

Nationalisation or Workers' Control ?

"Our aim is not a smug, self-satisfied working-class living on amicable terms with a new set of moralised masters, but a nation of free folk."

James Keir Hardie.

After six years of Labour Government the pattern of nationalisation is becoming familiar:

the BOARD: hugely salaried on capitalist standards, independent of popular control, and owing no responsibility to the workers in the industry;

the CAPITALIST: continuing exploitation through State-guaranteed compensation.

and the WORKER, whose labour power is still bought and sold as a commodity on the market (wage-slavery), who has no guarantee of his employment as the capitalist has of his profits, and who has no positive control over the industry in which he labours.

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for WORKERS' CONTROL says:

This is State Capitalism, not Socialism. The workers should be warned that this is an ideal mechanism for a reactionary government. The method of appointment to the Boards is a danger to democracy. There is no Socialism without democracy. Real democracy must include democracy in industry.

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WORKERS' CONTROL stands for:

The abolition of Wage Slavery:

the Co-operative Commonwealth - not the Managerial State.

Democracy in Industry:

the status for the workers of free men and women co-operatively controlling their working lives.

To the achievement of these ends it will work for:

Industrial Unionism:

One industry, one Union; no general "grab" unions; no sectional craft unions.

Democracy in the Unions:

Control by the rank-and-file; no bureaucratic structure.

This leaflet is published by the London League for Workers' Control and printed by voluntary workers. If you believe that the right function for trade unions in a Socialist Society is the democratic direction of industry as a community service, get active among your fellow-workers and get in touch with:

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