

PINK OR BLUE: IT IS JUST THE SAME

BANKING on his party's ratings in the Opinion Polls, Conservative leader Harold Wilson will shortly be giving a grateful electorate the chance to put an "X" against the names of his faithful flock of obedient and prospective Parliamentary sheep. Labour's Edward Heath is gratefully accepting the challenge. And from the viewpoint of the working-class it makes damn-all difference whether the brand of parliamentary paraffin is pink or blue. As the oilman said, "The colour is different, but the cans' contents are just the same."

Tory or Labour, the nuclear strategy of Britain, as Wall Street's junior partner, will continue. Tory or Labour, the Government will still back the war against Vietnam. Tory or Labour, prices will keep on rising, while wages are pegged down. And Tory or Labour—we'd say Liberal too, but apart from nuisance value, Mr. Grimond's small and irregular army is irrelevant—capitalism will continue in Britain.

The SWF, unlike the 57 Marxist varieties of the political left, will not advise workers to vote Labour or any other ticket in the coming election. We are opposed to Parliament because we believe in democracy—the real democracy of workers' ownership and control of industry, which has nothing to do with a bunch of well-paid windbags at Westminster. For us, the struggle towards a decent form of society, one in which men will be free and equal, is one of direct action. Figs do not grow on thistles—and industrial democracy will never be achieved through an institution whose purpose is to prop up class society.

Those socialists who still believe capitalism can be legislated out of existence by Parliament are living in cloud-cuckoo land. The real power in our society is not wielded by MPs. And once the controllers of social wealth feel their

own position threatened, they will resort immediately to naked dictatorial rule, fascism, rather than relinquish their privilege. Mussolini in Italy, Hitler in Germany, Franco in Spain were three tyrants born of capitalist crisis, to crush the workers' movement.

Those socialists who, while understanding this, still play the parliamentary parlour game, to "put workers through the experience" are dishonest. The Labour Party has been with us for 60 years—yet socialism, real socialism, has never seemed further away.

As Syndicalists we are revolutionary and anti-parliamentarian. We recognise that the transition to a free society will be one of struggle between the workers and those who exploit them. There are no short cuts and nobody can bring about the change but the workers themselves, organised industrially. Political parties only divide the working class and divert energy from the real issues at stake. So, as the hustings once more loom on the horizon, we repeat the advice we gave before Labour's 1945 Government of strike-breakers, militarists and charlatans was voted to a crushing parliamentary majority. **DON'T VOTE FOR POLITICIANS WHO**

Rea Cross the wounded,
Wooden Cross those who fall,
Iron Cross the heroes
And Double Cross us all.

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