of this year, bus de-regulation will come into effect, and private operators will be able to tender for any route. A new passenger transport company (PTC) has been set up, under the control of a joint board of West Midland Councillors, which will be nominally linked to the WMPTE and which will be the new employer for bus workers in the West Midlands. The PTC will tender for the main profit making routes, which will be the core of the old WMPTE network.

Two things need to be noted. Firstly, WMPTE did represent a genuine attempt to create an expanding integral road/rail system at a modest fare level for passengers. Secondly, this was anathema to the Tories who have moved heaven and earth to smash it, as in other metropolitan areas. The abolition of the County Councils and bus de-regulation severely curtail planning and the ability to subsidise socially necessary routes.

The negative effects of this are already being felt; garage closures, route cuts, fare increases, and savage attacks on the workforce of engineers, drivers, cleaners and canteen staff. It is likely that bigger effects will be felt in October, although much is unknown at this stage. How many private operators will make tenders? What routes will they tender for? What will be their fare levels? How well will their buses be maintained? And of course what will happen to road congestion, the level of accidents and air pollution if more cars end up on the road?

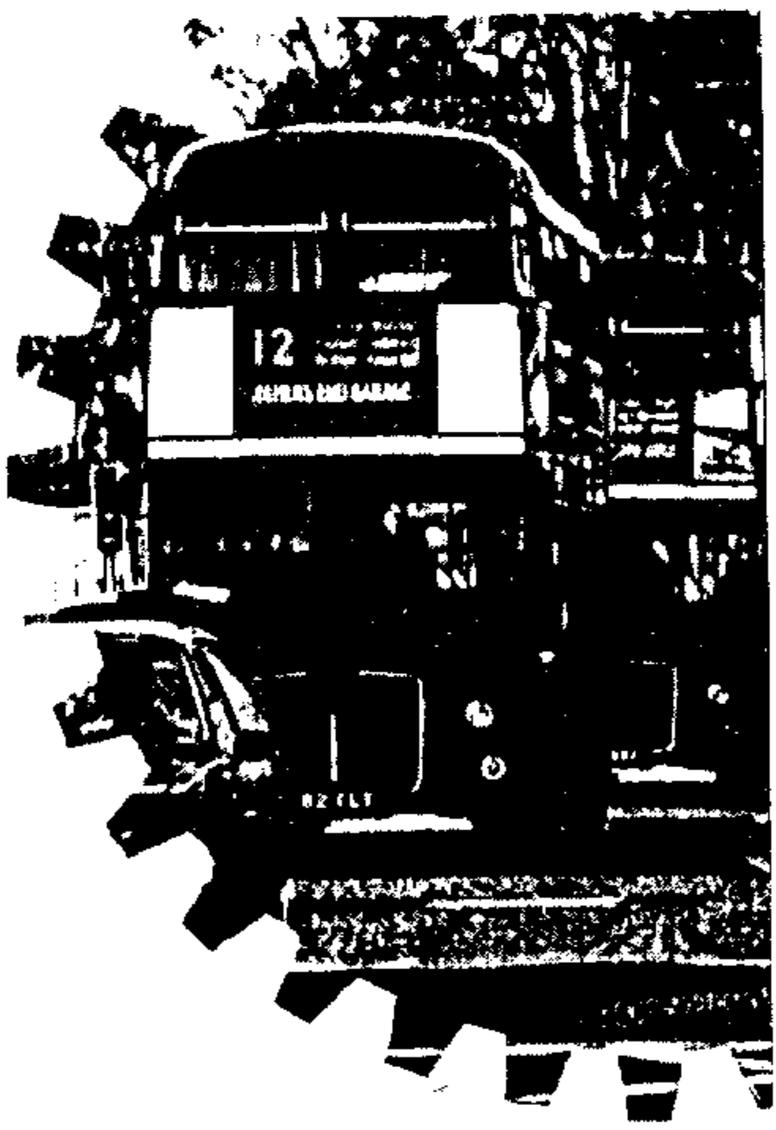
If we take it for granted that all socialists support an expanding integrated and cheap public transport system, where do we go from here?

A policy of just crrying on where we left off when Labour returns to power is insufficient. We have to remember it is not just the Tories we are up against. The SDP and Liberals also supported a certain level of privatisation in the interests of 'efficiency' and 'rationlisation', albeit at a less draconian level. Even within the Labour Party where are the committments to re-regulate the transport system, and carve out the cowboys? Kinnock seems to have other pressing concerns at the moment, more important than worrying about such things. It is one thing to lose government money for route subsidies; it is quite another to get it all back again. The prospect of a Kinnock government in the midst of a severe economic crisis does not inspire confidence.

Only a determined struggle will win back what is lost; a struggle by the left of the party to develop a socialist transport policy combined with industrial struggle.

A policy would entail: nationalisation under local control for all services, minimum compensation, democratic planning and integration with rail services, large government subsidies for socially necessary services, a cheap/free fares policy and investment in bus and rail construction.

It would be easy to mount a huge public campaign on such a basis and link it to the election of a Labour Government. But in so doing, we would have to avoid some of the mistakes of the WMPTE years. Whenever there was a problem of finance, instead of mobilising the transport workforce in a joint campaign against central government the opposite was done. This was to screw the workforce for every penny to compensate for government penny-pinching. For example, the de-regulation bill was going through Parliament in the middle of the miners' strike. Writing letters, petitioning, lobbying and hand wringing was the line from the Labour Group, the WMPTE and from the leaderships of the transport unions. Seeing the WMPTE as an ally meant that we could not rock the boat and strike. We have now seen the failure of that policy. For example, a driver doing two jobs - driving and conducting - earns £157.50 for 38 hours, top-line, overtime payable at less than the daily rate, while a driver, just driving at Hardy Spicers earns over £200 for 37.5 hours. For a further example, if you ever get upset at being thrown around by wild bus driving, remember the speed-ups which were forced through last summer in the teeth of two decisive strike ballots against them by the drivers.



If we realise the interests we are up against, we must be realistic about our strategy for a socialist transport system. Nothing less than a combined political and industrial struggle will deliver the goods. We have to begin developing our policies and organising support for them across the labour movement, locally and nationally.

Bob Whitehead.

IRISH NOTES



Irish women prisoners are being routinely put through the ordeal of strip-searching. This involves removing all your clothes and handing them to warders for inspection. Sanitary protection must also be removed and "searched". The prisoner must turn around slowly. Warders then "search" your hair, hands and feet. Male warders are near and can hear. We ask for your support to bring strip-searching to an end.

BRIXTON

In Brixton, Martina Anderson and Ella O'Dwyer have been strip-searched on average 50 times a month each since they were placed on remand in 1st July 1985. Ella was forced to strip twice within 6 minutes. Martina was strip-searched after an internal gynaecological examination.

FAIR TRIAL ?

When Martina and Ella come to trial in May they will have been deprived of sleep, exercise and medical attention, as well as facing strip-searches. How can they prepare their defence? Their trial will be accompanied by hysteria in the press and on T.V., as their court appearances will be seen surrounded by police "marksmen" and bomb checks. How can they have a fair trial when the publicity makes them appear guilty?

MAGHABERRY

In Ireland a new prison, Magnaberry, has been built to house women and men prisoners. The women from Armagh were moved to Maghaberry in March and in the first month, 35 strip-searches were carried out.

NOT FOR SECURITY

In Brixton and Maghaberry, strip-searches are used to humiliate. They are used even when the women have no contact with anyone other than police and warders. In Ireland, women who refuse to strip have been beaten, kicked and forcibly stripped. Although available, metal detectors have never been used. Strip-searching is sexual harrassment and its extensive use is torture.

SUPPORT OUR CAMPAIGN

Help bring strip-searching to an end!

- ask for support in your women's group, tenant's group, local action group, trade union
- write to local and national press and magazines
- write to the Home Secretary, your M.P. and councillors

Birmingham Women and Ireland, c/o 90 Court Road, Balsall Heath. Tel: 773 8928 and 449 3013

Supported by Labour Women for Ireland
c/o 7 Frederick St. B1 3HE

'Irish Notes' supplied by Mary Pearson.

TROOPS OUT DELEGATION

The annual Troops Out Movement delegation to Belfast takes place this year from 8 - 11 August. As usual, a party will be going from Birminghan. The cost will be about £50 plus spending money. The delegation will have meetings with political, community and cultural associations in nationalist Belfast. It will also take part in the annual Internment Commemoration March. In early July meetings are planned with speakers from Belfast. For more information and to book speakers please contact (021-) 773 8683.



Maire O'Shea victory!

MAIRE O'SHEA

Following the success of the Maire O'Shea Defence Campaign a pamphlet is being planned. This will show how the success of the campaign can be used as a basis for campaigning against both the Prevention of Terrorism Act and the conspiracy laws. It is envisaged that this pamphlet will be along similar lines to that produced recently by the Muhammad Idrish Defence Campaign.

Currently, the Campaign is looking for people who were involved in the Campaign to write short pieces for the pamphlet. Send contributions to:

The Maire O'Shea Defence Campaign,
c/o Unemployed Workers Centre,
448, Stratford Road.



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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR BRIEFING

Washington and Libya - the real problems

In the article below, Simon Hinds considers the American bombing of Libya and looks at the nature of this so-called 'problem'.

The real problem Washington and London have with Libya is that it is a Third World country that dares to hit back against Western greed.

The obligation to condemn Libya's crimes quickly fades when one stares at the visible and invisible monster that the West, especially America, was and is.

The little nations of the Third World are virtually powerless against the massed forces of Western military technological and economic might. Rallied against them is napalm, the International Monetary Fund, Agent Orange, the World Bank, secret services, the Stock Exchange, NATO bases, bribery, biological warfare, the western media and much more.

All the Black peoples of the world can muster are heated anti-Western speeches and perhaps the odd armed strike against the powers of imperialism.

The West plundered and destroyed much in the Third World during the era of slavery and colonialism. Profit for Western development was the only aim.

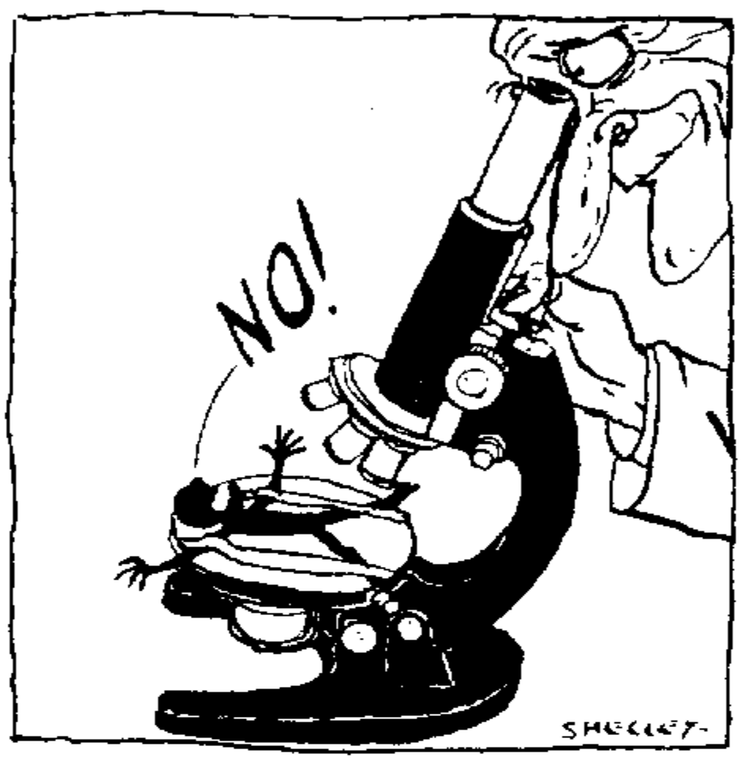


So when the Third World threw off its colonial chains, the power brokers' nightmare was that their 'mission to exploit' would be answered by communism.

It was the United Ststes of America which stepped forward to make the world safe for western capital. It created its own potential for terror and, in the 1950s, considered the Third World easy pickings after failing in eastern Europe.

Victor Marchetti and John Marks wrote in 'The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence':

"The agency, in pursuit of stability and orderly change, increasingly associated itself with protecting vested interests. In the view of much of the world, it had become a symbol of repression rather than freedom. While the CIA paramilitary activities were at times successful, many of them seemed to work against legitimate social and political change, for which the US government would in later years be held accountable by the people of those countries."



Third World people are faced with the potential for technological barbarism from the over-powerful west. As a former CIA officer of its Clandestine Services told 'Ramparts' magazine about its paramilitary school:

"The array of outlawed weaponry with which we were familiarised included bullets that explode on impact, silencer equipped machine guns, home-made explosives and self-made napalm for stickier and hotter Molotov cocktails. There was a diabolical invention that might be called a mini-cannon. There were a number of uses for the mini-cannon, one of which was demonstrated to us using an old army school bus. It was fastened to the gasoline tank in such a fashion that the incendiary projectile would rupture the tank and fling flaming gasoline the length of the bus interior, incinerating anyone inside. What did a busload of burning people have to do with freedom? What right did I have in the name of democracy to decide that random victims should die?"

The CIA tried to overthrow President Sukarno of Indonesia in 1958. It trained and supported Tibetans and had Laotian bases with over 35,000 men to raid China and North Vietnam. The North Vietnamese raids sparked off the war. It sponsored B-26 bombing of rebel areas in Zaire, then the Congo, after removing Patrice Lumumba as leader. It overthrew Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran and took over Guatemals in 1954.

There is the famous case of the democratically elected government of Chile, again overthown. Today there is El Salvador and Nicaragua. Again, it invaded Grenada and helped overthrow Manley's government in Jamaica.

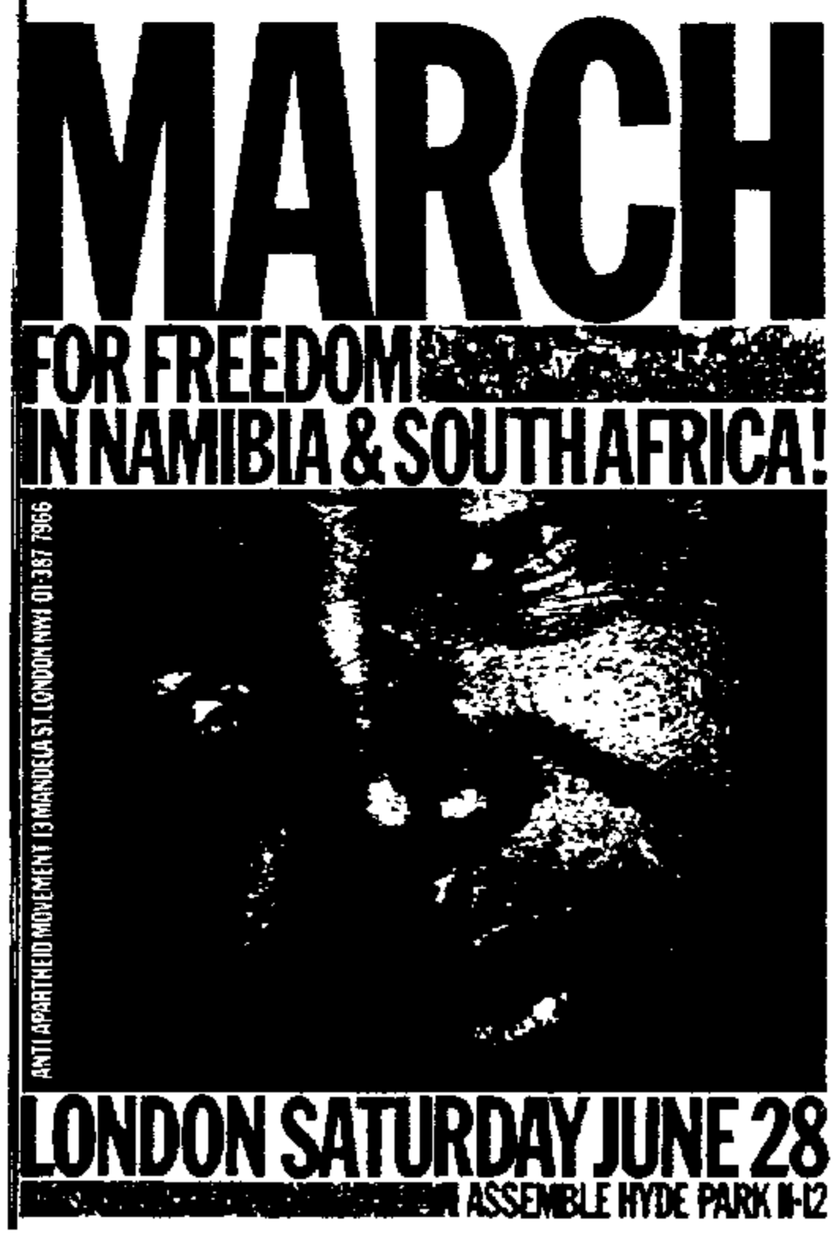
Thanks to the Western sponsored arms race, Third World groups have been able to get hold of weapons. But they are like lone gremlins coming up against Frankenstein.

So, most give in, while some actually welcome the West.

But for those who do not give in, a bomb may be the only way to claw back their shattered pride, while their contempt for everything western may mean thinking little of killing ordinary people.

Brixton and Handsworth are scaled down versions of such outbursts. A Molotov cocktail is the only way to vent years of maltreatment and to cry out for them to stop.

Anti-Apartheid Demonstration - details of transport from Birmingham in June's 'Briefing'.



"WE HAVE COME TOO FAR TO TURN BACK NOW"

The fight for Black Sections in the Labour Party has been going on for four years. For the past three years, Regional Labour Party Conferences and the National Conference have received many resolutions in support of Black Sections. The campaign has accelerated. We have come too far to turn back now.

Now we have ten Black prospective Parliamentary Candidates. Six of these are in safe seats, including Diane Abbott, the first Black woman selected for a safe seat. Black councillors have increased by 10%.

The fear now is that 'white liberals' may be getting bored with Black Sections. Many will be suffering from support fatigue. To these comrades, whose support has been vital in the past, we say: 'Stick with us! Stick with us until we win. Black people have no choice. We have to continue the fight for equality.



Black Sections are proposing the following resolution for this year's National Labour Party Conference. Make sure your CLP/Trade Union supports it. When you propose it, please make a small change to the wording to ensure that the resolution is counted separately in its own right:



Diane Abbott - first Black woman selected for a safe seat.

Resolution for Annual Labour Party Conference 1986:

This Conference welcomes the increased representation of Black people within the Labour Party over the last few years. Conference recognises this progress has been greatest in constituencies with Black Sections.



Russell Profitt

However, Conference also notes that the Black Community are grossly under-represented within the Labour Party and within the Labour movement. Black Sections have begun to turn the tide but are being hindered by the Black and Asian Advisory Committee, which was recommended by the National Executive Committee and established by Conference last year. We note with concern that the National Executive Committee rejected the recommendations of its own working party which strongly supported Black Sections. The recommendation was arrived at after one of the biggest consultation exercises ever conducted by the Labour movement, receiving one of the biggest responses ever which came out with a majority of nearly two thirds in favour of Black Sections.

The membership of the Black and Asian Advisory Committee consists of handpicked opponents of Black Sections, who are regarded as colonial appointees by the Black Community. The committee itself has no teeth and represents nobody. It is similar to the advisory committee's that racist British Governor Generals set up during colonial rule to frustrate legitimate demands for self-government. The Black Community holds the Committee and its membership in contempt.

Conference deeply regrets last years decision which it now recognises was a disastrous mistake. It agrees to immediately terminate the Black and Asian Advisory Committee in the hope that the damage it has caused can be minimised by this swift action.

Conference accepts the arguments of the National Executive Committee Working Party, the Labour Party Black Section, the majority of constituency parties and a number of trade unions as well as the majority of the Black community that Black Sections within the Labour Party must be supported. Conference grants the Labour Party Black Section immediate recognition and instructs the National Executive Committee to provide administrative and financial support.

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Outraged? Critical? Something interesting going on in your constituency, women's section, Black section, LPYS or union? Write and tell 'Briefing' about it. Help us make it a better magazine. Deadline for articles for the May edition is Tuesday 29 April. Make it an election special!

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'Birmingham Labour Briefing,
48 Thornhill Road,
Birmingham B21
Or telephone: (021) 551 9174.



DISTRICT PARTY AGM: VOTE SPEAKE ! VOTE WELLS !

Comrades will realise that over the past year there has been a series of conflicts between Birmingham District Labour Party and the Labour Group of Councillors. The fiasco of the International Convention Centre and, more recently the scandal over the manifesto are just two examples. Both have been extensively covered in 'Briefing'.

It is in this context that the Annual General Meeting of the District Party takes place on Wednesday 14 May. The clear need is for the key posts in the party, especially Chairperson and Secretary, to be filled by comrades who will reflect the views of the Party.

In this context, 'Briefing' supports the candidacy of Malcolm Speake for Chairperson, and Margaret Wells for Secretary.

Ladywood CLP delegate and former West Midlands County Councillor, Malcolm Speake has been resolutely critical of the party leadership, especially on the question of the Convention Centre. He told 'Briefing' he was in favour of democratising the party along the lines that 'Briefing' has frequently proposed. Margaret Wells will be equally as well remembered for the courageous stand she took against the witch-hunt in Yardley CLP. The situation whereby the District Party is chaired by a group member and committee chair has to end.

Support Malcom Speake !

Support Margaret Wells !

LABOUR WINS INCREASED MAJORITY - but questions remain

An overall Labour majority of 5 in Birmingham has become an overall majority of 23. On a turnout at the polls of 38%, Labour won seven seats from the Conservatives and another two from the Alliance. The Alliance made up for these losses with two further gains from the Conservatives.

Labour, then, are now firmly in control, with the overall situation on the council now looking like this:

Labour:	70
Conservative:	43
Alliance:	4

If results like this were to be repeated in a general election then Labour would win at least Yardley and Northfield.

Elsewhere in the Midlands there were similar gains. Labour won Dudley, Worcester and Tamworth and, on the basis of the casting vote of the Labour mayor, regained control of Walsall.

But what prospect does this new, strengthened Labour council hold for the people of Birmingham?

Will glamorous projects like the International Convention Centre, the Olympic Games and the Super Prix road race continue to take priority over trying to tackle the economic decline of the city, particularly in the area of manufacturing industry?

Will the Race Relations and Equal Opportunities Committee and the Women's Committee continue to be regarded as the poor relations in the Council structure?

Certainly, if Dick Knowles' patronising comments on 'Newsnight' are anything to go by, nothing has changed here. When asked about the influx of new Black councillors, he replied: 'We work very happily with them.' Them and us, again. As we know from our experiences with the Chairperson of the Race Relations Committee, Knowles is only happy with Black people he can firmly control. One doubts that new Black councillors like Sybil Spence in Soho Ward and Gurdev Manku in Sandwell - a Labour gain in a marginal seat - will take so kindly to such a patronising leader. At least radical Black councillors like Phil Murphy will cease to be



so isolated.

Indeed, there are signs that the political complexion of the Labour group will shift to the left following the elections. The article on the 'Summerfield Caucus' on page 2 of this magazine suggests this. Certainly, several of the new Councillors have a much higher regard for democracy and accountability than some who have gone before. Maybe it will grow increasingly difficult for the right wing of the Labour Group to walk so roughshod over the wishes of the District Party. Maybe the new Labour Group will be more prepared to put into practice the policies of the party rather than an elite leadership group.

All the questions are, of course, yet to be decided. But the crisis in the Birmingham party highlights them.

Victory at the polls is only the first stage. Now the party has to assert its authority. 'Briefing's' campaign to 'open up the party' now takes on a new and even more pressing relevance.

Well done, comrades. A decisive victory. Let's use that victory to develop genuine radical socialist policies for Birmingham.