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The Real Dilemma is not “Parliamentarianism OR Fascism” But “Socialism OR Barbarism”

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There is only one source of genuine growth – i.e. the creation of new value or wealth, which consists in the dramatic fall in the price of labour power, the systematic strengthening of it contributes to the enhancement of the current brutal class war of capital against labour. It is, after all, the same parliamentary regime that nurtured the Nazis which is a component of the state itself. As always, anti-fascism, even in its most militant form, cannot but end up in the lap of bourgeois democracy.

The current bourgeoisie strategy in conditions of deep recession is to revive the class society whose ruling class makes of news about hundreds of thousands of redundancies and cuts in public services, employment benefits, schools, roads, community amenities in general: as employers strive to reduce their labour costs and the government continues to insist on more and more ‘flexibility’ and fewer and fewer legal obstacles to deploying workers on the cheap, the systematic suppression of the unemployed mass, the militarisation or even the elimination of the “excess” population through strengthening the rule of authoritarianism and consolidation of a permanent state of emergency.

The necessary fight against neo-Nazism should be a subset of the struggle against the bourgeois state and capital. Under conditions of a acute crisis of capitalism any prospect for reform or humanising the system is a vain hope that could turn out to be lethal. What we need to is develop an autonomous proletarian movement and to create an internationalist class political organisation of the proletarian vanguard.

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For the Working Class: The Mixture As Before

In the wake of the murder of the Rapper Povlos Fyssas at the hands of a neo-Nazi Gold Dawn thug and the arrest of the leader of that party Greek Internationalists issued the following leaflet. Its warning is clear. To be only anti-fascist today is to fall into the trap of the Greek “democratic” state which is bringing in new repressive measures not only against immigrants but against all dissenters of capitalism.

In the current context Greek neo-Nazis have become part of the neo-liberal management of the deep crisis of domestic capitalism and express its anti-working class attitude... They emerged from the bowels of a bourgeois society in deep crisis. They were nourished on the politics of rapid devaluation of labour power and the suppression of weaker elements of the working class, and on the racist and nationalistic propaganda that was prevalent in the politics of the conservative and social-democratic governments.

The government, which like every previous one, was harbouring and protecting Nazi terrorism, today plays on anti-Nazism to exploit the event for its own purposes and primarily to defuse tension in a way that is the most profitable for itself and for the system. It presents the image of an anti-fascist state that intervenes as the guardian of democracy and legality which acts decisively in a civil conflict between the “two extremes”. This tactic is designed to reassert the State’s monopoly of violence in order to carry out the repressive aims of the Nazi gangs themselves.

Amongst the current governmental plans is the extension of this legislation to non-armed political groups. For anyone with a modicum of political intelligence every effort to criminalise the political existence of the Nazis, under the guise of “defence of democracy” — something that is opportunistically supported by various members of the capitalist left and some stupid ultra-leftists — gives the state a free hand to suppress the real opponents of the system.

And because the state is not neutral but a class institution, and the current parliamentary state is nothing but the democratic dictatorship of capital, any strengthening of it contributes to the

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**Global Warming**

**Capitalism is dragging us into catastrophe**

The time of the first IPCC report in 1990 and the rate of emissions of greenhouse gases has accelerated at an alarming rate. Since 2007, the total amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere has doubled. This increase is due to the burning of fossil fuels for energy, which is a major contributor to global warming. The increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations is leading to a wide range of negative impacts, including the melting of polar ice caps, rising sea levels, and more frequent and intense extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes.

**In the UK record amounts are being invested in climate change.**

Investment in renewable energy projects, such as wind farms and solar power stations, is on the rise. This is partly due to the government's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and transitioning to a low-carbon economy. However, there are concerns that the focus on renewable energy may be at the expense of other important issues, such as social and economic inequality.

**The response to the melting of the Arctic is sorely needed.**

The melting of the Arctic ice caps is a significant concern, as it is leading to the release of large amounts of stored carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This is exacerbating the problem of global warming and is leading to a wide range of negative impacts, including the displacement of indigenous communities and the loss of biodiversity.

**The increased energy in the atmosphere is leading to more extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes.**

During the past 60 years, the number of extreme weather events has increased, with more frequent and intense events becoming the norm. This is leading to increased economic costs and social disruption. For example, the 2011 floods in the UK resulted in billions of pounds of damage and disruption to the local economy.

**Global warming is caused by human activity.**

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), human activity is responsible for 95% of the observed increase in global temperatures since the 1950s. This is due to the burning of fossil fuels for energy, which releases large amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This is leading to a wide range of negative impacts, including the melting of polar ice caps, rising sea levels, and more frequent and intense extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes.

**Temperatures could increase to 3.7 oC by 2100.**

The IPCC has projected that global temperatures could increase by 3.7 oC by 2100, with significant implications for the planet. This would lead to the loss of many species, the displacement of millions of people, and a significant increase in economic costs.

**The highest 700 people gathering outside the Centre would be the number of cuts.**

The Stocksbridge Leisure Centre in Sheffield was closed in 2013 due to cuts in local government funding. The closure was met with widespread resistance, with thousands of people protesting against the cuts. The closure was a significant symbol of the growing anti-austerity movement in the UK.

**No Justice for Workers**

On 1 April 2013 the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act brought in massive cuts to legal aid. The result is that civil legal aid will generally no longer be available for areas of law such as employment, welfare benefits, criminal negligence, immigration, debt, divorce and custody of children. The areas that are left are those that have the greatest significance for workers, both employed and unemployed, and those with disabilities. If you are unlucky enough to have access to the very limited number of ‘pro bono’ or free legal advice services.

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The cuts will reduce the legal aid budget by just under a quarter, but perhaps more significantly will deny the poorest sections of society access to redress against the decisions of those who have power. These cuts are not just a blow to those who are unlucky enough to have access to the very limited number of ‘pro bono’ or free legal advice services. They are a direct attack on the working class. The plans are part of the wider strategy to drive down wages and create a supra-compliant workforce.

**Saving Stocksbridge Leisure Centre – The limits of local action**

In January 2013 as part of their package of cuts to jobs and services Sheffield City Council announced that Stocksbridge Leisure Centre would shut at the start of April with funding set aside to demolish it. The announcement was made in a packed outside the Centre in freezing snow on the first available Saturday morning to protest at the plan. The slogan which became synonymous with the Labour Council to adopt a more left-wing face, its ability to force the Council onto the back foot was based on the campaign being carried out by the activists.

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