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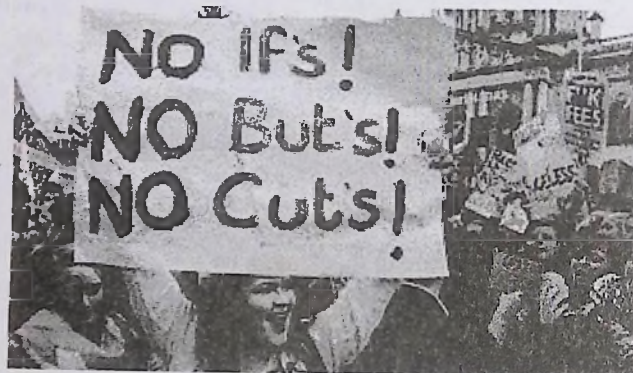
NOV 30 - A DAY TO BEAT THE CUTS

NOVEMBER 30TH will be a historic day. More than three million workers in Northern Ireland and across the water will take strike action. This will be the biggest work stoppage since the 1920s - a Day of Defiance against the Tory-led Cabinet of millionaires.

The Tories and Lib Dems have embarked on a brutal campaign against public services.

They plan to gut education, privatise the NHS, slash benefits and sack hundreds of thousands of public sector workers - all for the purpose of protecting the bankers and bosses.

They say 'we are all in this together'. It's a shameless lie. Bankers' bonuses are up by £52 billion. The bosses of the 100 top British companies



saw their pay rocket up by 49 percent last year.

Meanwhile, there is a freeze on the pay of teachers and classroom assistants, nurses, local government workers, civil servants, water service workers, school and hospital canteen workers etc., etc. At a time when inflation is reaching five percent, that's a major wage-cut.

People dependent on ben-

efits are being scape-goated. Disability Living Allowance and sickness, unemployment and housing benefits are being slashed. Funding for community groups is either being drastically reduced or cut altogether.

The Tories and their media cronies claim that spending has to be cut in order to close the budget deficit. But

the quickest and fairest way to close the deficit would be to make the rich pay their share. Every year £123 billion is 'lost' to the exchequer through companies like Vodafone, Top Shop, Boots and others being allowed to shift their headquarters offshore to "tax havens". Why should they be allowed to get away

with this?

After November 30, we need to keep up the pressure and strike action. We all know that one day won't be enough. But it will be a start, and a big turnout will boost the confidence of all to carry the fight into the future.

If we all stand together, we can win!

Public Meeting:

UNITE THE RESISTANCE

Nov 30 - A Day to beat the cuts

With Jimmy Kelly UNITE, Ray Rafferty UNISON, Alanagh Rea NIPSA, Eamonn McCann NUJ plus speaker from Occupy Belfast

Wed 23 Nov 7.30pm Holiday Inn

DONT LET THEM ROB OUR PENSIONS INVEST IN THE FUTURE

THE MILLIONAIRE CONDEM coalition wants to rob our pensions. David Cameron tells us that we have to pay more in contributions and that people will have to work until 68 - because 'the country is broke'.

They say the pensions "burden" will reach unsustainable levels because some workers are living longer.

The Tories want to punish us for refusing to die

Already, the number of men over 65 still working to make ends meet is at record levels - 11.7 percent.

The number of women has ballooned to 6.4 percent.

The Tories now want to force people looking forward to their rightful pensions to slog on.

However, even life expectancy in this capitalist society is a question of class. The life expectancy of manual workers

across the UK has increased by only two years since 1970. Women cleaners have not seen their life expectancy increase at all. Yet the same people are now being told to pay more of their wages in pension contributions.

Pay more, work longer, get less. That's the plan.

Apart-time nurse on £17,000 a year will be forced to pay an extra £100 a month.

How can people be expected

to come up with this sort of money on top of a three-year pay freeze and rising food and fuel prices?

The Government wants us to believe that public sector pensions are 'gold plated', that workers are somehow privileged to be in pension schemes at all.

But it is a human right to have a decent pension that doesn't leave retired workers rubbing pennies together.

After a mere 15 years, MPs are guaranteed a pension of £25,000 a year.

Even more grotesque, the top bosses pocket average annual pensions of £224,000 - compared to the average public sector pension of £6,000.

That is, 34 times higher! And the majority of the bosses are able to retire on full pension at 60. Where's the fairness in that? Why should we put up with it?

STORMONT - Which Side Are They On?

WE KNOW the Tories are attacking our NHS, schools and benefit system. But what side is Stormont on?

For a period, the Executive claimed that it would stand up to the Tory cuts. But now they are engaged day to day in implementing cuts.

Anyone who doubts this should look at the actions of Health Minister Edwin Poots and Education Minister John O'Dowd.

Poots has slashed the opening hours of Lagan Valley A+E, shut down the City Accident and Emergency service, and plans to sack thousands of NHS workers.

John O'Dowd proposes to 'improve' education by closing down hundreds of schools and pushing through cuts of £700 million. Teachers and classroom assistants will lose their jobs because Minister O'Dowd believes he is taking the 'difficult but necessary decisions'.

These decisions are not nec-

essary. Two years ago, the Assembly was brought to the brink of collapse over the devolution of Policing and Justice. But there are no such threats when it comes to the future of our public services.

Peter Robinson warns that he'd bring down the Executive on the issue of the badge on prison officers' caps. But the cap on public sector pay and pensions draws only a shrug of the shoulders.

We are told the Assembly has no fiscal or taxation powers. Yet it has been consistently arguing with Westminster for corporation tax to be slashed to 12.5 percent so as to 'lift the burden' on business. The increasing weight of the burden on the poor seems to be a different matter.

There is no money is available? Invest NI hands hundreds of millions every year to private companies such as Coca-Cola which already have billions in their coffers.

The Good Friday Agreement



Wanted - Engaged in Criminal Activity

promised jobs and investment. That's become cutbacks and misery. But the wave of revolt coming on November 30 and beyond give us the chance to roll this agenda back.

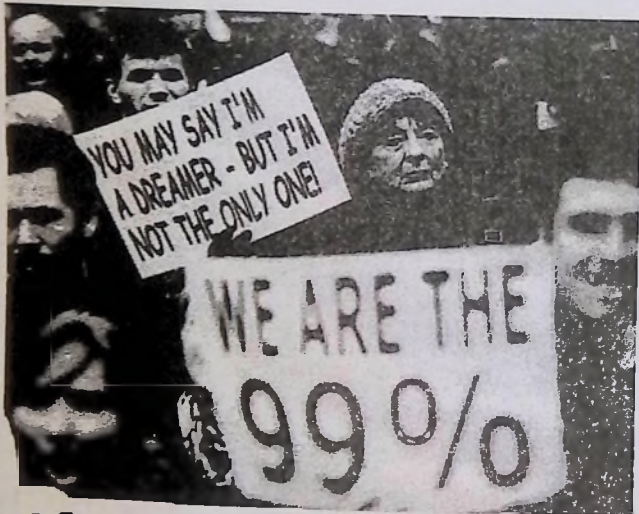
Stormont can be forced to back off. Take water charges, parking tax, the Public Assemblies Bill and student fees. Stormont was defeated on all

these issues by huge public outcry - and more importantly, struggle on the streets.

We face a bigger battle now, but the same principles apply. November 30 presents our side with a historic opportunity not only to defeat the cutbacks but also to unite people across the divide. Sectarianism has been used in the past to pit workers

against one another. But we have a rich history of workers' struggle, from 1907 right through to today. If we stand shoulder to shoulder we won't be defeated.

We have to make sure that November 30 isn't a one-day wonder. This is the fight of our lives. For all our sakes, we have to win.



'Occupy' Spreads Across the World

THE 'OCCUPY' movement has become a focal point across the world. It has become a system that challenges corporate interests before the common people. It has become the anger a focus, a voice and a direction.

Governments have tried to intimidate protesters from camping out using tactics including police violence. But demonstrators have stood strong in demanding real democracy plus an end to the greed and corruption of the 1%. Occupiers have spread across the globe. We are part of a historic movement touching all corners of the planet. The Occupy movement shows the potential to create a world for the millions not the millionaire.

MAKE CAPITALISM HISTORY JOIN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY

IN GREECE, Italy and across Europe, the markets are dictating to democracy.

Elected Governments are being elbowed out of office on the say-so of the banking institutions and replaced by regimes of "technocrats" to implement policies for which there's no mandate whatsoever.

Nobody voted for the Westminster Government's austerity programme. Nobody voted for the attacks on working people under way in the South. Capitalism is making a dead letter of democracy.

The economic recession and financial mayhem have led many to admit that Marx was right after all.

The capitalist system is inherently unstable and crisis-ridden. Some of capitalism's biggest supporters - even Bank of England Governor Mervyn King - concede that their system is in its worst-ever crisis.

In the SWP, we believe in a system without the dictatorship of the 1%.



For too long the bankers and bosses have run the show - consigning billions to poverty, leading to wars, repression and inequality.

The clock is ticking down for capitalism. We need an equal society where everyone has the right to education, a home, a job and a respectable wage to live on.

We fight for the liberation of all oppressed groups and minorities who are sold by the elites that their rights don't matter.

We need to put people before profit. Our society should be run by workers and everyone else, not by the minority who are destroying

the economy, the planet and people's lives.

The SWP is at the heart of fighting for that new society. We hope you can join in the battle.

The key to dealing with capitalism will be grassroots organisation. Trades unionists and community activists must come together. Every service worker and every person dependent on the public sector means a loss of jobs in the public sector.

Trade unions and the wider working class ARE 'all in this together'. We must reject all attempts to divide us. Instead, we must unite. The Resistance.

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