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Of course, this doesn’t explain how Corbyn came to be the Leader of Her Majesty’s Opposition. Inside the Labour Party there have always been left-wing factions calling for programmes based on state ownership and intervention. During the ’70s and early ’80s they were prominent in Labour Councils like Lambeth, Islington, Greater London and Liverpool, with leaders such as Ken Livingstone advocating “left-wing” policies. One of the high points was when Tony Benn came close to being elected deputy Labour Party leader as the “free market” economy appeared based on brutal restructuring and the industrialisation of the working class in the Labour leadership election.

Following Kinns’ clampingdown on Trotskyist ‘entrench’ and the rise of ‘Blairism’ many of the advocates of state intervention became marginalised or chose to organise outside the Labour Party. This included the many political factions and organisations which emerged from the Trotskyist and Stalinist camp. These have always passed off state intervention in the economy via existing institutions with a left leadership, as a step towards socialism. A remnant of left wing has continued in the Parliamentary Labour Party organised in and around the Campaign Group. Their presence has always been tolerated by the Labour Party establishment. In fact, they were a vital part of keeping together the Labour Party “broad church” – a way of making sure that generations of emerging activists can be corralled into the Labour party prison, an entirely safe situation for the capitalist system.

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Unfortunately for the Labour MPs and functionaries they had no feel for the fact that those eligible to vote did not want more of the same. They failed to see that the unions had responded to the Party’s ending of the block union vote by encouraging their members to sign up for individual Party membership. Furthermore, when the Blairites copied the US primaries into this mad scramble to join and cheap to buy a vote (€3), they did not imagine that tens of thousands of people would do just that and vote for the token Left candidate. No doubt most of them want a return to the old Labour policies of state ownership, though many younger people have been attracted by Corbyn’s pledge to end student loans and bring back the student maintenance grant.

If this were the end of the story it would be a bit of a joke seeing the Blairites sidelined with egg on their faces. But the truth is ‘Corbynsim’, is a very real obstacle in the way of the working class developing a serious, unified resistance to the capitalist state capitalism at them. Grass root struggles are going to be even more turned into recruiting grounds for JC, the new messiah who can perform the miracle of using the capitalist state in the interest of the working class.

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Since then the Trade Unions and Council have spent months in futile behind the door meetings preventing any unity between workers and tenants and keeping the workforce divided. In defiance of the Trades Council, many workers have adopted a “work rule”. Some are refusing to use their own vehicles during work time; others are refusing to carry out work outside their normal duties.

This action is a sign that workers will not simply be smashed by the Council, the Unions or the laws they use as their excuse. Win or lose, the workers’ actions, denounced as “wildcat” by the Unions shows hope for the future.

Capitalist Crisis Brings Human Tragedies

Beyond the Middle East armed conflicts continue in Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Nigeria and the DR Congo, where unchecked looting and raping continues to spread to neighbouring states. Imperialist wars are only one part of the tragedy. Capital – via governments and corporations – is playing out the economic version of this tale. Just as an example, let us take the story of Eritrea – a major contributor of “displaced people”, adding hundreds of thousands over recent years. The media have little to say about the place, never. A Canadian corporation, involved in massive mining operations in the country, mainly for copper. A couple billion dollars in copper, almost a billion dollars in iron ore, 40% of the state’s own iron ore, 40% of the state’s own iron ore, all going to China. It is a tragedy that is well known by many, but almost invisible to the international public.

But they are not of one mind because each member of the states EU is dominated by its own national interests. On the surface Merkel’s Germany is the most generous by accepting nearly half of all arrivals. In reality there is an element of calculation here, accepting those who can be integrated into the German state because they are literate or skilled. Many were well off and in professions in their country of origin. Those who manage to “make ship” for Europe are often the most vulnerable and desperate. There are no safe havens anywhere, no place that can offer sanctuary to those who seek refuge from the war. The first order” and they would have to take over running the entire country. History in the making and the unions are there to put a brake on this.

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The change is nothing new. At the end of the First World War, during a revolutionary wave sweeping the world, workers in Britain were also militantly struggling for a better existence. However they put their trust in the Triple Alliance of 3 big unions who had enough collective power to bring the Government to its knees. They sent a delegation to Lloyd George who told them that if they carried our their threat to strike they would win but it would “only mean that you’d have to put up with the same old injustices next time”. The unions are the only one of the elements which will come together to form a kind of success but it does not change much for the unions themselves. What the law doesn’t cover is action outside of and against the unions. Workers taking wildcat action (as the Financial Times fear) and going beyond union boundaries, giving solidarity on picket lines, organising mass assemblies of workers to elect recalcitrant delegates to strike committees in order to organise real resistance have a lot better chance of fighting austerity than the current charade. At present there is not enough pressure from workers to take these steps and many will point to the divisions in our ranks (like those between precarious, temporary and full time for start- ers) that would prevent a united working class action. At some point a new “poll tax” moment which hits at enough of us at the same time will arrive (the arrogation of the ruling class knows no bounds) and then we will be able to take on the boards of past struggles as the telecom workers in Spain did earlier this year (see our website). We have nothing to lose but the chains of capital, but we have a lot to do for the working class. Another world is possible.

In order to get there we are working to create a world proletarian political organisation: a ‘party’ for want of a better word. This organisation is not a government in waiting. It does not rule but it does lead and guide the struggle for a new world. The CWO by no means claims to be that party but only one of the elements which will come together in its formation. As the working class is more and more faced with the consequences of a crumbling capitalist system it will have to unite and confront capitalist power. We are not in competition with other organisations but seek to unite on a clearly agreed political programme to propose the way for the majority of the world’s population, the exploitation of the earth, to overthrow a capitalist state and to destroy the capitalist imperist system.

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