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BEWARE EXTREMISTS IN DEMOCRATS CLOTHING

With the elections for the new London Assembly just a few weeks away all Trade Unionists should be disturbed at the news that one of the parties which are contesting the elections are just a front for the extremist Socialist Workers Party. The London Socialist Alliance is supposedly an alliance of left-of centre groups pooling resources to contest seats on the London Assembly. But TRADE UNION DEMOCRAT had discovered that the dominant partner in the LSA is the SWP.

Trade unionists will know by experience that the SWP have long been a parasite on the backs of genuine trade unionists. But rarely do they involve themselves in electoral politics, and **NEVER** under their own name for fear of humiliation.

So who is involved in the London Socialist Alliance?

It is a reasonable assumption that the Socialist Labour Party headed by Coal Miners

leader, Arthur Scargill will not be part of the Alliance as the SLP have announced that they will standing eleven candidates of their own. Also, the LSA are backing Ken Livingstone as the mayoral candidate, whilst "King" Arthur is quoted as saying "I wouldn't support Livingstone if he was standing for Mayor of Toytown".

Leading the LSA/SWP candidates list is journalist, Paul Foot who has long been linked with the SWP. Also standing is Candy Unwin, an experienced speaker who has graced the stage of many a SWP meeting. Candy, hospital secretary, has been somewhat limited in her campaigning as she is also fighting to keep her job at one of London's leading hospitals.

Already the LSA are offering election leaflets and posters and more alarmingly, **speakers for your union branch** and naturally, **collection sheets**.

We would strongly advise all members to raise their union branches awareness of the LSA's intention to stand for the London Assembly and to propose that their branch, region and national body formally reject any overtures from the LSA or their puppet-masters the Socialist Workers Party.

**KEEP YOUR UNION FREE FROM PARASITES...
REJECT THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY.**

Another group that may stand candidates is the **Independent Working Class Association**. The IWCA poses as a community based group but really is just a vehicle for the extreme-left, Red Action group to try and pass themselves off as democrats. Unfortunately, judging by their own publication, Red Action, they haven't even convinced themselves that they are advocates of genuine democracy.



TRADE UNION *DEMOCRAT*

WHY THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT SHOULD SHUN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

The Trade Union movement has an obligation to the defence of the democratic system. Although some unions are not always as democratic in their practices as they should be, the basic principles of government by consent of the people should be defended with full vigour: Why then do some unions allow, and indeed encourage support for the extremist Socialist Workers Party?

The SWP are undemocratic, anti-trade union and dangerous!

But the SWP do nothing to hide their beliefs. In every issue of the *Socialist Worker* there is a statement, **Where We Stand**. This highlights very clearly the position of the SWP on democratic government and trade unions.

THE DANGER TO DEMOCRACY

"Revolution Not Reform"

"The present system cannot be patched up or reformed as the established Labour and trade union leaders say. It has to be OVERTHROWN"

(What isn't said is that the TU leaders themselves must also be overthrown)

"There Is No Parliamentary Road".

"The working class needs a workers state based upon councils of workers delegates and a workers militia". (Instead of the Police and the Armed forces)

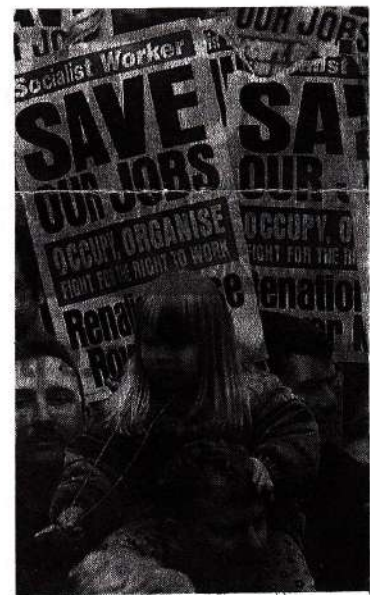
"A new society can only be constructed when they (the workers) collectively SEIZE CONTROL".

THE DANGER TO THE TRADE UNIONS

So here we have the basics of the SWP's manifesto. The overthrow of democratically elected Trade Union leaders, then use the workers as cannon fodder to seize control of the country. **Truly a manifesto for maniacs!**

To achieve their aims first they need to recruit. Every Trade union dispute, every protest march is a target for a SWP hijack. Witness the recent march through Birmingham to protest at the disgraceful betrayal of the Rover car workers. 100,000 trade unionists marched in a protest organised by the Trade Union movement. Yet the media photos presented the march as an SWP event. On the march the SWP parasites worked hard selling papers and raising money. But where did the money go. Ask the

Rover car workers how much was donated to their fight? The SWP are parasites on the back of genuine trade unionists and the sooner rank and file members reject the SWP the safer your union will be.



Whose march. Theirs or ours? Take back YOUR Union.

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