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ALL OUT ON 30 JUNE!

UNITE & DEFY ALL COALITION, LABOUR & SNP CUTS

tax the rich - EXPAND jobs and services!

The Scottish Socialist Party applauds PCS and its members for pioneering the struggle against cuts by the Millionaire Butchers' Coalition - in action as well as with radical alternatives that bury the myth that cuts are necessary.

The TUC march of 500,000 gave a glimpse of the power of the working class - which now needs to be converted into united strike action - starting with 30 June.

Numerous sections of workers are taking action: UCU, NUT, BBC staff, as well as PCS.

The key task is to unite and coordinate this action. To turn the fiery speeches about "co-ordinated strike action" at last year's TUC into decisive deeds. To implement the call, unanimously agreed by Scottish UNISON, for a one-day strike of all 600,000 Scottish public sector workers. To strike together just like we

marched together.

Mass withdrawal of workers' labour, bringing production and service provision to a halt across at least the entire, besieged public sector on the same day, would make a qualitatively bigger impact on the butchers' and bankers' alliances than even the march of half a million.

Past generations of Tories could testify to that! Alongside huge demos, it was widespread strikes, including one-day general strikes, that shipwrecked Tory (and Labour!) anti-union laws in the 60s and 70s; won the release of imprisoned strikers; toppled a Tory govt in 1974. Similar actions defeated wage-cuts by the 1974-9 Labour govt. Regional one-day general strikes on Merseyside in the mid-80s were instrumental in galvanising the wider population, defeating the hard-nosed

Thatcher Tory government. A partial public sector strike forced Blair's government to abandon most of their plans to rip up pension rights.

UNITED ACTION - AND SOCIALIST ARGUMENTS

Unity in action also requires the power of arguments. Socialist arguments against ALL cuts. Policies exposing the disgusting lie that cuts are either necessary or unavoidable. There is no excuse for ANY cuts to people's jobs, pay, pensions, benefits or services. There are oceans of wealth - but in the hands of bankers and billionaires. The richest 100 Scots, for instance, have combined personal wealth of £16.4billion! A modest 10% wealth tax on these 100 parasites alone would raise £1.6bn - far in excess of the vicious £1.3bn cut to this year's Scottish budget by Westminster.

Taxation of the rich and big business, alongside democratic public ownership of banks, energy, construction, major industry, transport and services would allow transformation of our daily lives.

Guaranteed jobs with a £9 minimum wage for all over 16; an end to fuel poverty; free insulation of every home; clean green production for need, not greed; free, integrated public transport; investment in schools and staff to cut class sizes to 20 or less; a living pension, with retirement at 55 - not bigger contributions, for longer, for less.

Trade unionists need a political, as well as industrial arm. The SSP is the only Scottish party that since 1998 has fought every cut by every party - and united with PCS members in every struggle. **JOIN US - for a poverty-free, clean, green, independent socialist Scotland.**



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DEMAND DEFIANCE - NOT DESTRUCTION

The SNP's sweeping surge to power was punishment for Tory butchery, LibDem treachery, and 13 years of Labour cuts. Hordes of Scots sought shelter from the storm of cuts by the Westminster butchers. When Cameron and Clegg slashed £1.3bn from Scotland's budget, the SNP spinelessly passed on these cuts - instead of defying them, leading a mass rebellion of the Scottish people with the war-cry "give us back our stolen £billions - stolen to bail out the bankers".

The SSP calls on PCS to lead a campaign - by unions, students and communities - demanding the SNP use their unprecedented mandate to stop and reverse all Westminster cuts. To set 'No-Cuts' budgets in defiance of the Demolition Coalition - demanding back the £billions to balance the books - mobilising mass demos and strikes in support of this. Likewise with local councillors: demand they follow the victorious example of Liverpool socialist council in the 80s.

These politicians were not elected to act as Cameron's obedient puppets. Demand they stand up for Scotland, for services. **The SSP will!**

for reports on trade union struggles, socialist policies to combat cuts, and further analysis of the recent Elections, visit:
www.scottishsocialistparty.org & www.comparethecounciltax.com

DEFY ALL CUTS - build a one-day public sector strike - demand Scottish government defy Westminster butchers - give us back our stolen £billions

The butchers' Coalition - with 23 millionaires and 4 ex-bankers in a Cabinet of 29 - spew out the monstrous lie that cuts are "unavoidable and necessary".

The public debt is mainly the result of the £1.3trillion bankers' bailout, mass unemployment, loss of taxes. But it is still only 70% of GDP - whereas it never fell below 100% of GDP from 1918 'til 1961. Job cuts will massively add to the debt.

There are numerous "better ways" - without a penny cut in pay, benefits, pensions, or the loss of a single job or service - with vast scope to improve the shoddy system we endure already:

- scrapping the regressive Council Tax and replacing it with a Scottish Service Tax based on income would raise an extra £1.6bn next year - more than Osborne slashed off the Scottish budget! Don't freeze the Council Tax - scrap it - tax the rich!

- £120bn A YEAR in taxes on the rich and big business are avoided, evaded or uncollected - that's 75% of the 2009 deficit!

- a modest 10% wealth tax on the richest 1,000 fatcats would raise £35bn a year - enough to create 1.4 million jobs on £25,000. The richest 100 Scots alone would cough up £1.6bn!

- restoration of tax on the richest elite and Corporations to pre-

Thatcher levels (83% and 52% respectively - a policy the SSP shares with PCS) would raise up to £250bn a year extra.

- scrapping Trident (whilst guaranteeing Faslane workers' jobs through diversification into peaceful, socially useful work) would save £100bn.

- full and democratic public ownership of the banks would give us access to £560bn in liquid cash and £5trillion in assets.

There is nothing unavoidable or necessary about this Coalition's butchery. The cuts are driven by ideological hatred of public services, a ruthless intent to reverse the gains made by past working class struggles - a mission to use the whip of mass unemployment and starvation-level benefits to drive wages down even further, boosting profits even higher.

The ultimate 'better way' is a socialist Scotland, independent of the Westminster butchers, with democratic public ownership and control of the vast wealth and resources; an end to war and Trident; and a plan of clean, green production and services, based on people not profit.

Support Motions A12 & A63. Join Scotland's socialist alternative, the SSP; fight for an independent socialist Scotland.

HOW TO AVOID ALL CUTS

examples of what YOU would pay under the SSP's income-based Scottish Service Tax

INCOME	YEARLY BILL
under £10,000	ZERO!
£15,000	£225
£20,000	£450
£25,000	£675
£32,000	£1,100
£57,521 [an MSP!!]	£4,028

SUM TOTAL: £3.4bn for next year's council budgets - an EXTRA £1.6bn - by taxing the rich ...cancelling out Osborne's cuts to block grant.

COMPARE the council tax



Labour:

Higher council tax, more cuts & poorer services

SNP:

Same council tax, more cuts & poorer services

Scottish Socialist Party:

Under SSP proposals for a Scottish Service Tax, 70% pay less & the well-off pay their fair share, creating a £1.5bn surplus = no cuts, & better services for all. Simples!

www.comparethecounciltax.com

WHY SHOULD WE PAY FOR THE BANKERS' BAILOUT? there IS a better way - socialism - not service cuts

workers' voices

"The onus is on the TUC to coordinate action between all those unions who have a dispute with the government; general strike action against pension cuts and other cuts. This is NOT the Thatcher government. It is a weak and vulnerable coalition that is trying to impose Thatcherite attacks - but united strike action and defiance in the communities can stop them."

JOHN JAMIESON, PCS NEC

"Delegates should support motion A63 for a socialist economic programme that dovetails perfectly with PCS's tax justice campaign. Taxing those who can afford it to create tens of thousands of jobs on a living wage is true tax justice; restoring Corporation tax to pre-Thatcher rates is an entirely reasonable campaigning aim - and one that would wipe out the UK eco-

nomie deficit in one fell swoop; creating a million climate jobs would both tackle chronic unemployment and also address climate change before we reach the tipping point for the planet. Support A63 and any call for a reference back to make sure that it is heard."

JOHN DAVIDSON, HMRC GEC

"The SNP government should stop bowing the knee to Westminster's cuts. They should set budgets without a penny cut to pay, jobs or services, and mobilise mass support behind the demand that Westminster hand back the stolen £billions. And councillors should do likewise, defying the ConDem Coalition, defying rotten laws, demanding decent provision for local communities.

Support Motion A12."

GERRY McMAHON, DWP

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