

## Working Farmers – Allies of the Working Class

Dairy farmers facing rising costs and cuts in the price they get for milk have taken to the streets. Such struggles by family farmers should win the support of the workers movement. United in struggle, workers and working farmers are stronger. And through struggle a revolutionary alliance of workers and farmers can be forged.

### Light up the World!

The sustained fights by oil and rail workers in the USA against unsafe conditions shows how inseparable is the fight for workers safety, the surrounding communities and the environment. The Communist League does not oppose, or support, nuclear power, fracking, or any other energy source. The issue is: *which class* will control them?



We say: Use the oil glut to bring electricity to hundreds of millions across Africa, Asia and Latin America and open the road to industrial development. Close the gap in conditions of life between working people in different parts of the globe and lay the basis for common struggle.

## Defend, emulate the Cuban Revolution



The Cuban revolution is a “real revolution” said Malcolm X.

56 years after overthrowing a US-backed dictatorship, followed by expropriating the landlords and capitalists, Cuba’s working people remain undefeated, and determined not to surrender.

Today the imperialist rulers are looking to new tactics as they continue to pursue “regime change” in the country.

Unlike the anti-worker regime that existed in the Soviet Union, falsely called “communist” by bureaucrats and capitalists alike, workers and farmers in Cuba wield the most powerful weapon – a revolutionary government that serves the interests of working people and has set an example of internationalism around the world.

Cuba’s socialist revolution has shown how ordinary men and women can take power off the exploiters, change ourselves in the process, and defend those revolutionary gains.

- Oppose imperialism’s economic war against Cuba: compensation now!
- End the US occupation of Guantánamo!

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### Workers must take political power

“If elected, I will use parliament as a platform to champion the struggles of workers and farmers resisting the bosses’ attacks on wages and conditions or battling racism, police brutality, national oppression or assaults on women’s rights and other indignities. That’s my only promise.

“Capitalism cannot be reformed to serve the toiling majority. We, the wealth creators, must forge a revolutionary movement tens of millions strong, led by a mass working-class party to wrest political power away from them – the lords of industry, land and banking.”

**Jonathan Silberman**, 63, an industrial trade unionist for decades, joins and builds solidarity with workers struggles. A defender of the Cuban Revolution, he participates annually in the Havana International Book Fair.

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## ***Their crisis ..... and Ours***

The propertied rulers worldwide face a deep-rooted crisis of production and trade. The 2008 financial meltdown, and government debt are a consequence. In the name of “balancing the budget” and “we’re all in it together”, the rulers are driving to make working people pay for the crisis of *their* system. Whoever gets elected 7 May, the class dictatorship of capital will remain – including its wars, terror, despoiling of the environment and domination of its rotten moral values.

Conservative, Labour, Liberal-Democrat, Greens, SNP and UKIP—despite tactical differences—are all parties wedded to the capitalist system. Our challenge is to build an independent working-class party that fights in the interests of the toiling majority – at home and abroad.

The much-heralded “recovery” is a myth for working people. Real wages have fallen for seven straight years. Employers are grinding away at living standards, safety and job security, with a huge expansion of agency work and zero-hours contracts. Health, education and social care for the elderly are being eroded. Millions are living in substandard housing. Working farmers are losing their land.

From garment workers in Bangladesh, to oil refinery workers in the US, workers are resisting. Here in the UK, bus drivers, health and care workers, dockers and others have taken strike action. Such struggles point the way towards transforming the unions into effective fighting instruments.

## **For a Massive Jobs Programme! Raise the Minimum Wage!**

- A government-funded programme of public works to provide full-time jobs, expand housing, build hospitals and schools, and overhaul the infrastructure.
  - A substantial increase in the minimum wage to a level set by the unions, with a built-in cost-of-living escalator.
- A fight by the labour movement for these demands would build unity among workers – employed and unemployed, native- and foreign-born.

## **Organise Immigrant Workers!**

The rulers use the competition for jobs to drive down wages and conditions. To forge an effective labour movement all workers, native- and foreign-born, must be organised into fighting unions that use union power against our common enemy – the capitalist bloodsuckers and their government. This means rejecting calls to restrict immigration or blaming immigrants for taking ‘British jobs’ – which only divide and weaken us.

So too, the contrasting nationalist campaigns for in or out of the EU seek to divert workers from the real problems we face. The EU is a bosses club, as working people in Greece have discovered to their cost. But in or out, workers go to the wall.

## **Oppose Jew-Hatred!**

The recent Paris murders are a brutal reminder that Jews remain the final scapegoat for capitalism’s ills. When Muslim youth in Oslo formed a human chain around the main synagogue against anti-Semitism, they brought home a lesson for us all: that rejecting Jew-hatred is a life-and-death question for the working-class movement and for those fighting national oppression. Defend the right of Jews to seek safe haven in Israel!

## **Keep political space open**

Working people need to engage in politics if we’re to forge an alternative in our class interests. Government spying agencies, anti-terror laws and other attacks on workers rights close down political space. Families of victims of police violence – from Mark Duggan to Sean Rigg – have set an example of determined struggle to hold those responsible to account. Others have joined fights against stop-and-search and the jailing of hundreds of innocent working-class youth under ‘joint enterprise’ laws. All working people have a stake in supporting these struggles.

## **Defend a Woman's Right to Choose Abortion**

No workers movement can be built without the full participation and leadership of women. The fight for

women’s emancipation, including demands for equal rights and for the *right to choose an abortion* are decisive for the working class as a whole.



Striking garment workers in Bangladesh.

## **Against imperialist intervention in the Middle East!**

Nowhere is the need for independent working class leadership more urgent than the Middle East. Washington and London’s disastrous military interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan have spawned the capitalist Islamic State. The Assad government continues its murderous military campaign with open backing of Moscow, and tacit backing of the UK and the US. The senseless cycle of unending war through Tel Aviv’s denial of a Palestinian homeland and Hamas terrorism is an obstacle to working people throughout the region.

The Kurdish people – the largest oppressed nationality denied a homeland in the world – are showing that the struggle against national oppression can advance. And from Iran to the Arab Spring new political space is being taken.

- For a viable, contiguous homeland for the Palestinians!
- For Israeli recognition of Palestine; and Palestinian recognition of Israel!
- For self-determination for Kurdistan!

## **Defend the Sovereignty of Ukraine! Oppose Sanctions on Russia!**

Working people in Ukraine rebelled last year, overthrowing Moscow’s puppet regime. Today workers and farmers in Ukraine are resisting the blows of two enemies: the capitalist government in Kiev and the Moscow-backed separatists in the east. With a sharpening economic crisis hitting our fellow workers in Russia hard, we need to oppose the sanctions imposed by the British rulers and their imperialist allies.